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Sgts. From Port Police Save Jumper

Sgts. Cobos and Ferrara save a jumper on the Vincent Thomas Bridge.

Story and photo courtesy Harbor

HARBOR — Two Port Police Sergeants rushed to the aid of man in apparent duress and, by grabbing him by the pant leg, prevented him from jumping off the Vincent Thomas Bridge.

Their heroism took place Oct. 28.

The man was uninjured and was taken to a local hospital for observation.

Both officers have been commended by the Port Police Dept. for their act of courage in the line of duty without regard to their own personal safety.

Alive! congratulates Sgts. Cobos and Ferrara for their bravery in saving a life.

For more information, see the story on page 21.



From left: Sgt. Rosario Ferrara and Sgt. Daniel Cobos. The Vincent Thomas Bridge is in the background.

Black Association Honors 6 Who Blazed Trails

Black Personnel Assn. honors six City Employees during African American Heritage Month.

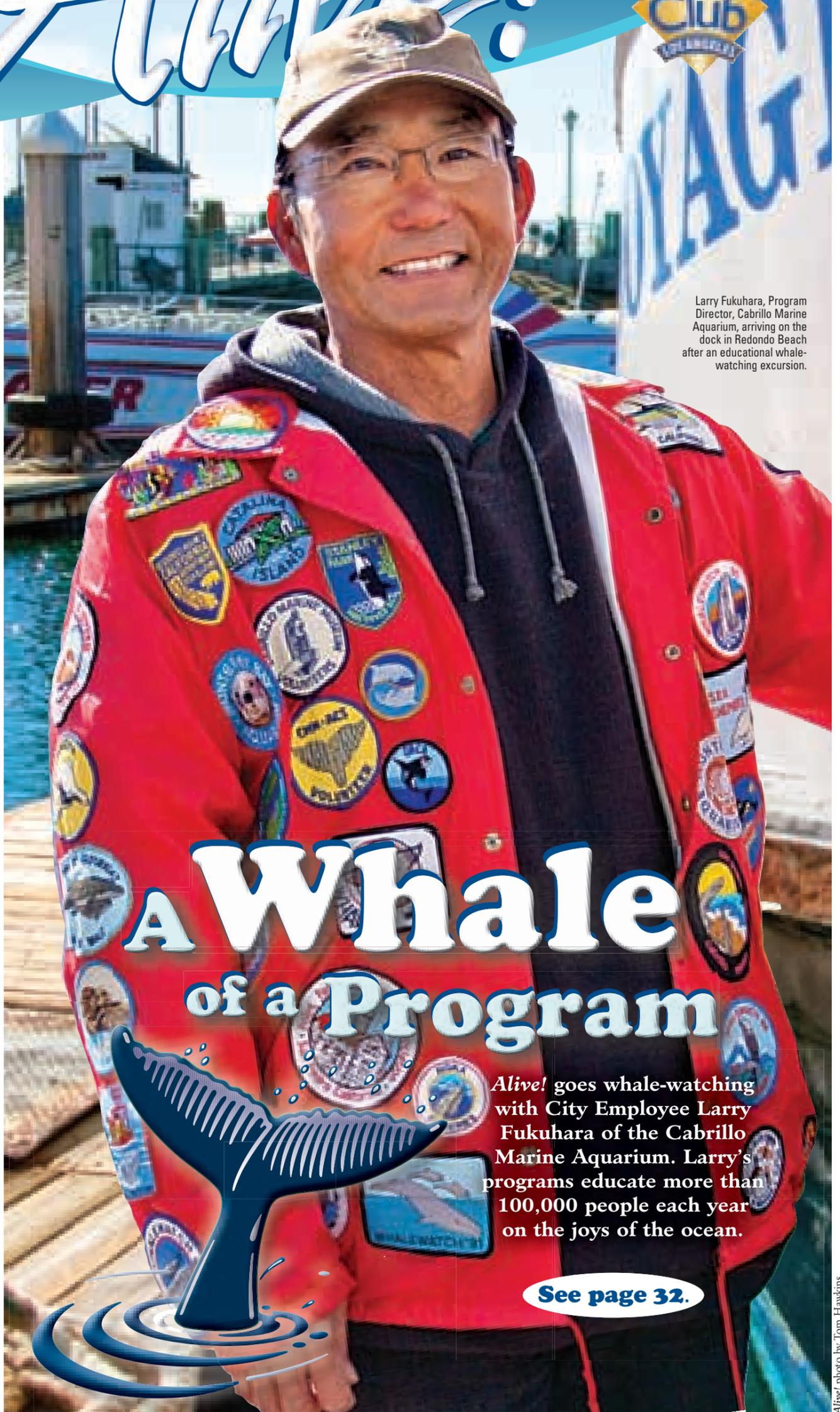
Story by Yvonne Liu, Finance

LAABP — Six exceptional City Employees were honored Feb. 18 for being Trailblazers and providing clear leadership for others to follow. They were honored by the Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel (LAABP).

This year's honorees were Detrich Brown Allen, General Manager, Environmental Affairs; Cheryl Chisolm, Senior Electrical Inspector, Building and Safety; Michael Holmes, Lot Cleaning Superintendent, Public Works/Street Services; Miriam Scott Long, Deputy Mayor overseeing youth and education; Rashad Mfume, Senior Systems Analyst, ITA; and Jeffery Whitmore, Revenue Manager, Finance.

Congratulations to the honorees, and to the LAABP for another successful reception.

See all the details on page 58.



Larry Fukuhara, Program Director, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, arriving on the dock in Redondo Beach after an educational whale-watching excursion.

A Whale of a Program



Alive! goes whale-watching with City Employee Larry Fukuhara of the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. Larry's programs educate more than 100,000 people each year on the joys of the ocean.

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Alive! photo by Tom Hawkins

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A parade, an afters party ...
and the buzz of St. Baldrick! See page 43.

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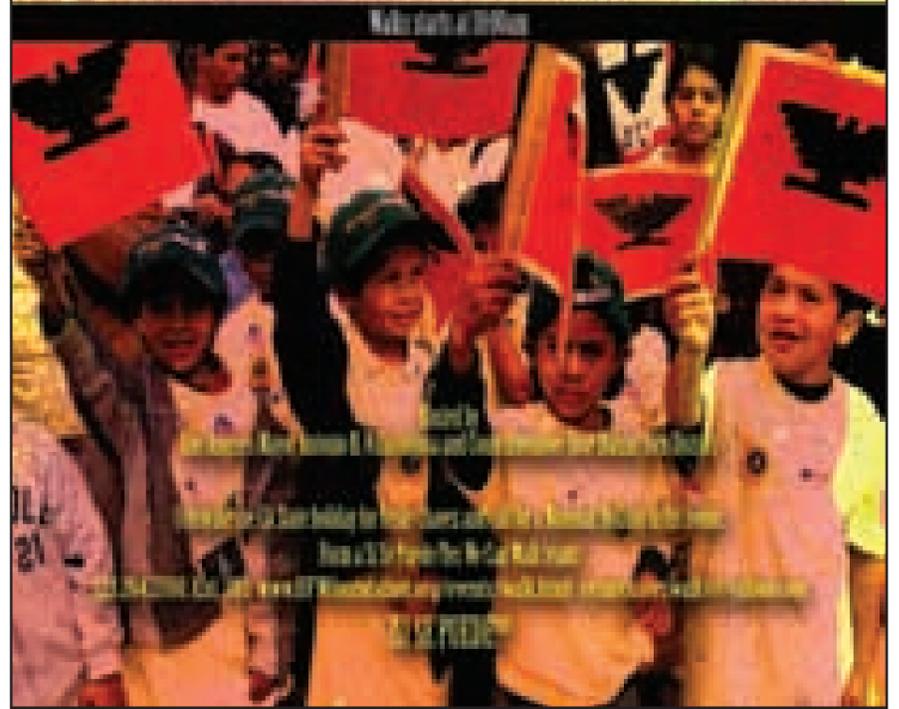
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City Employees Do A Whale of a Job

by John Hawkins
President and CEO, The Club

When's the last time you were around a hundred or so kids, and you heard a great explosion of cheers and applause – for an animal? No, not a video game animal, or an IMAX 3-D creature. I mean, a real animal.

That's what happened more than once when *Alive!* hopped aboard and went along on a whale-watch excursion with City Employee **Larry Fukuhara** of the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.

I wasn't expecting to hear much enthusiasm from the young kids – who I figured might be jaded because of all the over stimulation they receive every day, with texting, and video game consoles, and the Internet, and so forth. Could a sea animal really mean that much to them?

Oh, yeah! And it was awesome.

Awesome, too, was watching Larry interact with the kids, explaining what they might see, and pointing out other cool creatures along the way, and getting excited over the P.A. system himself as the boat approached the area where whales had been seen from the shore. He built up the anticipation beautifully. And then, when we spotted the whales, the excitement went over the top.



Larry Fukuhara (left) and John Hawkins, on the dock in Redondo Beach.

The City is lucky to have a guy like Larry teaching more than a hundred thousand students each year about the joys of the ocean, and why it's important to take care of it. Thanks for the ride, Larry. And thanks for your enthusiasm. You are building a love of the sea for generations to come.

Well, okay, back to shore, but just barely. I want to congratulate two great friends of the Club, Port Police Sgts. **Rosario Ferrara** and **Daniel Cobos**, for their amazing bravery. What could have been a very sad story – a man, for whatever reason, deciding apparently to end it all by jumping off the Vincent Thomas Bridge – is instead filled with hope for our world. These two great men risked their own lives to save his. If only we could see just how risky it was – with Sgt. Cobos grabbing the man's pants leg, and Sgt. Ferrara grabbing Sgt. Cobos, so he didn't perish along with the despondent man. I mean, have you seen how *high* that bridge is? Whoa! But they didn't let that stop them. I have met them, and I suspect they would probably say that they were just doing their duty. Well, yes, they were. But that duty asked them to risk their own lives, and they came through. Bravo, gentlemen. Bravo.

And I want to congratulate the six City Employee Trailblazers honored at a reception last month by the Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel. The six are: **Detrich Brown Allen**, Environmental Affairs; **Cheryl Chisolm**, Building and Safety; **Michael Holmes**, Public Works/Street Services; **Miriam Scott Long**, Mayor's Office; **Rashad Mfume**, ITA; and **Jeffery Whitmore**, Finance. Thank you for your leadership and your excellence.

Come to think of it, we had a month full of outstanding examples of what it means to be a City Employee, didn't we! The tough economy has affected us all, but it hasn't affected City excellence one bit. Congratulations to all.

JOHN

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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.

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— Mary B. Morris, January 2009

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kindness. Our family members have and appreciated the book [The book *The Fall of Freddie the Leaf*] very much. We were touched that you sent it to us. Thank you."

— Elizabeth R. Cobb, January 2009

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— Vernon Hughes, January 2009

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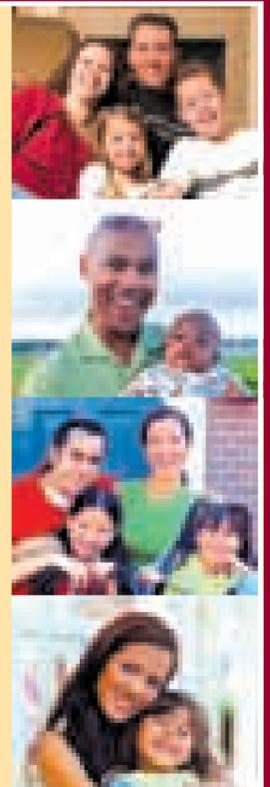
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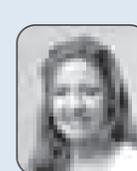
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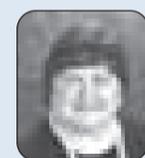
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LETTERS OF THE MONTH

Club Store Apparel Has a Much Longer History

In the late 1970s, I designed and sold watches with logos from the City of Los Angeles, L.A. County, and a few unions and associations. I also produced logo coffee mugs for the Bureau of Sanitation, belt buckles with the City logo, City logo hats and jackets.

In the past, I gave some LA logo hats to a paving crew in England and another in Fiji. Back in the day, I often got kidded by my supervisors, who wondered just what my job really was! I got the idea from an ad in a magazine when flying to Europe. I know that I was the very first to do this, and it is great to see how my idea has taken off. I still wear



my watch, which has served me for more than 20 years.

Since retiring in 1987, my wife and I have traveled in almost every state and 15 or 20 foreign countries, including one trip around the world and twice through the Panama Canal; New Zealand; and five times to Australia. And we have taken at least ten cruises.

Enclosed is a picture from our trip to Prague last year.

– Gary Whittington, Public Works/Street Maintenance, Retired in 1989

Cool story, Gary! We hadn't heard that before, and we're grateful that you wrote in and told us about it. Thanks! — Ed.

Angel Said, 'Take a Hike,' So He Did ... and Loved It

My thanks to Angel Gomez for his article on and recommendation of Malibu Creek State Park ["Be Alive!"]

I've lived in LA for 24 years, and didn't know it existed. Thanks to his article, a friend and I went hiking a few weeks ago and really enjoyed it. It was a beautiful setting. I will say that I would classify half the hike as "medium" rather than "easy," but then I'm not as young as Angel is! I even ran into a former boss of mine from Transportation, who is now a docent at the park's visitor's center.

I can't wait to find out what Angel recommends next month. Many thanks!

– Pat Tomcheck, Club Member

Fantastic, Pat! We're delighted that our feature inspired you to inspired you to "Be Alive!" We know there are lots of others who are taking these hikes, too. Let us know! — Ed.



Photos of John Bogdanoff Bring Back Good Memories

It was wonderful to open *Alive!* and see a picture of John Bogdanoff on the cover and read that he is doing well [cover story, February]. My family and I know him from the boxing program at Lincoln Park. My father, Elias "Al" Munoz (Retired City Employee with more than 25 years of service), worked alongside Mr. Bogdanoff in the Boxing Program and other community groups.

The pictures of the young boxer and parent with Mr. Bogdanoff and Enrique Bolanos on pages 7 and 8 show my older brother, Tony Munoz, and my father. Tony was a boxing participant of the boxing program at Lincoln Park and the Old Jail. He gave up boxing as a young person and is an aeronautical Engineer living in Japan.

It is wonderful that *Alive!* pays tribute to great City Employees!

– Corinne (Munoz) Tiliano

Here's just a little FYI regarding the story of John Bogdanoff.

The picture of the kid with John is my

brother, Albert "Tony" Munoz. Another picture included with his story shows my brother, also, but to the far right – that gentleman is my father, Al Munoz, who had a long history with the boxing program at Lincoln Park, along with John and Eddie Rodriguez. My father was also involved with the Lincoln Park Youth Boxing Club. I remember those days when my brother use to box, and I remember many of the kids my father worked with. In fact, my cousin, "Mighty" Mike Anchando, boxed a little out of there, also.

I just wanted to share this information with you. It was a real surprise seeing those pictures.

– Molly Munoz, City Employee

The Way in San Jose Is Not as Good as *Alive!*

You fellows do a real quality job on *Alive!* It's very professional and very informative. Keep up the good work. I'm really impressed, as I came from San Jose, and they can't even compare to your publication.

– Laurence "Russ" Russell, Port Police

QUESTION of the Month

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

What would you do if you found a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow?



"Take all my friends on a party cruise."
– Rick Reinschmidt, Rec and Parks, 8 years of service.



"Donate money to the Library."
– Dora Suarez, Library, 13 years of service.



"Move to Hawaii."
– Enrique Barranco, DWP, 2 years of service.



"Buy a new car."
– Jose Pena, Housing, 3 months of service.



"Buy myself a house and take care of my family."
– Lorena De La Torre, General Services, 15 years of service.



"Invest."
– Murriel Goosby, Sanitation, 5 years of service.



"Buy some real estate."
– Phil Frierson, ITA, 17 years of service.



"Take a trip around the world."
– Raquel Garcia, Planning, 1.5 years of service.



"Retire."
– David Gutierrez, DWP, 19 years of service.



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Mid-Century Photos at Library

Central Library displays recently discovered works by renowned photographer Paul Outerbridge.



Paul Outerbridge, *Self-portrait on Lounge*, Oceanside Resort, California, c. 1950



Paul Outerbridge, *Party*, Laguna Beach, c. 1950

Recently discovered color images of California and Mexico taken during the 1940s and 1950s by the late visionary photographer Paul Outerbridge, who was considered “a master of color photography,” will be exhibited at the Central Library’s First Floor Galleries, 630 W. Fifth St., downtown, from March 28 through June 28.

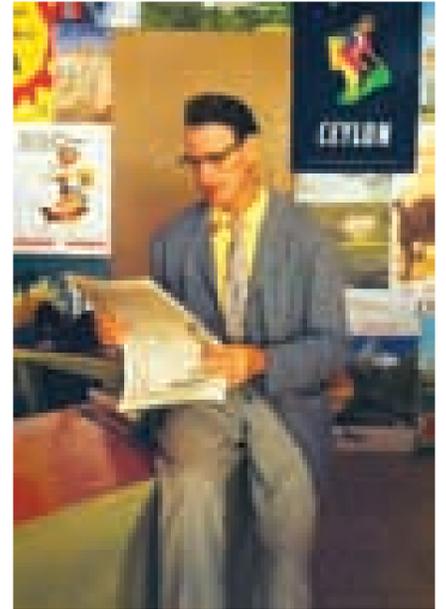
The exhibition is curated by William A. Ewing, Graham Howe and Phillip Prodger and is circulated by Curatorial Assistance, Pasadena.

Outerbridge, who died in 1958, built his reputation in the early 1920s in New York and Paris making elegant black and white photo abstractions primarily of nudes and still-lives that rivaled those of his peers, Alfred Stieglitz, Edward Steichen and Edward Weston. In the 1930s, Outerbridge mastered the exquisite tri-carbo-color print process and went on to make some of the most important color photographs in art and advertising of that time.

Moving to California in 1943 and taking up residence in Laguna Beach, Outerbridge made his last important body of work throughout California and Mexico. Between 1948 and until



Paul Outerbridge, *Model with Satin Dress*, Laguna Beach, California, c. 1950



Paul Outerbridge, *Travel Agent*, Mazatlán, Mexico, c. 1950

his death in 1958, he codified a new language in color photographs that anticipated the work of William Eggleston, Stephen Shore, Joel Sternfeld and others known for their “New Color” work in the 1970s.

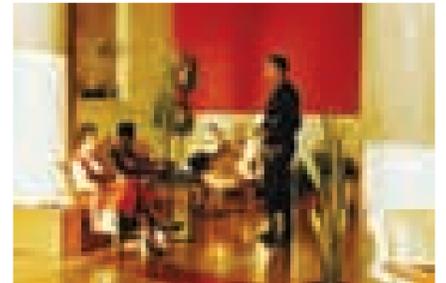
“The curious position of prosperous American tourists amid the daily poverty experienced by some Mexicans is one of the recurring themes in the work, but with Outerbridge there is no political polemic,” says co-curator Phillip Prodger. “Outerbridge was thinking of his photographs as jigsaw puzzles made up of many different highly-colored pieces, each placed with meticulous care.”

Among Outerbridge’s subjects are carnival carriages with passengers dressed and headed for a grand party; a group of fashionable men relaxing in an outdoor hotel lobby drinking Coke and beer while a small orchestra plays; a girl in a lime-green dress and white sweater walking past a gas station whose painted-red details add a vibrant flourish to the scene.

The Paul Outerbridge: New color Photographs from Mexico and California, 1948-1955 exhibit is free and open to the public during library hours:

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Paul Outerbridge, *Airport Lounge*, Mexico, c. 1950



Paul Outerbridge, *Balboa Beach*, California, c. 1950



Paul Outerbridge, *Airport Café with Band*, Mexico, c. 1950

Paul Outerbridge: New Color Photographs from Mexico and California, 1948-1955

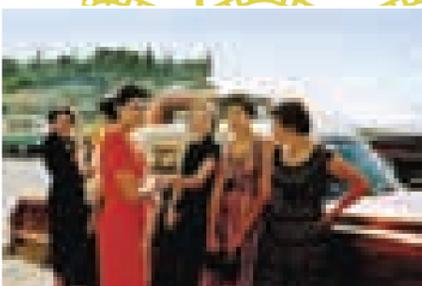
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Paul Outerbridge, *Laguna Beach*, California, c. 1950



Paul Outerbridge, *Gas Station*, Mexico, c. 1950

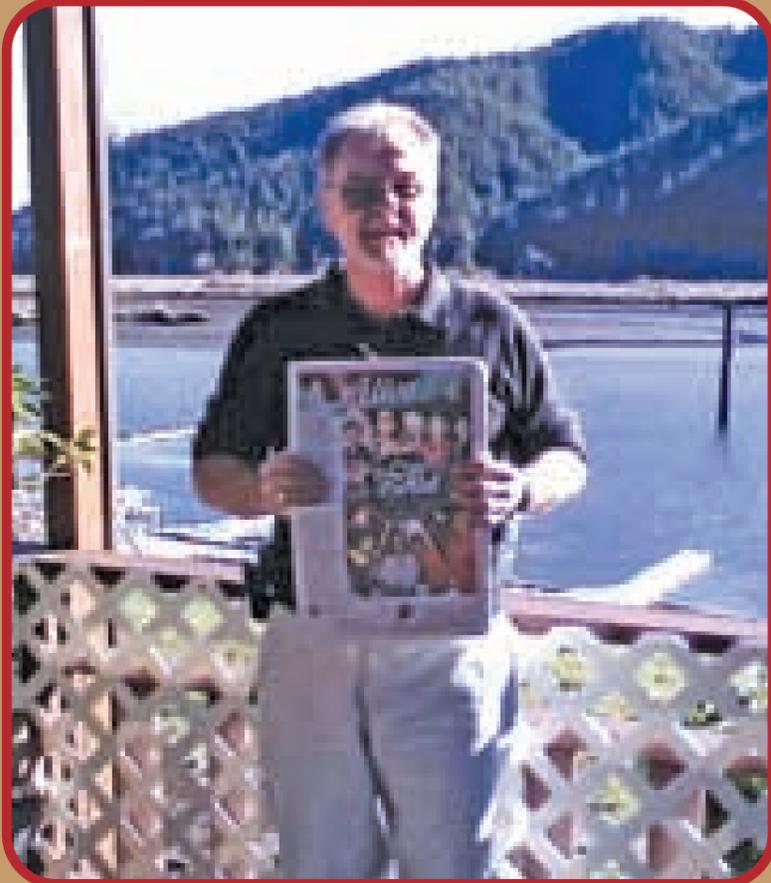


Paul Outerbridge, *Carnival Carriage*, Mexico, c. 1950



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Oregon



Here's **Norman Floyd** on his back deck overlooking the Schofield River in Reedsport, Ore.

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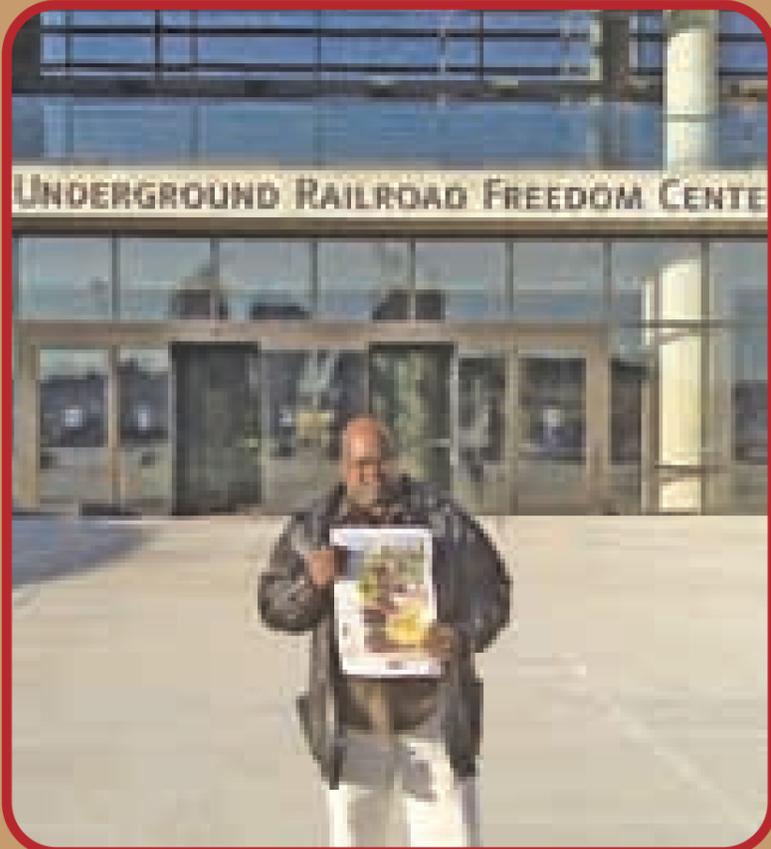
The Philippines



Harriet Voloso, LAPD, Club Member (right), with Yoly Badar at the Mall of Asia. Pasay City, the Philippines, overlooking Manila Bay. More than 200,000 visitors per day visit this mall.

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Ohio



On his way to the inauguration of President Barack Obama (see last month's *Alive! Around the World*), **Milton Tate, DWP**, also stopped over in Ohio at the Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati.

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California



Matt and Marylou **Valentine** in Palm Springs. Matt is **DWP Security**, Retired.

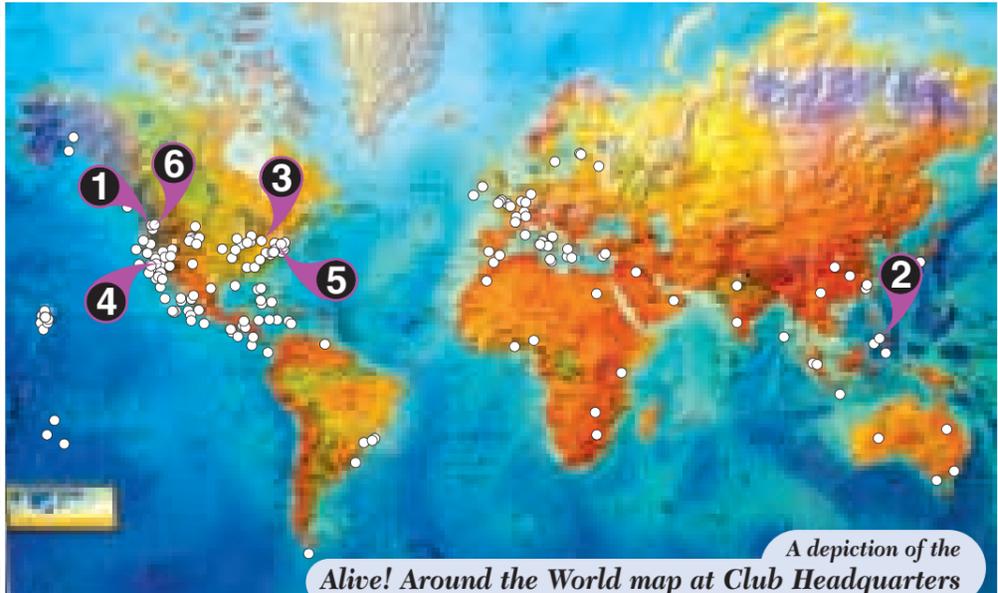
Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



5 New York



Alive! editor **John Burnes** and his mom, standing fast against a mini-blizzard in Times Square, New York City.

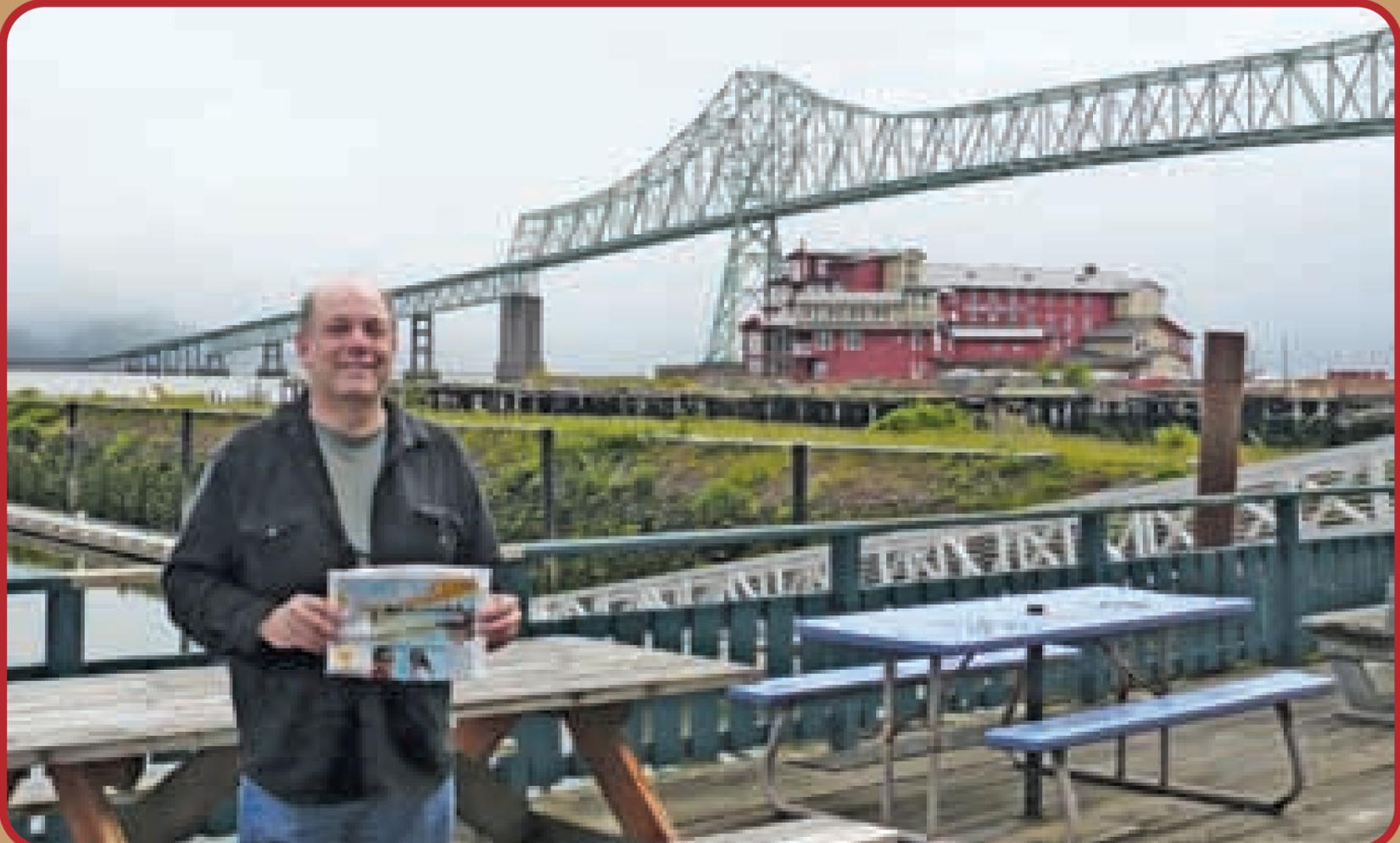


A depiction of the *Alive! Around the World* map at Club Headquarters

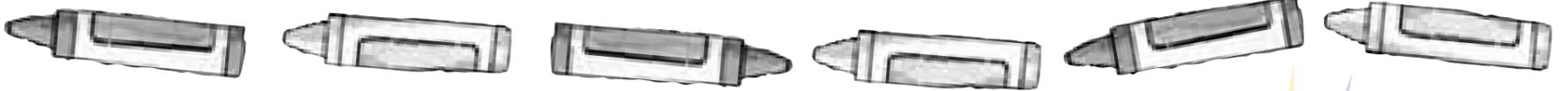
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6 Oregon



Bob Hill, DWP, stands near the Astoria-Megler Bridge in Astoria, Ore. The Astoria-Megler Bridge is a continuous truss bridge that spans the mouth of the Columbia River between Astoria and Point Ellice, near Megler, Washington. The span was the last segment of U.S. Route 101 between Olympia, Wash., and Los Angeles. It is the longest continuous truss bridge in North America.

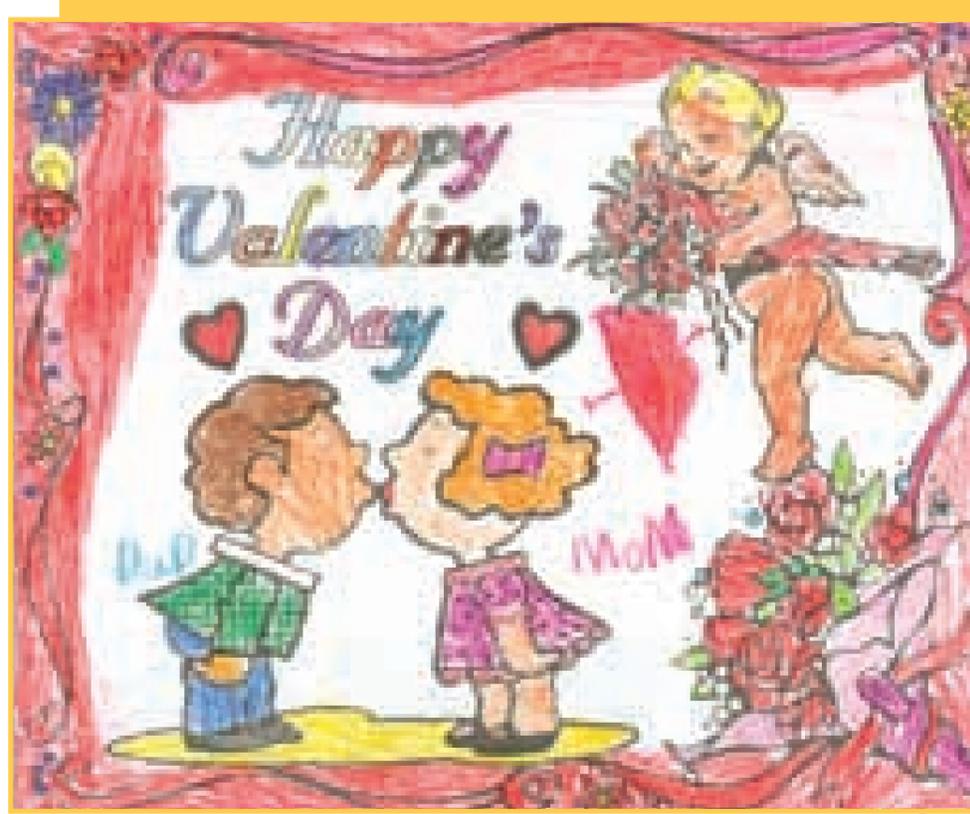


Congratulations to the WINNERS!

of our Club Coloring Contest!

Congratulations to the winners of *Alive!*'s last coloring contest. Everyone who turned in a design is a winner in our opinion! But our top three participants Win 4 Free Tickets to the Amusement Park of your Choice!

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



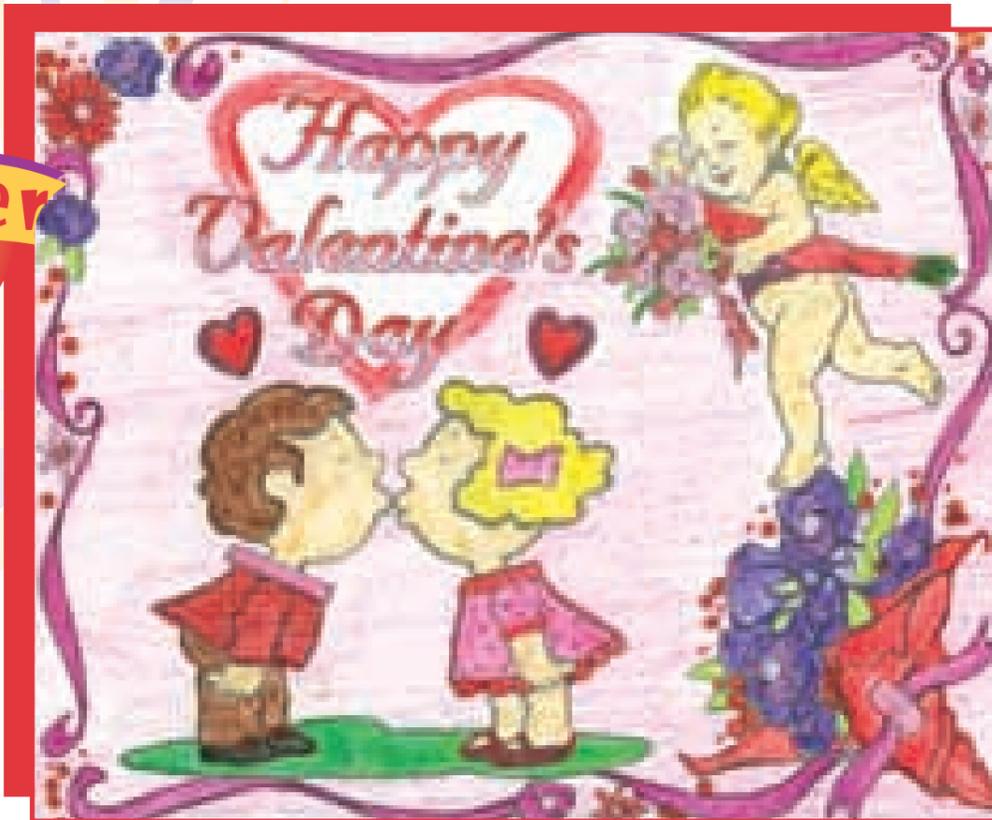
Kaylee Gabon, 5

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Tom and Jerry" • FAVORITE SNACK: Apples • BEST FRIENDS: Mkenna • WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: Disneyland because I haven't been there for a long time. • PARENT: Audie Gabon, DWP



Patrizia Abcede, 6

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "World Girl" and "Curious George" • FAVORITE SNACK: Donuts and apples • BEST FRIEND: Breanna • WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: Disneyland because she wants to see all the princess' and meet Disney characters. • PARENT: Redentor Abcede, Property Officer/LAPD



Honorable Mention

CHILD	AGE	PARENT/GUARDIAN	DEPT
Zabel Trujillo	2	Lino Trujillo	DWP
Grace Deniz	2	Maria Deniz	Personnel
Kai Higashiyama	3	Tamiko Higashiyama	Airports
Milana Gattfield	4	Jason D. Gattfield	Public Works
Joey Webb	4	Joseph Miniaci	General Services
Michael Bagmanian	5	Angela Bagmanian	Rec and Parks
Angel G-Cooper	5	Aracely Galicia	Transportation
Kaylah Green	5	Chel Tinsley	LAX
Aliyah Hale	5	Julia Crowder	Rec and Parks
Reyna L. Johnson	5	Rhonda H. Baychue	LAPD
Ryan Kennedy	5	Paul Kennedy	General Services
Jesus Barragan	6	Jesus A. Barragan	Library
Paul M. Barrera	6	Mark Barrera	General Services
Emiliano Gonzalez	6	Marcela Casio	DWP
Rha Lyn Johnson	6	Henry Stars Jr.	Retired
Peter Otoshi	6	John T. Otoshi	DWP
Trevor Caton	7	Thomas R. Caton	DWP
Chayanne Clayborn	7	Carmen Clayborn	Sr. Clerk Typist
Erika Consebido	7	Cecilia Consebido	Public Works
David Cuevas	7	Bertha Cuevas	Gardner
Nathan Fischer	7	Russ Fischer	DWP
Kate Gabon	7	Audie Gabon	DWP
Isaiah Gonzalez	7	Paul Gonzalez	LAPD
Emily Hibma	7	Dan Hibma	LAFD
Maya B. Horvath	7	Robbie Horvath	Public Works
Amaya Mendez	7	Clemente Mendez	General Services
Yasmine R. Paredes	7	Maria Moreno	LAPD
Matthew P. D. Leon	7	Sophia Ponce De Leon	LAPD
Destiny Prieto	7	Bonifacio Prieto	Animal Services
Ryan Rinehart	7	Rick Rinehart	DWP
Briana Tapia	7	Stuart Saxon	LAX
Isaac Truong	7	Richard Truong	CityClerk
Natalie Arroyo	8	Carlos Arroyo	DWP
Maya Brown	8	Yolanda Brown	Harbor
Priscilla Fuentes	8	Sonia R. Fuentes	DWP
Marc Gamboa	8	Maribel Gamboa	Airports
Alexis Hernandez	8	Jose R. Hernandez	General Services
Cassandra Hernandez	8	Eduardo M. Hernandez	Rec and Parks
Josiah Jimenez	8	Geraldo Jimenez	Retired
Layla Lopez	8	Johnny Lopez	Public Works
Vanessa Lucero	8	Christopher Lucero	DWP
Ashley Orantes	8	Sonia Galvan	Transportation
Joseph M. Otoshi	8	John T. Otoshi	DWP
Deric Ragsdale	8	Harold Phillips	General Services
Samantha Ruelas	8	Julio Ruelas	General Services
Sofia Salcedo	8	Rafael Salcedo	DWP
Ricardo Trinidad	8	Wil Trinidad	Gardner
Ariana Yoder	8	Linda R.Y oder	Aging
Samantha Barajas	9	Jorge Barajas	Public Works
Araly Cruz	9	Mardoquero Cruz	Truck Operator
Gabriel Honore	9	Bill Honore	Rec and Parks
Julianne Jimenez	9	Valente Jimenez	DWP
Nicholas Joun	9	Jocelino Joun	Public Works
Savannah Liedke	9	Ray Atkinson	Airports
Virginia Z. Lopez	9	Carlos Zia	Public Works
E. Macias	9	Raul Macias	Super PTC
Layla McCain	9	Valerie McCain	Airports
Valerie Truong	9	Richard Truong	ISMI
Abigail Diaz	10	Myrna Diaz	Harbor
Steven Diaz	10	Jose A. Jimenez	Airports
Leslie Espinoza	10	Sergio Espinoza	DWP
Jessica Padilla	10	Leo Padilla	Housing
Angie Quintanilla	10	Jenipher Quantanilla	Airports
Melissa Rainbird	10	William Rainbird	Public Works
Amanda Salamanca	10	Emilio Salamanca	Senior Clerk
Jessica Sousa	10	John Raymond	SACU
Kyssandra	10	Robert Stefanovich	Airports
Cameron Thomas	10	Paul Thomas	Retired
Florence E. Tolbert	10	Kecia Brooks	Harbor
Angelique Ward	10	LT Ward	Airports
Jessica Wren	10	Lily Wu Wren	LAPD
Abigail Yedra	10	Ruby Ceballos	Zoo
Samuel Fuentes	12	Sonia R. Fuentes	DWP
Samantha	12	Graciela M. Vera	General Services

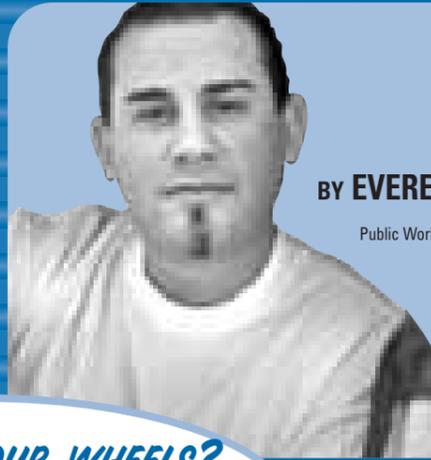


Moshammat Mijjum, 10

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Scooby-Doo" • FAVORITE SNACK: Peanut butter filled pretzels • BEST FRIEND: Ashley • WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: Disneyland because I hardly get to go and it's fun for my family and I. • PARENT: Mazharul Aktar, Automation/Department Coordinator



THE CAR CLUB



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

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

Coachcraft: An L.A. Classic

Hello again, everyone!

Don't be shy about sending in photos of your hot wheels, now. Let me show off your car here in *Alive!* You will be the envy of Club Members everywhere!

Meanwhile, this month, I'm going to write about Coachcraft, one of the foremost custom car builders in Southern California. I recently visited the Automotive Driving Museum in El Segundo, and I saw a number of classics built by Coachcraft.

Hollywood, 1950: On a hot, sticky afternoon, a stocky, well-dressed gentleman walked into a shop on Melrose Avenue. He began a conversation with the owners about work he wanted done to his new 1950 Cadillac. This project was going to be like nothing they had ever done before. First of all, the car owner, who had a collection of businesses, was connected in Hollywood and had a lot of "associates" on the East Coast. Despite all of that, a bombing at his house a few months prior and a stream of bullet holes put into his old Cadillac had him a little paranoid. So what did Mickey Cohen, the car owner, do in a situation like this? He had an armored car built.

Coachcraft Ltd. was comprised of three owners and started back in 1940. Each owner had a specific talent that completed the circle and made this growing shop world-renowned. Burt Chalmers, the front man, had Hollywood connections and had sold cars for Cadillac. Paul Erdos was the master metal shaper who clothed the wood frames, built by Rudy Stoessel.

One year after construction began on Mickey Cohen's armored car, it was ready for delivery. It was now equipped with a glass windshield three inches thick; side glass two-and-a-half inches thick; and bulletproof military tires. The weight of the car had ballooned from about 4,500 pounds to 10,000 pounds. There was only one small problem: The Highway Patrol would not issue Cohen a permit to license the car, since something like this would make someone untouchable. After handing over \$25,000 to the builders, Cohen sold the car for \$5,000 less to a Texas racing circuit that used it as a promotional piece. The car now rests in a museum in New Zealand.

You know you are big-time when Henry Ford II sits down with you and wants you to build him a car. Ford's friend, Hollywood actor Gary Cooper, turned him onto the shop, and Ford would stop there and indulge in some whiskey consumption from time to time. After a drawing of Henry's car was on paper, two chassis were sent from Detroit. The chassis were Mercurys, and 1940 Lincoln fenders and a 1946 Lincoln front end were to be used. Ford was going to equip this car with a not-yet-released 1949 Lincoln motor. Henry Ford was so happy Cooper turned him onto this shop, that he wanted a car built for Cooper, too,

but in the end, only one was built. At first, the car pictured (in green) came with a three-piece removable top, but it soon passed to Henry's wife, who had the top changed to a full removable top.

The car I have fallen in love with at Coachcraft is called the Yankee Doodle Roadster.



The chassis was built by the son of *American Weekly* magazine owner in the early 1940s. After he and his friends finished the frame, Seward Allen drove to Coachcraft and commissioned them to build his dream. 1940 Mercury fenders were in place, and the rest was to be constructed by Coachcraft. The rear of the car resembles the lines of the 1960s Ferraris. Rumor has it that Gary Cooper and Clark Gable gave the car its name. By the way, the car is for sale and it can be all yours for the small sum of \$350,000. Not bad for a car that originally cost \$1,500 to build.

Four of the Coachcraft-built cars are on display at the Automotive Driving Museum in El Segundo through April. I highly recommend visiting and viewing all the pictures, articles and of course the vehicles that Bill Stoessel (Rudy's son) and the museum have set up. I must say that

it is pretty impressive to see a car in person that you know was all hand-built. In my eyes, they represent true craftsmanship.

Also, keep your eyes peeled for the March of Dimes car show that will take place at the museum in the next couple months.



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



CITY OF LA

Important City Election

March 3 election could decide mayor, other offices; and contains City measures.

Voters in the City's March 3 election will be asked to vote for mayoral, administrative and council positions, and determine five local proposals, ranging from an independent assessor for the LAFD, to a solar energy plan for the DWP, to retiree benefits.

The mayoral race pits incumbent Antonio Villaraigosa against ten opponents. In other races, the City Attorney position is up for grabs, as current City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo is termed out; Councilman Jack Weiss is perhaps the best-known candidate for that position. The City Controller office is also on the ballot; the best-known candidate in that race is current Councilwoman Wendy Greuel, who is termed out of her Council seat. Other open offices are City Council Districts 1 (Ed Reyes is running for re-election), District 3 (Dennis Zine is running for re-election) and District 5, being vacated by Jack Weiss. In District 7, Richard Alarcón is running unopposed; in District 11, Bill Rosendahl is running for re-election. Club Members Jan Perry (District 9) and Janice Hahn (District 15) are running for re-election, as are Bill Rosendahl (District 11) and Eric Garcetti (District 13). Voters are reminded to consider the full slate of candidates for these offices.

Measure A would create the post of independent assessor in the LAFD to oversee reforms aimed at ending sexual and racial harassment, which have resulted in high-profile, costly lawsuits.

The measure reportedly is backed by Controller Laura Chick, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Fire Chief Douglas Barry and several department employee groups.

Measure B asks voters to commit the DWP to install 400 megawatts of solar panels by 2014. It has sparked controversy and a lawsuit in part due to a contention that it would block private competition.

Measures C and D relate to survivor benefits of the LAPD and LAFD. Measure C allows a disabled surviving child past age 18 to get benefits that a surviving spouse would have received if the spouse had not married again. Measure D allows retired firefighters and police officers, at their own expense, to purchase a survivor benefit for a spouse or domestic partner.

Remember to vote on March 3!

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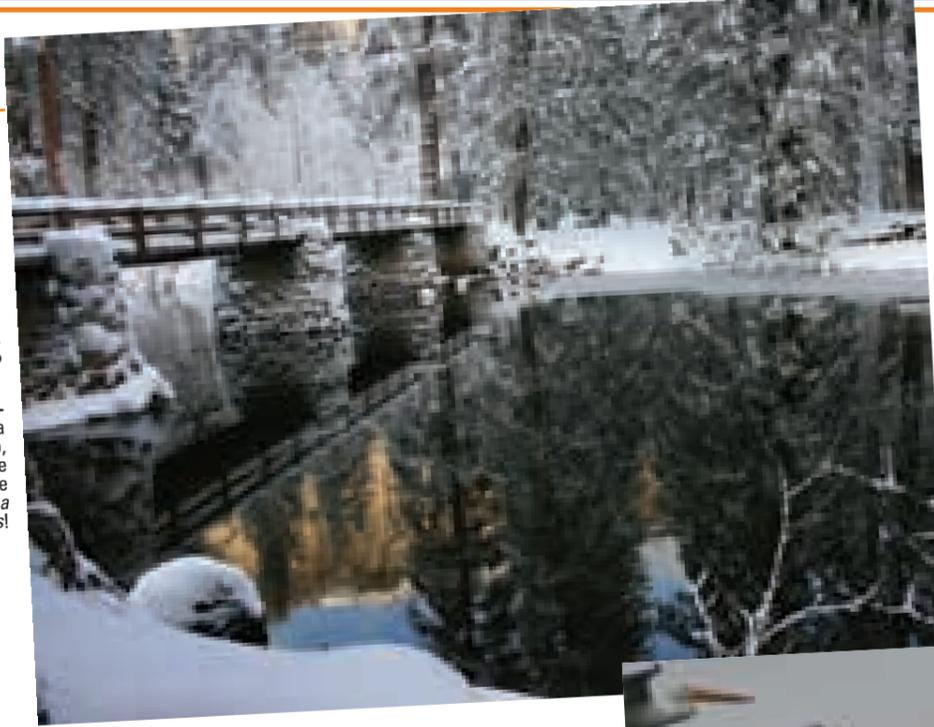
John's Picture Perfect Contest



"This past December we took a camping trip to Yosemite, and this is just one picture of many, as three feet of snow fell in the Yosemite Valley. Just breathtaking."

- Hector Cardenas, DWP

John's comments: What a wonderful photo, Hector. It looks like it came right off the cover of *Arizona Highways!*

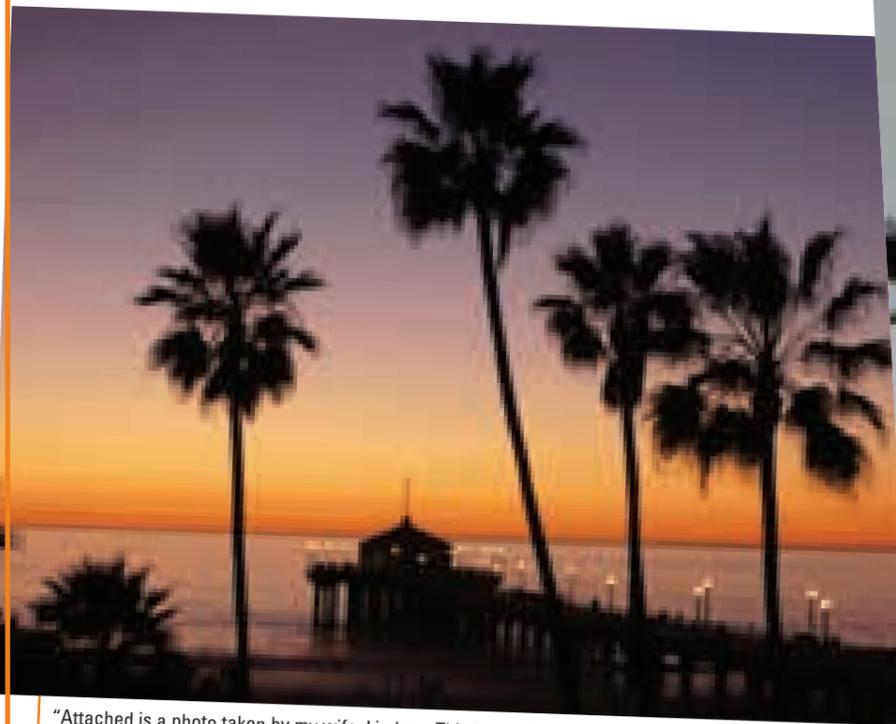


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\$25 WalMart Card

NEXT DEADLINE: April 15
 Happy Snapping!

For March, we have four winners!

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



"Attached is a photo taken by my wife, Lindsay. This is the Manhattan Beach Pier at sunset. It was just a lucky shot with a point-and-shoot camera. Thanks!"

- Bob Hill, DWP

John's comments: Bob, you can't say "Southern California" any better than this!



"Freshwater white pelicans from Canada visiting Southern California during the winter migration near Lake Wilford, Escondido."

- Mike Aubin, Airports

John's comments: Mike, that's a pretty awesome photo. At first I thought I was opening a stock photo of nature scenes, but then I realized it was from you. Definitely a picture perfect!

Runners Up:

Russell T. Harris; Yin Wong; Victor Gomez; Mike Kutas



"I am so blessed to have this job with the City of Los Angeles. I know the City is good to me when I get to take one of my vacation trips to Cabo San Lucas. This is what I captured the morning I woke up and looked out my cabin window - the Cabo San Lucas arch rock formation."

- Chermaine Smith, Club Member



"This picture was taken during our Australian vacation in November. It shows the Yarra River, across from Federation Square in downtown Melbourne."

- Elisa Lam

John's comments: What a wonderful picture, Elisa! You obviously were able to get the exposure just right, capturing that classic city look. Good job!

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.
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- Digital photos optimally should be between 100K and 2 megabytes in size and may be e-mailed to: pictureperfect@cityemployeesclub.com
- The contest is all in good fun! The Club cannot be responsible for delays in delivering *Alive!*, or for delays in the transmission of responses.

REC AND PARKS

Celebrate Earth Day at Cabrillo

Aquarium celebrates the 'ocean planet' with free programs April 18.

Photos by Gary Florin, Photographer, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

You are invited to join the 29th annual Earth Day Celebration of our "ocean planet" at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, Saturday, April 18, with a day of free programs, including a beach cleanup, speakers, information and activities. Participation options include joining the beach cleanup, sharing information, grunion egg hatching, guided walks to the salt marsh, and more.

You can be a part of the solution by joining in a beach cleanup from 8 to 10 a.m.; supplies and refreshments are included. Then you can stop by the auditorium to view selected presentations of the day and visit with more than 40

organizations and agencies as they share how they are working to care for the earth. Musicians will be sharing their thoughts about the ocean through songs. And you can educate yourself about choices we can make every day to make a difference in protecting our planet.

Winners of the poster contest will be announced at 1 p.m. There will be live music at the event.

Throughout the day, the Aquarium will be open with opportunities to examine Southern California marine life, where you can visit the touch tank; search the Virginia Reid Moore Marine Research Library for more information about local sea life; observe the aquarium's newest arrivals in the Aquatic Nursery; and investigate the interactive Exploration Center.

Free parking is available at 22nd and Miner Streets with access to a shuttle in each direction. Guests can also connect to the shuttle from the Marina station of the Pacific Red Car Line along the Port Waterfront.

Red Car info: www.railwaypreservation.com/page8.html. Limited car parking at Cabrillo Beach is \$1 per hour.

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is at 3720 Stephen M. White Dr. in San Pedro, and is a Rec and Parks facility. For more information, call (310) 548-7562 or go to: www.cabrilloaq.org

Earth Day at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

What: Saturday, April 18
Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, 3720 Stephen M. White Dr., San Pedro.
What: Beach cleanup, free aquarium admission, grunion hatching, food, music, booths, activities, representatives of more than 40 organizations.
Cost: Free; some attractions might have minimal cost.
Parking: Free parking at 22nd and Miner Streets, with Red Car access. Limited car parking at Cabrillo, \$1.
Info: www.cabrilloaq.org, or (310) 548-7562.



A previous Earth Day at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.



A previous Earth Day at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.



A previous Earth Day at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.

Life's Important Moments

Share Your Good News!

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

We're looking for:

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

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L.A.'s Pioneering Jews

■ Jewish populations from Europe and the East Coast helped make the City the dynamic place it is today.

The Chavez Ravine Jewish Cemetery site dedication State Historical Landmark #822 Sept. 29, 1968. From left: Victor Carter, Norton B. Stern, Justin Turner and William Blumenthal.



Photos courtesy the Security Pacific Collection, Photo Archives, Los Angeles Public Library, Carolyn Cole, director; and from the photo archives of Western States Jewish History, with permission.

Los Angeles has more ethnic groups living together than any other city in the world. This article will focus on the burgeoning years of both the City's and the Jewish communal growth of the 19th century. I give thanks to the monumental work preceding me from the *Western States Jewish History* volume on the "Pioneer Jews of Los Angeles in the Nineteenth Century," edited by David W. Epstein and Gladys Sturman, to whom I am deeply indebted.

For the most part, the early Jews who arrived in California came originally from Europe to the east coast of this country. Many of the American Jews left established Jewish communities on the Eastern seaboard to participate in the ever-adventurous pursuit of the Wild West. Each individual brought his/her character and expertise that eventually made Los Angeles the mosaic of what it is today.

Early Arrivals

The first Jew of Los Angeles, recorded in 1841, was a German, **Jacob Frankfort**. He was part of the Workman-Roland party that ventured from Santa Fe, N.M.. Records from the Los Angeles City Archives state that, "Frankfort was a tailor...who came with a firearm, which was needed on this trip." In 1851, he was "recorded in a federal census of Los Angeles that he was one of eight Jews who lived and worked in a single business building, located at the southeast corner of Los Angeles and Aliso Streets." The building was known as either Bell's or Mellus' Row. Frankfort was considered a prominent merchant.

Possibly one of the most prominent early Jewish arrivals was 36-year-old **Harris Newmark**, a wholesale merchant. In time, he was also known as a community leader. But his everlasting contribution to all Los Angelenos through the ages has been his monumental book, *Sixty Years in Southern California*, 1853-1913. This bible of early L.A. history, now in its fifth edition, is full of Newmark's commentaries and remembrances. Of everything Harris Newmark accomplished, his book has remained to this day one of the most important Western histories of all time. It is a real winner to own, and it continues to sell.

Harris Newmark and his huge family clan made a large impact on early Los Angeles around and after the 1850s. Harris arrived in Los Angeles in 1853; he was born on July 5, 1834, in what is now Saxony in eastern Germany. He was known as a Prussian Jew. The first language he learned on his way to California from the East Coast was Spanish, so as to communicate with the majority community. He then learned how to read, spell and write English from one



Harris Newmark at 34 years old, 1868.

of his relatives when he arrived in Los Angeles.

Business-wise, he was adept at groceries and dry goods. Most of his relatives worked for him. In time, real estate became his preoccupation and where he made his fortune. One interesting aspect of that venture was when he and his nephew, Kaspare Cohn, who will be found later in this article, laid out purchased land nine miles from Los Angeles in 1885; the land totaled 1,200 acres. This area became known as Newmark, Calif. The name was changed about 1912 to Montebello.

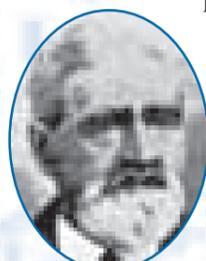
Jacob Elias arrived in Los Angeles in either 1851 or 1852. Along with his brothers, **Raphael** and **Israel**, they had a dry goods and clothing business. Jacob was involved in the beginning as an officer of the Hebrew Benevolent Society, founded in 1854. Elias was also responsible for writing a petition to the Common (City) Council, requesting property for a Jewish cemetery. In the 1860s, he was known to have purchased the Rancho San Rafael, a 36,000-acre property, which covers most of Glendale.

Another early arrival was **Isaac Lankershim**, born a Jew but who converted to Christianity.

He maintained all his Jewish ties to family, social and business relationships. He was a major influence in California agriculture and was also involved in land development in the San Fernando Valley, where he acquired and controlled large tracts of farming land. His land investments in the Valley helped Los Angeles become a much larger empire with the expansion and development for Los Angelenos. Lankershim with his son and son-in-law, **Isaac Newton Van Nuys**, formed the San Fernando Farm Association. Isaac was born in 1819, in Bavaria, and died in 1882.

Another German Jewish pioneer, **Kaspare Cohn**, nephew of Harris Newmark, arrived in Los Angeles in 1859. With Newmark he went into the hide and wool business as well as into land development, as mentioned above. Cohn left the Los Angeles area but returned in 1866. Known at one time as the wealthiest Jew in this city, he went into informal banking then formally opened Kaspare Cohn Commercial and Savings Bank. After his death, his bank became Union Bank and Trust Company.

His interests also involved philanthropy, where he established the Kaspare Cohn Hospital on Carroll Avenue in Angelino Heights, above Sunset Boulevard, in 1910. The Victorian home exists to this day. His hospital eventually became Cedars of Lebanon Hospital, and today Cedars-Sinai Hospital near the Beverly Center.



Isaac Lankershim.



Kaspare Cohn.

Early Communal Organizations

The Hebrew Benevolent Society of 1854 was the first Los Angeles philanthropic and charitable organization founded by Jewish pioneer and rabbi **Joseph Newmark**, uncle of Harris Newmark. The criterion of the organization was to care for the sick and bury the dead. Its concerns went beyond the Jewish community many times. Eventually, a women's branch was formed; in 1915 it became known as the Jewish Aid Society. Later, it became the Jewish Social Service and is now a major component of the Jewish Federation Council of Greater Los Angeles.

The Jewish Cemetery in Chavez Ravine in 1855 became a California State Historical Landmark in September 1968. This hallowed ground, the first of the Jewish community in Los Angeles, was created by the Hebrew Benevolent Society of Los Angeles. The first burial was in 1858, and by 1902 there had been 360 burials.

On July 7, 1854, at a Common (City) Council session, the minutes recorded "the fact that the mayor said that the Council might designate a 'piece of public land for a graveyard for those belonging to the Hebrew Church.'" By 1902, it became necessary for many reasons to disinter the 360 buried individuals in Chavez Ravine to a new Jewish B'nai B'rith cemetery in Whittier.

Congregation B'nai B'rith became the first synagogue in Los Angeles in 1862. The very small congregation originally had 32 charter members. Originally, this religious group met at a second floor hall on Arcadia Street. Later, it moved to Leck's Hall and the Temple Court House. **Abraham W. Edelman** was the rabbi. In 1869, there were discussions about needing a permanent home for the synagogue.

The women of the Jewish community contacted the newspapers to place advertisements. They had fundraisers to raise money. Finally, ten years later, the first synagogue became a reality. The new religious facility, Congregation B'nai B'rith, sat on Fort Street (later to become Broadway) between Second and Third streets in Los Angeles. Construction began in August 1872, and continued for 12



The Second Congregation B'nai B'rith, 1900.

History Comes Alive!

Tales From the City Archives

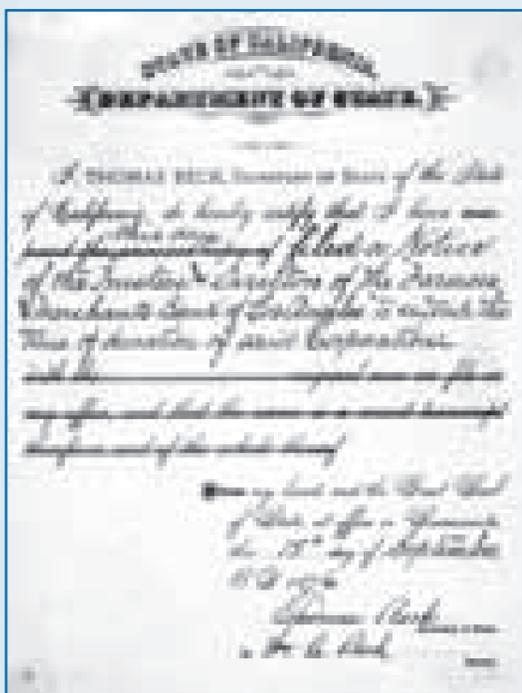


by Hynda Rudd,
City Archivist (Retired),
and Club Member

months. It was dedicated Aug. 8, 1873. The building was razed in 1896. A plaque may be seen on the sidewalk in front of where the synagogue once stood. Today's Wilshire Boulevard Temple is the descendant of the Congregation B'nai B'rith.



A street scene outside the Second Congregation B'nai B'rith, 1890.



Incorporation papers of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, 1876.

Banking Business

Isaias W. Hellman, one of the three founders of USC, was a pioneer merchant and banker. Hellman was president and the largest stockholder of The Farmers and Merchants Bank of Los Angeles. It opened in 1868, located on the southeast corner of Main and Commercial Streets. It had paid-up capital of \$200,000, and by 1885, it had a surplus fund of \$400,000. By the time of Hellman's death in 1920, the bank's assets surpassed \$35 million. Eventually, this bank merged with Security First National Bank, and then was acquired by Bank of America. Hellman came from a very large family, much like the Newmarks. Interestingly enough, both families mingled well within the early Christian community in Los Angeles.

In 1875, a controversy arose in Los Angeles over the failure of the Temple & Workman Bank. For some reason the failure was blamed on the local Jewish community. An article on the subject was written 50 years after the controversy by a J.A. Graves and is found in volume 38 of the *Western States Jewish History* featuring *Pioneer Jews of Los Angeles in the Nineteenth Century*, page 149. Mr. Graves was a local attorney, banker and leading citizen of Los Angeles. He was also president of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank at that time, as well as being a lawyer involved in the case of the Temple & Workman case. Graves was not Jewish.

Graves, by then an elderly gentleman, received a letter

from one of Harris Newmark's relatives, requesting information about the supposed heinous crimes committed by the Jewish inhabitants of Los Angeles relating to the failure of the Temple & Workman Bank in 1875. Before sending the information, Graves decided to review his records from 52 years prior.

What he discovered was that the bank failed because neither Temple or Workman were bankers, nor did they have employees who were capable of running the bank. Graves' legal office prosecuted many suits against debtors of the bank; of the 40 cases brought before the District Court, only two were Jewish. Graves concluded: "The bank lost nothing to amount to anything through their Jewish clients." He continued "that the suits...were against American names or [other European clients], many being sheep men."

I have read other accounts, in Los Angeles as well as elsewhere, about anti-Semitism being alive and well in 19th century America. Anti-Semitism could very well be the cause of this unfortunate episode.

Civic Leaders

One of the eight original pioneer Jews to arrive in Los Angeles was **Morris L. Goodman**, who sat on the first Common (City) Council of 1850, at the age of 31. He also served on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. He was born in Bavaria in 1919, becoming a naturalized American at 24. When Goodman took his oath of office on July 3, 1850, he was the only member of the original seven members of the Common (City) Council who was not a Mexican citizen prior to the American conquest and California statehood. He had lived in other parts of the country prior to coming to Los Angeles in 1849. He arrived here because he heard about the gold rush.

From the beginning of his five months in office, Goodman was involved in such movements as: (1) Finding a regular meeting place for Council to meet, and office space for the mayor and the recorder. He was appointed to serve on the committee; (2) He became a one member committee to investigate the issue of "education for the youth in Los Angeles;" (3) He moved that the Council "authorize the mayor to establish a City Police Department;" and (4) to build a bridge over the *zanja*, which crosses the street leading to the plaza. He resigned from the Council on Dec. 18, 1850. In the summer of 1858, he was elected by the Democratic Party to represent, with 25 others, the Los Angeles County at a district party convention. Goodman was elected with **Julius L. Morris** as the first Jews to sit on the County Board of Supervisors in 1860.

Maurice Kremer was the City Clerk from 1869-76. He was a French Jew born in Lorraine, France. His experience in record-keeping came from his country's background as the second oldest state archival institution dating back to the end of the French Revolution. In the California's City Charter for Los Angeles in 1878, responsibilities of the City Clerk were to secure the safekeeping of the records, maps and archives of the City.



Maurice Kremer.

Kremer initiated the first of five different sets of indexes from 1850-76. He spoke four languages: English, German, French and Spanish. He was often called upon to be an interpreter. He also held many civic duties: County Treasurer; School Trustee; President of the Board of Education; and County Tax Collector.

Emil Harris was the only Jewish Chief of Police in the City. His tenure was for one year, from 1877-78, common in that era. He was born in Prussia and migrated to Los Angeles in 1869. He helped create the City's first volunteer fire department in Buffum's Saloon. He began on a six-per-



Sheriff Emil Harris.

son police department, where he almost immediately became chief deputy. He became chief after his leadership in the 1871 Chinese massacre. He was also considered a detective. His conduct during the capture of the horse thief Tiburcio Vasquez in 1874, at the present site of the intersection of Santa Monica Boulevard and Kings Row, helped reconfirm the decision to make him the Chief of Police.

Bernard Cohn was a Jewish "wannabe Mayor," who in 1878 held the position for one month upon the death of Mayor Fredrick A. MacDougall on Nov. 16, 1878. Cohn, a respected Councilman at the time, was elected Mayor *pro tem* to fill the vacancy. The night of the Mayor's death, a meeting of the People's Party convention met and elected Bernard Cohn as their candidate for mayor. At the same time, The Workingmen's Party candidate for mayor was James R. Toberman.

Both men had numerous editorials written about them, both pro and con. It appeared that anti-Semitism may have reared its ugly head again. Such comments as "a writer list[ing] a number of Jews whose positions of influence, in his opinion, gave Los Angeles Jewry too much power." In the end, Toberman had 860 votes and Cohn 562. This was the second time Toberman became mayor within the decade. Cohn ran again for Council and won. In 1882, he ran again for mayor. He came in third to Cameron E. Thom, who became the mayor. When Bernard Cohn died in 1889, "there was an outpouring of regard and appreciation expressed for his civic and political contributions to the life of the City."

Herman Silver came to Los Angeles as neither a pioneer, pauper nor transient looking for gold in "them thar hills." By the time he arrived around 1885, not much was known about Herman in Los Angeles, with



Herman Silver.

the exception of his involvement in the local Jewish community. But that is not to say that he became an attorney and a supporter of Abe Lincoln in Illinois, and became Assayer of the Mint in Colorado, courtesy of Ulysses S. Grant, prior to his moving to Los Angeles. Herman arrived in America from near Hamburg, Germany, when he was 18. According to others, he arrived around 1848, and most likely came here because of problems with his health.

Herman's political life in Los Angeles began in 1896, when he ran for the Common (City) Councilman from the Fourth Ward (wards were used by the Common [City] Council from 1870-1909). Silver was then 67 years old. He was then voted in as president of the Council. During his second term (terms in that era were for two years), water issues were moving from private companies to that of City responsibility. A Water Commission became a Council responsibility. The Water Commission had seven members. Herman was then chosen to be its first president.

He decided to run for mayor instead of another Council term. He ran against Meredith "Pinky" Snyder, who won the election. Newspaper accounts were that Herman was too old, and were insinuations that anti-Semitism had once again raised its unfortunate head. In turn the mayor, now in charge of Commissions, then limited the Water Commission to five members, and Herman Silver was not reappointed. Upon Herman's retirement from that Board, the Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants and Manufacturers Association gave resolutions in his honor. It was this type of recognition that brought the new Board to name a reservoir in Los Angeles the Herman Silver Lake. This action was the precursor to Silverlake.

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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, Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr. Los Angeles, Lunch at noon.

April 16: LACERS Health Workshop, Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles.

June 2: Retirees Golf Tournament, Alhambra Golf Course.

Aug. 13: Retirees Picnic, Grace E. Simons Lodge.

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

RLACEI:

Retirement Fund Loses \$3 Billion, But Is Safe



By Phil Skarin,
RLACEI Publicity Chair

President Ed Harding reports:



Ed Harding

"Later in this column is a report on LACERS activities by Mary Beetz, our new Director.

"I will see you all at the Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., on Thurs., April 9, for a great lunch, followed by the General Membership meeting. Some bylaws amendments may be proposed for approval."

Director Mary Beetz reports:



Mary Beetz

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Legislative Update:



Ken Spiker

"Your retirement fund is having its ups and downs, just like all other investment funds worldwide. When the economy was roaring, the fund increased 19.7 percent in one year. This year, we not only could not get the required 8 percent, we lost \$3 billion.

"So, folks bear with us. We are at the mercy of political and investment decisions being made worldwide beyond our control or influence. Your fund is safe, and checks will be sent to you on time.

"Good news for a few of our retirees. The Medical Premium Reimbursement Program (MPRP) is available to retired members and surviving spouses/domestic partner HMO medical plan.

"The Board of Administration, acting on a Benefit Committee's recommendation, unanimously approved an amendment to its Board Rule 5.0. The rule change will allow MPRP participants to receive reimbursement for individual vision

insurance if their medical plan does not include vision services.

"During February, my committee was interviewing firms to provide a consultant service for our healthcare providers. We hope to find and select a firm to that can get us better coverage and lower premiums.

"A couple of disturbing initiatives may be moving to a statewide ballot late this year or next year. One is by Paul McCauley, a certified public accountant in Santa Monica. His initiative needs 694,300 signatures by June 22 to qualify for the November ballot this year. As an amendment to the State Constitution, it proposes that public-employee contracts be renegotiated, including reducing vested benefits for existing and prospective retirees. The text can be found on the Secretary of State's Website: www.sos.ca.gov/elections, then search for ballot measure updates for Jan. 21, 2009.

The other initiative is not in print yet and is by former Assembly Member Keith Richman, known for his reform efforts in public pensions. According to a news article in Cal pensions dated Jan. 26, Richman will first ask the Legislature to pass a Jarvis Association proposal to cap benefits and raise the retirement age, similar to his 2007 proposal sponsored by the California Foundation for Fiscal Responsibility. If that fails, Richman will attempt and initiative by Internet signup.

Richman would cap pensions at 60 percent to 67 percent of final salary and combine with Social Security; he would also raise the retirement age to 55 for public safety employees and to 65 or 67 for other employees. This proposal would not affect current employees or current retirees.

RLACEI Website

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

Contact LACERS

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

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with HAL!

Deadwood, S.D., site where "Wild Bill" Hickok was shot.

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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• Tom Stemnock	Ext. 708
• Mary Beetz	Ext. 711

DWP Retirement Plan Office: (213) 367-1722

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Into the Badlands

■ Hal and Evelyn begin the road trip back from his high school reunion.

Evelyn and I took a three-week road trip 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, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin. 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 Green Bay, Wisc.

Day 14 – Oct. 1

For dinner last night (in Green Bay) we found a Chinese restaurant that wasn't too bad – just too much food for the two of us.

Evelyn: It wasn't the first time we had crab Rangoon appetizers, but consistent with every other time, I have yet to find any crab. The main filling appears to be cream cheese, which I always find a little odd as an ingredient in Chinese food. Oh, well!

With the time change (we gained back an hour), we left Green Bay about 8 a.m. and made good time – driving 480 miles to Sioux Falls, S.D. We crossed the Mississippi River, which forms the state line between Wisconsin and Minnesota. We made a couple of stops along the way – to eat lunch at an A&W, to get gas and Evelyn a magnet, and then in Blue Earth, Minn., to see the large (and I mean large, 50 feet!) statue of the Jolly Green Giant.

For nearly 150 miles today were on rural highways (two lanes), and even though you go slower, it is much more



The giant Jolly Green Giant in Blue Earth, Minn.



The Crazy Horse Memorial, near Mt. Rushmore.

interesting than the Interstate. Along the rural highway you can buy most anything – cars, boats, ATVs, tractors, school buses, sheds, logs and snow plows. Almost every house had something in its front yard. That's Middle America for you. We had dinner at an Italian restaurant that wasn't too bad.

Evelyn: Johnny Carino's Italian restaurant. Now I have seen there is also one in Billings, Mont., so I assume it is a chain. Again, there was too much food, but the ambience was nice and the pinot was good.

Tomorrow we drive to Rapid City, S.D., and Mt. Rushmore.

Day 15 – Oct. 2

We stayed last night (in Sioux Falls) at a Super 8 – which wasn't half bad – and the breakfast had fresh doughnuts, so it was okay with me. We left about 8 a.m. and it was a straight drive on I-90 to Rapid City. The speed limit was 75 mph, and we made good time. We crossed the Missouri River, and we also crossed into the Mountain Time Zone and picked up an hour.

We stopped at Wall, S.D., on the edge of the Badlands, to have lunch at the Wall Drugstore. Wall is known all over the world, and it was a fun stop. We picked up a number of T-shirts.

We headed to Mt. Rushmore, about 20 miles outside of Rapid City. You can enter the park for free, but there is a \$10 parking fee. It wasn't very crowded, and we spent



The Wall Drug Store in Wall, S.D.

about an hour walking around the park and visiting the gift store.

Evelyn: It was amazingly serene. Maybe it was the lack of summer crowds, although there were other tourists. The grounds and surrounding pine-covered hills were very cleansing. During the summer they present light shows after dark with lasers on the monument, but they had already been discontinued for the season.

Our next stop was the Crazy Horse Memorial (cost to enter is \$10 per person), which is 17 miles from Mt. Rushmore. The memorial was started in 1948 by a group of Indian tribes to honor Crazy Horse in a manner like the presidents on Mt. Rushmore. The memorial is being funded by voluntary contributions and receives no funds from either the federal or state governments. It is still being worked on, and they have completed Crazy Horse's head and are working on the rest the statue.

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Evelyn: When completed, the entire statue will be almost 600 feet high and more than 600 feet long, making it much larger than Mt. Rushmore and quite an amazing feat.

Our last stop today was Bear Country U.S.A. (\$12 per senior), a drive through a wildlife park. You drive your car through a number of different areas, each of which contains a different animal: elk, reindeer, mountain goats, arctic wolf, Dahl sheep, Big Horn sheep, mountain lions and bears. It was very enjoyable and reminded me of Africa.

Evelyn: The animals seemed indifferent to the cars and went about their routines as if we were not there. I have to say all of the animals looked healthy and well fed.

We got to our hotel about 6 p.m. and then went to dinner at a great local restaurant, Minerva's, where I had buffalo steak. Tomorrow we were headed into the Black Hills.

Evelyn: I have to digress for a moment, more as a warning to any of you that may be traveling by car through Minnesota any time soon. From the time we left California, the rest stops we saw along the interstates and highways were beautiful brick or stone buildings with modern facilities, picnic benches, barbecue pits and just in general a place anyone would be comfortable in stopping for lunch or a pit stop. Not in Minnesota. What we found were "Way Stops." They reminded me of China 20 years ago. I won't get graphic, but it's enough to say there was no running water of any kind. Use your imagination. Yuck!

See the picture.



Evelyn's "favorite" rest stop.

Day 16 – Oct. 3

We left Rapid City about 9 a.m., and our first stop was Sturgis, S.D., where the yearly Harley motorcycle rally, which draws upwards of 250,000 people, is held in August. We stopped at the Harley Davidson store and picked up a few gift items.

Our next stop was Deadwood, S.D., about 50 miles from Rapid City. We parked at a meter and walked around Main Street, full of casinos and a few souvenir shops. A law in the state allows gambling in Deadwood to keep the town from disap-



The "Wild Bill" Hickok grave marker.

pearing. The revenues from the gambling have helped revitalize many of the buildings and the infrastructure. We took a one-hour tour that goes to the cemetery to see the graves of "Wild Bill" Hickok and Calamity Jane. We also got to see the rest of the town and hear a number of stories about its early days and development. The tour took a little longer than I thought it would, and I had to run back to the car to put more money in the meter. No ticket, thankfully.

We had lunch at Kevin Costner's Sports Bar, part of a casino that he owns. Deadwood is near where "Dancing with Wolves" was filmed.

After lunch, we drove to Hardin, Mont., about 280 miles from Rapid City. We took U.S. 212; it was much shorter than the interstate, but is a two-lane road the whole way. We left South Dakota, drove through a small part of Wyoming, and the rest was Montana – the Custer National Forest and a number of Indian Reservations, with lots of beef, horses and finally some deer (I think they were growing them for sale), sheep and lots of open areas.

Evelyn: Two ranches were even raising 'roos -- yes kangaroos.

The speed limit in Montana is 70 mph, and we made good time – only a few slow-downs for small towns and construction.

We got into Hardin about 5:30 p.m. and checked into the best hotel in Hardin, a Super 8. Not bad.

Evelyn: Not great.

We had dinner at a local restaurant called the Lariat, and I mean local – dinner was actually pretty good. We both had the fried chicken. Tomorrow we were going to see the Little Big Horn and Custer's Last Stand and then do the short drive (120 miles) to Red Lodge, Mont., at the north entrance to Yellowstone.

Day 17 – Oct. 4

Today was a short drive to Red Lodge, Mont. We spent this morning at the Little Big Horn National Memorial. My Golden Age National Parks pass allowed us to enter without paying the \$10 vehicle fee. The visitor's center showed a 20-minute video about the battle, which is very helpful when you do the driving tour. We drove the tour and stopped at each marker, but to tell you the truth the landscape looked very much alike, so it was hard to picture the battle. The self-guided tour guide was very helpful, and by using it you could get the idea. We were in the park for more than



Evelyn with the presidents at Mt. Rushmore.

two hours and left there about noon.

We drove east on I-90 for about 30 miles and found a rest stop and ate leftovers from yesterday. The drive to Red Lodge is on a two-lane road, and we got to the hotel (the Pollard) about 2:30 p.m. We were able to check in and then did a walk around the four-block historic downtown. We purchased the usual T-shirts and magnet.

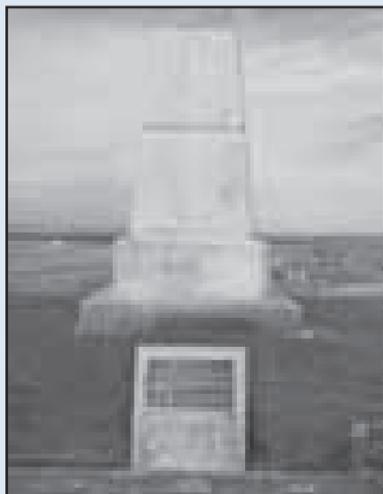
The Pollard is a historic hotel built in the late 1800s. It is a three-story brick building where it is said that Buffalo Bill and Calamity Jane both stayed. Our room was on the second floor and was a queen-size suite; it was an inside room with a balcony overlooking the lobby. The bathroom had a steam shower. The room was \$185 per night, but included a full breakfast for two. That night we were having dinner in the dining room.

Evelyn: The hotel had been well maintained and true to its original period except for the creature comforts, like an elevator, a large exercise facility with sauna and spa and, like Hal said, steam is the shower. I have stayed at the Pollard before and have always enjoyed it.

Next month we visit Yellowstone National Park and complete our trip.

Notes: There is Website – www.restaurant.com, which lets you buy discount certificates for restaurants all over the country. We have used them and we recommend the site for good saving on restaurant visits.

For those of you planning a trip to Las Vegas, be aware that I-15 is closed Wednesdays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. between the Nevada state line and Baker, Calif., for roadwork. This will continue until mid-April. Always check the CALTRANS Website for road conditions and closures.



The marker for Custer's Last Stand at Little Big Horn, S.D.



Evelyn outside the Pollard Hotel in Red Lodge, Mont.

RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

Ken Kochakji, Van Nuys, is active with a running club called the Basin Blues. The group holds a fundraising dinner each year to help an orphanage and to provide running shoes for needy high school athletes. Ken has run in the L.A. Marathon 17 times. Ken and his wife were recently on a cruise in the Caribbean, and happened to be seated at a dinner table with Ken and Gail Smuland. Small world!

Robert Cane, Oak Harbor, Wash., retired in 1971. He wrote, "I'm approaching my 95th birthday this September. Would you send me the information sheet, 'What to do Upon the Death of a Retired City Employee?'" Which I did. I will send a copy to any retiree who sends a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Phil Skarin, 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411-3910

Verl Brown, Greenfield, Iowa, is on a bowling team that won the league championship. He had been a Scoutmaster for 28 years. I remember him from our City League at the Eagle Rock Lanes about 25 years ago.

Bill and Dorothy Krambo write: "We enjoy your column. We spent 12 weeks last year going to Hawaii, England, Scotland, Wales, Idaho, Alaska and a cruise of the Greek Isles and Egypt. We got to go while we are still able, but there's no place like home in the United States."

Irene Galvan and her husband, Jose, attended the President Barack Obama inauguration in Washington, D.C., Jan. 20 and also attended the Southern Ball, at which President Obama and Vice President Joe Biden spoke. The Galvan's son, Esteban Galvan, works on the staff of Senator Harry Reid and arranged for their tickets. Wow!

Patrick Nansom, Americo Garza's grandson, just graduated from Georgetown University and has been accepted as an ensign in the Navy's Seal program. He won't be dry behind the ears much longer.

Health Committee Chair Neil Ricci reports that MetLife Dental PPO will replace Anthem Blue Cross Dental PPO for 2009. Tell your dentist that you are in Group #138804 and call (800) 942-0854.

Save the date, Tuesday, June 2, for the 31st annual Retirees Invitational Golf Tournament, at the Alhambra Golf Course. Prize sponsors needed to help keep the entry fees low. Contact Phil Skarin if you would like to be a sponsor.

Hal Danowitz asks you to visit our Website at www.rlacei.com to find the latest news. You can e-mail us at rlacei@verison.net

If you have news about yourself, or other retirees, that you'd like to share, send it to Phil Skarin at 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411-3910, or call (818) 784-0130.



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homepage, you will be instructed to register for a MyLACERS.com Account. Once you've created an ID and password, you're free to come back as often as you like.

"With MyLACERS, you can view your account anytime and the information is updated every two weeks to give you the most current information about your account, said Sally Choi, General Manager of LACERS.

"We see MyLACERS as another opportunity for Members to make sure their personal information, such as address and designated beneficiary, is up to date.

"We welcome your feedback and suggestions for MyLACERS and will be making enhancements to this service in the near future. For more information, assistance with setting up your account or to let us know what you think of MyLACERS, contact us at lacers.services@lacity.org or (800) 779-8328.

LACERS Medicare seminar:

LACERS Medicare Seminar was held Jan. 29 at the Friendship Auditorium in Griffith Park to educate Retired Members about the Medicare Part B enrollment requirement and the senior health plans available to them. Forty-two members attended. A complimentary breakfast was served. The event also included giveaways, plan carrier raffle prizes and iPod touch grand prize.



LACERS Health Workshop

What: The theme of this seminar is Emotional Wellness. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Also included are drawings, door prizes and giveaways. Look for more details in future LACERS mailings.

When: Thurs., April 16

Where: Friendship Auditorium in Griffith Park



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

Being Tolerant

Our democratic freedoms have allowed for the growth of a wide diversity of religious and moral beliefs and activities.

The dictionary defines tolerate as: Willing to let other people do as they think best; willing to endure beliefs and actions of which one does not approve.

Government is tolerant toward all religious beliefs, yet some laws and regulations require us to practice tolerance of some things of which we may not approve.

So, being tolerant requires using good judgment, without being self-righteously judgmental in the process.

— Phil Skarin

LACERS Offers Course On Personal Finance

■ Sharpen your personal finance skills through this LACERS series. First up: Financial management basics.

LACERS – Sharpen your personal finance skills through this LACERS series. First up: Financial management basics.

To provide its members with the tools to prepare for the best retirement possible, LACERS is launching its new Personal Finance Series with its first course, Financial Management Basics, on Wed., April 15. This will be the first in a series of three financial education courses available free to all LACERS Members.

Financial Management Basics is geared toward helping participants develop money management skills and get out of debt. Issues covered will include identifying ways to increase savings, the use of credit and its costs, gaining control of credit cards and improving credit scores. The course also includes a section on the retirement planning programs available to City employees such as LACERS defined benefit retirement plan, LACERS Larger Annuity Program and the City's Deferred Compensation plan. Interested LACERS Members can sign-up for this first course by visiting www.LACERS.org or by calling (213) 473-7200 or (800) 779-8328.



Financial Management Basics is a four-hour course presented by a financial education firm specializing in adult educational programs.

The firm practices an unbiased approach to financial education so course instructors will not be selling or recommending specific products to workshop attendees.

"The fact that we are launching this program on April 15 – tax day – is not lost on us," said Sally Choi, LACERS General Manager.

"What better time to evaluate your personal financial situation to see what else can be done, especially during these challenging economic times."

When asked in a customer service survey what type of seminars and workshops would be helpful for retirement planning purposes, LACERS Members specified that financial education courses would complement the existing *Planning for Retirement* seminars. Besides *Financial Management Basics*, two other courses – one on beginning investing and another on advanced investing – are in development by the same financial education firm and will be launched later this year.

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.

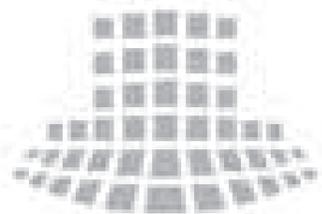
The number is: (800) 678-4145

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
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Los Angeles Convention Center

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HARBOR

Port Police Save a Life

Sgts. Cobos and Ferrara save a jumper on the Vincent Thomas Bridge.

Story and photo courtesy Harbor

On Jan. 28, two Los Angeles Port Police Officers stopped a man from jumping off the Vincent Thomas Bridge by grabbing his pants leg.

Port Police Sergeants Daniel Cobos and Rosario Ferrara were called to the scene of a man who had stopped his car on the eastbound lane of the Vincent Thomas Bridge around 1 p.m. When the man saw the officers, he began running, found an opening in the bridge fencing

and lunged off the bridge. Sgt. Cobos grabbed the man's left pant leg, and Sgt. Ferrara grabbed both men to pull them to safety.

The man, a 60-year-old San Pedro resident, was uninjured and taken to Harbor UCLA Medical Center, where he was placed under observation. Both officers have been commended by the Los Angeles Port Police Department for this act of courage in the line of duty without regard to their own personal safety.

Alive! congratulates Sgts. Cobos and Ferrara for their bravery in saving a life.



From left: Sgt. Rosario Ferrara and Sgt. Daniel Cobos. The Vincent Thomas Bridge is in the background.

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FINANCE

A Taxing Race

Tax Auditors continue a 30-year fun tradition of running a mile against each other.

Story by Yvonne Liu, Office of Finance;
Photos by Maria Rangel, Office of Finance

Steve Tanouchev eyed the six other Tax Auditors on the racetrack with him. As the tallest competitor in this one-mile race, he felt extra confident this Saturday. Steve didn't mind the noonday sun hovering over them at 80 degrees. He has been running twice a week regularly for the past four months, and this was a race that he could not lose, except perhaps to Dun'ne Bowden, who has been working out regularly at a gym.

Almost 30 years ago, a dozen or so Tax Auditors, who were then part of the City

Kachanyan and Eve Panyakorn, recorded the time and made sure everyone completed their four laps.

Other Tax Auditors in the original race included Pat Uy, Rusty Sanchez, Jerry Waggoner and Terry Manocchio. The latter two are now retired.

Tax auditors individually meet business owners and visit their accountants or offices to conduct audits of the taxpayer's reported tax measures. More than 70 Tax Auditors as a team are responsible for generating audit billing of roughly \$41 million in tax revenue annually. Seventeen Senior Tax Auditors review their work and help them perform more complex audits.

The Office of Finance was created in 2000



From left: Raymond Moreno; Jim Lyons; Phil Nunley; Dun'ne Bowden; Michelle Dolan, 10 (Brian's daughter); Ping Deng; Steve Tanouchev; and Thomas Dolan, 12 (Brian's son).



From left: Dun'ne Bowden, Steve Tanouchev, Jim Lyons, Raymond Moreno, Ping Deng and Brian Dolan.

Clerk's Office, organized and competed in a four-lap race around a track. Dennis Ogren, now retired, won the one-mile stretch in just over five minutes. Stuart Susswain, now Chief Management Analyst, Airports, finished second about a minute later. Coming in third with a time of six-and-a-half minutes was Senior Tax Auditor Jim Lyons, who left the City in 1986 and returned to the Tax and Permit Division's Audit Section in 2003.

This past January, a new generation of Tax Auditors duplicated this good-natured experience at the running track on the campus of Cal State Long Beach. Rarely seen in shorts, the Tax Auditors all made it to the end without having to call any emergency personnel.

"In our jobs, we sit all day, which is inevitable," Steve said. "By doing this race, I was hoping to change that, to make people more [physically] active."

Tax Auditor II Dun'ne Bowden came in first at 6:37. Tax Auditor II Steve Tanouchev came in at 6:43, and Tax Auditor I Raymond Moreno, breaking a close tie against Tax Auditor II Ping Deng, and came in third in just under seven minutes.

Tax Auditor IIs Brian Dolan and Phillip Nunley and Senior Tax Auditor Jim Lyons, the only participant who also ran in the original competition, also completed the race.

Tax Auditor IIs Maria Rangel, Sarah

as a result of Charter reform efforts. Annually, the Office of Finance collects more than \$2 billion in revenue from various sources including taxes, licenses, fees and permits, which pay for numerous essential municipal services to City residents and businesses.

The Office of Finance also provides information to businesses and individuals regarding the City's tax and fee collection program

For more information, please go to www.lacity.org/finance/.



From left: Sarah Kachanyan, Eve Panyakorn and Maria Rangel.



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CONVENTION CENTER

Goodbye to Greg

Greg Lissow retires after 25 years of City service.



From left: Pouria Abbassi, General Manager, Convention Center, and Greg Lissow, Retired Building Superintendent II, cutting the cake.



From left: Charley Mims, Chief Construction Inspector; Tom Fields, Show Operations Superintendent (and Host of Greg's luncheon); and Henry Chow, Engineering Contractor, Public Works.



Top row, from left: Luis Aguilar, Secretary, Club Member, and Malintzin Julien, General Services. Bottom: Mario Mora, Parking Manager, and Alvin Alvarez, Parking Services Supervisor.



From left: Glenn Ito, Airports Assistant Chief Engineer, Long Do, Sr. PA I; and Peter Tran, Systems Analyst.



At the retirement luncheon.



From left: Carlos Torres, Accounting Clerk I; Bert Zabala, Auditor; and Victor Gomez, Auditor.

Story and photos by Tiffany Sy, Club Counselor

Family, friends and coworkers gathered Jan. 22 for a luncheon at the Convention Center to celebrate the career of Greg Lissow, Retired Building Superintendent II.

Greg retires with 25 years of City service. The event took place at the West Hall ballroom, accompanied by good company and good food. A gourmet meal was prepared by the Convention Center's very own chef to celebrate Greg's 25 years of service to the Los Angeles Convention Center. Greg was addressed with warm and humorous speeches and given gifts from his staff and friends. Special guest speakers paid tribute to Greg: Pouria Abbassi, Dale Rogers, Alvin Blain, Tony DeClue, Brad Atwell, Mary Jane Aquino, Luis Aguilar, William Jones, Rey Castro, Tom Fields and Belkis Del Valle.

Congratulations, Greg, on a great career. And special thanks to Adrianna Valles for coordinating the excellent luncheon.



From left: Pouria Abbassi, General Manager and CEO, Convention Center; Stephanie Rogers, Rec and Parks; and Mary Jane Aquino, Assistant General Manager, Convention Center.



At the retirement luncheon.



From left: Rosetta McKenzie, Member Services Systems Manager; and Kit Woo, Database Architect.



At the retirement luncheon.



From left: Cassandra Smith, Club Member, with Derek Young, Administrative Assistant.



From left: Tom Fields and Greg Lissow.



From left: Pouria Abbassi, General Manager, Convention Center; Greg Lissow, Retired Building Superintendent II, Convention Center; and Phillip Hill, Assistant General Manager, Convention Center.



From left: Charley Mims and Greg Lissow.



At the luncheon.



Luis Aguilar, Secretary and Club Member.



Top row, from left: Raquel Velazquez, Accounting Clerk II; Bob Sogules, Sr. Systems Analyst, LAPD; and Maria Campbell, Parking Attendant. Bottom: Linda Timbol, Accounting; Ramon Sy Su, Sr. Accountant I; and Vicki Rojas, Principal Accountant.



Something to Think About

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This Month at the

Club Store

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

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See the details on page 40.



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March 6

Patty Pulido, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

March 13

Norma Angulo, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

March 20

Rosa Calderon, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

March 27

Patty Pulido, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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THE CLUB



From left: Terry Yeager, President of Yeager and Associates and the broker for the Club's Life and Disability insurance, with Angel Gomez, the Club's Member Services Director. Terrey and Angel bonded over the fact that they are both former Marines.

Club Celebrates 81 years

At its 81st annual meeting, the Club celebrated a strong 2008 and the opening of the Club Store ... and remembered Howard Pompel.

Photos by Summy Lam, Club Tech Guru, and Tiffany Sy, Club Counselor

"I am pleased to report that 2008 was yet another year that represents a continued commitment to celebrating the lives and work of City Employees," said Club Board Chairperson Michael Biagi, Airports. "But it was also a year of great sadness, with the passing of our very own Howard Pompel." Club Counselor Howard Pompel died in the Metrolink train crash last fall in Chatsworth.

Michael then listed the Club's great success in 2008:

- Total Club Membership has exceeded 18,000 members
- The Club reached 99.3 percent of its revenue goals, and the Insurance Services side reached 96.2 percent of its goal
- Insurance in force held strong at \$2.1 billion
- *Alive!* continues to get better and stronger, with the addition of "People We See," a heartfelt reminder of those living on the streets of downtown L.A.; "The Car Club," written by Club Member Everett Bennett; and the continuation of publishing thousands of photos of City Employees.

"But maybe the biggest accomplishment of the year was the opening of the Club Store," Michael continued. "Thanks to the tireless efforts of Navin Cotton, the Club's dream of a retail outlet became a reality. And to make things even better, each month that the store has been open, ticket and merchandise sales exceeded that of the previous month. Since the new location opened, usage of the Club Store has increased 68 percent. And the best is yet to come, with the opening of the new Parker Center, right across the street."

After Michael's report, Club CEO John Hawkins talked about the Club's great

loss of Howard, and how Club Members were so generous in their cards and condolences of him. John also announced a major increase in the Club Rep program, and he introduced the Club staff members – Tiffany Sy, Irene Small and Rachael Brecher.

John was joined by Robert Larios, the Club's Director of Operations, and they gave out the Club's prestigious annual awards. They went to:

- Angel Gomez, the Club's Member Services Manager, won the President's Award, which goes to the year's outstanding Club staff member; and
- Martín Chavez, Harbor, and Yvonne Liu, Finance, won the Club Rep Award, which goes to the year's outstanding Club Rep.

In other business, the Board was elected and sworn in. Members include:

- Regner Globus, Property Manager, Harbor, President;
- David Muraoka, LAPD;
- Michael Leighton, General Services;
- Rita Robinson, Transportation;
- Michael Biagi, Chair, Airports;
- Maria Romasanta, DWP; and
- Robyn Barnes, Fire and Police Pensions.



Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations, presents the Club Rep of the Year award to Yvonne Liu, Finance, and *Alive!* contributor.



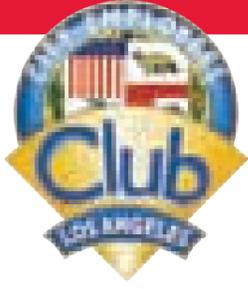
Rachael Brecher



Club CEO John Hawkins, second from left, with some of the *Alive!* design team, from left: Olivia, Marie and David Jamgotchian.



Some members of the Club Board, after being sworn in, from left: David Muraoka, LAPD; Michael Leighton, General Services; Michael Biagi, Airports; and Regner Globus, Harbor; with Club CFO Brian Trent.



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Brush Fire: La Tuna Canyon

Photo by Juan Guerra

On Sunday, Feb. 1, at 2:50 p.m., 26 companies of LAFD Firefighters; one LAFD rescue ambulance; one arson unit; one rehab unit; four helicopters; one EMS Battalion Captain; six battalion Chief Officer command teams; one Division Chief Officer command team; the Dozer Company; Park Rangers; Animal Services; LAPD; Transportation; a Southern California Edison representative; and L.A. County and Glendale Fire Departments, under the direction of Assistant Chief Jeffery S. Mottram, responded to a greater alarm brush fire at 8300 W. La Tuna Canyon Rd. in Sun Valley.

The first arriving Firefighters on scene found an auto fire, which ignited approximately one acre of heavy brush. The winds were mild, approximately 15 miles per hour, but enough to aid the uphill moving fire. As the fire spread, several spot fires developed, causing the fire to run from east to west. Additional companies, water dropping helicopters and hand crews were immediately requested to gain control of the blaze.

The fire did challenge Firefighters, moving into a draw with homes located directly above, along the ridge. Firefighters moved with precision, deploying handlines for potential structure protection, coordinated with attacking the flanks of the fire with the assistance of helicopters.

158 L.A. City Firefighters, and five engines from L.A. County and Glendale Departments were needed to contain the fire to 20 acres. No evacuations were called, and no homes were directly threatened. Animal Services was requested for a resident who wished to evacuate their pets.

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Angel's Be Alive!



Angel Gomez,
Member Services
Manager

Solstice Canyon Loop

Hello again, everybody!

Ready for some more good hiking fun?

This month we visit Solstice Canyon Loop in Malibu. This is a fairly easy (day) hike and only about three miles round trip. On our adventure, you will see a lovely creek, a 30-foot waterfall, a hidden statue, old ruins, and ocean views. Wow, what more could you ask for!

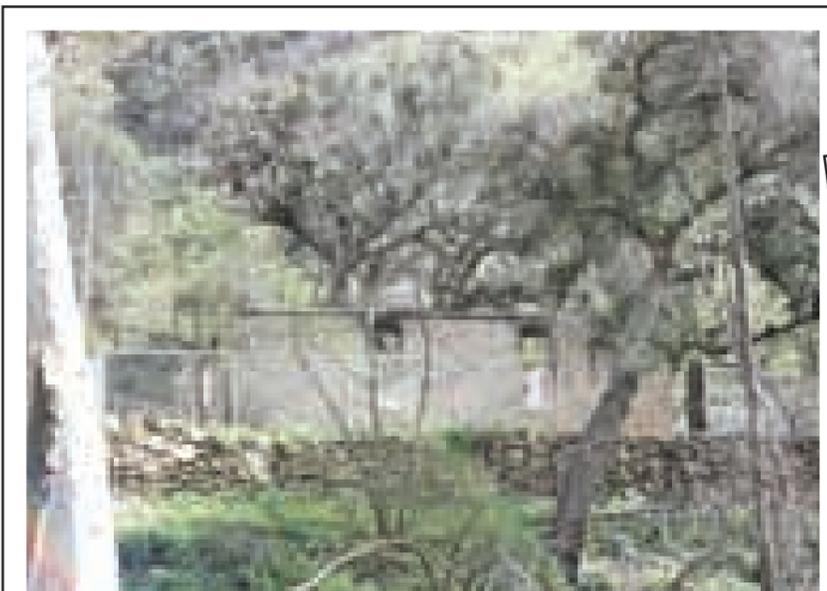
The solitude, serenity and abundant natural resources have attracted people to Solstice Canyon for centuries. The Chumash Indians were some of the first people to inhabit the area.

In 1901, Henry Keller purchased the homestead claim on the land. He thought that Solstice Canyon had the best fishing and hunting around; then in November 1903 a fire burned through the canyon. This photo shows you the structure, which is still visible from Solstice Canyon Trail. The cottage is believed to be the oldest existing stone building in Malibu.

Another interesting place to stop and walk through is the Roberts Ranch, which was built on the property in 1952. Roberts owned a chain of grocery markets, and in 1931 Fred and Florence began to buy Solstice Canyon parcels. They hired a renowned African-American architect, Paul R. Williams, to design the house. The house was later featured in an issue of *Architectural Digest* for its stunning blend of natural features within the design, including waterfalls, creeks and trees. Today, you can see a small part of the past in the horseshoes and colorful pieces of glass glittering in the walkways at Tropical Terrace, near the building's foundations. The house burned down in October 1982.



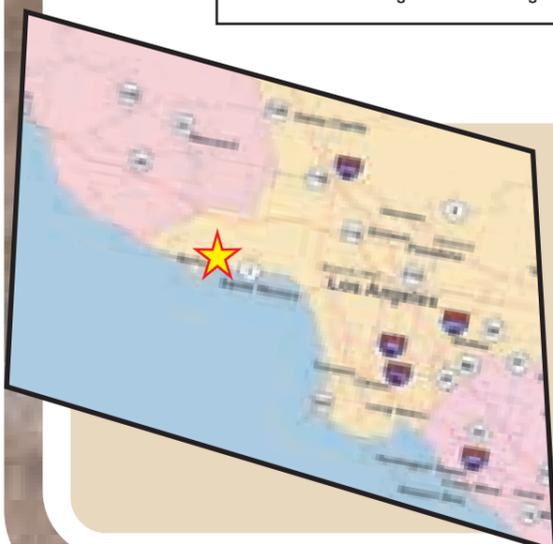
The house of Henry Keller, burned in 1903 is a popular point of interest in Solstice Canyon. It is visible from the Solstice Canyon Trail.



Another view of the Henry Keller house, burned in 1903. The cottage is believed to be the oldest existing stone building in Malibu.



This plaque marks the location of the former Roberts Ranch, which was built in Solstice Canyon in 1952. The house burned down in 1982



Directions:

From Highway 101, take Kanan Dume Road 12 miles to Pacific Coast Highway and turn left, south, toward Los Angeles. Take PCH approximately three miles to Corral Canyon Road and turn left. There is a 76 fuel station on that corner. If you are heading north on PCH, take a right. Drive 50 yards to a large stone wall with a huge sign. Parking over night is **not** allowed from sunset to 8 a.m. Are there parking fees? On our visit, no one asked us to pay, but bring a few dollars just in case. Keep driving up the paved road and you will pass a wooden bridge; there is a nice open area to park. There is a huge structure made of wood and stone next to the area; there are a public phone and free maps.



The Hike:

Hiking Information:

HIGHLIGHTS: Creek, 30-foot waterfall, ruins, hidden statues, ocean views

HIKING DISTANCE:
Three miles round trip

ELEVATION: 500 feet

HIKE TIME: Two hours

DIFFICULTY: Easy

GPS COORDINATES AT TRAILHEAD:

N 34 (degrees) 02.260',
W 118 (degrees) 44.848'

INFO: www.parks.ca.gov

Let's begin! From the parking area, you can see the stone wall (4) to the right – it's the beginning of the two trails you can choose from, the Solstice Canyon Trail straight ahead or the Rising Sun Trail going up the stone stairs. We chose the Rising Sun Trail because it looked a little more challenging.

The first thing I noticed were all the birds flying around; here is a picture of one little bird watching me (5). The next thing you come up to is an old windmill pump. At this point, if you look back you will get a really great shot of the ocean, and if you're lucky, on a clear day you can see Catalina Island, too (6).

Continue upward to the next sign. When you get to the top, turn around and enjoy the ocean view one more time. Continue on the path until you see the Rising Sun Trailhead sign (7). Keep going up even more. By this time you should be a little out of breath and at the highest point of the hike. From this point, it is all downhill. Looking to the left you can see a huge rock formation; keep going and the path will take you right over the rocks. It's really peaceful in this area, with mountains in front of you and ocean views behind you.

At this point, the trail will lead you to the stone stairs (8) going down to the Roberts Ranch ruins. Look for the palm trees; they are right in front of where the Roberts home used to be. Here's another view of the stone stairs going in the other direction. Be very careful when walking down these stairs – they will loop to the left and around to the right until you are right in front of the Roberts Ranch Ruins (9). Take another moment and look all around. To the left is the hidden sanctuary and garden (10). I took a moment to pray. It's amazing that this sanctuary is still standing. The statues are really old; take a closer look. The bench is where I'm sure they both enjoyed their wonderful view of their home and waterfall.

There's a hidden symbol on the rocks—can you see it? There is just so much to look at; everywhere you look you can find something interesting. The house, the waterfall and the stone structures are all around.

After you spend some time in the sanctuary and garden area, come back down cross the creek and go up the other side. On my way up I saw a small lizard, butterflies and a frog (11), all steps away from each other. Go up a little more and then cross the rocks to find another stone structure, which looks like a place to sit and maybe tie up some animals. I read that at one time there were giraffes, camels, buffalo, African deer and exotic birds roaming the canyon on the Roberts' Ranch. See if you can find this very interesting plaque (12). The plaque has a horseshoe in the center with the palm prints of Fred and Florence Roberts with their two sons, Jim and Jack. The waterfall was small, but I'm sure in the rainy season it looks amazing. If you're into treasure hunting, try and find this beautiful carving of a horse (13).

There's a corner fireplace, steps that lead up to the house and what looks like a cooking area (14). Take a good look and, yes, that's a bathtub I'm sitting on. Behind me is most of the interior of the home (15). This is a current photo of the home. Notice the steps and the big rock to the left. Now look at this original photo (16). The foundation is still very clear, and the home must have been amazing, so take your time looking and enjoy the peaceful setting.

As I walk away from the home, we are now traveling on Solstice Canyon Trail. I finally see two other people walking up to the Roberts home. So far, I have seen three people all day, so it's pretty quiet up here. Soon you will come to a "Y" intersection; you can take the left or right side of the road. Either way, they'll meet again in a few hundred feet. I took the left side of the road. Keep following the trail and you will see an old stone structure. This is the Keller Home, built in 1901 and unfortunately burned in 1903. If you stop, there is a picture of Henry in front of his home.

One of the last places you will see is the picnic area, which is actually at the beginning, but again I started from the other side of the trail. I'm sure if you start this way you will see things a little different and may see more interesting things along the way.

When you're done, you may want to stop off and get some awesome Mexican food at Corral Beach Cantina (17). When you get back to Pacific Coast Highway, just turn right to get to the restaurant; it's about a mile past Kanan Dume Road on the left-hand side.

Hiking is so much fun; I encourage everyone reading this to go out and explore.

Always be safe and **Be Alive!**



DWP

Happy Retirement, Luis

Luis Castillo retired last year after 34 years of City service.

Story and photos provided by Belinda Crawford, DWP

Luis Castillo enjoyed a retirement party at Shanghai Red's restaurant in Marina del Rey. He retired last year.

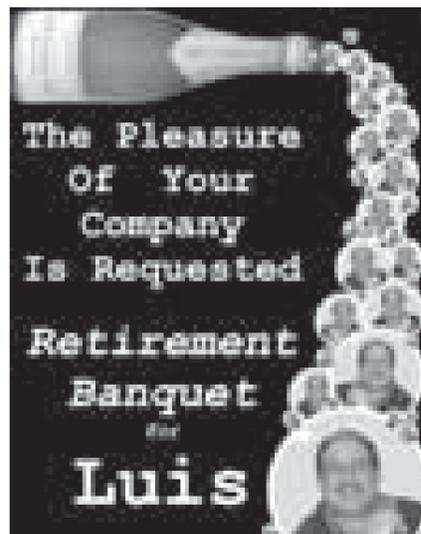
Luis was hired on an emergency appointment as a relief Commercial Service Representative with the conversion task force, back in the days of tab cards and ledgers. In June 1976, he was permanently hired as a Meter Reader.

He transferred to a Telephone Operator in October 1979 and later became a Customer Service Representative in Customer Service Division in February 1981. After working in various positions within that classification, he became a Conservation Service Representative in Systems Development Division from May 1985 until October 1998. After the Hot Line Conservation group was disbanded, he

returned to Customer Services Division, where he worked as a Billing Representative. He went back out to the field in his last appointment in Customer Service, as a Field Service Representative in January 1991, and five months later he was hired as a Water Service Representative for Water Sales in Water Distribution. Luis' next assignment as a Water Service Representative sent him to Water Quality Compliance, Cross Connection Control Unit, in February 1996. In March 2007, he became the supervisor of the same unit.

Congratulations, Luis! We hope you are enjoying your retirement.

Congratulations



Newsbrief

SAFE DISPOSAL:

Public Works/Sanitation reminds residents, business owners and the general public that all chemicals require safe disposal.

The improper disposal of chemicals or hazardous waste can pose serious risks to unsuspecting sanitation workers, the community, animals and the environment. Discarding hazardous waste directly into the environment through sewers, storm drains and the regular trash can bring the material full circle right back into our homes and businesses.

Sanitation Director Enrique Zaldivar points out, "In light of a recent case wherein chemicals were mixed and illegally dumped in a popular downtown Los Angeles hotel, we would again like to remind the public of two key things when dealing with any type of chemical: (1) Never mix chemicals, and (2) It is illegal to dump chemicals down storm drains, sewers or in the regular trash. It is important that chemicals be disposed of properly and legally. The City has established safe and convenient disposal options for businesses that generate small quantities of hazardous waste and for residents to dispose of household chemicals."

The City provides businesses with a legal and affordable solution for hazardous waste disposal. State and Federal laws require all businesses that generate or accumulate hazardous waste to comply with regulations for proper disposal. However, through the City's program, businesses that generate small quantities of hazardous waste, as determined by the Environmental Protection Agency, may be exempt from many of the regulations if they use one of the City's permanent collection sites located throughout the City and known as S.A.F.E. Centers.

City and County residents can also utilize any of the City's S.A.F.E. Centers to properly and legally dispose of household hazardous waste. S.A.F.E. Centers are open every weekend and provide a timely and convenient way to dispose of household hazardous waste. In addition, the Bureau of Sanitation sponsors periodic mobile collection events throughout the City where residents can drop-off their hazardous waste for proper disposal.

"We urge qualified businesses and residents to properly dispose of their hazardous waste at our S.A.F.E. Centers located throughout the City and at our Mobile Collection Events," said Board of Public Works President Cynthia Ruiz.

S.A.F.E. Center Hours of Operation

- Hyperion Treatment Plant:
7660 W. Imperial Hwy, Gate "B,"
Playa del Rey
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sat. and Sun.
- Central Los Angeles:
2649 E. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Fri., Sat. and Sun.
- San Pedro:
1400 N. Gaffey St., San Pedro
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sat., Sun., Mon.
- Sun Valley:
11025 Randall St., Sun Valley
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sat., Sun., Mon.
- UCLA:
550 Charles E. Young Dr. West Los Angeles
8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Thurs., Fri., Sat.
- Glendale:
4600 Colorado Blvd., Los Angeles
9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sat. and Sun.

S.A.F.E. stands for Solvents, Automotives, Flammables and Electronics - items hazardous to the environment (including people and animals) that should not be disposed of in the regular trash and should instead be delivered to a S.A.F.E. Collection Center or a Mobile Collection Event.

For additional information on hazardous waste disposal, visit the Bureau of Sanitation's Website at: www.lacity.org/SAN/index.htm or call (800)-98-TOXIC (800) 988-6942 or dial 3-1-1.



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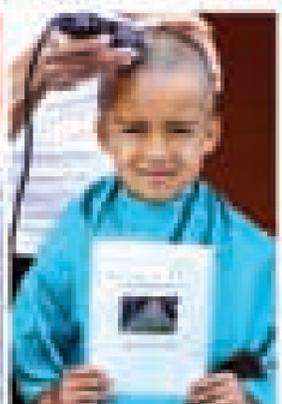


St. Baldrick's
Foundation



Shaving the Way to Conquer Kids' Cancer








Caption: Officer William Doyle with LAPD Officer Steve Doolin in 2008. Officer Doolin tragically passed away at the 2008 Metrolink accident and planned to shave again in 2009.

"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give." - St. Ignace Charcoal

Saturday, March 21, 2009

8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Please join us as we shave our heads to raise money for childhood cancer research!
Free Pancake Breakfast and Childwatch Registration! Blood & Bone Marrow Drive!
To shave or donate please visit www.stbaldricks.org

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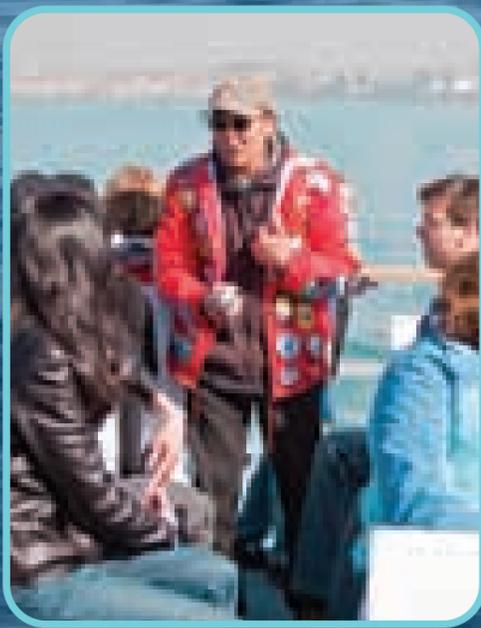
Fire Station 112
444 South Harbor Blvd., Berth 86
San Pedro, CA 90731

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A Whale of a Program



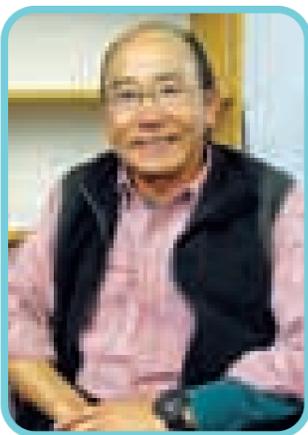
Alive! goes whale-watching with City Employee Larry Fukuhara of the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. Larry's programs educate more than 100,000 people each year on the joys of the ocean.

THE ALIVE! INTERVIEW



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Bringing L.A. to the Ocean



On Feb. 11, Club CEO John Hawkins and *Alive!* editor John Burnes went on a whale-watch excursion with Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Program Director Larry Fukuhara, and then interviewed him about his educational programs. Last year, more than 235,000 people visited the aquarium, and more than 108,000 experienced one of his programs.

—Ed.

Larry Fukuhara helps educate more than 100,000 people each year on the wonders of the Pacific Ocean.

Alive!: Thanks for taking us on the boat and pointing out all the great sea life out there, including the three whales.

Larry Fukuhara: Sure! It was a great day out there!

This is your 27th year with the City, is that right?

Larry: Yes. In 1981, I started out as a docent, a volunteer here. And then, after I guess maybe six months, they asked me if I wanted to work part-time. I said of course because I didn't really have a job at that time. And then, finally, it took quite a few years until I became a full-timer.

I started out as a volunteer and then I became a part-timer. Then, I remember John Olguin was saying that he was going to retire soon. [John Olguin became

the director of the Cabrillo Marine Museum in 1949 and remains as Director Emeritus.

— Ed.] And I said, "When?" He would always say, "Soon." So the following year, he would say, "I'm going to retire soon." I say, "When?" He would say, "Soon." And that kept going. It took him about six years to finally retire but, you know, it worked out. I just hung in there.

What's your education?

Larry: I got my degree in biology at San Diego State, and it just worked out. I enjoy what I'm doing.

What made you want to do this for a living?

Larry: Sometimes you fall into things. When I was going to Long Beach City College, they would ask me, "What's your major?" "I don't know." So I went

to San Diego State. "What's your major?" "I don't know." Finally, they said that I was going to have to tell them my major. So I looked at my transcripts and said, wow, I sure took a lot of biology classes. All right, I think I'll take biology, just to get the degree. I never thought I was going to use it. So I got it.

When I finished, I worked at a family nursery for four years, but it was tough work. Finally I couldn't take it any more, so I just quit, and I was unemployed. Then my brother said that they were looking for volunteers at the aquarium. So I got over to the aquarium and said, wow, this would be neat to get a job here. I called to see if there was an opportunity here to work, but they said no. Then, all of the sudden, I started volunteering. I just fell into it. That's how I came here.

And you're from Long Beach?

Larry: Yes. Born and raised in Long Beach. Now I live here in San Pedro.

And your entire City career has been here in one place?

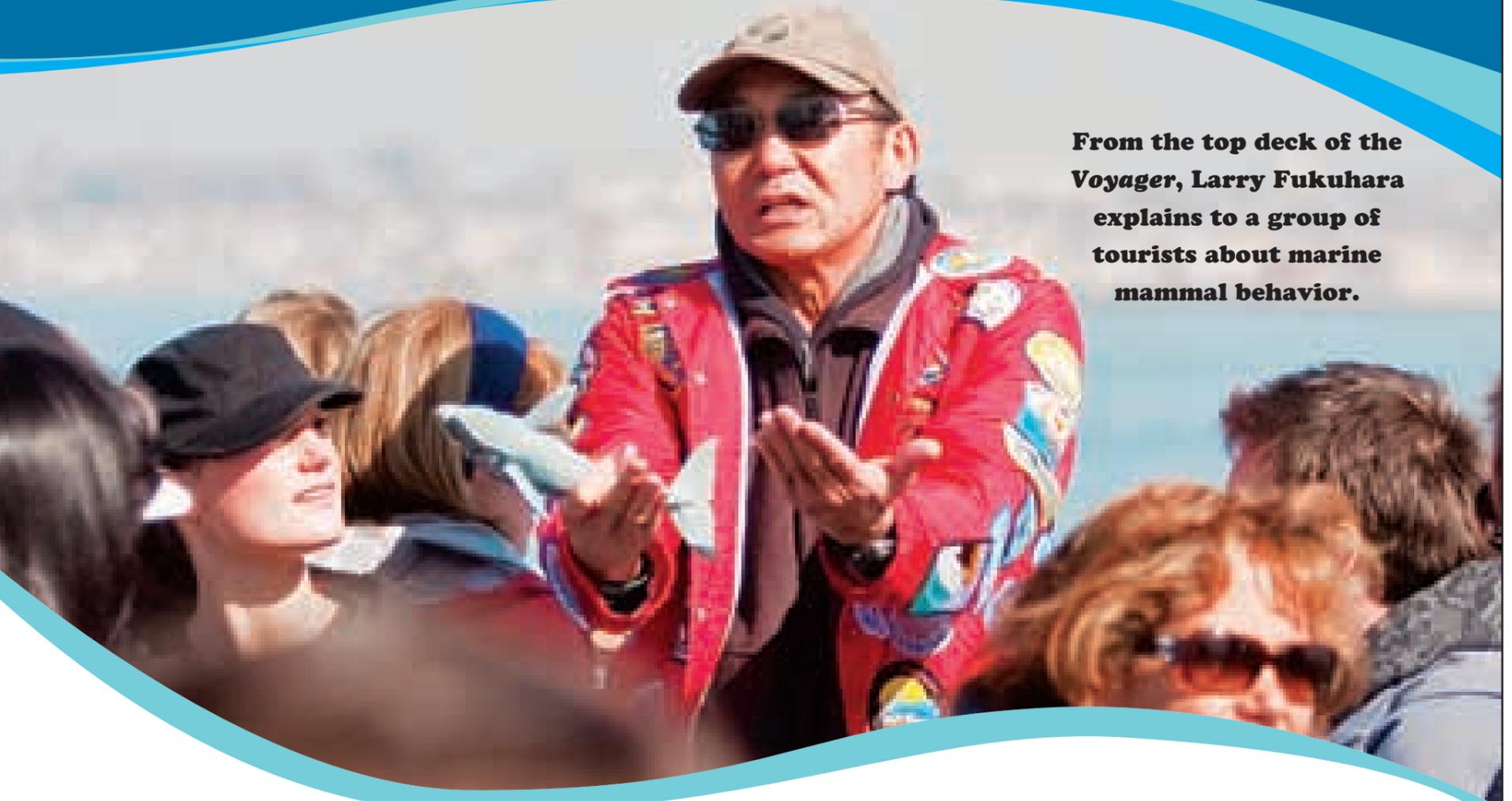
Larry: Yes. Right here at Cabrillo. Cabrillo is a very special place, and there's so much that we do. This is a family. We all work together, helping each other. Most places, they start at eight and then they quit at five. But you come here at eight, and there are people here already. Come here after five, and there are people who are going to stay. We just do what we have to do here, which is great.



Club CEO John Hawkins (right) chats with Larry Fukuhara (center) and Cabrillo Whalewatch Certified Naturalist Bobbie Hedges, who has been a docent at Cabrillo for 12 years.



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From the top deck of the Voyager, Larry Fukuhara explains to a group of tourists about marine mammal behavior.

The aquarium's been around here for how long?

Larry: We say we started in 1934. As you came into the area here, you probably saw the bathhouse. That was the original Cabrillo Marine Museum. In 1981, we moved over here, and it must have been about 12 years ago when we changed the name to aquarium. So, believe it or not, next year, 2010, we'll be celebrating our 75th anniversary.

The Love of the Sea

What do you love about marine life?

Larry: There are many things. Let's look, first of all, at the whales. A lot of people want to go to Africa, and go on a safari to see wild animals. But people don't realize that right off our coast, in our backyard, we have the largest wild animals in the world. We saw them today; we can get real close and see the whales right off the coast.

Another thing I like about this ocean environment is that, if you wanted to get out into the country – you know, rural areas, it didn't used to take much time at all. Now you've got to drive a lot farther. To me, to get onto the ocean, it's just wide open, you know? It's just like being in the country and it's real, real close, which I like. I really do enjoy that. It's a different type of environment. Land is cool, I really like that, but when you get out on the ocean, all your senses wake up. You're talking about a

different smell, a different feel, inside and outside. It's just great.

Also, when I was a kid, my father would always take me fishing. He loved to fish. I started fishing when I was five years old or even younger. Not that I would always fish; I would play with the fish he would catch and so forth. But to this day, I still love to fish. What's neat working at the aquarium is that I get to be around fish all the time.

We have such a variety of things here at Cabrillo. We're right on the beach itself. We have a sandy beach environment, we have a marsh real close by; we have the tide pools. We have a pier, we have a breakwater, we have an inside harbor and we have the outside beach. We have everything right here.

Like a 'Calliope'

Let's talk about the fun trip this morning. That was pretty great. We saw a lot of life. Talk about what we saw today.

Larry: Today was a fabulous whale-watch trip. If you can go out see one whale, then you are so fortunate because, the thing is, we have a window of time, maybe two and a half hours. The boat can only go so fast and so far. These whales are moving, right now, either from the north or they're coming up from the south. The idea is to try to intercept them. If you see one whale,

that's perfect. Today, we got to see three whales, and they were all together.

When you have three, if you noticed, it's just like a calliope, popping up, blowing, popping up, blowing and going down, popping up and blowing ... so it's very, very easy to see. We got to see the flukes ...

The flukes?

Larry: The tails of the whale, the flukes. That's what they're called.

And then, on the way back, we got to see two different types of dolphins. We got to see the common dolphins and then some Pacific white-sided dolphins ... and we got to see sea lions all over the place and all kinds of marine birds. One thing about the marine birds, if you're in the city, sometimes you see seagulls. Of course, you'll see the pigeons in the parks and stuff like that, but when you start seeing birds in the ocean, most of the time, they're a lot larger. We saw quite a few of the big pelicans. We saw the different types of gulls and birds, which is really neat.

We were very fortunate, absolutely.

When the kids are on the boat and they see that first whale or the dolphins, they let out this loud shriek of joy. That must be really great to hear.

Larry: Absolutely. You can Google things. If you want to see a whale, you can pop that up and you can see a

whale swimming. But then again, you can't beat the real life experience, to get out there and see them in the open. When I see that, it's just the neatest feeling in the whole wide world, to see that that they're really enjoying it. You hear about boys and girls where they think they've seen it all. They have that attitude that you can't impress them. Well, we impressed them today.

Cabrillo's Programs

Let's talk about the programs. Do you differentiate between programs for students and programs for adults or the general population?

Larry: A lot of the things that we do, John Olguin put together originally. We started out with the school programs. Those have basically been going at least the 27 years I've been here – we take kids on free tours through our exhibit hall. We're carrying them on, but we've enhanced them.

We have other things besides the programs through the exhibit hall. We have outreach. We have three vans that go out to schools or other organizations and, essentially, we take the aquarium to them. We have a whole department that takes care of the onsite education groups. These are fee-based.

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These patches, and those on the other pages, are from Larry Fukuhara's red jacket. They memorialize the marine excursions he has accompanied.

Bringing L.A. to the Ocean

Larry Fukuhara points out a feature of the sea to tourists.



We're working toward another festival for Earth Day, which is going to be in April. We organize a beach cleanup first, then we come back here, and all kinds of different organizations teach you how to be green, with the backdrop of the aquarium itself.

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Also, if we have a group that wants to learn a little bit more about something specific, we can take them out to whichever area that they want to learn about, like the tide pools, or the sandy beach. If they wanted to learn about fish, they could do that.

We can customize different programs. We have a different group that does that. In fact, we also do teacher workshops. We do public workshops. We have grunion programs.

And we have our docent programs. The docents are people who come to learn about the ocean and then want to share that knowledge. We have adult docents who are taking schoolkids through the exhibit hall right now, as we speak. We have junior high school program that are going to be starting out in July; we take 60 junior high school boys and girls, train them for a week, and then they give the tour through July to all the boys and girls who come through the exhibit hall.

You train them to be docents, too.

Larry: Right. Then we have a senior high school program, which consists of 60 high school boys and girls. They do the same thing as the junior high school boys and girls, acting as docents, but they work through August. Then we have a new docent program starting in September. Those are just some of the main things.

There are other things. We just finished a public workshop called, "What's the Catch?" We're trying to teach people about some of the fish in the ocean are contaminated with DDT and we try to teach them how to identify them and what to do with them, meaning, release them and so forth. We just finished that one last weekend.

We do beach surveys. We just finished one yesterday. A lot of staff members and volunteers got together at the beach, dragged a big net and identified and counted all the different animals that they caught. This is a data collection type of thing, to do a little research

The grunion programs here are really big.

Larry: They sure are. We are fortunate about the grunions, which are these fish that are about five to seven inches long. From March to August, they come out of the water right on our beach here and they flop around and lay their eggs in the sand. They come up every two weeks. So we pick one night and then we open the aquarium so that the general public can come down, and we'll show them the grunions. They hatch right on the beach.

That's amazing.

Larry: It is. Then we also have special festivals. We just finished one a few weeks ago called the Whale Fiesta, celebrating the migration of the great whales. It was a day festival with all kinds of organizations here, and music and children's activities. It's just a fun day.



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The fluke of one of the whales seen during Alive's whale-watch excursion.



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on the inside beach. That's just one of the research exercises. We're going to do another one soon on the tide pools, and we have a different group that does that.

I don't know if you've had a chance to see the exploration center, but we have a group that does discovery programs in there with boys and girls. Students and parents can come in to explore and learn on their own. We have some staff in there to help them and guide them along, and we'll do special theme programs at certain times there.

We do tide pool walks, when the tide's right for the general public.

The aquatic nursery is something relatively new. They have their own staff. One of the things they do is they raise animals; jellyfish is one of them. They've been trying to raise abalone; they've been doing shrimp and lobster. But more than anything, they're trying to raise young scientists. Let's say you have a junior-high-school child who wants to do something relating to the ocean. Usually, they're stopped because they don't have the resources. They can come here. If they want to do something that is really legitimate, we will help them out, and we will basically sponsor them. We will let them use our resources – our water, tanks, and so forth, so they can do their little project. The idea of raising young scientists is just amazing. No one does that.

What is your busiest time?

Larry: Well, in mid-April, we're going to be starting our spring program. We'll be setting up different stations on the inside beach and talking about tide pools, whales and grunions. We'll be hatching grunion eggs. We take grunion eggs, put them in a jar, add salt water, spin them around and all of a sudden the babies pop out instantaneously, right there.



Instantaneous?

Larry: It all depends. It may take about 35 seconds.

Right now, it's relatively slow. But as soon as April hits, we start really speeding up.

What would people be surprised to know about the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium?

Larry: I think we're one of the best-kept secrets. I tell people that I work in an aquarium and they say, "Oh, Long Beach?" "No, no, the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium."

We are really focused on education, teaching people all the way from little kids to adults.

And another thing is that we're very homey, in a sense. If you come here and want to talk to the director, Mike Schaadt

– well, if Mike is not doing anything, he'll come out and talk to you. Same thing with me. Most places, you have to make an appointment. But we're happy to come out and talk to you if we can.

An Activist Role

Have you noticed that museums and aquariums are not just places to come and look at beautiful things, but that you've taken an outreach, an activist, role?

Larry: You know, this is just my own personal point of view. Okay, so we take a child. We bring them over here to our aquarium, or they come on a field trip and look at the ocean. Then they have an opportunity to come through the exhibit hall, and then they start looking at all the different fish and the other animals. And, with that, they're going to help save the ocean in their own little way.

A lot of people don't realize how much power boys and girls have. They can sway their parents. Say their parents accidentally drop a piece of paper. "Oh, don't drop," they might tell their parents, "because we have learned that, no matter where you are, it can fall on the ground, go through the sewer system and land in the water. So you need to pick that up." They have a lot of power. It's not so much that we're training the boys and girls to become big activists. We do it in a subtle way, but I think in a very effective way, too.

Right. It's the role of an aquarium in this day and age to try to foster that kind of a connection.

Larry: Sure. Absolutely.

It's almost an educational mission that you have.

Larry: Yes. We do a lot of other things now. For example, there's a new thing called the Marine Protected Area, and it has been enacted by law. In California, the coast has to be protected. We are trying to get the information out to the general public. Some of these areas being protected can be controversial to some of the fishermen because they feel that it's going to limit them from catching fish and so forth. But we are just trying to tell everybody, "Come on, get involved with this thing."

Also, we have lectures four times a year where we bring scientists or other people down here to talk a little more in-depth about things that are happening. Last Friday, we had a person who wrote books on waves, like, tsunamis and so forth. He gave a real nice lecture.

So those are just some of the other things we're involved with.

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More than 100,000 people attend one of Cabrillo's outreach programs each year. A significant portion consists of students like these.

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What are the dangers of not knowing enough about the oceans?

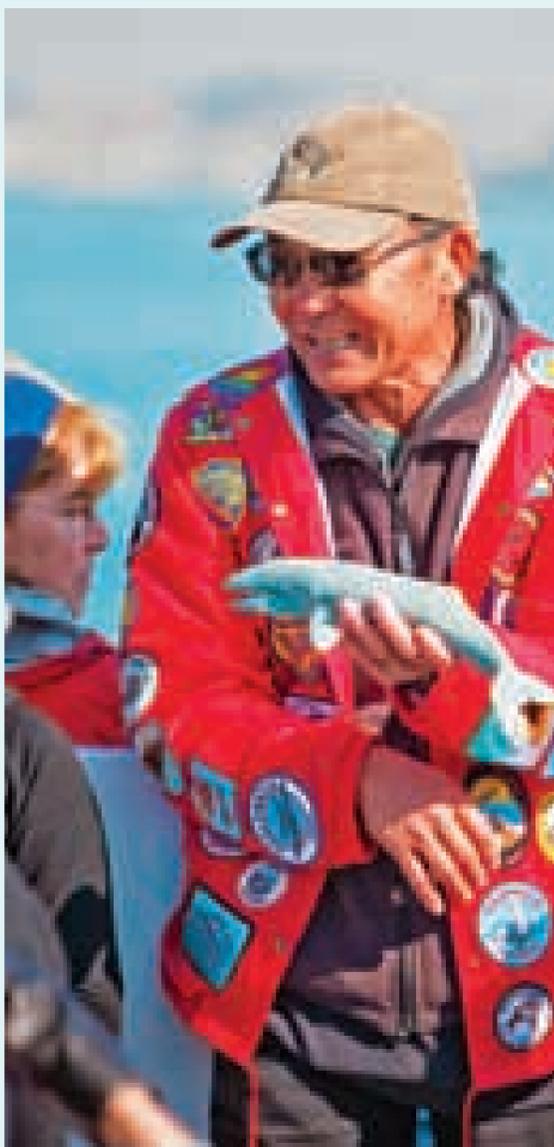
Larry: People really don't really realize how important the ocean is. Seventy percent of the oxygen that we breathe comes from the ocean. We have to protect our oceans. If that ocean dies, we're in trouble here. So we have to take care of it. We are finally realizing how important the ocean is.

We're finding more about the pollution that's going into the water. Let's say you drop a paper on the ground, you over-fertilize your lawn, or whatever. The next rain takes all that stuff, runs it down to the gutter into the catch basin, into the sewer system, and it comes right out here into the ocean. If you have a chance, come on down and check out the mouth of the L.A. River after the first rain of the season. There are solid plastic bags and other junk coming out. And there are other things that we don't even see, like various harmful chemicals and so forth. We have to be more careful what we put out into the ocean. We all have to work together.



Cabrillo's Outreach Programs

Here's a summary of some of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium's outreach programs. Please check on the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium's Website for current information: www.cabrilloaq.org



Annual Events

Meet the Grunions

The first of a series of "Meet the Grunion" programs begins in March and continues through July. You can watch the silvery fish come up on the beach to spawn. Learn about grunion and the interesting mating rituals of this curious fish. The aquarium opens at 8 p.m. and an auditorium program begins at 9. Warm clothing and a flashlight are recommended. Tickets are \$5/adults, \$1 seniors, students and children, sold at the door.

WHEN: Predicted times for the fish to run are:

- March: Open Season, March 12, from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m.; March 28 from 10:55 p.m. - 12:55 a.m.
- April: Closed Season, April 25, from 9:50 p.m. to 11:50 a.m.
- May: Closed Season, May 9, from 9:45 p.m. to 11:45 a.m.; May 26, from 11:05 p.m. to 1:05 a.m.
- June: Open Season, June 9, from 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.; June 24, from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m.
- July: Open Season, July 9, from 10:50 p.m. to 12:50 a.m.; July 23, from 10:50 p.m. to 12:50 a.m.

Open House for Educators

WHEN: September

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium has a wide variety of school programs to choose from. Come preview activities from the many free and fee-based programs. Experience these programs to see them in action, and ask questions. Come see how the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium can be a resource for teachers.

Coastal Cleanup and Saltmarsh Open House

WHEN: September

Keep it clean on International Coastal Cleanup/Adopt-A-Beach Day, and help make a difference in the environment during one of the largest single days of volunteer efforts on the planet.

Autumn Sea Fair

WHEN: October

Celebrate the bounty of the sea with activities, organizations and fun for all — games, contests, music, marine-related exhibits, demonstrations, arts and crafts, films and videos. Enter the sand sculpture contest. Hunt for buried pirate treasure. Pack a picnic or purchase food and drink from one of the vendors. Admission to the fair is free.

Sea Scare!

WHEN: Near Halloween

Join the Aquarium for its Halloween event, as the aquarium is transformed into a world of thrills, chills and gills for its annual nighttime Halloween event.

Whale Fiesta

WHEN: January

Join the aquarium for tons of fun as it celebrates the migration of the Pacific Gray Whale and the start of the whalewatch season.

Earth Day Fair

WHEN: April

Celebrate the "ocean planet" with a beach cleanup and courtyard activities including music, children's activities and displays and information from a wide range of local and national environmental groups and government agencies.

Shark Week

WHEN: July/August

Experience Shark Week at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, where you can get eye to eye with live sharks and rays of Southern California and learn about their lives in the Susanne Lawrenz-Miller Exhibit Hall.

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Whale Watch Opportunities

Tell me a bit about the Complete Whale Watch, coming up on March 15. That sounds like a great thing to tell our readers about.

Larry: Absolutely. I'm going to do a slide presentation about the whales. And then, right after that, we're going to jump aboard one of the local whale-watching vessels and I hope find ourselves a whale like we did today. I limit it to 100 people, and I do only two a year. The one on the 15th is the last one of the season.

And there's a bigger one, too, right? Down in Baja California.

Larry: Right, the overnighter. We call that the Baja Adventure. Every year -- usually it's at the end of February to the first part of March -- we go on a seven-and-a-half-day trip with 30 passengers and six staff members. We go down to



San Diego and catch a large boat. Then we travel down to Baja, to the lagoons where the whales are. One lagoon in particular is called San Ignacio, and we anchor there. Once we get inside, the whales are all around the boat. We have an opportunity every day to climb on these smaller skiffs called pongas, to see the whales very up-close. The whales are so large that people are afraid to touch them, but they come up right next to the boat, and you reach over and touch them. Many times, a mother whale will push the baby to the boat and say, "Come, touch the baby. Touch the baby."

Really?

Larry: Yes. It's just amazing. It really is.

How many people do you bring on that trip?

Larry: Only 30. The price is \$2,375 for this year. But it's amazing. It's worth it.

The Best Part of the Job

What's the best part of your job?

Larry: I really feel fortunate to be able to work at a facility like this, right on the beach. I live here in San Pedro, and it takes me only about 12 minutes to get here.

But more than that, we have the greatest people, the most dedicated and creative people working here. They just give their all. That's one of the greatest things.

Plus, I get to work with the general public, the kids, in an educational atmosphere. I really enjoy it. And I don't plan to leave. I'm not a rocking-chair person. There's this saying about fishing: The worst day of fishing is better than the best day at work. I don't agree with that at all. I love what I do.

Thanks for hosting us on the boat today, Larry, and for talking to us about Cabrillo.

Larry: You're welcome, anytime!



Larry Fukuhara explains a point, in his office at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.

Endangered Species Day

WHEN: May 17

Visit Cabrillo Marine Aquarium on Endangered Species Day to learn about marine animals that have been placed on the endangered species list and how they are faring today. Start the day with a guided tidepool walk (8:30 a.m.), then join in a scavenger hunt, special story time and more.

Sizzlin' Summer Sandcastle Day

WHEN: July

Do you remember building your first sandcastle? Relive those easy breezy days at Cabrillo's Sizzlin' Summer Sandcastle Day. Bring your little shovel, a bucket and your creativity and claim a plot.

Voyages

Baja Adventure

WHEN: February/March

This annual Baja expedition takes guests to see gray whale mother and calf pairs up-close in San Ignacio Lagoon, Baja California, Mexico. There are island stops to view elephant seal rookeries, harbor seals and sea lions, nesting seabirds, osprey and hikes on unique islands with indigenous plants and unique geological formations add to this exciting naturalist-led adventure. Thirty participants will eat well and sleep comfortably on the 113-foot Royal Polaris. Fee required.

Whalewatch

WHEN: December through March

Observe Pacific gray whales on their migration along the Southern California coast. Whalewatch boats are scheduled daily through the end of March. Go to sea on any day to observe gray whales on their migration along Southern California's coast.



Larry Fukuhara brushes a whale, which they enjoy, during a recent Baja Adventure.

Complete Whalewatch

WHEN: March 5, 8:30 a.m. through 1 p.m.

Join Larry Fukuhara, CMA Programs Director, in the John M. Olguin Auditorium at 8:30 a.m. for an informative and fun slide presentation, followed by a voyage in search of Pacific gray whales, other marine mammals and sea life on a local whale watching vessel. The trip returns to the dock by 1 p.m. Fee: \$20. Pre-registration required. For further information, call (310) 548-7562.

Blues of Summer

WHEN: Summer 2009

The American Cetacean Society/Los Angeles Chapter invites you on a natural-history trip aboard the Condor Express to the blue and humpback whale feeding grounds in the Santa Barbara Channel. Explore one of the most prolific whale-watching locations in the world along with experienced naturalists who will answer your questions. Departs from Santa Barbara. Fee required.

Catalina Above and Below

WHEN: June

Join CMA staff on an all-day collection trip to Catalina Island aboard the 93-foot fishing vessel First String departing out of Ports O' Call Village. During the crossing we will identify marine birds and be on the lookout for whales and other marine life. Once at Catalina, we will observe the various methods CMA's Aquarist staff use to capture, study and release specimens that are exhibited at the Aquarium. Fees required.

Open-Ocean Plankton Class

WHEN: Date to be determined

Aquarium Director Mike Schaadt leads an evening class in learning about unusual deepwater planktonic animals. Attendees meet at Cabrillo at 4 p.m. for an orientation, then it's off to board a vessel for fieldwork, returning at approximately 10 p.m. Space is limited; ages 12 through adult.

L.A. Harbor Above and Below

WHEN: Date to be determined

Join Cabrillo on the water for a hands-on floating lab experience on board the Alguita Marine Research Foundation Vessel Alguita. Net and observe plankton, trawl the bottom and use a benthic mud grab, look for whales, sea lions and sea birds, and take in the sights of the world's busiest harbor.

Education

Science at the Seashore

WHEN: All year

There is a wide range of public classes, marine laboratory workshops, field trips and voyages for all ages. Please refer to the Cabrillo Website for specific information.

School and Group Programs

WHEN: All year

Go to the Cabrillo Website to download the current Education Calendar, which includes programs for schools and groups, including guided and unguided Aquarium tours, Sea Search marine biology workshops, Ocean Outreach, Aquatic Nursery, Exploration Center and whalewatch trips.

Previsit Guide

A previsit guide for tour groups visiting the aquarium and coastal areas is available on the Cabrillo Website. The guide is also helpful for classroom and field trip studies.

Library

Come and visit the Virginia Reid Moore Marine Research Library, your marine information resource center.

Lectures

American Cetacean Society Lecture

WHEN: March 31

The American Cetacean Society/Los Angeles Chapter offers free monthly lectures at 7:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in the John M. Olguin auditorium during the whalewatch season. Reservations are not required.

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THE CLUB

New at the Club Store: Rachael

Rachael Brecher looks forward to helping you at the Club Store.

"I really enjoy working for the Club and helping run the Club Store," says Rachael Brecher, the Club's Merchandise and Ticket Sales Coordinator. "Customer service is a top priority."

Meet Rachael Brecher, who's ready and eager for your next Club Store visit, assisting with purchases of tickets and quality, fully licensed Club Apparel. She's a New York native, born in Brooklyn and raised upstate in Goshen. Rachael has more than 10 years of experience in retail and customer service.

"I am helping to provide all of the Club Member ticket services, including walk-ins and phone and Internet orders, as well as service with Club merchandise. I also help to make sure that the store is well stocked and neat and organized."

"I love meeting and working with all of the interesting members each day," she continues. "I am also really enjoying providing such great products, just for City Employees."

So stop in the Club Store and give a warm welcome to Rachael!



Rachael Brecher, the Club's new Merchandise and Ticket Sales Coordinator.

Pay Tribute to Your Mom!

Moms love tributes. It's the least you can do, after all she has done for you!

CLUB MEMBERS: Pay tribute to your mom this Mother's Day... with a photo and message of lifelong love, published in *Alive!*

In our May issue, we'll print a photo of you and your mom (or just your mom) ... and a two- or three-sentence message of Happy Mother's Day from you. Photos can be either print or digital. Send it in now!

- Send in a print or digital photo of you and your mom (or just your mom). Send **high resolution** digital photos to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com. Send print photos (or drop them off in person) to the Club Store, 120 W. Second St., Los Angeles 90012.
- Include a message of Happy Mother's Day (up to three sentences).
- Deadline: April 14.**



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

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

Happy Mother's Day to you! Lt. J. Perez! The greatest daughter and gamma!
Lt. J. Perez

AIRPORTS

A Gift of Life

LA/Ontario Safety Officer donates bone marrow to save a life.

Story and photo by Harold Johnson, LAAVIA Nuis Public and Community Relations Officer

LA/Ontario International Airport Safety Officer Matthew Patrick traveled to New York City in November to meet the person who received his bone marrow donation after a life-extending operation. The two attended a recognition ceremony at Carnegie Hall.

Matthew Patrick joined the bone marrow donation program when he donated blood in New York City after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. While waiting to give blood, he asked about the bone marrow donor program. He found that joining the program was as easy as giving a blood sample. Donors are placed on a list for possible matches. There is a minimum of six out of 10 items to match when considering a marrow transplant. Matthew became a nine-point match for a patient on the East Coast.

"There is no one else who could have done this," Matthew says. "Many donor candidates wait for decades and are never called."

Jeff Morris, a married, 54-year-old father of two daughters who works for Showtime Networks in New York, was diagnosed with leukemia in 2004. After initial treatment, he went into remission until 2007. At that time, the medical team found a bone marrow match with Matthew.

There are two methods to donate, one surgical and one non-surgical. Matthew chose the non-surgical procedure, in which a new drug, Filgrastim, is used to increase the number of blood stem cells.

"It's a five-day treatment," Matthew says.

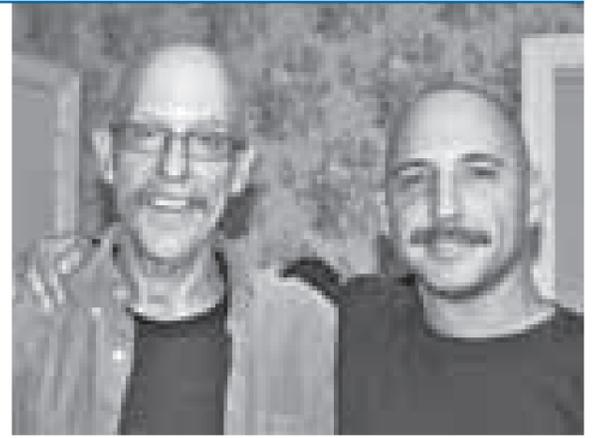
While taking the Filgrastim, he went on light duty for four days. On the fifth day, his blood was drawn and processed, and the precious stem cells were removed. Those stem cells were flown to the recipient's hospital for processing

and given to the patient. Matthew returned to work on full duty.

This past November, Morris and his wife met the Matthew Patrick family at John F. Kennedy Airport in New York and escorted them to Katonah, a neighborhood in Bedford, Queens, to start their visit with dinner.

"During the trip, I met about 200 of Jeff's friends," Matthew said. "All of them were very appreciative and amazed to meet me."

Morris' wife, a former New York City tour guide, was able to get Matthew and his family into some great places quickly, including a special visit with the firemen of Ten House on Liberty Street in New York City. Ten House Fire Station is about 100 feet from the corner of the former north tower of the World Trade Center. Six firefighters at Ten House lost their lives on



From left: Jeff Morris and Matthew Patrick in New York City.

Sept. 11, 2001. Matthew met an actual firefighter survivor of the first-in entry team who still works at the firehouse. Today the station has a rooftop view of Ground Zero.

Patrick is looking into the possibility having a Los Angeles World Airports-wide stem cell donor drive in honor of Morris to help others with cancer.

"Jeff is doing awesome," Matthew says. "My visit there was the first time he had ventured back into the public at large. His concern was being around so many other potential germs. He came through it with no problems, not even a sniffle - a sign that his immune system is strengthening."

Newsbrief

GOLDEN GLOVES:

Lincoln Park Recreation Center, a Rec and Parks facility at 3501 Valley Blvd., near downtown, will host a Golden Gloves boxing tournament from March 17 through March 21.

Men and women ages 17 to 34 can compete at two amateur levels - novice (for boxers who have had six or fewer bouts), and open (for those who have up to 50 contests), with each division having 10 or more weight classifications.

Preliminary rounds will take place March 17 to 19; the novice finals will be held March 20, with the open finals the next day. Matches will begin at 7 p.m. all five days of the tournament, with weigh-ins from 4 to 6 p.m. Spectators are welcome - daily admission will be \$5 per person, with a \$3 parking fee.

Anyone interested in competing can register March 14 between 9 and noon at Lincoln Park, when weigh-ins will be conducted; there is a \$10 entry fee. For more information about the Golden Gloves boxing tournament, call (213) 847-1727.

Tennis, Anyone? Registration is under way for the 59th annual Los Angeles B-C-D Tennis Championships, to be held the weekends of April 11-12 and April 18-19 at the tennis stadium of the Griffith Park Tennis Complex, a Rec and Parks facility at 3401 Riverside Dr.

The event will consist of men's and women's singles and doubles, and mixed doubles competitions. Participants will play in classifications based on their rating from the National Tennis Rating Program (NTRP), and may only enter one division.

The Department's Municipal Sports Section is sponsoring the tournament, which is sanctioned by the U.S. Tennis Association (USTA) and the Southern California Tennis Association; competitors must be current USTA members.

The registration fee is \$35 for singles and \$40 per team for doubles; make checks payable to the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. Entries should be mailed to the Department in care of Municipal Sports - Tennis, 3900 W. Chevy Chase Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90039, and arrive by the deadline of Friday, March 20 at 1 p.m.

For more information about the 59th annual Los Angeles B-C-D Tennis Championships and tennis programs offered by Rec and Parks, call Cuong Chau in Municipal Sports at (818) 246-4088.

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at the
Banning Museum



For an engaging and enjoyable volunteer experience, consider becoming a Banning Museum Volunteer, where you can:



- Choose from volunteer activities, including leading tours, assisting the Curator with the Museum's decorative arts and textile collections, museum publications or various committee groups.



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- Become involved with the preservation and presentation of the Victorians' home of General Phineas Banning, one of Southern California's most visionary pioneers.



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If you would like to learn more before making a commitment, join us for a reception from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on any of the dates below:

February 27, February 28, March 6 or March 7, 2009.



St. Patrick's Day in the City



The Bald and the Beautiful



Last year, Matthew Ethridge, PII, North Hollywood, gets his head shaved by Deby Herdrich, PSR II, Club Member, while Capt. Sharyn Buck, North Hollywood, looks on.



Last year, PSR II Celeste Young, Club Member.



Last year, three-year-old Mark, gets his own haircut to match his dad, Sgt. II Craig Valenzuela, LAPD Chief of Staff.

New this year: Two locations for the head-shaving fundraiser against childhood cancers.

On Sat., March 21, Los Angeles City Fire and Police personnel – and other City Employees, too -- will participate in their sixth annual combined St. Baldrick's event. Participants, or "shavees" as they are known, collect pledges from friends and family in exchange for shaving their heads. The bald heads signify solidarity with child victims of cancer, who often lose their hair while undergoing treatment. All money raised goes to the St. Baldrick's Foundation and is distributed to doctors and other researchers on the front lines of the war on childhood cancer.

A second location has been added this year, so "shavees" and volunteers are needed. The locations: Fire Station 81, 14355 Arminita St. in Panorama City; and Fire Station 112, 444 S. Harbor Blvd., Berth 86, in San Pedro.

Participants and helpers are needed to staff this event. If you are able to help, please contact Sgt. Greg Doyle at (818) 778-4152; Firefighter Danny Wu at (626) 590-6240; or LAFD Engineer Sean Kennedy, (626) 664-8711. If you would like to be a "shavee" or you are interested in pledging, you can sign up at www.stbaldricks.org.



St. Baldrick's

- **Who:** LAPD and LAFD Personnel
- **What:** Fundraiser for Childhood Cancer Research
- **When:** Saturday, March 21, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Where:** 1) **LAFD Fire Station 81**
14355 Arminita St., Panorama City
2) **Fire Station 112,**
444 S. Harbor Blvd., Berth 86, San Pedro
- **Why:** To raise money to fight childhood cancer
- **How:** Sign up or donate at www.stbaldricks.org. Click on "Find an Event," and locate Los Angeles, Fire Station 81 or Fire Station 112.
For more information, contact Sgt. Greg Doyle, (818) 778-4752; LAFD Firefighter Danny Wu at (626) 590-6240; or LAFD Engineer Sean Kennedy, (626) 664-8711.

The Green Miles

Annual St. Pat's Parade downtown set for Tuesday, March 17.

City employees downtown are encouraged to spend their lunch hours enjoying the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade downtown Tuesday, March 17.

The 10th annual parade, presented by the LAFD Historical Society, will start at 11:30 a.m. at Olvera Street's El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic Monument and go south on Main Street to Fifth Street, before heading west to historic Pershing Square for the Rec and Parks free concert (see next story). Actor Robert Patrick (*Terminator 2: Judgment Day* and *The X-Files*) will be the grand marshal.

The parade is expected to include dignitaries, bagpipers, vintage LAPD and LAFD



Last year, North Park High School Marching Band, from Pico Rivera.

vehicles, marching bands, color guards and lots of folks having a good time. And *Alive!* would be surprised if Mr. L.A., Councilmember and Club Member Tom LaBonge, did not make his annual festive appearance.

Information: (310) 537-4240, or <http://lafd.org/stpats.htm>

... and Into Pershing Square

For second consecutive year, popular Young Dubliners highlight Rec and Parks party in Pershing Square after the parade.

At the conclusion of the St. Patrick's Day Parade, the festivities continue at a party at 12:30 p.m., sponsored by Rec and Parks.

The 11th annual free Pershing Square party will feature food, drinks and a concert by the well-known national (but locally based) Irish band the Young Dubliners.

Food and drinks, including drafts of O'Doul's non-alcoholic brew, will be available. Parking is available in the lot underneath Pershing Square. Pershing Square is at 532 Olive St. downtown.

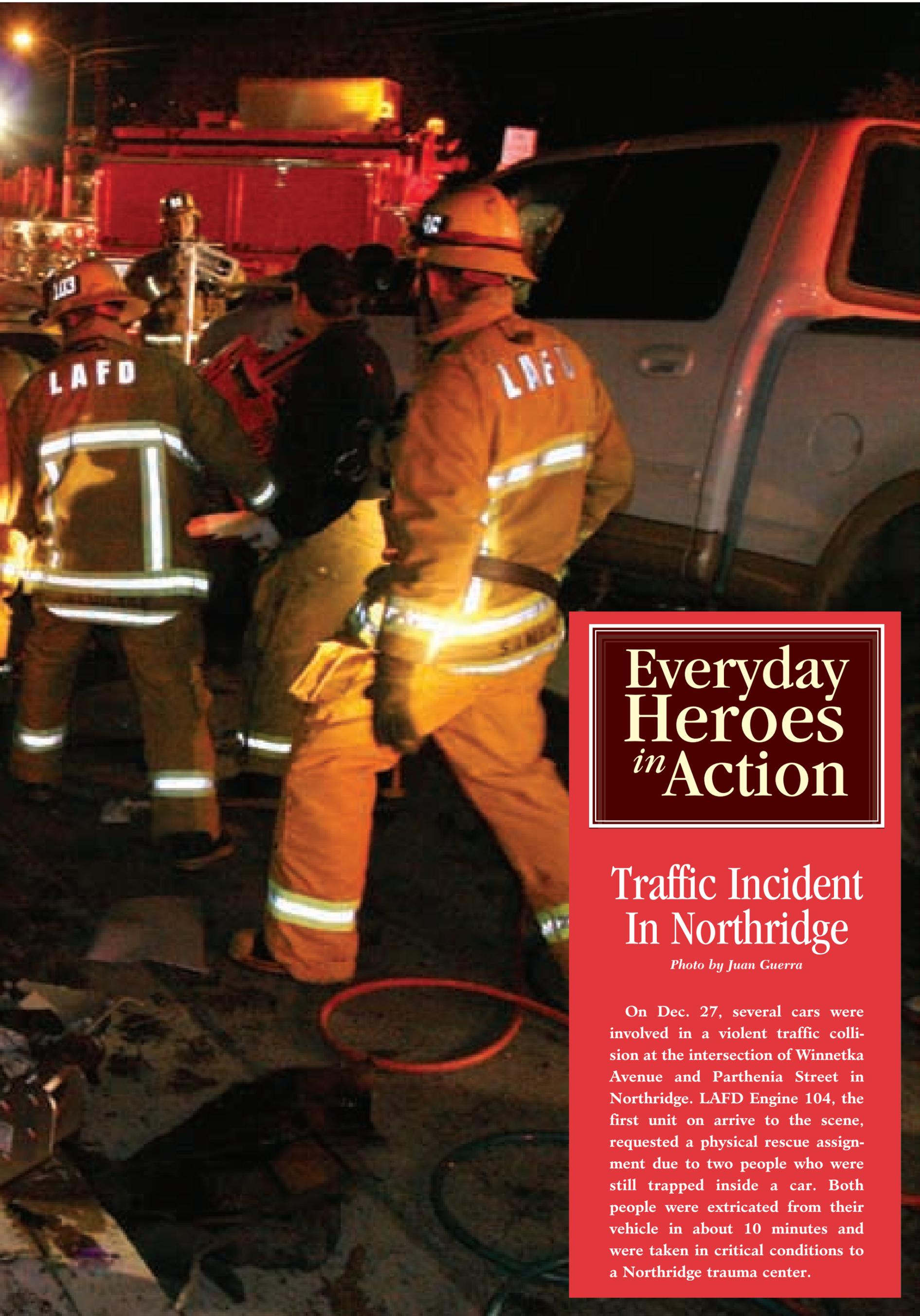
Information: (213) 847-4970 or www.laparks.org



Young Dubliners







Everyday Heroes *in* Action

Traffic Incident In Northridge

Photo by Juan Guerra

On Dec. 27, several cars were involved in a violent traffic collision at the intersection of Winnetka Avenue and Parthenia Street in Northridge. LAFD Engine 104, the first unit on arrive to the scene, requested a physical rescue assignment due to two people who were still trapped inside a car. Both people were extricated from their vehicle in about 10 minutes and were taken in critical conditions to a Northridge trauma center.

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

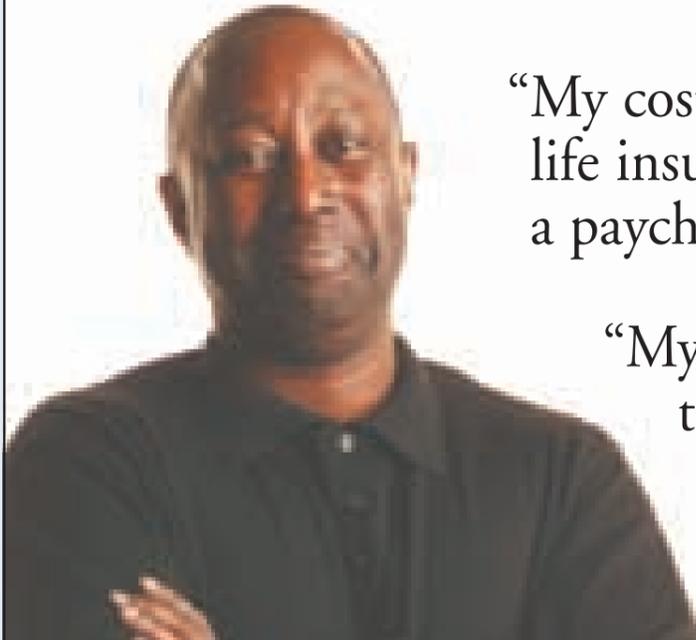
When evaluating term life insurance plans, here are some things to consider:

- 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."

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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.

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

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

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



Questions?
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3. Decide if you also want Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) coverage.
4. Designate your beneficiaries.
5. Sign and date the application – make sure your spouse also signs the application if he or she is applying.
6. Complete and sign the Payroll Deduction Authorization, including your Social Security number, name and department name.
7. Cut out the application, fold and mail it to:
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No checks to send! Once your coverage is approved, your premium will be conveniently deducted from your paycheck. If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-464-0452.

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

Summary of plan details

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

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

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

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

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

Cut out the application, fold and mail it to:
The City Employees Club of Los Angeles, World Trade Center, 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071



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

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

STEP 1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

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

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

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

Employee Total Coverage Amount Desired: \$

Spouse Total Coverage Amount Desired: \$

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:

Employee Total Coverage Amount Desired: \$ 25,000 to \$300,000 (available in increments of \$25,000)

Spouse Total Coverage Amount Desired: \$ 25,000 to \$300,000 (available in increments of \$25,000)

Family Plan

- Family plan covers spouse for 50% and children for 20%.
- Spouse but no children = 60% coverage. Children but no spouse = 25% coverage.

STEP 4. DESIGNATE YOUR BENEFICIARIES

Primary Beneficiary: Relationship:

Secondary Beneficiary (Optional): Relationship:

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

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

AUTHORIZATION AND DECLARATION OF EACH PERSON GIVING A STATEMENT OF INSURABILITY

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

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

I understand that my application for group insurance will be accepted or declined on the basis of these statements. Insurance will take effect only if a certificate is issued based on this application and the first premium is paid in full (a) during the lifetime of all proposed insureds; and (b) while there is no change in the insurability or health of such person from that stated in the application.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files a statement of claim containing any materially false information, or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which may be a crime. Fraud provisions vary by state.

Date: Applicant's Signature: **X**

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

NEW POLICYHOLDERS: Club membership fees will be automatically deducted.

G-19027L AG5539 Group Policy Nos. V-189,706, V-189,709, and V-189,710

STEP 6. COMPLETE AND SIGN THE PAYROLL DEDUCTION AUTHORIZATION.

Payroll Deduction Authorization

Social Security #: Name: Department:

To: **Controller—City of Los Angeles, or Fire and Police Pension, or City Employees Retirement System, or Paymaster—Department of Water and Power**

I hereby authorize the deduction from my salary of amounts sufficient to cover premiums/membership fees on any of my group benefits provided by **City Employees Club of Los Angeles**. In the event any premiums should change due to age, increase in salary or benefits, or a general rate increase for the entire Association, I authorize you to make such change upon notification from the City Employees Club of Los Angeles and such deduction to remain in force until canceled by me in writing.

Sign Here

X

City/DWP Employee Date

Federal Law P.L. 93-579 Section 7

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

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Code Deduction



LAPD

Women, as Leaders

Police Dept. hosts Women's Leadership Conference.



From left: Shandra Garret, Detective III, 18 years of City service; Commander Joan T. McNamara, Club member, 26 years of service; and Elizabeth Carillo, Management Analyst II, 6 years of service.



From left: Diana Camargo, Detective, 7 years of City service; and Mitzuh Carillo, 6 years of service.



From left: Deborah Todd-Bacon, PSR 3, Dispatcher, 23 years of City service; and Deidre Gomez, Management Analyst II, 19 years of service.



From left: Tracy Beverly, Sr. PSR I, 11 years of City service; and Freneshia Clark, LAPD, Management Analyst II, 21 years.



From left: Cpt. Smith, Northeast Division, 25 years of City service; and Sergio G. Diaz, Club Member and Deputy Chief, 31 years of service.



From left: Dianne Hashimoto, Clerk Typist, 2 years of City service; and Sandra Perez, Secretary, 13 years of service.

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations

The LAPD held its annual Women's Leadership Conference Oct. 29 at the Hilton Los Angeles Universal City.

The annual Women's Leadership Conference brought more than 1,000 sworn and civilian LAPD employees together. Female employees are encouraged to develop leadership traits and network with other LAPD staff. The conference provides practical information to help women prepare for promotion within the ranks of LAPD.

The mission of the conference is to develop the leadership skills of women, elevate their ability to be promoted and empower them to be successful in various aspects of their lives. In the words of Assistant Chief Sharon Papa, "If you are not ready to become a leader but recognize someone who can be, encourage them to do so."

Alive! thanks Sgt. John Vasquez for his assistance in producing this article.



Sgt. John Vasquez put the leadership conference together.



From left: Cyndy Doyle, Sr. Clerk Typist, 21 years of City service; and Angelica Esparza, Sr. Clerk Typist, 10 years of service.



From left: Sam Gong, LAPD, AIDE Sergeant, 19 years of City service; Ellen Kanda, Secretary, 10 years of service; and Erica Rodriguez, Sr. Clerk Typist, 5 years of service.



From left: Veronica Conado, Detective II, 18 years of City service; and Trish Luebnos, Police Officer, 18 years of service.



From left: Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Director; Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; and Marie Kardiban, LAPD.



From left: Cynthia Robertson, Sgt. II, 20 years of City service; Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor, Charlotte Reaves, Sr. PSR, 13 years of service; and Tracy Beverly, Sr. PSR I, 11 years of service.



From left: Yvette Gonzalez, Detective, 18 years of City service; and Renee Cullen-Medel, Detective, 19 years of service.



From left: Maychelle Yee, Public Relations Specialist, 5 years of City service; and Rashall Sanchez, Sr. Personnel Analyst, 8 years of service.



From left: Mary Kite, Sgt. LAPD, 18 years of City service; and Officer Wilson Tami, 14 years of service.



Club Counselor Arlene Herrero explained the many benefits and services to conference attendees.

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Newsbrief

ANTI-GANG/ANTI-GUN PROPOSAL:

To combat gang crime and gun violence, Councilmembers Jack Weiss and Janice Hahn, Club Member, proposed a new law to prohibit individuals convicted of certain misdemeanors from owning a firearm for ten years. The proposal aims to reduce the likelihood of individuals who commit gateway crimes, such as burglary, from escalating into violent gang crimes and also targets individuals convicted of misdemeanor firearm and gang-related offenses.

"Although crime is down in Los Angeles, there is still too much gun violence, with 138 victims of gun violence already this year, and 90 of those crimes were gang related," Councilmember Jack Weiss said. "It's time for more aggressive and more creative measures to stop the killing."

"People who commit these types of crimes have already demonstrated bad judgment, and this ordinance gives us one more tool to keep guns out of their hands and off the streets of Los Angeles," Councilwoman Janice Hahn said. "We know that many hardened criminals start out by committing misdemeanors, and this will be an important step in curtailing more serious criminal activity."

This proposal will help to keep guns out of the hands of convicted criminals, particularly those who join gangs and commit crimes while in those gangs. Under state law, individuals who commit certain misdemeanor crimes are prohibited from owning, possessing, purchasing, receiving, or having in their custody or control, any firearm for ten years from the date of the conviction. Several misdemeanor crimes that are not part of this state law serve as precursors to gang membership and/or more violent gang-related crimes. The measure would expand the list of misdemeanor crimes that result in firearms prohibitions to include: carrying a concealed weapon, possession of an assault weapon, burglary and misdemeanor gang crimes.

Los Angeles is home to approximately 450 gangs and 40,000 gang members who regularly terrorize residents of the City. Most troubling is the large number of gang crimes that involve guns. Last year, there were 1,626 gunshot victims, and of those, 1,050 were gang-related.

Weiss and Hahn's measure will request that the City Attorney report on the feasibility of an ordinance consistent with state law to prohibit ownership, possession, purchase, or receipt of a firearm for ten years from the date of a misdemeanor conviction for the following crimes: carrying a concealed weapon, possession of an assault weapon, burglary, and any misdemeanor where, in conjunction with that misdemeanor, the defendant was convicted of a gang enhancement. The measure also requests that the City sponsor state legislation to incorporate these additional gun ownership restrictions into State law.

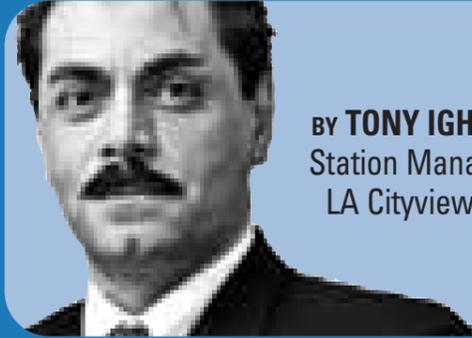
The proposal will be formally introduced to the City Council at an upcoming meeting, if it hasn't already.

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Discount tickets at the Club Store.

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Tuned



BY TONY IGHANI
Station Manager,
LA Cityview 35



Who Watches Channel 35? More Than a Half Million

How many people watch LA CityView 35? For years, we didn't have a good answer. But we do now.

We've known we have a lot of viewers based on the feedback from the community members and City Departments, but now with the help of Nielsen company, which rates and measures all commercial and non-commercial television viewers, we have real answers to the question. In short, the survey revealed that more than 55 percent of those who receive cable television services in Los Angeles know about Channel 35, and many watch it with some regularity. That's more than 600,000 homes that tune us in, and we thank our viewers for making our station a viable programming venue in Los Angeles.

We have a lot of programs lined up for March, and I hope you will enjoy watching them as much as we enjoyed making them.

Program Highlights in March:

All About the Nine

Councilmember Jan Pery of Council District 9 takes the LA Cityview 35 audience on a 45-minute video tour of her Council District. District 9 has one of the most diverse populations, and is richer in cultural history and traditions, than many Los Angeles communities.

Airs: Mondays, March 9 and 23 at 10:50 a.m. and 9:55 p.m.

Faces of L.A.

Faces of L.A. is LA Cityview 35's series of short segments that look at the work and contributions of the many fine individuals who make a difference in the people of Los Angeles. These individuals and their outstanding achievements were recently recognized by the Los Angeles City Council during its weekly Awards and Proclamation ceremony.

Among the honorees featured this month are Chris Carter, host of "Breakfast with the Beatles" on 95.5 KLOS; Brian Center, Executive Director of *A Better LA*; Sonia Marie de Leon De Vega, Conductor of the Santa Cecilia Orchestra; Aquil Basheer, President and CEO of Maximum Force Enterprises; Fernando Pullum, trumpet player and Performing Arts Director with the Inner City Education Foundation; Bob Johnson of *L.A. Works*; Sam Danon, a local business man who feeds the poor; Beth Zachary, President and CEO of White Memorial Medical Center in East LA; and Sapu King, a 7-year-old golfer.

Airs: Daily

The Home Shopping Petwork

On the latest episode of "The Home Shopping Petwork," host Andrew Tarr vis-

its a "party animal" event: the annual Dog Fair at the Sepulveda Basin Dog Park. Plus, Andrew, along with Miki Shaler and Adan Lozoya of LA Animal Services, travel all the way to your living room to bring a whole new batch of "home shopping" pets to your TV.

Airs: Monday through Friday at 5 p.m.

Inside the LAPD

Inside the LAPD cameras take to the field with the gold-medal-winning LAPD Centurions baseball team. First established in 1913, the Centurions began playing for charity in 1929. Watch them in action both on the field and in the community. Grab your glove and let's play ball!

Airs: Thursdays, March 5 and 19 at 2 and 10 p.m.

L.A. Roundtable

LA Cityview 35's Emmy award-winning public affairs discussion series, *L.A. Roundtable*, returns with three new programs hosted by veteran newsman, Dave Bryan.

Former California State Governors, Pete Wilson and Gray Davis; *LA Times* Reporter Michael Hiltzik; and Joel Fox, lecturer at Pepperdine University and consultant on public policy issues, gather to discuss "California's Dysfunctional State Government." In a second episode, "The Future of the U.S. Supreme Court," a distinguished panel discusses the court's possible move leftward and includes Erwin Chemerinsky, the renowned constitutional law scholar who is now Dean of the UC Irvine School of Law, and Kenneth Starr, former Independent Prosecutor during the Clinton administration, and now Dean of the Pepperdine University School of Law. In the third

new episode, Dave Bryan has "A Conversation with Eli Broad." Mr. Broad, one of the most influential people in Southern California, is a member of numerous boards of public institutions, including the Museum of Contemporary Art, the L.A. County Museum of Art, CalTech, and the Smithsonian Institution. He's also a driving force behind the Grand Avenue project, envisioned as a major mixed-use development to be built near the Music Center.

Airs: Mondays at 1:30 and 8 p.m., and Fridays at 1:30 and 9:30 p.m.

The State of Poverty in L.A.

How should we as a society deal with the vexing problem of poverty? Seventh District Councilmember Richard Alarcon searches for answers to the important questions surrounding poverty in *The State of Poverty in L.A.*

In this program, Councilmember Alarcon conducts in-depth interviews with elected officials, academic experts, representatives from social service agencies, senior citizens, high school students, and the general public, to learn about the myths and realities surrounding poverty.

Airs: Mondays, March 9 and 23 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

2008 Quality and Productivity Awards

Each year the Quality and Productivity Commission chooses outstanding programs and projects conducted by Los Angeles City Departments, and honors them with awards. Find out more about those outstanding programs.

Airs: Monday, March 2 and 16 at 11 a.m. and 10 p.m.

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



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Special Holiday Party Section



All across the City, you celebrated the holidays. And Alive! was there!

Here in March, Alive! continues its coverage of the City Social Season 2008, with stories and photos from Club staff ... and sent in by you, too. And don't forget to check out all the photos - online!

Go to:
www.cityemployeesclub.com
 (You'll need a password to login.)

Part 3



Staffing the bacon station were, from left: Alan Mayse, Equipment Repair Supervisor, Club Member; and Michael Christensen, Deputy Chief Director, Club Member.



From left: Julie Huerta, Commission Chief Administrative Officer, Club Member, and Kathryn McDermott, Deputy Executive Director.



From left: Margie Hernandez, Contracts and Purchasing Director, Club Member; and Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., Executive Director, Club Member.



From left: Anthony and Angela Falls, Sr. Clerk Typist; and Barbara, 7.



From left: Dave Chrisman, Carpenter Supervisor, Club Member; and Gary McAngus, Sr. Painter.



Jimmy Uchimiya, Gardener Caretaker, Club Member, with his wife, Marla, and daughter, Kaythlyn, 4.



From left: Aden and Angel Jr., sons of Club Member Services Manager Angel Gomez, staff the Club table.



Bob Bacich, Retired (left), always returns to help cook up the delicious calamari. With Bob is John Radovcich, Marine Carpenter, Club Member.



From left: Nikola Jurat, Ship Carpenter and Executive Calamari Chef, Club Member; with Ervin Govic, Ship Carpenter, Club Member.



From left: Anthony DiTucci, Captain of Angelina II; and Tony Samaniego, Painter.

Harbor Construction and Maintenance

■ The Harbor Construction and Maintenance Division held its annual holiday breakfast on Dec. 23. The breakfast was held at the C and M yard.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

HARBOR DEPT. — The breakfast started, as it does every year, with a calamari appetizer, and continued with Mickey Mouse-shaped pancakes, bacon, sausage, eggs ... and all the holiday breakfast fixings.

Thanks to Holly Carlson and Martin Chavez for inviting the Club and for their assistance in producing this article.



From left: Matthew, 6; Monica, wife; Kristin, daughter; and Maurice Jacobs, Construction Equipment Service Worker, Club Member.



Regner Globus, PM III, Club Board Member, enjoys his calamari.



The City Parties



Transportation, Hollywood Division



From left: Darlene Olivarez-Hee, Traffic Officer, Club Member; Dean Chavez, Mechanic; and Melinda Chavez, Traffic Officer.

■ Transportation's Hollywood Division held its annual holiday lunch Dec. 11.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

TRANSP DEPT. — The lunch was held at the Hollywood Yard.

More than 70 employees enjoyed turkey, ham, dressing, macaroni and cheese, yams, green beans, spaghetti, fried chicken, salmon, corn and pasta salad.

The Club donated raffle items. Thanks go to Robin Smith-Gregory for assisting us in producing this article.



The Holiday Committee, back, from left: Emmanuel David, Traffic Officer, Club Member; Isaac Williams, Traffic Officer, Club Member; Latisha Vargas, Traffic Officer, Club Member; Jonalyn Rodgers, Traffic Officer; Jorge Trejo, Traffic Officer; Megan Walters, Traffic Officer, Club Member; and Myndahlee Jennings, Traffic Officer, Club Member. Front: Tracy Russell, Traffic Officer; Gabe Acosta, Traffic Officer, Club Member; Robin Smint-Gregory, Traffic Officer, Club Member; and Gaynell McPherson, Traffic Officer, Club Member.



From left: Sergio Camacho, Traffic Officer, Club Member; and Dennis McCarthy, Traffic Officer, Club Member.



From left: Sarah Morton, Traffic Officer, Club Member; Bill Medina, Traffic Officer, Club Member; Martin Barranco, Traffic Officer, Club Member; and Jamil Duerson, Traffic Officer.



From left: Adriane Russell, Traffic Officer; and Tracie Russell-Lloyd, Traffic Officer, Club Member.



From left: Carolina Melgar, Traffic Officer, Club Member; Nicole Jordan, Traffic Officer; and John Marsala, Traffic Officer II, Club Member.



From left: Lt. Kenny Hill; Dwayne Harper, Traffic Officer; and Larry Kibble, Traffic Officer.



From left: Jose Quintanilla, Traffic Officer; Kinshasa Williams, Traffic Officer; and Rene Sanabria, Training Officer, Club Member.



From left: Donna Mosley, Clerk Typist; Sgt. Marvin Portillo, Club Member; and Renee Martin, Sr. Clerk Typist.



From left: John Kinch, Equipment Mechanic; Kim Dranow, Equipment Mechanic; and Richard Fault, Supervisor.



From left: Sgt. Steven Hsiung; Jamie Ibarra, Traffic Officer, Club Member; and Daryl Salangron, HPV, Club Member.



From left: Cassandra Jackson, Traffic Officer II; Lourdes Aguilar, Traffic Officer II, Club Member; Lucy, 2; Juan, 5; and Juan Aguilar, Traffic Officer.



Standing: Edmund Dela Cruz, Traffic Officer II, Club Member. Seated, from left: Gee Dawg, Traffic Officer; John Diego, Traffic Officer; John Diego, Traffic Officer; and Frank Villa, Traffic Officer.



Standing, from left: Sgt. Natalie Bailey-Gray, Club Member; Joseph Lee, MA, Club Member; and Sgt. Cheryl Lloyd, Club Member. Seated: Sgt. Diana Armijo; and Lt. Donna Jackson.



From left: Deandre Spencer, Traffic Officer; Jeryl Banks, Traffic Officer, Club Member; Edwin Tirado, Traffic Officer, Club Member; and Julie Adams, Traffic Officer, Club Member.



From left: Chris Angeles, Traffic Officer; Louis Garcia, Traffic Officer II; Andrea Smith, Traffic Officer II; and Bruce McPherson, Traffic Officer, II, Club Member.

See these photos and more, in color,
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The Alive! tradition of
covering the City's parties
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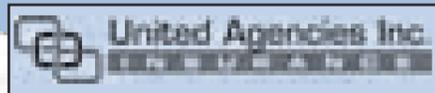


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BY JEFF GELINEAU

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



Your New Car and Automatic Coverage

Many people are mistaken when they think that they have automatic coverage when they purchase a new car. Many policies have restrictions, and all policies require you to notify the agent to make the coverage effective.

Automatic coverage is extended to you *only if all* of the vehicles that you own are insured under the same policy! This makes logical sense, as you can't expect the insurance company to know whether or not you are going to insure your new vehicle.

Let's say that you are the registered owner of three cars, but one of them is used by your child at college, so you insure that vehicle under a separate policy. Even though all of your vehicles are insured, you aren't insuring them all under the same policy. So, when you buy a new car, or even if you trade in one of your existing cars for a new car, the insurance company does not have to provide you automatic coverage on the new car.

Or, what if you like to fix up classic cars? You might have one that is not operational, so you aren't insuring it. Or maybe you have a classic car insured under a separate antique auto policy. Again, you are not insuring all the cars you own on your main insurance policy, so the insurance company does not have to give you any automatic coverage.

Another area of concern with automatic coverage is the list of drivers on your policy. If you have someone covered on your policy as a driver, that doesn't mean that automatic coverage extends to him or her. For example, you may have a boyfriend or a girlfriend who lives with you, and you are both insured under the same policy. But, the automatic coverage applies only to the owner of the insurance policy and their immediate relatives who live in the house. So, when your boyfriend trades in his car for a new one, if the policy is in your name, then he doesn't get automatic coverage.

A very common area where this applies is regarding recreational vehicles. If you own an RV and insure it separately on an RV policy, that is still considered a vehicle. So again, you are not insuring all of the vehicles that you own on the

same policy, so you don't get automatic coverage on any new vehicle you purchase on this policy.

And: There are other factors and other circumstances that commonly remove the automatic coverage from your policy.

Bottom line: Make every effort to contact your agent as soon as you purchase a new vehicle.

You can fax us the purchase agreement to (877) 901-5522, or call us and give us the information over the phone: (800) 800-5880.

Many times, people are covered automatically by their policies, but there are many times when they are not. Be safe, and let us know as soon as you get the new car, so we can make sure that you are properly covered.

Feel free to call our agency if you have any questions about automatic coverage, or would like an auto insurance quote. Call us if you would like to get a quote for your home or boat through us also, 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.

Be safe and have fun!

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LIBRARY



Iliad actors include (back row, from left) Brian Silliman, Michele Vazquez, James Knight and Richard Sheridan Willis. Front row: John Buxton, Natasha Piletich and Vaishnavi Sharma.

The *Iliad* at the Library

New York acting company performs the Greek classic as part of acting workshop March 14 at Central Library.

Photographs by Richard Termine.

Contemporary Trojan warriors spring to life at the Los Angeles Public Library as part of New York's Aquila Theatre company's free, live performance of Homer's classic, *Iliad: Book One*, at the Central Library, 630 W. Fifth Street, downtown Sat., March 14.

"From Homer to Hip Hop: Reinventing the Classics" features acting workshop, performance of "The Iliad" and post-show discussion.

An acting workshop will be held in Meeting Room A at 12:30 p.m., followed by the performance of Homer's *Iliad: Book One* at 2:30 p.m. with a post-performance discussion.

All three programs are free and open to the public. Reservations are required for the performance and acting workshop and are available at (213) 228-7226.

In a departure from the usual Trojan warrior attire, Aquila's stage version of Homer's *Iliad: Book One* features soldiers with modern, WWII era uniforms. The play's look was inspired by a book cover used for classics scholar Stanley Lombardo's translation of the *Iliad*. That book cover features a photograph of the D-Day landings titled "Into the Jaws of Death." In the play, a disparate group of soldiers and refugees take shelter from a savage war and find solace and humanity in Homer's epic tale.

When Aquila Theatre's production of the *Iliad* premiered at New York City's Lincoln Center in 2000, it was hailed by the *New York Times* as "a performance of staggering power...stunning, stirring, and memorable theatrical experience."

Prior to the performance, the library will host an acting workshop at 12:30 p.m. in Meeting Room A. The workshop is open to the public and will examine how a classical performance text develops from the page to the stage. Workshop participants will be introduced to methods of classical acting.

Following the performance of Homer's *Iliad: Book One*, Dorota Dutsch, associate professor of Classics at University of California, Santa Barbara, will moderate a discussion.

The performance is part of a partnership between the Los Angeles Public Library and New York City's acclaimed Aquila Theatre to promote the new program series, *Page and Stage*, which is based around Homer's *Iliad*.



Iliad actors include (from left) Natasha Piletich, Richard Sheridan Willis and John Buxton.

Acting Workshop & Performance

What: "From Homer to Hip Hop: Reinventing the Classics," featuring acting workshop, performance of *The Iliad* and post-show discussion

When: Saturday, March 14; acting workshop, 12:30 p.m.; performance, 2:30 p.m.

Where: Los Angeles Public Library Central Branch, 630 W. Fifth St. downtown

Cost: Free, but reservations required: (213) 228-7226

Info: www.lapl.org/events/Iliad.pdf

Funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), the *Page and Stage* series is designed to place live theatrical events, reading groups, and lectures in public libraries to inspire people to come together and read, see and discuss classical literature and how it continues to influence and invigorate American cultural life.

In addition to being funded by the NEH, *Page and Stage* involves New York's acclaimed Aquila Theatre; the American Philological Association, which represents Classics professors in the United States; the Urban Libraries Council; and New York University's Center for Ancient Studies.

All *Page and Stage* programs are free and open to the public. Reservations are required for the performance and acting workshop. To make reservations, please call (213) 228-7226. For information about the *Page and Stage* program series, please contact Dan Dupill at (213) 228-7241.

More information about the program series is also available on the Library's Website, www.lapl.org/events/Iliad.pdf, and you can visit the official *Page and Stage* site, www.pageandstage.org/participating-libraries/los-angeles-public-library.

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New Members

Welcome New Members!

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

Airports	Glenn Tyler	Rutilio Villarreal	DWP
Richard Aragon	Miya Wimbley		Jose Araiza
Lori Evans			Pedro Cervantes
Jorge Flores	General Services	PUBLIC WORKS	Abdullah Karriem
Luis Herrera	Eduardo Escobar	Engineering	David Kolacwski
Michael Law	Edward Giles	Louis Burke	Cyril Saniano
Billie Pate	Anthony Macias	Raul Rodriguez	Michael Tovias
Dennis Pennington	Juan Quarker	Sanitation	
Leara Phillips	Jaime Ruelas	Richard Lee	
Kimberly Pumphery	Nancy Sieczka		
Jennie Ramirez		Street Services	
Felipe Rivera	Library	Jose Campos	Retired
Joseph White	Larry Tamayo	Frederick Chun	Employees
Karen Whiting		Valentin Sosa	Willie Wilson
	Mayor's Office		
Animal Services	Dario Dario	Rec and Parks	Other
Jose Salas		Ashley Cabral	Richard Aragon
	El Pueblo	Marcelino Mendoza	Dennis Carlson
Buiding and		Crystal Rodriguez	Cedric Evans
Safety	Monument	Jeremy Thomas	Annabelle Garcia
Kyle Payne	Helen Ly		Serge Haddad
			Rafael Herrera
City Attorney	Planning	Transportaion	Owen Knapper
Sonia Garcia	Jesus Ramos	Leonard Cataldo	Richard Munoz
		Pedro Contreras	Deborah Peralta
City Clerk	LAPD	Lorraine Gonzalez	David Rios
Fred Contreras	Elvira Bailon	Rafael Macias	Alexander Rogers
	Hee Bae Cho	Nancy Nguyen	Freddy Ruiz
ITA	Veronica Escobar	Michelle Rompal	Kenneth Sam
Gerald Perman	James Mankey	Laurel Soriano	Joseph Sewell
	Karen Owens		
Harbor	Joanna Rauth		
Jameika Drew	Galo Rodriguez		
Melissa Malahni	Joseph Smith		
Albert Moore Jr.			

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

Vijendra Chaudhary, Housing, 14
Istiharoh Glasgow, Cultural Affairs, 11
David Heimlich, Rec and Parks, 6
Michael Hopkins, Airports, 28
Tracey Taylor Ingram, Airports, 28
Robert Stephenson, Transportation, 5
Deandry Wolfe, Public Works, 11



Vijendra Chaudhary

Merlyn Grable, General Services, 17
Lyda Hansen, Rec and Parks, 16
Cecilia Harrison, LAPD, 19
Ronald Hinton, Rec and Parks, 26
Charles Jack, Public Works, 31
Avon Koenig, LAPD, 32
Ilse Kriebs, ITA, 31
Edward Lopez, General Services, 16
Jan-Eric Nelson, Public Works, 7
Fred Overturf, Rec and Parks, 23
Earl Pitkin, Public Works, 30
Richard Ramirez, Public Works, 22
Segundo Ronquillo, Transportation, 26
Katherine Russo, General Services, 16
Royal Smith, Rec and Parks, 31
Samuel Smith, Personnel, 30
Nina Wilson, Library, 48
Otis Zachary, Public Works, 26

Retired

Theodore Alpen, Library, 16
Aubrey Aleya, LAPD, 23
Wallace Brown, Chief Administrative Officer, 32
Roy Castillo, Building and Safety, Not Disclosed
John Chatman, Public Works, 31
Blanche Edmond, Public Works, 16
Keizo Furuya, Transportation, 27

Graduations

Andrew (Andy) C. Boylan received a Bachelor of arts degree from Kenyon College last May. He graduated magna cum laude with a major in English. He earned membership into Phi Beta Kappa, a national collegiate honor society, and received distinction on his English exercise. Andy is now attending the Boston University School of Medicine in Boston. His parents are Tom (Airport Operations, LA/Ont) and Ginger Boylan, who live in Upland.



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

Retirements

NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS
Odis Alexander	Clerk Typist	Library	27	Diana Mahmud	Deputy City Attorney	City Attorney	11
Robert Allen	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Michael Marshall	Property Officer	LAPD	30
Winifred Ashford	Rec Facility Director	Rec and Parks	34	Odell Mathiew III	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Christina Barajas	Management Analyst	Personnel	33	Willie McDaniel	Sr. Animal Cont. Officer	Animal Services	18
Irene Barbeau	Crossing Guard	Transportation	13	Michael McIntyre	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Robert Bishop	Building Inspector	Building and Safety	33	Rudy Mercado	Airport Police Officer	Airports	35
James Bradshaw	Airport Police Officer	Airports	35	Mark Morrow	Sr. Building Mech. Insp.	Building and Safety	31
Leon Davis	Comm. Hous. Prog. Mgr.	Housing	34	Arnold Netka	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Rosalinda De Castro	Custodian	General Services	10	Michael Oberlander	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Thomas Dugas	Custodian	General Services	33	Larre Pendleton	Sr. Clerk	Planning	20
Mario Enriquez	Transp. Engineer	Transportation	20	Mitchell Pomerantz	Sr. Personnel Analyst	Disability	33
Marva-Lynne Evans	Clerk Typist	ITA	8	Ricardo Pulido	Sr. Rec. Director	Rec and Parks	22
Daniel Farrell	Wastewater Treat. Elec.	Public Works	16	Jaidey Rao	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
William Ferguson	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Bruce Raskin	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Harry Fountain	Air Condit. Mech. Spvr.	General Services	34	Dianne Reeve	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	21
Wayne Fowler	Comm. Electrician	ITA	22	Karen Reeves Subject	Sr. Management Analyst	Building and Safety	35
William Garcia	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Gwendolyn Richard	Sr. Management Analyst	LAPD	35
Tam Ha	Civil Engineering Assoc.	Public Works	25	Sergio Rivas	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	19
John Harrigan	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Samuel Rivero	Heavy Duty Truck Op.	Public Works	24
James Harrison	Custodian	General Services	40	Sanford Samuels	Comm. Electrician	General Services	11
Leticia Hernandez	Crossing Guard	Transportation	9	Shelley Santy	Sr. Police Service Rep	LAPD	25
Edward Hinojosa	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Eleanore Schmidt	Librarian	Library	6
John Ingram	Ref. Collection Truck Op.	Public Works	25	Ralph Schwabe	Tree Surgeon Supervisor	Public Works	39
Steven Johnson	Police Admin.	LAPD	31	Gary Squier	Gen. Mgr., Hous. Prsrv.	Housing	6
Jasper Keeling	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	30	Patrick Talley	Sr. Build. Mech. Insp.	Building and Safety	18
Dorothy Kelly	Pr. Clerk Public Works	32	John Toy	Pr. Sanitary Engineer	Public Works	18	
Harold Lindsey	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Lewis Trout	Sr. Real Estate Officer	Airports	22
Roy Loyd	Light Equip. Operator	Rec and Parks	33				



Military



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

Specialist James Ruiz is a gunner in the Army, serving in Iraq. Private First Class Valerie Ruiz is a Vehicle Mechanic in the Army Reserve with the 163rd Ordnance Co. out of Irvine. They are two of the five children of Delia Estrada, Clerk Typist, Public Works.



Quinceañera

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

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



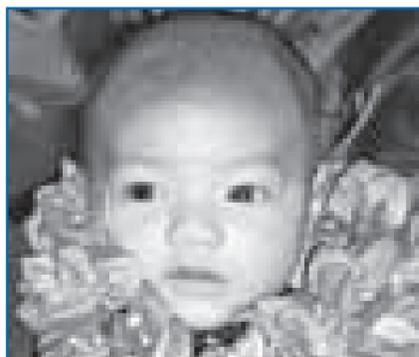
Births



Moses M. Manalo, born Oct. 11. He is the grandson of Puri T. Manalo and Manny B. Manalo, who are both retired from Public Works/Engineering.



Mason Marc Luna, born Dec. 15. He is the grandson of Anabell Luna, Accounting Division, Housing.



Connor, born Oct. 17. His parents are Marisol Vielma, Communications, LAPD, and CT Feng, Communications, LAPD. Both parents are Club Members.

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



Weddings

Mike Alva and Maria Antonio (Mr. and Mrs. Michael Alva) were married Dec. 14 in their home in San Pedro. Mike is a Port Police Sergeant with 23 years of City service. Maria is a Sr. Clerk Typist, Harbor, with 18 years of City service.



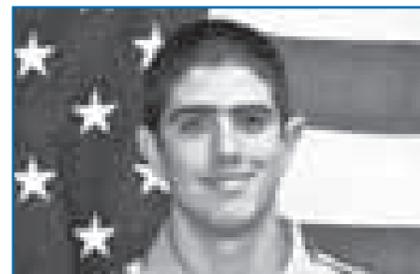
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Special Achievements



Christopher Adam Ruiz won his schools' spelling bee for the fifth consecutive year. Proud mom is Anna Ruiz, Clerk Typist, LAPD.



Liam Anthony Cordero, Boy Scouts of America Troop 234, San Pedro, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout last November, and had his Eagle Court of Honor Feb. 8. His dad is William Cordero, Training Manager, Airports.

Insurance Products From the Club

The Club offers these group-rated insurance products to its members. Don't wait... make a positive step for your peace of mind today. Contact your Club Counselor for all the details of these plans.

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Protect yourself from career-ending traumas.

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Manage your future health-care costs with this Club package.

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

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



Arlene Herrero



Tiffany Sy



Irene Small

PERSONNEL

Future Leaders

Personnel graduates its fifth class of future City leaders.

Story by Anne Marie Jones, *Personnel*;
Photo by Robert Larios, *Club Director of Operations*

Eighteen City managers were honored at a graduation luncheon Feb. 5 at the Convention Center for their successful completion of Personnel's fifth Future Focused Leadership Program. A joint venture with the County of Los Angeles, Personnel, and Cal State Northridge (CSUN), with funding from the Los Angeles Professional Managers' Association (LAPMA), more than 100 City managers have completed this program since its inception in 2004.

LAPMA President Charley Mims welcomed

the graduates and their invited guests, who had gathered at the Convention Center, followed by remarks from Personnel General Manager Maggie Whelan and CSUN Professor Dr. Tenny Mickey. Graduates receiving certificates were Mario Almanza, Dina Aryan-Zahlan, Anna Burton, John Betz, Tamryn Catania, Shahla Dallalzadeh, Roger Fernandez, Gene Gamachi, Harold Gies, Robert Gillette, Rita Khurana Carwile, Omotayo Ige, Harold Nachtrieb, Shailesh Patel, Alex Rabrenovich, Dru Ross, Joyce Sloss, and Ann Vollmer.

The Future Focused Leadership program is a 16-part program that deals with topics including managing change, communications, understanding organizational culture, and team development. In addition, students enjoy the interac-

tion with their peers and form bonds that will impact their success as City managers

"The value of this program is immeasurable," said graduate Anna Burton. "I was able to review and discuss key elements of leadership and management with peers from across the City. I will be able to use these newly gained skills for the rest of my career. I also gained and renewed friendships that will help in many future project developments."

Graduate Gene Gamachi agreed: "Networking with other managers throughout the City and sharing our 'real-life' experiences was truly a beneficial 'take back' from this program," he said.

Congratulations to all the graduates on your achievement!



The graduates, from left: Joyce Sloss, (Personnel General Manager) Maggie Whelan, (LAPMA President) Charley Mims, Robert Gillette, Gene Gamachi, Rita Khurana Carwile, Omotayo Ige, Mario Almanza, Dru Ross, Dina Aryan-Zahlan, Roger Fernandez, Tamryn Catania, Ann Vollmer, and (CSUN Professor) Dr. Tenny Mickey. Graduates not pictured are: Anna Burton, John Betz, Shahla Dallalzadeh, Harold Gies, Harold Nachtrieb, Shailesh Patel and Alex Rabrenovich.

Go to the Aquarium of the Pacific

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Congratulations, GRADUATES



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

Make sure you tell us:

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

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

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

to: **Grad Photos**

City Employees Club of Los Angeles

350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071

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



THE CLUB

Club Headquarters Has Moved

Operations center has moved to just around the corner from the Club Store and Service Center. But the new Club Store downtown is still the place to go for tickets and City gear.

The Club Operations Center, formerly in the World Trade Center, has moved downtown, to join its sibling, the Club Store, which moved downtown last year.

The new Club Operations Center is at 311 S. Spring St., suite 1300, Los Angeles, 90013. The phone number remains the same: (800) 464-0452

But – and this is important – you'll still go to the new Club Store, 120 W. Second St. 90012, for all your tickets, gear and Club Counselor needs. That doesn't change. The new Club Operational Center is just a few blocks away from the new Club Store.

You'll go to the new Club Operations Center for the same reasons you would go to the old Headquarters (formerly in the World Trade Center):

- Claims
- Account changes
- Bill paying

If you have any questions, make sure to call your Counselor, or call (800) 464-0452, and we'll give you the right place to come!

Newsbrief

LAX DESIGNS WIN ARCHITECTURE AWARD:

California Home and Design magazine announced Feb. 17 that the architectural vision design concepts for the west side of the Tom Bradley International Terminal and a new mid-field concourse at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) are among the top ten most promising future projects of California architecture. The magazine covers emerging styles and trendsetting ideas within the architectural and interior design world. It is considered influential among affluent homeowners, design enthusiasts and industry leaders.

"This distinction proclaims that we are on the right track in terms of modernizing LAX, dramatically enhancing the passenger experience and re-establishing the airport as a modern U.S. gateway in a competitive global market," said Gina Marie Lindsey, Executive Director, Airports.

Created by Fentress Architects of Denver, the dynamic new design concepts are inspired by the Pacific Ocean west of LAX, with rooftops flowing as rhythmic waves breaking on the shore. Fate-seam stainless steel stretches over column-free structures, creating an architectural design that unifies the entire airport with a cohesive theme. The design also honors the parabolic arches of the iconic Theme Building, which ushered in the Jet Age at LAX when built in 1961. The long association of LAX with the historic building and its parabolic arches are incorporated into the design concept with two arched bridges that increase in size toward the West, just as planes take off and gain altitude over the Pacific Ocean.

California Home and Design magazine's senior editors reviewed many projects and selected those they felt would become landmark architectural entities having a significant impact upon the California architectural landscape. Included in the list are museums, the Google headquarters, trade centers, and residential projects with innovative "green" living features.

For views of the proposed architecture, go to www.lawa.org

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.

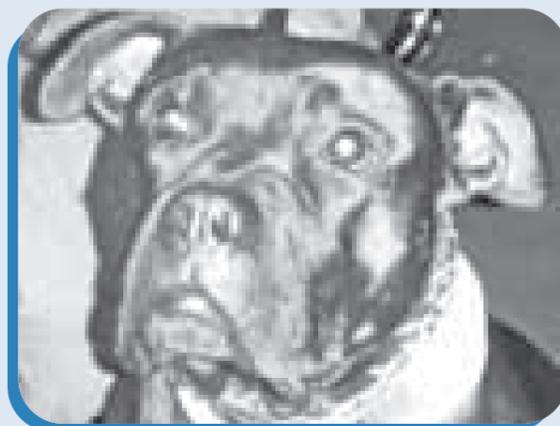
This Month's Pets For Adoption:



Jimmi

Jimmi is a beautiful, female, one-year old, rust-colored rabbit that was turned in by her owner because she had no time to spend with her. She is very sweet and loves to be held.

ID# A1007930 - West Valley Animal Care Center



thunder

Thunder is a neutered, two-year-old, 75-pound AmStaff. He is very sweet and a volunteer favorite. He is walked every day by our volunteers and is very well trained. He loves people and children.

ID# A0956936 - West Valley Animal Care Center



danni and duncan

Danni is a 1.5 year-old female, and Duncan is a three-year-old male Bengal mix. Both are sweet and love to be held. Their owner never came to claim them. They are very attached and love each other.

ID# A1003392 & A1003393 - West Valley Animal Care Center



casper

Casper is a four-year-old neutered, 13.5-pound, white Domestic Short Hair. He was surrendered because his owner lost his home. He is a very nice indoor cat who is a little timid.

ID# A1007223 - West Valley Animal Care Center

Meet your New Hope coordinator!



These animals are available for adoption at the West Valley Animal Care Center, 20655 Plummer Street in Chatsworth. Contact Larry Herskovic, (213) 485-8405.

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

LAABP

Honoring the Trailblazers

Black Personnel honors six City employees at reception in recognition of African American Heritage Month.

Story by Yvonne Liu, Finance; Photos by Coverup Productions

More than 100 people gathered in the Tom Bradley Room atop City Hall Feb. 18 to honor six exceptional Black City employees at the Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel's (LAABP) Trailblazers Reception.

Cora Jackson-Fossett, Public Information Director II, Public Works/Sanitation, and LAABP President, presented the prestigious awards with Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and LAABP Vice President Terrence Montgomery.

Other attending the ceremony were Councilmembers and Club Members Jan Perry and Tom LaBonge; Mayor's Chief of Staff Robin Kramer; Public Works Commissioners Valerie Lynne Shaw, Cynthia Ruiz, Julie Gutman and Paula Daniels; City Engineer Gary Lee Moore; Inspector of Public Works John Reamer; Rec and Parks General Manager Jon Kirk Mukri; and Office of Finance Director Antoinette Christovale.

"This event recognized individuals who have contributed to the progress of African Americans in City government as well as achieved notable positions in their City careers," Jackson-Fossett said. "I'm proud to say that in the past years, we've honored individuals from frontline supervisors to General Managers."

This year's honorees were Detrich Brown Allen, first African-American General Manager of Environmental Affairs; Cheryl Chisolm, first female Senior Electrical Inspector, Building and Safety; Michael Holmes, Lot Cleaning Superintendent, Public Works/Street Services; Miriam Scott Long, Deputy Mayor overseeing youth and education and only the second African American of this rank in Villaraigosa's administration; Rashad Mfume, Senior Systems Analyst, ITA; and Jeffery Whitmore, the first African American Revenue Manager, Finance.

There are other criteria to winning the coveted recognition: A Trailblazer must demonstrate a willingness to mentor other African-American employees to advance in their careers and to give back to the African-American communities.

Here are some unique contributions that these award recipients have made:

- Rashad Mfume designed an award-winning business intelligence system that revolutionized the City's procurement process.
- As the Assistant Division Manager, Michael Holmes oversees the Lot Cleaning Division. His crews remove debris from South Los Angeles in both publicly and privately owned lots across six Council Districts. Disposal of fire and health hazards improves the quality of life for the citizens of Los Angeles.
- As an African-American woman in the electrical trade, Cheryl Chisolm has reached out to recruit other African Americans. She said, "As an active member of the Organization of



Trailblazer Award honorees were (from left) Rashad Mfume, Cheryl Chisolm, Michael Holmes, Detrich Allen, Miriam Long and Jeffery Whitmore.

Black Tradesmen, I tutored individuals for apprenticeship entry exams. With the Los Angeles Job Corps, I taught young minorities about job opportunities in different trade professions and did 'hands-on' trade skills."

- Detrich Brown Allen inspires others with a quote that has inspired her own service to the community: "Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve." -- Martin Luther King."
- Jeffery Whitmore, a former LAABP president, has mentored young African-American males, teaching them more than just to work hard on school work. The USC graduate has taught young men which utensil to use in a fine restaurant, how to speak and behave in a formal social setting, and how to tie a tie.
- When asked to give advice to young people, Miriam Scott Long said, "My approach is to assure young folks that it would be hard to make as many mistakes in their short careers as I have made in my long one. So don't hide the part you are messing up. I say instead, 'fess up, own up and let me help figure out how to fix up.'"

Incorporated in 1972 and approved by the City Council as the official representative for City employees of African-American heritage, LAABP has always been in the forefront of the battle for equal employment within the City's workforce. Besides advocating for equal employment within the City's workforce, LAABP champions for increased opportunities



Fire Chief Douglas Barry, one of last year's Trailblazer honoree, enjoys the program.



Councilwoman Jan Perry (right) greets city employees at the reception.



Councilmember Tom LaBonge brings greetings during the reception.

for people of color to attain management and executive positions. Among the services the organization provides are career development seminars, mock interview program and networking forums.

For more information regarding the LAABP, please go to www.laabp.com/.

MIKE HOLMES

Lot Cleaning Superintendent I, Public Works/Street Services

Mike Holmes started his City career with Rec and Parks in July 1970 as a part-time summer Recreation Assistant. That first job began a series of successful test-takings that led him to Gardener/Caretaker in 1972, Light Equipment Operator in 1976, Equipment Operator in 1980, Lot Cleaning Supervisor I in 1996, Lot Cleaning Supervisor II in 1998, and Lot Cleaning Superintendent I in 2001.

Holmes' lifelong mentor and role model is his father, Isom Holmes Sr. His father was a District Truck Operator and, during his transition as a City employee, he taught him to work hard, be on time and to learn all that he could to have a successful City career. He has followed his father's advice ever since.

As Assistant Division Manager, Holmes oversees daily operations in Zone I South, which encompasses Council Districts 1, #, 9, 10, 15, and a portion of Council District 14. The Lot Cleaning Division is responsible for weed and debris removal from publicly and privately owned vacant lots throughout the City. Lot Cleaning crews also remove illegally dumped debris from public right-of-ways, streets and alleys. The work performed by his crews includes removing fire and health hazards, which improves the quality of life for the citizens of Los Angeles.



Family and friends congratulate Lot Cleaning Superintendent Michael Holmes (3rd from left) on his Trailblazer Award.

RASHAD MFUME

Senior Systems Analyst II, ITA

In 1992, Rashad Mfume joined the City in Public Works/Engineering's Wastewater Program. From 1992 to 1999, he led the development of the first easy-to-use reporting and tracking system for the Wastewater Program -- the award-winning Financial Management and Reporting System, which truly integrated the mainframe with the PC network, where users no longer had to deal with the complexity of accessing the City's official financial data. Mfume developed a "Google-like" reporting system, the Time Charging System, which empowered users to create complex labor reports; implemented the Paperless Office Initiative by leading a staff of analyst to develop and deploy the first Oracle-based Omnibus Office System (OOS) that automated and integrated the procurement, inventory and help-desk processes to manage Engineering's hardware and software assets.

In 2002, he established the framework for the now ubiquitous Business Intelligence and Information Delivery System (BIIDS), a collection of sophisticated business systems that manages many aspects of Public Works' enterprise-wide processes from financial management to human resources. The flagship of BIIDS is MERLIN, a high-end business intelligence system that empowers users to analyze data anywhere, anytime. More than 1,000 users in 25 City departments use it in countless ways. He considers MERLIN the high-water mark of his career.

Today, Mfume manages Public Works/Accounting's Systems Development, Maintenance and Audit Division (SDMA) at ITA, and is actively involved in the implementation of the Financial Management System.



Senior Systems Analyst II Rashad Mfume (honoree) and Public Works Commissioner Valerie Shaw



LAABP Board of Directors include (seated, from left) Sharon Loudd, DeWanna Sharp, Cora Jackson-Fossett, Terrence Montgomery, (standing) Adriene Murphy, DeMarlo Sims, Audrey Atkins, and Shelia Brooks-LeFridge





Public Works Office of Accounting employees.



Accounting employee Rio Broussard-Williams and Finance employee Minnie Johnson.



Controller employee Henry Chisom and his wife, Lynean.



Street Services Assistant Director Ron Olive, Lot Cleaning Superintendent II Bruce Howell, Cora Jackson-Fossett, and Deputy City Engineer Clark Robins.



James Burt, Nita Burke, Cathy Montoya and Earl Holmes came to salute the honorees.



Building and Safety employees (from left) Patrick Gilbert, Rickey Jackson and Lisa Yancey.



(From left) Bureau of Sanitation employee Jo Ann Moss, Controller employee Shelia Brooks-LeFridge, and guest DeAnn Douglas.

MIRIAM SCOTT LONG

Deputy Mayor,
Mayor's Office

Miriam Long provides management oversight, direction and implementation of the mayor's agenda in the areas of education and the municipal services most related to the city's children, youth and families. She reports directly to the Chief of Staff, works closely with the mayor's legal counsel, and oversees a team of five.

Her primary responsibility is to further the mayor's education reform agenda and stewardship of its implementation, as well as serving as the senior liaison with the City departments and commissions that focus on serving the City's children, youth and their families. These departments include: Rec and Parks; Library; the Commission on Children, Youth and Families; the Department on Disability; Cultural Affairs; and the El Pueblo State Historical District. It is also her responsibility to forge significant partnerships with leaders of the mayor's Gang Reduction and Youth Development Office, the Partnership for LA Schools and LA's BEST.

As a senior staffer, Long also represents the mayor with higher education institutions in the Los Angeles basin and on issues local, statewide and national in the areas of education and children's health, safety, mentoring, literacy and welfare matters.



Mayor's Chief of Staff Robin Kramer, LAABP Treasurer Sharon Loudd, LAABP 1st VP Terrence Montgomery, Deputy Mayor Miriam Long (honoree), Mayor Villaraigosa, and LAABP President Cora Jackson-Fossett.

DETRICH BROWN ALLEN

General Manager,
Environmental Affairs

Appointed in November 2000, Dee Allen became General Manager of "EnvironmentLA," the City's Environmental Affairs Department (ELA). She is an accomplished environmental professional with more than 20 years of committed public service to the City.

As General Manager, she provides leadership on environmental issues confronting the City, including advising the Mayor and City Council and City departments on citywide environmental issues, compliance strategies, policies and programs.

Ms. Allen is also very committed to help lead the City's efforts through the mayor's GreenLA Climate Action Plan to reduce the City's greenhouse gas emissions to 35 percent below 1990 levels by 2030.

Ms. Allen leads a citywide advisory committee to engage the community to become more sustainable through developed goals and metrics and a public participation progress involving the community of Los Angeles. She contributed to the City's "Green Team," implementing the City's Green Building Ordinance to support green construction in City and private building. The team is responsible for implementation of the City's Green Business Certification Program to assist Los Angeles businesses to integrate environmental responsibility into their operations by offering a business friendly approach to environmental compliance. The goal of this program is to increase the number of green businesses in Los Angeles through certification programs, outreach, recognition and incentives.



LAABP 1st Vice President Terrence Montgomery joins Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa in presenting General Manager Detrich Allen with a Trailblazer Award.

Honoring the Trailblazers

- Continued



Attending the Trailblazers Reception were (from left) William Robertson, Director of Street Services; Deborah Weintraub, Chief Deputy City Engineer; John Reamer, Inspector of Public Works; and Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer.



(From left) Recreation & Parks Executive Officer Regina Adams, CDD Senior Analyst Isophine Atkinson, and Recreation & Parks General Manager Jon Kirk Mukri.

JEFFERY WHITMORE

Revenue Manager,
Finance

Jeffery Whitmore was appointed the City's Revenue Manager in August 2003. He oversees the operation of the Revenue Management Division (RMD), the number of employees having ranged from 25 to 225. The Citywide Collections Program collects a revenue sum of roughly \$8 million annually.

The RMD works with numerous City departments to maximize revenue collections through the implementation and use of industry best practices. The division has also been charged with implementing newly developed programs to establish new revenue streams and create greater efficiencies. These programs include: the sale of delinquent accounts receivable on the secondary market; the centralization of all City accounts receivable under one umbrella organization; and the publication of the names of the City's top delinquent debtors.

Previously, he was Deputy Director of the Human Services, CDD; Assistant Director, Residential Acquisition Program, Airports; and Assistant Inspector General, LAPD.

Whitmore is active in his community. In 1991, he was appointed to the California Commission of the Status of African-American Males. This 15-member commission researches problems relating to unemployment, education, criminal justice, social services, economic empowerment and health; analyze existing state policy and programs; and make recommendations to the California Legislature on how they can legislatively address these issues. He served as the Chairman of the Employment Committee.



LAABP 3rd VP DeWanna Sharp, LAABP 1st VP Terrence Montgomery, Revenue Manager Jeffery Whitmore (honoree), and Office of Finance General Manager Antoinette Christovale.



CHERYL CHISOLM

Senior Electrical Inspector,
Building and Safety

Cheryl Chisolm has worked with the tools as a Journeywoman for 14 years. She is the first woman Senior Electrical Inspector for the City with Building and Safety. She works out of the Hollywood District.

Chisolm was the first woman elected (1997-2000) to the Executive Board of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union Local 11. Her fellow electricians elected her as the first woman on the Contact Negotiating Committee. The 6,000 members of her union elected her to represent them at the 2001 National IBEW Convention as a delegate. In 1994 she was elected Committee Chair of her union district 1 office. She was the first African-American woman instructor to teach the IBEW/NECA Apprenticeship Program and Journeymen Electrician continued education learning. She continues to teach electrical theory, OSHA Safety and First Aid/CPR at the ETI.

Chisolm has earned the California Electrical Vocational Teaching Credential and certifications for Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) (10 and 30 hours) Construction Outreach Trainer; Medic First Aid/CPR instructor; Safety and Diversity Orientations; and International Code Council-Commercial Electrical Inspector (ICC).

Chisolm is passionate about recruiting more women into non-traditional careers. Early in her career, she wrote an advice column for women in the construction industry. She has been active in "Electric Women," a support group for women electricians. Also active in "Winter" (Women in Non-Traditional Employment Roles), an organization in Southern California that trains, mentors and supports women seeking high-wage, high-skill jobs that are traditionally worked by men. She is a mentor for "Empower" (ETI Mentoring Program Offering Women Extra Resources) at the Electrical Training Institute.

As an instructor for Home Builders Institute at Los Angeles Job Corps, a youth training program teaching, building and apartment maintenance skills, she encouraged and supported young adults and teens to consider blue-collar careers. Many of these youth were ex-offenders, ex-gang members and high school dropouts.



(From left) LAABP President Cora Jackson-Fossett, LAABP 1st VP Terrence Montgomery, Senior Electrical Inspector Cheryl Chisolm (honoree), Mayor Villaraigosa and Building & Safety General Manager Andrew Adelman.

{ Who are the people you see every day? }

No. 15 in a series.

People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.



Meet Claude Gregory.



AGE: "I'm 37 years old."

BIRTHPLACE: "Manhattan, New York."

WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES?
"In 1997."

MARITAL STATUS: "Single."

FAMILY: "I have two brothers."

RELIGION: "None."

FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: "Going to Six Flags Great Adventure [in New Jersey]."

EDUCATION: "I'm a graduate of the 12th grade, from Norman Thomas Business School, Manhattan."

WHAT WAS THE LAST JOB YOU HAD? "I worked in retail, at Eddie Bauer, in 1998."

AWARDS: "I was Prom King."

MILITARY: "No."

IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE? "Peace on earth."

IF YOU HAD A MILLION DOLLARS, WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH IT? "Give it away to the Reading Is Fundamental organization."

FAVORITE FOOD: "Spaghetti, but no meatballs."

FAVORITE MOVIE: "Out of Africa."

FAVORITE ACTOR: "Louis Gossett Jr."

FAVORITE ACTRESS: "Debra Winger."

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Family Matters."

FAVORITE SINGER: "Etta James."

FAVORITE CANDY: "Crunch."

FAVORITE SPORTS: "Baseball, especially the New York Mets."

WHAT'S THE LAST BOOK YOU READ?
"Pride and Prejudice."

WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "In the Lamp District."

WHAT WAS THE LAST THING YOU ATE? "A bag of Cheetos, about 20 minutes ago."

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY?
"Inglewood."

ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "Keep cool, and stay sober."

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE IRAQ WAR?
"Listen to Barack."

WHAT IS YOUR SOLUTION TO THE ECONOMIC CRISIS? "Have the president and vice president discuss ideas."

IF YOU WERE THE MAYOR, WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO HELP THE HOMELESS? "I would build more shelters."

WHICH ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST HELP TO YOU? "Covenant House."

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

This interview took place Feb. 10 on Spring Street, between Third and Fourth Streets.

Newsbrief

CESAR CHAVEZ DAY:

The El Pueblo Historic Monument is presenting its 11th annual Cesar Chavez Day Walk and Festival Saturday, April 4.

Participants can join members of the Chavez family, representatives of the farm worker movement, students, and community and elected officials to the celebration.

The walk begins at 10 a.m. Food and festivities are available on nearby Olvera Street.

The event is hosted by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Councilmember José Huizar.

Information: (323) 264-2700.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:

The Olvera Street Merchants present the annual Blessing of the Animals Saturday, April 11. The event takes place from noon to 5 p.m. at El Pueblo Historical Monument, with a procession on Olvera Street commencing at 2 p.m. and the blessing to immediately follow. Musical entertainment is free to enjoy throughout the afternoon, and nonprofit animal organizations will be available to provide general information to the public. In addition, there will be pony rides for children and a petting zoo complete with camels, llamas, cows and other animals.

The centuries-old ceremony of Blessing of the Animals dates back to the fourth century, when the Catholic Church named St. Anthony de Abad as the patron saint of the animal kingdom. In those days, the people would take their animals to the priest to receive a blessing and ask for fertility and health. Today, Blessing of the Animals is held in grateful recognition of the tremendous services given to the human race by animals.

This colorful celebration has delighted visitors to Olvera Street for generations. Over the years, many animals have been blessed - from cats and dogs to more exotic pets such as snakes and iguanas. A cow covered with a blanket of flowers will lead the elaborate afternoon procession down Olvera Street. After the procession, Los Angeles Archbishop Roger Cardinal Mahony will individually bless all pets; however, you do not need a pet to enjoy this beautiful, time-honored event.

Olvera Street is part of El Pueblo Historical Monument and is between Main and Alameda Streets in downtown Los Angeles. Public parking is available at nearby lots on Main, Los Angeles and Alameda Streets. Public transportation is also available via the Metrolink, MTA rail and bus service to Union Station, although animals are restricted on some mass transit. For more information on the Blessing of the Animals, call (213) 625-7074 or (213) 485-8372.

Go to the Queen Mary

Discount tickets at the Club Store.

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{ 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. }

Cooking with the Club

by Chef Robert Larios



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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.

Tastes of Ireland

DIRECTIONS:

Irish Stuffed Mushrooms



1 Have your ingredients ready for dicing.



2 Remove the stems of each mushroom and dice them with the onion, parsley, Canadian bacon and minced garlic.



3 Add olive oil in a large pot on medium heat. Place Canadian bacon, garlic, onion, parsley, thyme, salt and pepper and cook until the Canadian bacon is sautéed thoroughly.



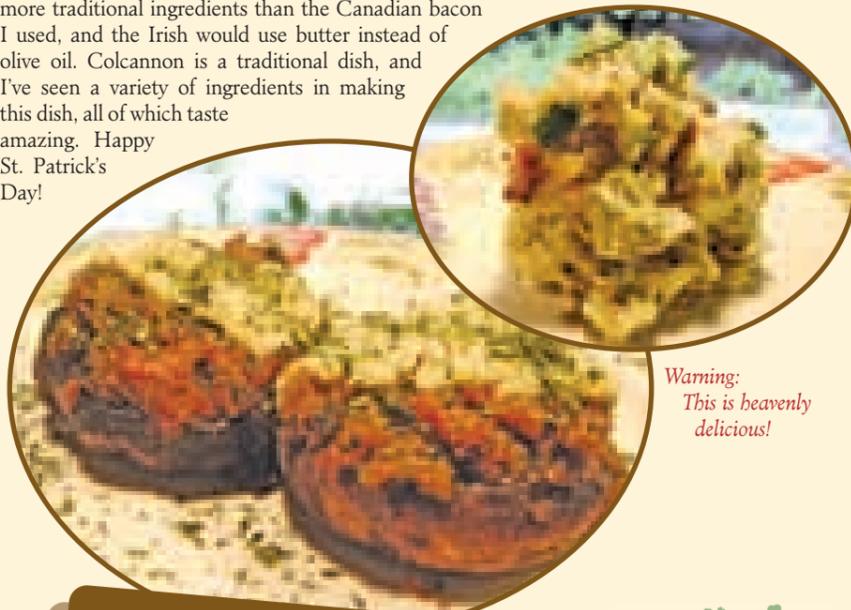
4 Add bread crumbs and water. Mix.



5 Place stuffing mixture on top of each mushroom. Add a slice of Dubliner cheese. Place stuffed mushrooms in the oven for 30 minutes at 350 degrees Fahrenheit.

St. Patrick's Day is around the corner, and aside from green beverages and the great St. Patrick's Day Parade we all know and love here in Downtown Los Angeles, I decided to share two Irish dishes, Irish Stuffed Mushrooms and Colcannon.

The ingredients used are not quite what the great people of Ireland might use, but it's pretty close in texture and flavor. For example, ham and bacon are more traditional ingredients than the Canadian bacon I used, and the Irish would use butter instead of olive oil. Colcannon is a traditional dish, and I've seen a variety of ingredients in making this dish, all of which taste amazing. Happy St. Patrick's Day!



Warning: This is heavenly delicious!

Irish Stuffed Mushrooms

INGREDIENTS:

- 6 medium-sized Portabella mushrooms
- 1 yellow or white onion
- 1 bunch parsley
- 1 tablespoon fresh thyme
- 1/2 cup diced Canadian bacon (or ham)
- 2 cloves garlic
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 cup bread crumbs
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup water
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 6 slices Irish Dubliner cheese (you may substitute a cheese of your choice)



Cooking Tidbit: If you'd like to use butter instead of olive oil, please do. I like the brand Kerrygold, which is pure Irish.

Colcannon

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 whole cabbage, shredded
- 6 medium-sized russet or Yukon potatoes
- 2 scallions, diced
- 2 leeks, diced
- Milk, 1/2 to 1 cup
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1/2 cup bacon, diced
- 1/2 cup Canadian bacon or ham, diced
- Salt and pepper to taste



Cooking Tidbit: If you can't find leeks or scallions, use a white onion or even green chives.

DIRECTIONS:

Colcannon



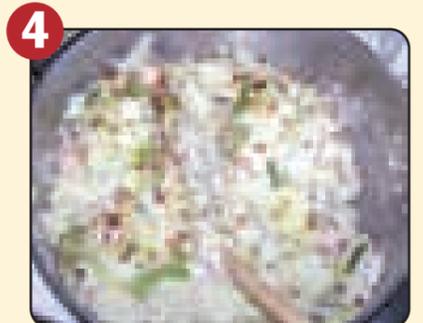
1 Have your potatoes, scallions, cabbage, leeks and Canadian bacon ready. Place all potatoes in a large pot and fill with water. Cover with lid and let cook until tender on medium heat.



2 Place shredded cabbage in a large pot with water and let cook until tender.



3 Use a fork to poke a potato to see how soft it is. If there's no resistance, it's done, and strain water from pot. Use fork to mash potatoes. Add the milk and butter here.



4 Sauté the Canadian bacon (or ham) and regular bacon until golden brown; add scallions, leeks, salt and pepper. Cook through. Then add those mixed ingredients and the cabbage (strained) to the mashed potatoes.

[A Cook's Dictionary]

Colcannon:

A delicious Irish peasant dish of milk and butter-moistened mashed potatoes, mixed with finely chopped onions and cabbage.

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



REVIEWS BY FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS

ENTERTAINMENT

MOVIE REVIEWS

**The Wrestler**

Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This is the dark but well-acted story of aging professional wrestler Randy "The Ram" Robinson (Mickey Rourke). Ram struggles through declining health and a deteriorated relationship with the daughter (Evan Rachel Wood) he abandoned as a child, as he tries to recapture his lost fame in one final showdown with his former rival. An air of doom surrounds his attempt to bond with a stripper (Marisa Tomei) he has romantic feelings for.

Filmed with a hand-held camera, *The Wrestler* visually may induce nausea, but the characters are sympathetic and their heartbreak becomes yours. Caution: Adults only.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

**Gran Torino**

Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

In trying to imagine the movie without the racial slurs, I came to the conclusion that it wouldn't work as well. This Clint Eastwood gem was named after a car. I was surprised that in this time of political correctness the movie was still enjoyable. The Eastwood character is clearly a product of much simpler times. The climax is a final confrontation between Eastwood and gang members. What makes this movie so good is the awakening of Eastwood's character to the changing world and the modern-day connection among families. The many themes visited were parental relationships, cultural issues, elder care issues, religion, and teenage issues. Overall, *Gran Torino* is worth watching.

— Lourdes Zaldivar, LAPD

you need a really good laugh, go see this movie, but I would not take children, even teenagers.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

**Taken**

Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Taken is a decent spy thriller starring Liam Neeson as a retired CIA "preverter." He's also a divorcee and a worrywart about his teenage daughter, portrayed by Maggie Grace. I knew this movie wouldn't be as good as the *Bourne* series, but nonetheless, I enjoyed the tense drama and action scenes. Everything goes awry after Neeson reluctantly lets his daughter go on a trip to Paris with a classmate. As the girls arrived at their first destination, they get kidnapped by ruthless Albanians, who prey on young girls and sell them for sex slaves. Now Neeson goes into high gear, using his vast CIA resources and somehow finds those responsible. Not bad for a retired agent! Brutal at times, this father stops at nothing as he's trying to save his only daughter.

— Chuck Beas, DWP

**Hotel for Dogs**

Rated PG

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Hotel for Dogs is a cute and enjoyable little film for the entire family. Even though this movie is predictable, it's not a bad thing, since we just wanted to be entertained and really didn't have

high expectations.

The movie is about two orphaned siblings, Andi and Bruce, who are basically good kids struggling to care for their dog without being discovered by their awful foster parents. When their dog, Friday, got lost one day, the siblings found him with his doggie friends in an abandoned hotel in the middle of the city. Of course, the hotel still has electricity and running water and furniture. With their new-found friends and Bruce's role as a little McGyver, the abandoned building was quickly transformed into a hotel for dogs. Being a doggie film, there are some cute scenes that will make you chuckle here and there. What I liked best about the movie is that no dogs went to doggie heaven.

— Marilou Romney, LAPD

Gran Torino

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Clint Eastwood plays a bigoted war vet who lives in a neighborhood taken over by Asians. This movie seemed to start a little slow, but it has some interesting things to think about, especially with all the racial slurs made in the movie and with all the different cultures we have in this country. This movie shows how people can get along.

— Gwen Lew, DWP

**The Tale of Despereaux**

Rated G

My Score: 2 (out of 5)

This is definitely a children's movie. It's about a mouse named Despereaux (voiced by Matthew Broderick) who is born with very large ears and is not afraid of anything. His mouse family sends him to a dungeon because they fear he will put all the other mice in danger. Despereaux runs into a rat (voiced by Dustin Hoffman), and they become friends.

I thought the movie was slow and not really interesting like other animations I have seen. If your kids must see this movie, take a lot of snacks.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

**Last Chance Harvey**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

This is a light romantic movie starring Dustin Hoffman and the wonderful Emma Thompson. I do not think too many people under the age of 35 will enjoy this one. It would have been more enjoyable if it had some more romantic scenes or just scenes with them getting to know each other. I really felt it was missing something. It might have been better if it were a TV movie, where you don't expect as much.

This is another movie where I would recommend you waiting until it came to the rental store.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

**Role Models**

Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

I didn't think it was going to be that good and went only because it was my husband's birthday and it was his turn to pick a movie. Most of the actors were not well known, with the exception of Sean William Scott, but they were all very funny.

The story is about two guys who end up having to do community service for crashing their car into a huge statue. I think you will enjoy the humor even if you're not in law enforcement. Anyway, if

**Paul Blart: Mall Cop**

Rated PG

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

The movie started out too corny, but once the bad guys took over the mall it got better. Although the storyline seemed way too familiar, it was still enjoyable.

Kevin James, from TV's *The King of Queens*, stars in this comedy. If you liked him in the TV show, you should really like him in this movie. If there are other movies you want to see, you can wait for the rental.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

DVD Reviews

**I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry (2007)**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Adam Sandler (Chuck) and Kevin James (Larry) play firefighters in New York City. Larry's wife died, and he is very sad. Since Larry failed to change his beneficiary on his pension, if he dies his two children will not be taken care of. Larry devises a plan to marry Chuck so he can make him his beneficiary. Chuck is a real ladies' man and really does not want to participate in this scheme. The pension board does not believe that Chuck and Larry are a real couple and have them followed. The movie is funny and entertaining. I would not let young children watch this movie.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

**Blindness (2008)**

Rated R

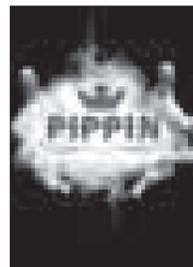
My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Julianne Moore stars in this frightening movie about relationships between a man and the government in crisis response mode. The movie focuses on a sudden plague of unexplained blindness. Moore, who was not infected, decides to accompany her blind spouse into quarantine. The problems worsen after they are housed at an abandoned hospital in overcrowded conditions. Factions of blind gangs soon form and fight for power. Soon enough, one faction is abusing the other because they have control of the food supply.

Blindness is a violent and graphic movie, and I hope not a reflection of reality.

— Lourdes Zaldivar, LAPD

THEATRE Reviews

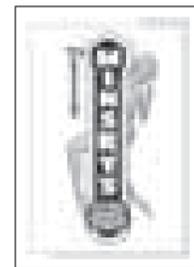
**Pippin**Deaf Theatre West
Mark Taper Forum
Through March 15

My Score: 1 (out of 5)

This is a Tony-award-winning musical, so I had been looking forward to seeing it. After a few songs, I had decided to leave at intermission if I was still not enjoying the show. Well, it turned out that there was no intermission, and I ended up wasting two-and-a-half hours of my time.

Although the cast was very talented, even though I did not enjoy the show, I can still recognize that. I did enjoy one musical number, but the rest felt like torture. So needless to say, I was disappointed.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

**Minsky's**Pre-Broadway
PremiereAhmanson Theatre
Through March 1

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Minsky's is a new musical with its world premiere showing at the Ahmanson Theatre in downtown Los Angeles.

The show takes place during the "Roaring '20s," as theatre owner Billy Minsky (Christopher Fitzgerald) is trying to revive the flagging attendance at his Burlesque theatre. He decides to push the limits of legality by showing more flesh on his girls and knows that a police raid could be the best publicity.

This is a funny, racy/bawdy, old-fashioned musical that aims only to entertain. With original songs and wonderful dancing, *Minsky's* entertains admirably.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

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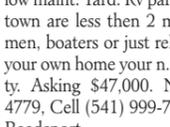
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Condo 4 Sale, 3/3, fireplace, hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings, central heating and air, 2 balconies, patio, and 2 car attached garage. Great location in Hawthorne. Near parks, schools, and shopping. Contact Denette Carolina at (323) 709-8961. 1008

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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

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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 908

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

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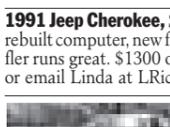
1994 Chevy Corvette Coupe: Good condition, Burgundy. Collector's Dream. Fully Loaded, Auto, PWR everything, removable targa top, Beige Int. w/Leather Seats, CD/Cassette stereo. Only 82,090 miles. Wants to go fast! Beautiful car. \$12,500/O.B.O. Will consider all offers. Serious buyers only. Contact Jesse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

1987 Chevrolet, El Camino. 305 Engine - Auto 18" Iroc Wheels Stereo A/C Super clean on/out \$9,000 Call Ernest (909) 594-9486 908



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

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

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

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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

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Autos / Motorcycles / Boats

94 Ford Escort LX: 4 door Hatchback, blue, perfect condition. 5 speed manual. Reg good til May 2009. 85,000 original miles. New tires & timing belt. Tuned up. A/C. AM/FM stereo. No accidents. Clean title. Windows all automatic. \$2100. Interior immaculate. Seats no tears. Dash no cracks. Call (818) 448-9501 or mattsr10@yahoo.com 209



Classic 1927 Ford T-Bucket Roadster, yellow with tan interior, chrome trim/brass radiator, 350 Chevy engine. Runs, looks great/will e-mail picture. \$14,000. Call (562) 989-4664 209

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

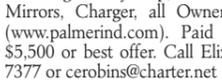
2003 Ford F350 Super Duty Dump Truck. 5079 miles, AC, CD player. Runs great, good for small hauling jobs. Asking price \$17K or best offer. Ask for Kelvin at 562-833-9299. 1208

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

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



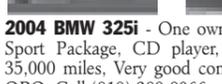
2004 BMW 325i - One owner, Premium & Sport Package, CD player, Sunroof. Only 35,000 miles, Very good condition. \$18,900 OBO. Call (818) 388-8066 1108



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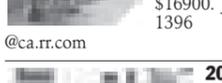
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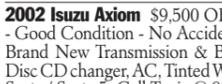
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Room for rent. Free Utilities. \$500 a month. Located in Harbor City off Lomita Blvd. adjacent to the Harbor Freeway. Call (310) 326-3922 from 9am to 9pm. 908

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 908

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 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

Household Items

Exercise Equipment: AB Lounger II, \$50 - NEW; Treadmill, Jane Fonda, Motorless, w/manual- \$25; Misc. types exercise equipment. Call Marie 310-422-0075 1108

Cross-stitched Arts - Beautiful home décor, no frame, prices are negotiable. Call Nida & leave a message (909) 800-3207. 1008

Miscellaneous

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

4 Burial Plots, Rose Hills, 4500X4 plots. 323-382-2405 209

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

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

Chrome Rims - set 4, 16" Lug nuts & lock, Good Condition \$25.00 per rim. Call Irma at 818-326-1987 908

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 (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, Multimate 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 81

TICKET GUY Tips for Visiting the Club Store:

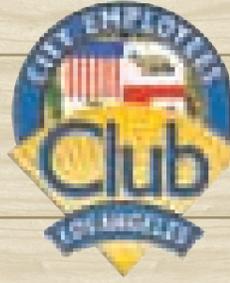


- I would strongly recommend that members place their orders by phone using a debit/credit card before visiting. This will help you avoid lines.
- The best time to visit the new Club Store would be around 9:15 a.m. Parking is abundant and portions of downtown are still sleeping.

• When visiting the Club Store, try to bring a co-worker who is not a member. If they sign up, you will receive a \$10 Gift Card. So bring Johnny or Lisa down.

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Club Store



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: #WL2601
PRICE: \$45.00*



Men's Large Seal, Stainless Steel Band
ITEM: #WS2500
PRICE: \$65.00*



Men's Large Seal, Leather Band
ITEM: #WL2600
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: #DWPW3050
PRICE: \$45.00* **Now \$35**

Ladies' Watches with City Seal

Ladies' Watch, Leather Band
ITEM: #LVB4000
PRICE: \$25.00*



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



Ladies' Watch, Two-tone gold and silver
ITEM: #WGSV1000
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

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 Woman's Long Sleeve Button Down Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

NEW!
 Member Price:
\$25
 per shirt*

- Available Colors:
- Black
 - Sky Blue
 - Khaki
 - Navy Blue
 - White



ITEM: #WMNLSSTCTY4000

City Men's Short Sleeve Button Down Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

- Available Colors:
- Black
 - Navy Blue
 - Oxford
 - White

Member Price:
\$22⁹⁹
 per jacket*

Size: **3XL** **\$23⁹⁹**



ITEM: #CTYSLST1000

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

- Available Colors:
- Black
 - Navy Blue
 - White
 - Khaki

Member Price:
\$25
 per shirt*

Size: **3XL**
\$28



ITEM: #LSB1000

City "Bold" Department Shirts

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

Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

- Available Colors:
- Navy Blue

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



ITEM: #RECPKSLAC6000



ITEM: #D.P.WLAC1000



ITEM: #HARBORLAC2000

ITEM: #D.O.TLAC3000



ITEM: #L.A.W.A.LAC5000
 also available in:

- White
- Green
- Red
- Sky Blue

ITEM: #G.S.DLAC4000

City Girl "Classic" T-shirt

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



ITEM: #T-W1000

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

Member Price:
\$10
 per shirt*

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 T-Shirt

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

Available Colors:

- Black
- Azalea
- Carolina Blue
- Royal
- Red
- Hot Pink
- White

Member Price:
\$10
 per shirt*

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



ITEM: #WMNCLSC4000

Fleece Jackets

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

Member Price:
\$34⁹⁹
 per jacket*

- Available Colors:
- Black
 - Charcoal
 - Khaki
 - Navy Blue

NEW!



ITEM: #CTY3000

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: #WMNFLJKT1000

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

*Plus tax and shipping

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Polo Shirts

City Seal Polo Shirt with Stripes

Sizes: **M L XL 2XL**

Available Colors:

- Black
- Navy Blue
- White

Member Price:
\$19⁹⁹
per shirt*

NEW!



ITEM: #CTYPOLO2000

LA City Polo Shirt

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

Front



ITEM: #PS1000

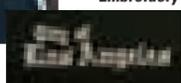
Member Price:
\$12
per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:

- Black
- Navy Blue
- Pink
- White

Close-up of Embroidery



City Seal Tank Tops

Women's

Sizes: **S M L XL**

Available Colors:

- Hot Pink
- White

On white shirt, emblem is pink

Member Price:
\$7⁵⁰
per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping



ITEM: #WTT2000

Men's

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



ITEM: #MTT3000

Member Price:
\$7⁵⁰
per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:

- Heather Gray
- White

L.A. City T-shirts

New City LA-Hall Long Sleeve T-Shirt

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



ITEM: #NC1000

Member Price:
\$12
per shirt*

Available Colors:

- Black
- Navy Blue

Size: **3XL**

\$13

Size: **4XL**

\$14

Front

New City LA-Hall Short Sleeve T-Shirt

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



ITEM: #CNI1000

Member Price:
\$8⁵⁰
per shirt*

Available Colors:

- Black
- Blue Dusk
- Navy Blue
- Sport Gray
- Tan
- White

Sizes: **3XL**

\$9⁵⁰

Sizes: **4XL**

\$10⁵⁰

Available Colors:

- Black
- Navy Blue
- Sport Gray

Front

LA City "B-Label" T-Shirt (with Depts.)

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



ITEM: #LAC-5000

Member Price:
\$10
per shirt*

Available Colors:

- Black
- Gray
- Navy Blue

Size: **3XL**

\$13

Back

LA City "Alma Mater" T-shirt

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



ITEM: #LAC-2000

Member Price:
\$5
per shirt*

Available Colors:

- Black
- Gray
- Navy Blue

Front

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

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



ITEM: #LAC-6000

Member Price:
\$22
per shirt*

Available Colors:

- Black
- Navy Blue

Size: **3XL**

\$23

LA City Seal T-shirt

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



ITEM: #MOCS1000

Member Price:
\$10
per shirt*

Available Colors:

- Cedar
- Dark Heather
- Metro Blue
- Military Green
- Sand
- Sky Blue

Front

Short Sleeve "Classic" T-shirt

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



ITEM: #T1000

Member Price:
\$12
per shirt*

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 | | | |

Non-Member Price:
\$25 per shirt
*Plus tax and shipping

Front

Back

LA City "Olde English" T-shirt

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



ITEM: #LAC-4000

Member Price:
\$8
per shirt*

Available Colors:

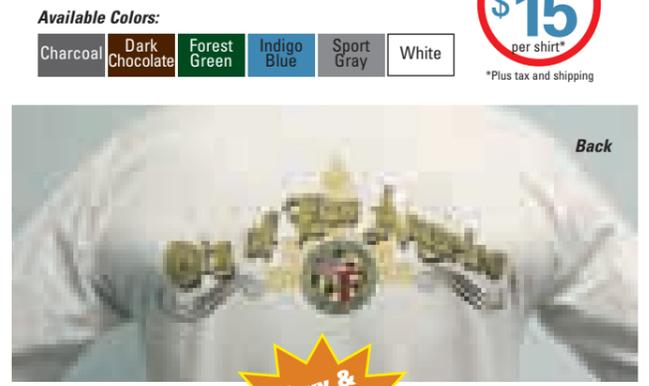
- Black
- Navy Blue

Front

Back

Long Sleeve "Classic" T-shirt

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



ITEM: #T1500

Member Price:
\$15
per shirt*

Available Colors:

- Charcoal
- Dark Chocolate
- Forest Green
- Indigo Blue
- Sport Gray
- White

*Plus tax and shipping

Back

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

Size: **3XL**

\$16

Available Colors:

- Dark Chocolate
- Forest Green
- Indigo Blue
- Sport Gray

Size: **4XL**

\$17

Available Colors:

- Black
- Navy Blue
- White

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

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**
 \$16
 Available Color:
 Gray

Navy & Black LIMITED

ITEM: #T2500WP

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: #T2002VP

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



ITEM: #T2003VP

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

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

Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

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

Available Colors:
 Navy Blue Orange White Black



ITEM: #T2000VP

Navy & Black LIMITED

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

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



ITEM: #T2001VP

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

"Future City Employee"
 Kid's T-shirt

Sizes: **XS S M L XL**

Available Colors:
 Green Red Royal Blue

Member Price:
\$8.99
 per shirt*



ITEM: #KIDFUT1000

City Jackets

City Executive Sueded
 Microfiber Jacket

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

Member Price:
\$45
 per jacket*

Available Colors:
 Brown Charcoal Indigo Blue



*Plus tax and shipping

ITEM#: #SUDJKT1000

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*

Sizes: **3XL**
\$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
KHAKE: #H1988
BLACK: #H1987



City Seal

Member Price:
\$8
per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping



City Seal Ball Cap with Script

NAVY: #H1989
ORANGE: #H1990
KHAKE: #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 Umbrella

Member Price:
\$19.99
each*

*Plus tax and shipping



ITEM: #CTYUMB1000

City of LA Portfolio Deluxe Bag

ITEM: #DELBG1000



Member Price:
\$20
per bag*

*Plus tax and shipping

Available Color:



City Hot Beverage Mug

Member Price:
\$5
per mug*

*Plus tax and shipping



ITEM: #MGS1000

City Professional Bag

Member Price:
\$25
per bag*

*Plus tax and shipping

Available Color:



ITEM: #BAG1000

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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



Member Price: \$5 per chain*
Club Discount Price! (\$10 Retail)
*Plus tax and shipping

City Seal Key Chain
ITEM: #LAKC001

City Department Bears

Member Price: \$20 per bear*
*Plus tax and shipping

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



DWP
ITEM #BDWP



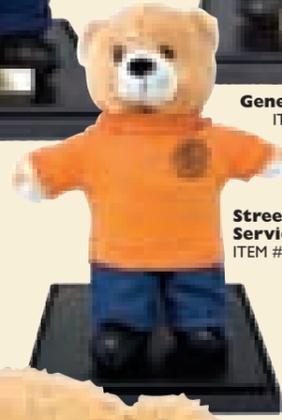
Transportation Department
ITEM #BDOT



General Services
ITEM #BGSD



Sanitation Department
ITEM #BBOS



Street Services
ITEM #BSTS

Member Price: \$12 per bear*
*Plus tax and shipping

Available T-shirt Colors:

Blue

Green



CITY SEAL BEAR
ITEM #TEBY1000

City Wall Clocks

Member Price: \$12 per clock*
*Plus tax and shipping



ITEM: #C8003



ITEM: #WCWSP3000

10" Diameter Battery Operated (AA)

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Ticket Guy
City Employees Club of Los Angeles
120 W. 2nd Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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WE'VE MOVED TO:
The Club Store and Service Center
120 W. Second Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
- downtown, between Spring and Main Streets

For Dash routes, go to:
www.ladottransit.com/dash/routes



Spring Highlights



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From City Umbrellas to City Jackets, we have all the right styles for a cool-weather season.

Stop by the Club Store or go to www.CityEmployeesClub.com for the latest styles and sizes.

- ★ Umbrellas
- ★ T-Shirts
- ★ Fleece Sweaters
- ★ Jackets
- ★ Button Shirts

Rachel, our new Club Store Manager, is sporting a City Umbrella, a Women's Full Zip Fleece, and the Classic City Golf T-shirt.

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