



Attending the LAPD Communications holiday party Dec. 6 in Marina del Rey were Tashanda Fredrick, PSR III, Club Member, and her husband, William.

### 52-Year Legend Terry Aguilar Says Goodbye and Retires

Career of Public Works legend and Club Member is honored.



**PUBLIC WORKS** — After 52 years of providing excellent service and innovation in Public Works/Engineering, Terry Aguilar, Club Member, retired.

The big bash was held Nov. 18 overlooking the San Gabriel Valley.

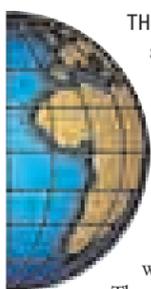
A resolution credited Terry with a long list of major accomplishments, including managing the bureau's clerks; leading the transition from dedicated word processors to personal computers; leading the development of online resources; creating forms templates; and developing the bureau's 311 Citywide Services Directory; among many other things.

**For all the photos and more info, see the article on page 14.**

*Congratulations on your great accomplishments, Terry. Enjoy your retirement!*

### Entries Go the Distance in Around The World Contest

Fifth-anniversary contest brings entries from around the globe.



**THE CLUB** — We had a sneaking suspicion that we would receive some good entries for our contest to mark the fifth anniversary of *Alive! Around the World*: How far from L.A. can you have your picture taken with your copy of *Alive!*?

The answer: Pretty far! And we received lots of good entries.

The results are published, and the winner is crowned, in this issue. Here's a hint: Think down under!

"We love that you have embraced *Alive! Around the World*," says Club CEO John Hawkins. Every day, when we open our mail and email, it seems there are at least a few more entries.

"And we received some awesome entries for our contest, including one that, all totaled, nearly equaled the circumference of the earth. Incredible!

"Thanks for participating, and keep the photos coming – even though the contest is over."

**See the winner and the runners-up on page 46.**

*Alive!* continues its holiday tradition of covering your holiday parties, like this one, in which the LAPD 911 Communications Dept. cruised Marina del Rey.  
**{ Go to page 20 to check out all the fun! }**

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*\* A Message From the CEO \**

# Starting the Year With Great Service

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

I want to tell you about an experience I had recently. It made me think a lot about what matters, why the Club means so much to me, and, I hope, to you, our great Club Members, too.

It's about service.

In December, I needed a question answered about City benefits, so I called Personnel. I ended up talking to a woman named **Randyn Calvo**. I had never met her before, best as I can remember. From the very start of the call she was super-friendly, and it got only better from there. She went out of her way to get the information I was looking for, and even offered to email it to me. She was quick and cheerful, and she left a lasting impression upon me of the whole Personnel Dept. Randyn was a true testament to leadership – it starts with service.

So I wrote a nice note to **Maggie Whelan**, General Manager of Personnel and great friend of the Club, to let her know. I believe that good service like that deserves to be called out.

And it got me to thinking – what should the Club focus on as we roll into 2010? What should **I** focus on?

Shortly after my experience with Randyn in December, the Club was honored to make a great presentation to **John Bogdanoff**, retired, Rec and Parks, at the recent RLACEI holiday party [see page 44]. Thanks to Ed Harding for letting us do that. We did an awesome cover story on John early in 2009. It was a great interview and photo session, talking about literally the decades this man gave to some tough love, to teaching kids from the neighborhood how to box. Which meant, keeping them out of gangs and other similar serious mischief. John Bogdanoff was, and is, all about service. And it's time he was honored for that.



Club CEO John Hawkins (left) and John Bogdanoff (right) after the Club presented Bogdanoff with a replica cover, to commemorate his service to the City. In the center is Tony Alvarez, Club Member, Retired, Parking Manager.

And then, I'm reading the stories that are going into the issue you have in your hands right now. There's a story of **Terry Aguilar**, retiring after 52 years of City service. And the retirements of **Craig Bloomquist** ... and **Thomas Vercher** ... and **Patricia Montano**.

Then, there's the article about our two newest Club Counselors – **Eboné Moses** and **Brent Urban**. I loved that they talked about how important customer service is to them. And I didn't even prompt them!

Have you ever sent an email to the Club? How long did it take to get a response? I'm thinking less than 24 hours, even on a holiday weekend. Why? I could tell you how we do that technically, but what's more important is *why* we do it. It's all about service. I believe in it. And so does everyone at the Club. Frankly, we wouldn't do it any other way, and we won't have people working for you here who don't believe in it. (And we are always looking to improve.)

Enjoy your January issue of *Alive!*, with all the great photos of your holiday parties. Don't forget to send in a Valentine, for your City sweetie [see page 49].

Happy New Year. May it be one that really serves you well.

**JOHN**

(jhawkins@cityemployeesclub.com)

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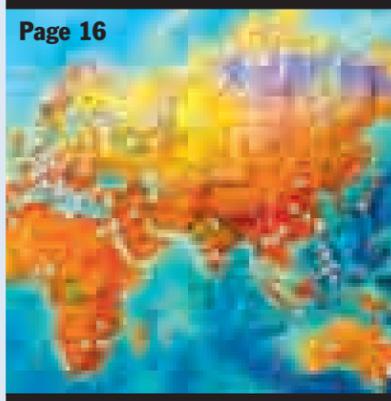
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**Cecilia Talbot,  
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You probably won't get to meet Club Claims Manager Cecilia Talbot very often... until you really need her. That's when her service shines. So, to assure you that you are in good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

— Ed.

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— Sharon M Popp, September 2009

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— Laurie Kasowki, October 2009

"Your service was excellent. You explained the procedures to make a claim, and Cecilia Talbot ... answered all my questions."

— Gloria Jackson, September 2009

The Club Claim Service was "excellent. The rep took care of me right away and thoroughly explained the process. I passed [the book] to my son to read to my grandson."

— Rosie Wimbish, October 2009

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**Claims paid:**

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Life insurance claims paid this year:  
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**\$156,204.06**

Long-term disability claims paid this year:  
**\$1,225,141.70**

Long-term care claims paid this month:  
**\$31,050.00**

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

Tell us what you think! [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

## LETTER OF THE MONTH

### A Real Connection Made To 'People We See' Feature

Your November interview with Roger Siegel ["People We See"] literally knocked me out of my chair. Roger is a fraternity brother from our days together at UCLA.

Roger had been a successful attorney practicing downtown, and two other [fraternity] brothers, who also were attorneys, and I would talk with Roger at the Court House cafeteria. In the early 1990's, we lost contact with Roger for a couple of years, but he reappeared a much-changed individual. Roger showed up at the LA City Hall Mall, where he began to appear on a regular basis as one of those people who had moved away from society. When I would talk with him, he remembered me, but he would not be very forthcoming on where he lived or how I and our other brothers could help him. One day, Roger just didn't show up at the Mall, and we thought he had passed on. I retired from the City almost eight years ago without ever seeing Roger again. Then your column appeared, a real miracle.

I have been in touch with several of our fraternity brothers, and we would like to reestablish a communication with Roger and attempt to assist in whatever way he will allow us. I tried Roger's email, but it came back undeliverable.

I personally will be making a visit to the downtown area to locate Roger. I know your interview with him took place at Second and Los Angeles, and I hope this is a regular spot for him. If you can provide me with any other information that might help me in locating him, please send it on to me.

— Drew Sones, Retired, Club Member



Note to readers: We sent our best information to Drew about Roger's whereabouts; we frequently see Roger downtown. If you want to help anyone you see in our pages, drop us a line at [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com), and we'll try to point you in the right direction. We are all part of the same family. — Ed.

### Former Journalist Likes That Alive! Is Going to the Dogs

From a former LAPD journalist (who is still with Central Traffic as a Specialist Reserve Officer), your section on "K-9s on Duty at the Port" [December] was absolutely first class and first rate, photography and all!

— Phillip Barton, Retired, LAPD

Hi Phillip: From one set of professionals to another professional, we blush and say thanks for the shoutout! We truly enjoy what we do, and we're glad that's coming through. — Ed.

The City Dog story is amazing! I really love that photo of Boomer the police dog and Port Police Officer Anthony Reitz. Boomer looks like he's having a great time on the boat. These are such special animals, and I am so pleased to have them as part of the City family. We are so diverse! So cool! Thank you, *Alive!*, for sharing and telling us about this side of the City culture!

— Roy Trevor, General Services

### At End of the Year, Club Insurance Is a Good Idea

Hi Club! I want you to know that I am so pleased that you gave us a refund check this year. Now that I am a retired City Employee, every penny helps to keep my husband and I going during the holiday season and beyond. I had a chance to see your store, too! What a beautiful place, and the employees there are so warm and caring! It almost makes me want to return to the City to work again. Hmmm. Okay, I said more than I can chew. Merry Christmas!

— Gina Jones, Retired

Hi Gina, we are happy to return to eligible Club Members the insurance fees unspent in claims at the end of each calendar year. The Club's insurance services exist to protect and safeguard those who have it; after that, we return what we can.

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### It's a Wrap for Wrapping Station, a Club Holiday Hit

Is it true? No way! The Club Store has a wrapping station for Christmas gifts? The Club is truly a place for the City employee! Thank you!

— Maria Tallares, DWP

Hi Maria, yes, it's true. Although it's now dismantled for the season, the Club Store's wrapping station saw good use over the holidays, covering all those great Club gifts in bright, shiny holiday paper. Glad you put it to use! — Ed.

### Who Was the First Policewoman? Historic Hynda Was on the Case

That's a great story about America's first policeman, on page 26 of the December *Alive!* [History Comes Alive!]. Alice Stebbins Wells was the first; who knew? Well, Hynda Rudd knew, of course. Thank you for the story. My children and I love reading about the history of LA with *History Comes Alive!*

— Richard Moss, LAPD

### Sounds Like Michelle Has Somethin' Cookin' for Chef Larios

Once again, Chef Larios pulls through with a great recipe in the December newspaper. That pasta salad was to die for, and even more so when I made it for my family. They all loved it! We are having again for Christmas and New Year's Day. I am a true believer in Chef Larios, and everyone else should be, too. Keep on cooking and smiling, Chef!

— Michelle Chan, LAFD

## Corrections



Sgt. Leonard Valentine.

- In Hynda Rudd's "History Comes Alive!" column last month, the source of the photos of Charles Sebastian was listed incorrectly. The photos were courtesy the Herald Examiner Collection, Photo Archive, Los Angeles Public Library, Christine Rice, Acting Sr. Librarian.

### A Note of Sadness

- Alive!* is sorry to note the passing of Sgt. Leonard Valentine, who died a few weeks after we took his photo for the inclusion in the "Dinosaurs" story in the section for retirees. Leonard served the City for more than 44 years. Our sympathies go out to his family and friends.

## QUESTION of the Month



— Collected by Rachael Brecher, Club Store Rep

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's the one thing in the New Year you want to change or give up?

**"Less time working, more time with family."**

— Eric Wilson, DWP, 8 years of City service.



**"For all City workers to be at peace."**

— Susan Hernandez, LACERS, 2 years of City service.



**"Exercise more."**

— Elias Tirado, LAPD, 10 years of City service.



**"Furlough days."**

— Lori Lopez, LAPD, 10 years of City service.



**"Spend more time with family."**

— Adrian Barrera, Public Works, 19 years of City service.



**"Be more active."**

— Oscar Munoz, DWP, 24 years of City service.



**"Be more positive."**

— Francisco Castaneda, Airports, 1 year of City service.



**"Furlough days."**

— Cynthia James, LAPD, 15 years of City service.



**"No more furlough days."**

— Fernie Cabanillas, Public Works, 19 years of City service.

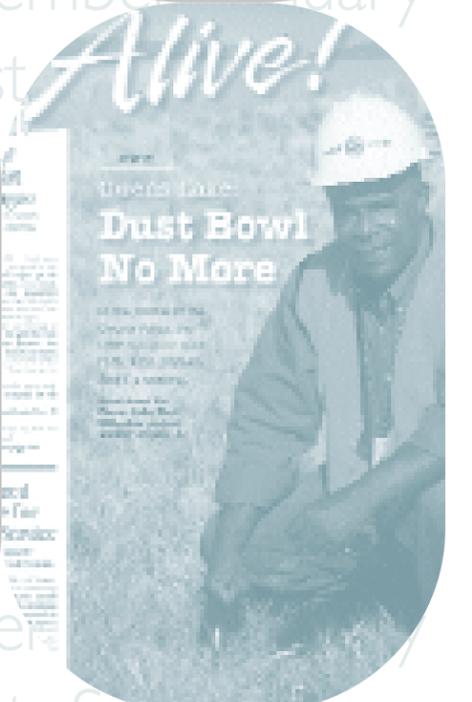
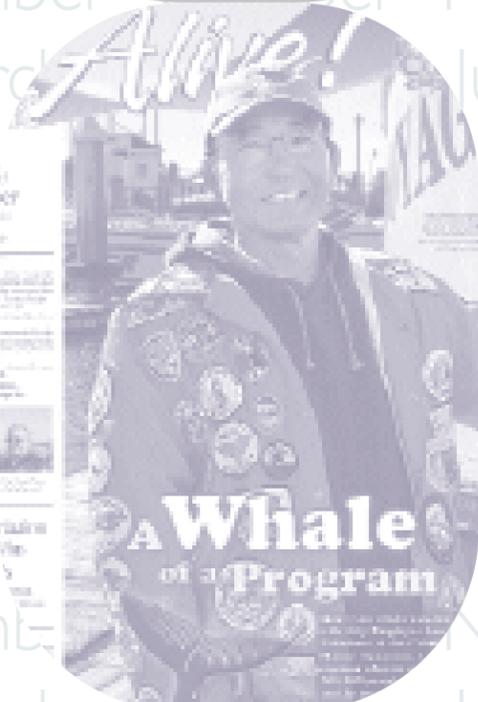
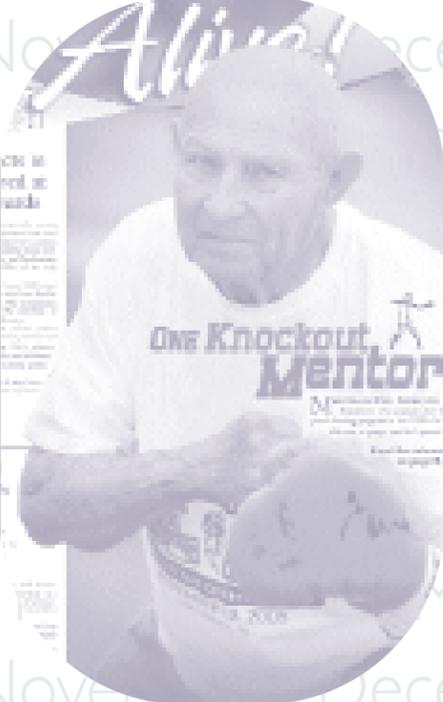
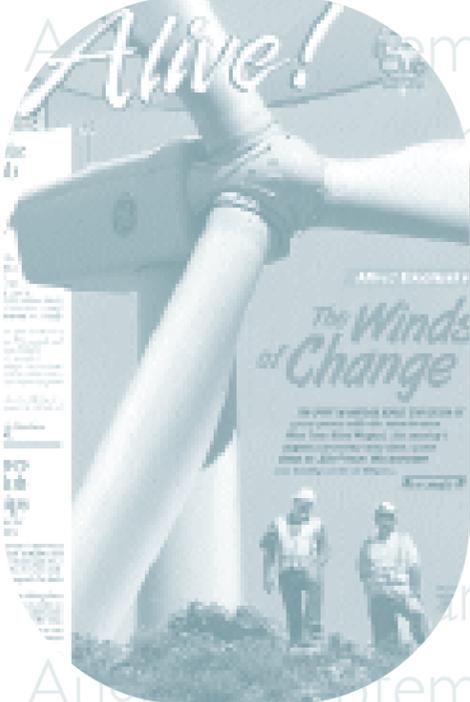
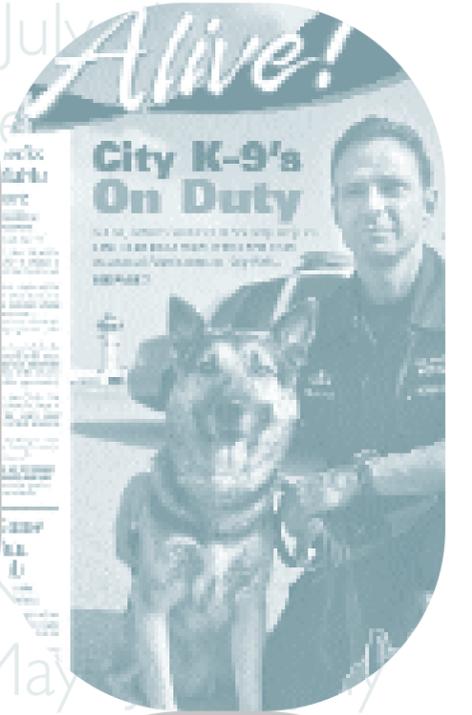


Something to  Think About

**"I have always believed that quality is remembered long after the price is forgotten."**

— Stanley Marcus, president, Neiman-Marcus

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



**SPECIAL SECTION**

# 2009

## The Year That Was

# *Alive!*

■ **It's time to look back and savor the greatest *Alive!* moments from last year.**

THE CITY — Now that 2010 has just begun, it's time to look back at the year that was 2009.

It was the year the Club started creating its special events, like the Dodgers game in early October. You made it a big hit!

In 2009, *Alive!* began its series on City K9s at work. We covered the City's budget crisis. We looked back at City Employees from the 1940s and '50s. We went whale watching with the crew from Cabrillo Marine Aquarium; we monitored the water outflow from the Hyperion Treatment Plant. We brought you an exclusive tour of the DWP's new wind farm in the desert.

And the Club started its fantastic Sports League with 10 softball teams.

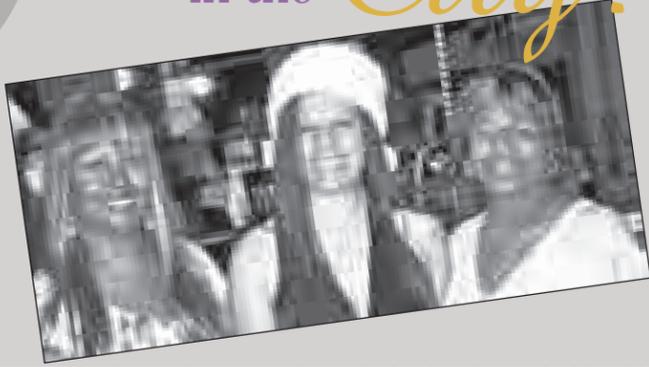
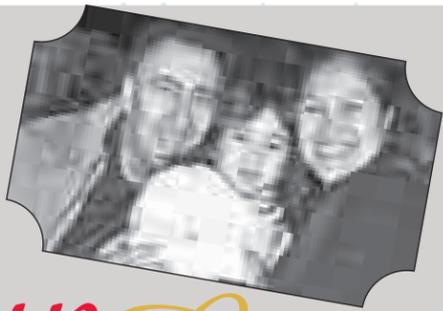
So let's look back one more time at the year that was 2009.

**Happy New Year, everyone!**

**JANUARY**



# Fun in the City!



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



## A Very Generous Rumble

■ Annual Motorcycle Run delivers toys and donations to hospitalized children.



# The Year That Was *Alive!*

**FEBRUARY**



## A Ringing Success



■ Talking with the man who guided Rec and Parks' youth boxing program.

## Bringing L.A. to the Ocean



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

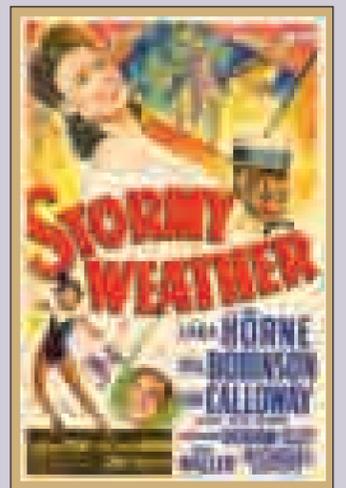
Club CEO John Hawkins (right) chats with Larry Fukuhara (center) and Cabrillo Whalewatch Certified Naturalist Bobbie Hedges, who has been a docent at Cabrillo for 12 years.

## Love and the City



Ron and Jean Sarfaty

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



## The Art of the Movies

■ Central Library begins an exhibition of classic movie posters, restored after a library branch fire.

## Honoring the Trailblazers

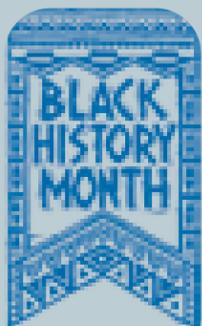


Trailblazer Award honorees were (from left) Rashad Mfume, Cheryl Chisolm, Michael Holmes, Detrich Allen, Miriam Long and Jeffery Whitmore.

**MARCH**



■ Black Personnel honors City employees in recognition of African American Heritage Month.



# 2009

APRIL



### Taking the Lead On LEED

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design

■ The Convention Center is the first building in the City, and the first convention center of its size and age in the United States, to receive LEED-EB certification.



## Hooray for the Mail!



■ General Services hosts 7th annual Mail Services appreciation day.

Perfect Attendance Certificate Recipients, from left: Jack Callies, Delivery Driver 1; David Meraz, Delivery Driver II, Peggy Moore, Messenger Clerk, Club Member; Sonissa Norman, Messenger Clerk, Club Member; and Ken Mak, Clerk.

# The Year That Was Alive!

MAY



## The Winds of Change

■ The Pine Tree Wind Project's construction managers, engineers and executives share their stories on building this very important City project.



## Happy Mother's Day



All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel, my mother! Happy Mother's Day!

- L'keva Harris, LAPD

## A League of Our Own



■ The Club creates its own softball league.

## National Dispatchers Week



Standing, from left: Marlene Swancy, Sr. PSR I, Club Member; Shaton Brown, Sr. PSR I, Club Member; and Carol Schott, Sr. PSR II, Club Member. Seated: Robyn Frazier, Sr. PSR I, Club Member; and Margaret Peters, Sr. PSR 1, Club Member.

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JUNE

SPECIAL SECTION

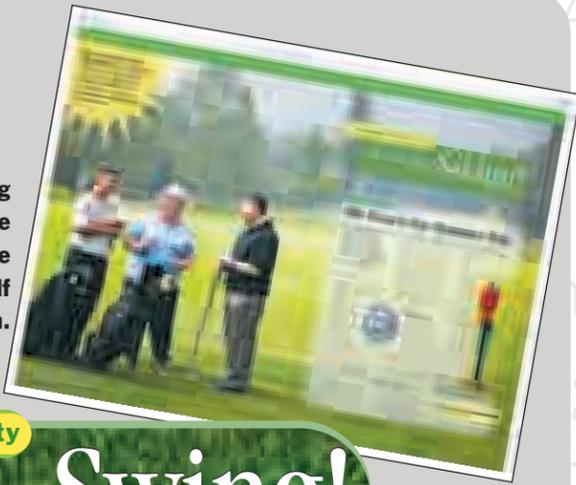
2009

April May June July August  
September December January  
June July August September  
October November

# 2009



■ Taking advantage of the City's golf program.



Summer in the City

## Get Into the Swing!

### A Constructive Day!

■ General Services/ Construction Forces has a day to appreciate its staff.



### Fallen Employees Memorial

■ DWP unveils memorial to employees who lost their lives while providing City services.

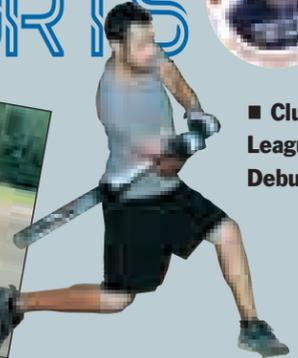


At the DWP's Fallen Employees Memorial, in front of the John Ferraro Building.

JULY



## CLUB SPORTS



■ Club League Debuts!



### Perfect Attendance

■ Port honors 170 for their perfect attendance.

From left: Martin Chavez, Attendance Program Coordinator, with the \$500 perfect attendance winners: Ed Little, C&M; Rica Marie Viola, Real Estate, Todd McElhaney, C&M; Richard Joe, Engineering; and William Houser, Construction. They pose with John Holmes, Deputy Executive Director.

## Back IN THE Day

Irene Tresun in her Hancock Park home.

AUGUST



# The Year That Was Alive!

Celebrating 5 Years of Alive! AROUND THE WORLD

SEPTEMBER



■ You have made it one of our most popular features and we look at some of our greatest submissions.

## Remembering Rick and Rene

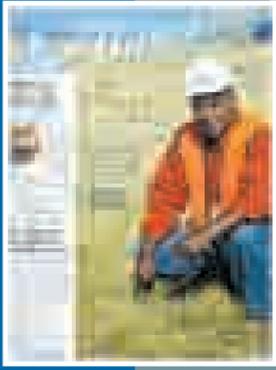


■ Public Works introduces a memorial to two fallen employees.

The families of "Big Rick" Garris and Rene Flores and City Employees surround the monument.

OCTOBER

# Settling the Dust



■ In the middle of the Owens Valley, the DWP has gone back to fix a big problem. And it's working.



2009 Outstanding Service Award honorees and their supervisors.

## Outstanding Service Awards

■ Finance hands out its seventh annual Outstanding Service Awards.

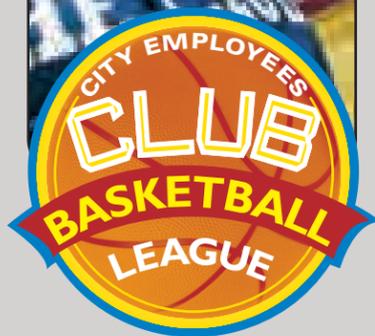
# The Year That Was *Alive!*

DECEMBER



## It's Time for Basketball!

■ Club announces the creation of a City-wide basketball league.



## L.A. City K9s On Duty

■ In this first of an occasional *Alive!* series, read about the police officers and their K9s keeping us safe at LAX.

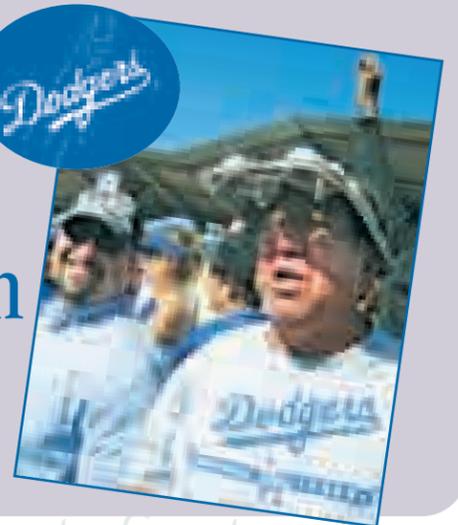


NOVEMBER

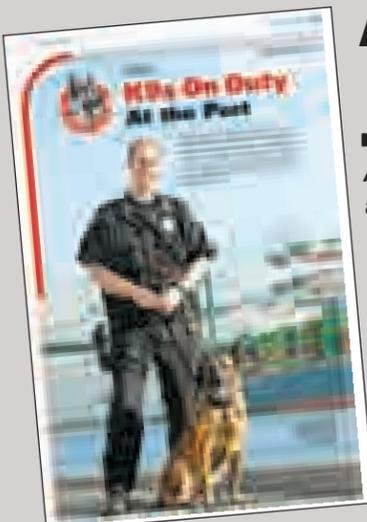


## DODGERS GAME: A Club Home Run

■ More than 2,700 Club Members attend special Club Event Oct. 4.



Harbor **K9s On Duty At the Port**



■ Our second in the *Alive!* series, read about the police officers and their K9s keeping us safe at LAX.



Sr. Lead Officer Ismael Flores, Club Member, and Achilles, Patrol/Narcotics Dog.

# 2009

Angel's

*Be Alive!*Angel Gomez,  
Director of  
Member  
ServicesA USS *Midway* life preserver and me.A side view of the USS *Midway*.

## Hello again, and Happy New Year!

This month, I am very happy to show you the USS *Midway*. The USS *Midway* is on San Diego Bay in downtown San Diego, minutes away from the San Diego International Airport, the Port of San Diego Cruise Terminal, the downtown Gaslamp District, and all the other downtown attractions.

USS *Midway* was an aircraft carrier of the United States Navy, the lead ship of her class, and the first to be commissioned after the end of World War II. She was active in the Vietnam War and in Operation Desert Storm.

She is the only remaining U.S. aircraft carrier of the World War II era that is not an *Essex*-class ship.

*Midway* was laid down October 27, 1943 by Newport News Shipbuilding Co., Newport News, Va. Her revolutionary hull design was based on what would have been the *Montana* class battleships and gave her superior maneuverability over all previous carriers. She was launched March 20, 1945 and commissioned Sept. 10, 1945 with Capt. Joseph F. Bolger in command.

When christened in 1945, the USS *Midway* became the largest ship in the world for the next 10 years and the first too large to pass through the Panama Canal. The *Midway* was the first steel-deck carrier in the Navy and would serve an unprecedented 47 years. No other aircraft carrier matches

the 47-year record of the USS *Midway*.

The *Midway* was the first Navy carrier homeported abroad. From 1973 to 1991, *Midway* sailors called Yokosuka, Japan their home.

The *Midway* was the most sophisticated and powerful ship in the world at the time, with a crew of more than 4,500.

### Dimensions:

The ship is 1,001 feet in length, the same length as its berth along Navy Pier 11A in San Diego Bay. It displaced 45,000 tons at commissioning in 1945, and 74,000 tons at decommissioning in 1992.

It's conventionally powered, producing 212,000 horsepower by 12 boilers. It produces enough electrical power to support a city of 1 million. Each of four, 18-foot propellers weighed 22 tons. Maximum speed was 33 knots.

**CREW:** 4,500

**MONTHLY PAYROLL:** \$1.2 million

**TELEPHONES:** 1,500

**MILES OF PIPING:** 200

**MILES OF COPPER CONDUCTOR:** 3,000

**SHIP FUEL CAPACITY:** 2.23 million gallons

**JET FUEL CAPACITY:** 1.24 million gallons

**FRESH WATER PRODUCED:** 240,000 gallons daily

### Exhibits and Activities:

Exhibits range from the crew's sleeping quarters

to a massive galley, engine room, the ship's jail, officer's country, post office, machine shops, and pilots' ready rooms, as well as primary flight control and the bridge high in the island over the flight deck. Especially popular are the museum docents you'll meet throughout the ship.

Each is eager to share a personal story, an anecdote or amazing statistic, adding to your amazement throughout your adventure. (Most visitors spend three to four hours aboard *Midway*!)

Family-oriented activities for all ages abound: three types of flight simulators, music videos, short films, climb-aboard aircraft and cockpits, interactive exhibits, "Ejection Seat Theater," and much more.

I love to travel, and this was a great experience not just for me but for my entire family. I loved the ship's exhibits and the walking audio tour was amazing, too. I would recommend you all take a day and drive to San Diego to spend some time on the ship and walk around the harbor area.

Along the harbor there were lots of street performers and artists, too. One of the street performers had a birdstand and allowed everyone to take photos with his birds.

Well, thanks again for always stopping by and reading my small section on outdoor and indoor activities; until next month.

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

# USS Midway San Diego, CA



Aden, Kathy, and Angel under the "Kissing Sailor" statue.



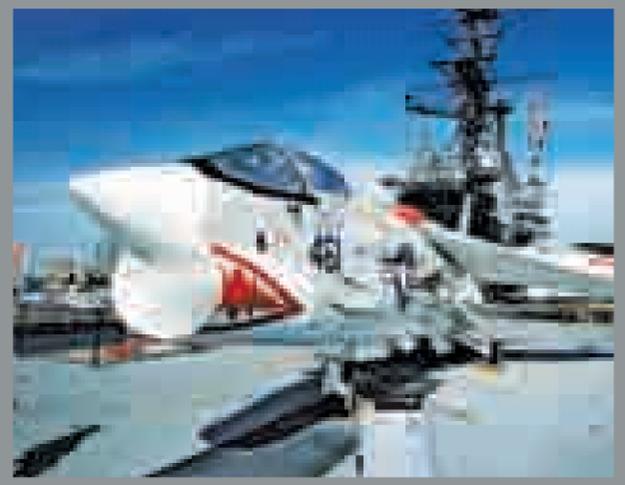
The USS Midway's brig with me as a guest.



A sailor's first-aid kit.



Angel and a rader console.



A closeup of a F-8 Crusader, the Navy's first supersonic fighter, especially effective against enemy MiGs in Vietnam.

## The USS Midway

### Directions:

Take the 5/405 south to the San Diego Airport exit (Sassafras Street). Merge onto Kettner Boulevard. Turn right at W. Hawthorn Street. Turn left at N. Harbor Drive. The USS Midway is on your right.

### ADDRESS:

910 N. Harbor Dr., San Diego, Calif., 92101, alongside the Navy Pier.

**PARKING:** There are more than 300 spaces alongside Midway on Navy Pier (owned and operated by the Port of San Diego) for vehicles only.

**NEARBY PARKING:** Metered spaces are available on city streets (\$1.25 per hour with a two-hour limit). Downtown San Diego features more than 50,000 parking spaces. Some are within walking distance of the USS Midway Museum. Many are a short pedicab or taxi ride away.

**HOURS:** The USS Midway Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily (except Thanksgiving and Christmas Day). Last admission is at 4 p.m.

**GENERAL ADMISSION:** \$17 adults, \$13 seniors (62+) and students (with valid ID), \$10 retired military (with valid ID), \$9 youth (ages 6-17).

### MUSEUM AND DINING ON BOARD:

The USS Midway Museum features the Fantail Café - patio dining with a casual and friendly atmosphere.

**GIFT SHOP:** The museum's gift shop is centrally located on the hangar deck, where sailors once repaired jet engines. The newly expanded facility features a wide range of apparel, books, CDs, DVDs, San Diego souvenirs and unique USS Midway memorabilia.



Current prices.



The ticket office.



Angel and his new friends "top of the morning to you".



Aden and his new friend "nothing up my sleeve".

PUBLIC WORKS

# A Legend Says Goodbye

Terry Aguilar, Club Member, retires from Public Works/Engineering after a whopping 52 years of City service.



Terry Aguilar, Club Member, retired after 52 years of City service.

*Story by Brent Urban; Photos by Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager*

A retirement party in celebration of Terry Aguilar and the end of her incredible 52 years of service as Chief Clerk kicked off on a peaceful hilltop location overlooking the San Gabriel Valley Nov. 18. Lifelong friends, family members and coworkers gathered in the grand ballroom at Luminarias restaurant to show appreciation and support for the conclusion of Terry's long run with Public Works/Engineering. More than 100 people came to witness a milestone in career achievement.

Winnie Harano hosted the event and chose to highlight a quote by author Aaron Rose: "In the right light, at the right time, everything is extraordinary." After 52 years of dedication, in the softly lit ambiance of the grand ballroom, this truly was something extraordinary.

Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer, Public Works/Engineering, gave the opening remarks.

Frank Bonoff delivered his reflections. Kimberly Barton performed "That's What Friends Are For," and Winnie Harano presented certificates. Other speakers included Sylvia Cunliffe, retired General Manager, General Services; John Franco, retired Chief Management Analyst; Terry's four sisters; daughter, Julie; granddaughter, Lauren Flores, and Terry's mother.

Teresa Maxine Aguilar was born in Los Angeles, graduated from Garfield High School and attended ELAC and Rio Hondo College. She began her City career in November 1957 as a Clerk Typist with Public Works/Engineering, Administrative Services Division. She was promoted in 1961 to Sr. Clerk Typist, where she supervised a clerical section in the support of all divisions and district offices in the Bureau of Engineering.

She was promoted to Principal Clerk in 1976, where she supervised a Word Processing Center and where she led the Bureau's clerical employees' transition from dedicated word processors to personal computers and provided workshops. She represented the clerical group in the Bureau by serving in the Right Skills and Right Staff to Meet Commitments Subcommittee and conducted the first clerical skills needs survey to prepare for the implementation of a Bureau Training Program.

In 1999, Terry was promoted to her final position of Chief Clerk with the Bureau of Engineering, where she played an integral role in the development of online resources including a Forms Library, Engineering Form templates, electronic files of Board Actions, Bureau Procedure Manuals, Special Orders, Address Contact Lists, Management Staff Charts, Board Report Tracking System, and Board Report Templates to standardize the language. She was responsible in developing the Bureau's 311 Citywide Services Directory.

Terry conducted historical research, which resulted in the display of a gallery of Public Works archived photos in the Intranet and past City Engineers on the Bureau's History Website. She created the Bureau's distinguished alumni booklet for retired managers; and for a number of years, she headed the Administrative Services Division's Daffodil Days fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

Terry has been praised by former staff members for her efforts in developing their skills and motivating them to be promoted within the Civil Service System. She has supervised more than 100 employees and has developed and conducted Brown Bag Seminars designed to prepare clerical staff to take promotional exams.

Terry has served the City through the years with dedicated service illustrated through leadership, hard work, pride, honesty and professionalism. After retirement, she intends to spend additional time with family and friends, travel, devote more time to landscape painting and playing her new Vienna piano.

The Club sends its biggest and most sincere congratulations to you, Terry, on your extraordinary career. Enjoy your much-deserved retirement!

*Special thanks to Winnie Harano for contributing information to this story.*



From left: Julie Aguilar, Terry's daughter; Lauren Flores, Terry's granddaughter; Terry Aguilar, guest of honor; and (seated) Madeline Rangel, Terry's mother.



From left: Winfred Harano, Chief Management Analyst, Club Member; Angelo Incardona, Retired Engineer; Marsha Daidola; and Charlie Gonzales.



From left: Brian Griffith, Retiree, Public Works/Engineering; and Betty Cooper, Retiree, Public Works/Contract Administration.



From left: Louis Bicham, Principal Clerk; Myrna Braithwaite, Secretary; and Cheryl Fallon, Principal Clerk and Club Member.



From left: Terry Aguilar with Kiran Vohra, Sr. Civil Engineer.



From left: Myrna Braithwaite, Secretary; Terri Winfield, Executive Administrative Assistant, Club Member; Irma Pitt, Clerk, Club Member; Kim Barton, Secretary, Club Member; and Karen Cundiff, Sr. Clerk Typist.



From left: Betty Cooper, Retiree; Carol Curry, Retiree, Henette Welsh, Retiree, Sylvia Cunliffe Retiree and guest speaker; and Lulu Fontes, Retiree.



Retirees from Public Works/Engineering, from left: Dave Brauns, John Franco, Glenda Nuzzi, Wally Yagi and Mary Bullock.



From left: Hugh Lee, Principal Civil Engineer; and Carl (retiree) and Cindy Lundquist.



From left: Frank Bonoff, Retiree, guest speaker; Wayne Savarin, Retired, Division Engineer; Homer Morimoto, Retired Engineer; and Larry Burks, Retired, City Engineer



From left: Noel Ricci, Director, RLECE; and Rosemary Walker, Retiree, General Services.



Relatives of Terry Aguilar, from left: Monica Roselli, niece; Alice Saenz, sister; Georgianna Saenz, niece; and Bernadine Wilkeson, niece.



From left: Anita Moore, Retiree, Public Works/Engineering; (seated) Rosemary Caraveo, Secretary; Candice Arnold, Executive Administrative Assistant III, Club Member; and (seated) Deborah Weintraub, Chief Deputy City Engineer.



From left: Teresa Abraham, Sr. Management Analyst, Club Member; Essam Amarragy, Structural Associate IV, Club Member; and Shelly Wong, Clerk Typist.



From left: Vince Jones, Chief Management Analyst; Harshad Shah, Principal Chief Engineer; Richard "The Emperor" Chung, Senior Management Analyst, Club Member; and Robert Kadomatsu, Senior Management Analyst.



From left: Lydia Gonzales, Sr. Management Analyst, Club Member; Rita Carranza, Retired, DWP; and Gloria Carranza, longtime friend of Terry Aguilar.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

# Toastmasters Tall Tales

Local Toastmasters division hosts contest for Table Topics and Tall Tales.

*Story by Ivan Gerson, Public Works/Engineering;  
Photo by Enrico Pena*

On Oct. 22, the Division D Toastmasters Table Topics and Tall Tales Contest was held at Shriners Children's Hospital in Downtown LA. The first-place winner of the Table Topics Contest was Carmen Steward, Management Analyst II, Fire and Police Pensions, who's a member of the City of Angels

Toastmasters Club. The table topics contestants were all given the same impromptu question to answer: If you could teach our children one thing, what would it be?

Joseph Lee, Management Analyst I, Transportation, won first place in the Tall Tales Contest, which required the speaker to write and deliver an "unbelievable" story. His winning speech was titled "Train of Terror." Joseph's speech was a series of horror-inducing fibs and humorous fabrications about his scare-inducing

ride on a local train on the way to the contest. Joseph is a member of the Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters Club and a former Vice President of Membership of the same club.

The Division Contest drew 62 guests. For a fee of \$10, the attendees received admission to the event as well as snacks and soft drinks.

Toastmasters enhances its members' knowledge and experience in communication and leadership. The Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters Club meets every Wednesday at 12:05 p.m. in conference room 6004 in the Public Works Building, 1149 S. Broadway. Guests are welcome.

Information: Ivan Gerson, Public Works/Engineering, (213) 485-1169.



At the Toastmasters event, from left: Ron Code, Toastmasters Division governor; Joseph Lee, Management Analyst I, Transportation, and Tall Tales contest winner; and Scott Miller, Toastmasters District Governor.

**THE CLUB**

# Lupe Making Friends

Lupe Medina, whose smile always burns bright in providing great customer service in the Club Store, makes new friends with these two Mounted Police as they trotted over to conduct some Club Member business.



That famous Lupe smile is contagious! Make sure to say hi to her next time you visit the Club Store. (Alive! photo courtesy the Ticket Guy)



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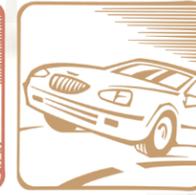
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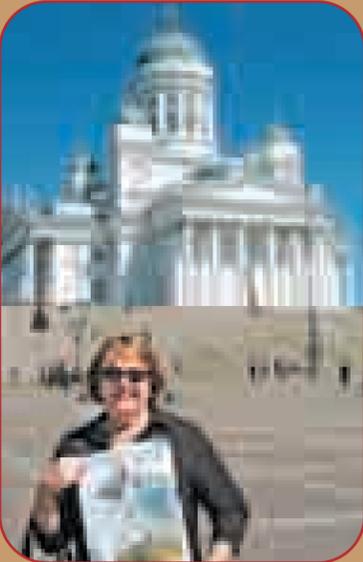
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# *Alive!* AROUND THE WORLD IN 2009



## Finland



Karen Rohaly, Library

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

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



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

## Egypt



Reita Dillard, Retired, Airports, and Kimberly Maston, Retired, LAPD

## Poland



Carol Karkenny, Retired, DWP

## The Philippines



Pete Le Grand, Public Works/Contract Admin.

## Italy



Shirley Gatlin, widow of James Gatlin, Building and Safety

## Bangkok



Leticia Yapana, DWP

## Alaska



James Howlett, Harbor



**In 2009, we celebrated five years of *Alive! Around the World* and you celebrated by continuing to send in great shots from your travels. Here's a recap. (For the results of the *Alive! Around the World* contest, see page 46.)**

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

**Cayman Islands**



Efrain Gonzalez, Public Works/Sanitation

**Antarctica**



Gina Enrile-Caguiat, Public Works/Engineering.

**Switzerland**



Victoria Anaya, Harbor

**Italy**



Paul and Lydia Hernandez

**Hawaii**



Jessica Bautista-Torres and Victoria Anaya, Harbor Department

**Japan**



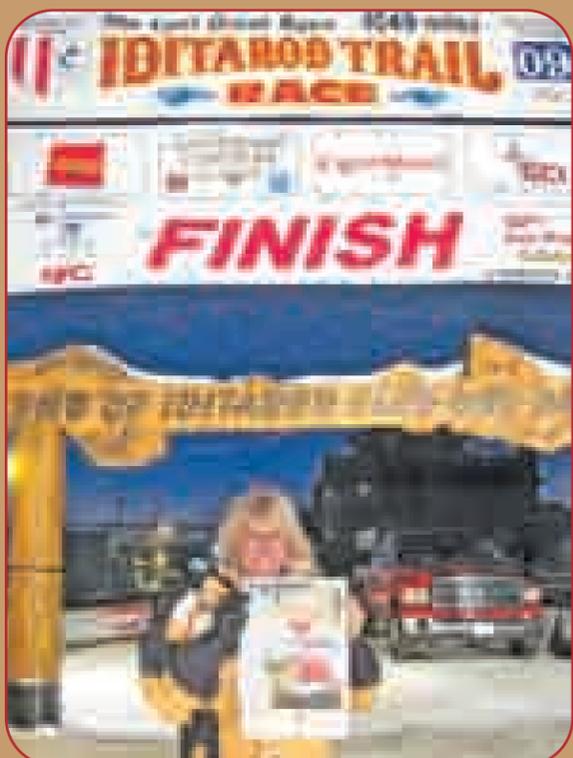
John Hicks, LAFD

**California**



Richard Radmacher, Retired, DWP

**Alaska**



Sharyn Gunter, Retired, LAPD

**N. Ireland**



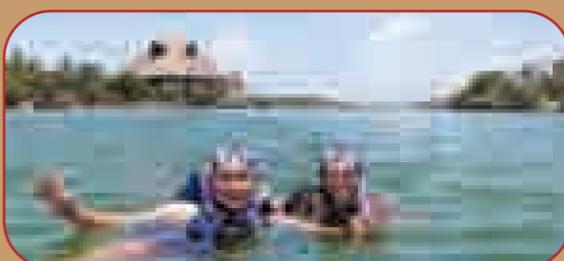
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**England**

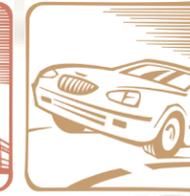
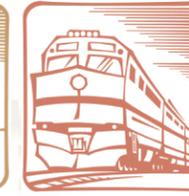


Efrén Orlanes, Airport Police, Airports

**Mexico**



Larry Ly, Public Works/Sanitation and his wife, Tiffany



### The Philippines



Michael Aubin, Airports, and his wife, Perlita

### Virginia



Club staffer Katie Hesseltine and her husband, David

### Hawaii



Frank Rendon, Harbor

### Oregon



Bob Hill, DWP

### Alaska



Mike De Leon, Retired

### Mexico



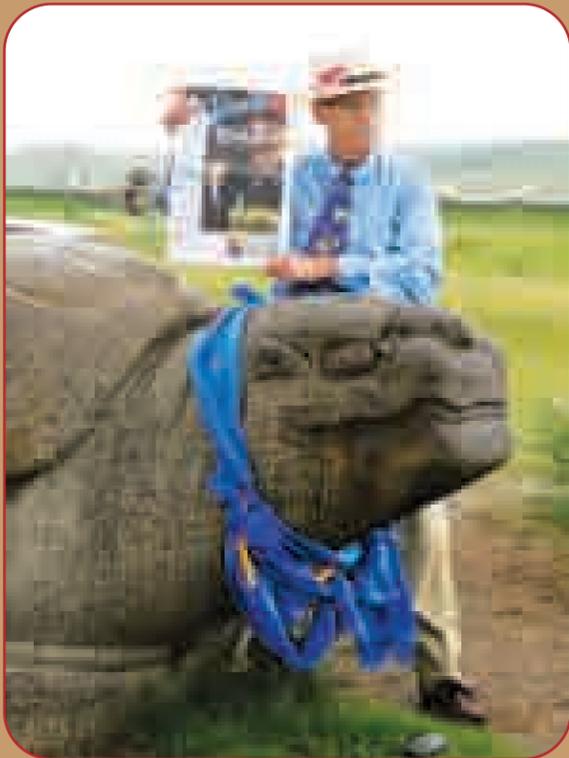
Guillermo Perez, Housing

### Italy



Jennifer Rodriguez, daughter of Rigoberto Rodriguez, Rec and Parks Forestry Division

### Mongolia



Dr. E.C. Krupp, Director of the Griffith Park Observatory

### Arizona



John Otoshi, DWP

### Africa



Robert Whitaker, Retired, Rec and Parks

### Nicaragua



Alex Lopez, DWP

### Hawaii



Robbie Horvath, Public Works, and his wife, Adriana

### Mexico



Jordan Price

### Washington, D.C.



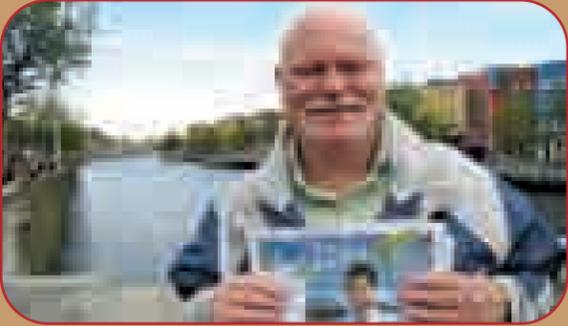
Rick Hill (husband of Marilyn Hill)



# Alive! AROUND THE WORLD IN 2009



## Northern Europe



Mike Elling, LAPD

## Washington, D.C.



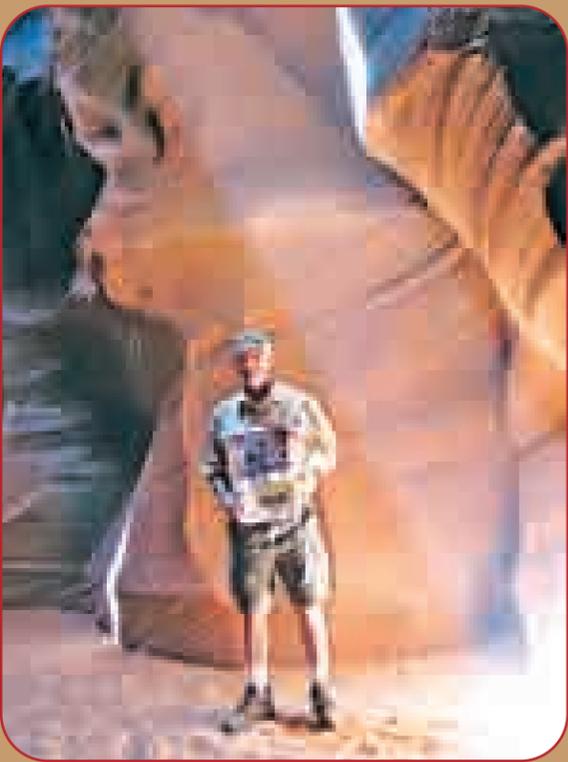
Lupe Medina, the Club's Administrative Services Rep. and her husband, Red Medina, Construction Inspector, Contract Admin, Public Works

## Israel



Pablo Ninofranco, Retired, Harbor, and wife, Josie

## Arizona



Richard Radmacher, DWP, Retired

## Mexico



Frank Frias, Animal Services

## West Indies



Ollie Veasey, Public Works, and Darla Payne, General Services

## Ireland



Capt. Michael Barnes, pilot of *Angelina II*, Harbor

## Australia



Erwin Gee, LAPD, and his wife, Lorraine and son, Ryan

## New Mexico



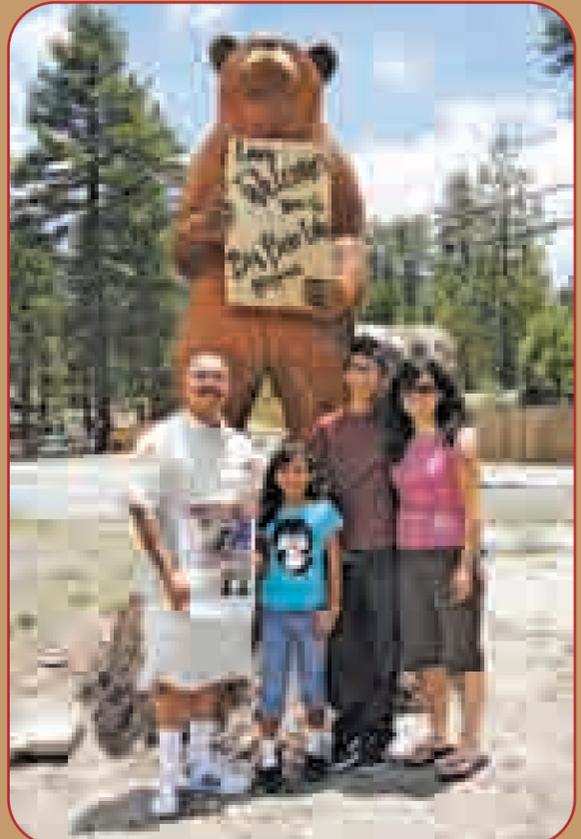
Alfonso Avila, Building Mechanical Inspector, Building and Safety, with Judy, Mercedes and Alexandria

## Herzegovina



Damir Tomas

## California



Robert Vasquez, DWP

## Canada



Shannon Cherry-Ezell, Building and Safety, and her husband, Charles

## Aruba



Shinetha Scott, Transportation



## *Special Holiday Party Section*



# *The City Parties!*

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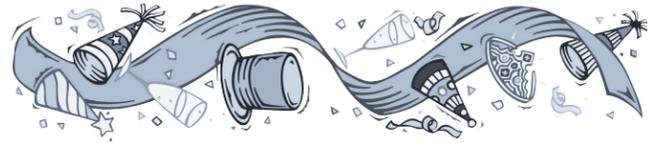
Every year, City Departments put aside their hard work and come together for fun and socialization at their festive holiday parties. And *Alive!* publishes as many of your party pics as we can.

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

*Happy New Year!*



# The City Parties



Top, from left: Susan Bautista, Club Member, Personnel Analyst, 25 years of City service; Deborah Andersen, Sr. Clerk, 25 years; Pamela Williams, Club Member, CEA II, 35 years; and Cora Soriano, Club Member, Management Analyst, 22 years. Bottom: Grace Benedicto, Club Member, Sr. Project Coordinator, 15 years; and Rowena Workman, Club Member, Executive Administrator II, 21 years.



From left: Amelia Medina, Sr. Project Coordinator, 21 years of City service; Maria Lopez, Club Member, Project Assistant, 8 years; and Abigail Ramirez, Club Member, Sr. Project Coordinator, 6 years.

## Community Development

Story by Eboné Moses, Club Counselor;  
Photos by Eboné Moses and Brent Urban,  
Club Counselors

The Community Development Dept. (CDD) celebrated its annual holiday party Dec. 11 at the J Restaurant and Lounge downtown.

Special thanks to Pamela Williams for inviting us to this fun and festive holiday celebration.



Dana Jensen, guest of Marty Gish, Management Analyst – the party animals!



Maricela Hernandez, Sr. Project Coordinator, and her son, Daniel Pablos.



From left: Angela Estell, Community Director, and Zita Davis, Sr. Management Analyst.



Candy and Donnie Brooks, Sr. Project Coordinator.



Jessica Lee with her mother, Marianne Angeles-Lee, Management Analyst II, 24 years of City service.



From left: Amelia Medina, Sr. Project Coordinator, 21 years of City service; Abigail Ramirez, Club Member, Sr. Project Coordinator, 6 years; Mirela Chavez, Club Member, Executive Assistant, 25 years; Maria Lopez, Club Member, Project Assistant, 8 years; Christine Velaquez, Club Member, Clerk Typist, 8 years; Grace Benedicto, Club Member, Sr. Project Coordinator, 15 years; and Nora Carvajal, Sr. Project Assistant, 9 years.



The CDD loves to dance!



From left: Julie O'Leary and Mary G. Keipp, Program Director.



From left: Manny Chavez, Club Member, Chief Management Analyst, 25 years of City service, with his wife, Mirela, Club Member, Executive Assistant, 25 years; and Nora Carvajal, Sr. Project Assistant, 9 years, with her husband, Julian Cung.

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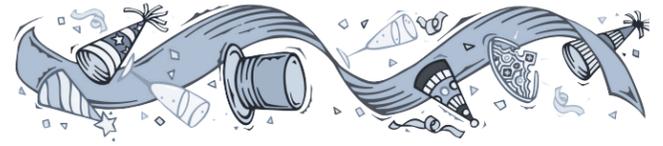
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Maryland Pacheco and Ray Cruz, Superintendent, Club Member



Raul Acosta and Jacqueline Cazaras.



Beatrice and Juan Galvez.



Manny Sanchez.

## East Valley Sanitation

Photos by Tom Hawkins, Club Photographer

Public Works/Sanitation's East Valley Yard held its holiday dinner Dec. 5 at the Fairways Restaurant, Hansen Dam golf course.

Thanks to Ray Cruz, Club Member, for his assistance.



Sergio and Julia Pelayo.



Dorothy and Anthony Fenderson.



Victoria and Manny Camacho.



From left: Aurora Perales and Liz Mata.

## Sanitation South Collection Division

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

The Public Works/Sanitation's South Collection Division held its annual holiday dinner Dec. 5. The party was held at Quiet Cannon restaurant in Montebello.

The South Collection Division comprises the following yards: WLA, North Central, Harbor and South LA.

The Club donated door prizes for the event. Guests enjoyed a buffet dinner with a live band and a DJ.

Thanks to Adriana Nunez and Andy Morales for assisting in the production of this article.



Enrique C. Zaldivar, Director, Public Works/Sanitation, and his wife, Brenda.



Michael Cobb, RCTO, N. Central, and his wife, Carol.



Bonaventure Butts, RCTO, WLA, Club Member, and his wife, Vanessa.



Kimberly and Quintin Ellis, RCTO, N. Central, Club Member.



Jackie and Geoffrey Morris, RCTO, WLA, Club Member.



Jana Martinez, Sr. Clerk, and Leo Martinez, Solid Resource Manager, Club Member.



Shawndy and David Carlson, RCTO, N. Central, Club Member.



Sylvia and Danny Chavira, RCTO, SLA, Club Member.

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The family of Gerald Lopez, RCTO II, from left: Diana Mejia, sister; Tish Bracamontes, niece; Linda Lopez, sister-in-law; Raymond Lopez, brother; Deja Garcia, granddaughter; Gerald Lopez, RCTO II, North Central, Club Member; Angel Garcia, granddaughter; and Mary Anguiano, niece.



With some of the raffle prizes (the watches were donated by City Employees Club) were, from left: Art Sanchez, Refuse Collection Supervisor, N. Central, Club Member; and David Carlson, RCTO, North Central's roll-off program, Club Member.

## Sanitation South Collection Division (continued)



Art Sanchez, Refuse Collection Supervisor, N. Central, Club Member, with his wife, Mina.



From left: Art Sanchez, Refuse Collection Supervisor, N. Central, Club Member, and his wife, Mina; Jana Martinez, Sr. Clerk, and Leo Martinez, Solid Resource Manager, Club Member.



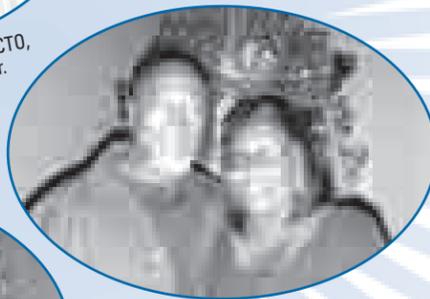
Ernesto Chavez, RCTO, E. Valley, and his wife, Sophia.



The family of Andy Morales, from left: Maria Garcia, cousin; Carmen Ruiz, sister; Guadalupe Morales, mother; Eloisa Cruz, sister; Ofelia Morales, spouse; and Andy Morales, RCTO, North Central.



Laurel and Russell Harris, RCTO, N. Central, Club Member.



Paul Porter, RCTO, WLA, Club Member, and Anita Lyons, guest.



From left: Diana Gutierrez, guest; Joe Gutierrez, guest; and Tony Short, RCTO, N. Central, Club Member.



From left: Pepe Garcia, Superintendent, North Central, with his wife, Annette; and guests Elaine and Tony Zaragoza.



Melody and Kenneth Fox, RCTO, N. Central, Club Member.



Lety and Joe Castillo, RCTO, N. Central.



Sandra and Gerry Ramirez, Refuse Collection Supervisor, WLA.



From left: Gerald Lopez, RCTO II, North Central, Club Member; Eva Heradia, sister; and Al Heradia, brother-in-law.



Nancy Menendez and her husband, Basilio Llamas, RCTO, North Central, Club Member.



From left: Basilio Llamas, RCTO, N. Central, Club Member; Melford Oshon, RCTO, WLA; and Jesse Valdez, RCTO, N. Central.



From left: Pepe Garcia, Superintendent, N. Central; David Carlson, RCTO, N. Central; Andy Morales, RCTO, N. Central; Enrique Zaldivar, Director, Public Works/Sanitation; Heidi Gonzalez, Clerk Typist, North Central; Art Sanchez, Refuse Collection Supervisor, C. Central; and Leo Martinez, Solid Resource Manager, Club Member.



From left: Bonaventure Butts, RCTO, WLA, Club Member; and Cash Russell, RCTO II, West Valley.



From left: Pepe Garcia, Superintendent, N. Central; Enrique C. Zaldivar, Director, Public Works/Sanitation, and his wife Brenda; Leo Martinez, Solid Resource Manager, Club Member; and Art Sanchez, Refuse Collection Supervisor, N. Central, Club Member.



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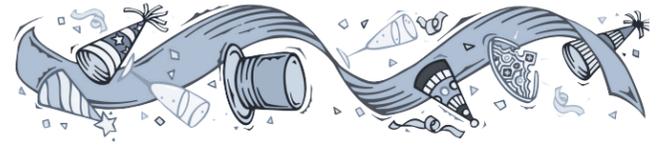
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## LAPD 911 Communications

LAPD 911 Communications held its annual fancy holiday party Dec. 6 on the Fantasea Yacht charter, which cruised Marina del Rey. Las Vegas was the theme – there was dinner, dancing, great food and casino games for the chance to win great prizes. Thanks to Lt. Gloria Vargas and Larry Gates for their assistance in producing this article.



All aboard and waiting for fun.



Assemblywoman Norma Torres, PSR III, Club Member, and her husband, Louis.



What to expect at the party.



From left: Catherine Chao, PSR II, Club Member; Sadia Carter, guest; and Lagenia Carter, PSR III, Club Member.



From left: Jean Sarfaty, PSR II, Club Member; and Joanne Jett, PSR II.



Jorge Martinez, guest, with Diana Montano, PSR II, Club Member.



Tashanda Fredrick, PSR III, Club Member, with her husband, William.



Deyra Martinez, guest; and Manny Garcia, PSR III, Club Member.



Brandy and Michael McGowan, PSR II, Club Member



Robert and Mary Montes, PSR I.



From left: Capt. Regina Scott, Commanding Officer, LAPD Communications; and Bill Shean, guest.



The organizing committee.



Jennifer Lindstrom and her husband Bentley

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From left: Tammy Lindquist, PSR III, Club Member; Karen Johnson, PSR II, Club Member; Iris Dawson, PSR II, Club Member; Sara Wieck, PSR II, Club Member; Rebecca Lantz, PSR III, Club Member; Cathi Pearson, Sr. PSR I, Club Member; and Laura Cruz, PSR III.

## LAPD 911 Communications (continued)



Shawnie Livera, PSR III, Club Member, with Ronnie Lopez, guest.



Iver and Jacqui Dreben, PSR II, Club Member.



Mahdi Parnell-Porter, PSR II, Club Member with spouse, Jimmy Porter.



From left: Brandy and Michael McGowan, PSR II, Club Member; and Sandy Goldstyn, PSR III, Club Member, with his wife, Jeanette.



Eric and Susan Robinson, PSR III, Club Member.



From left: Charlene Johnson, PSR III, Club Member; and Karen Johnson, PSR II, Club Member.



From left: Alex Liu, PSR II, Club Member; with Rachel and Jorge Rios, PSR III, Club Member.



Tammy Lindquist, PSR III, Club Member, with her husband, Kurtis.



Robert Mokricky, P3, Central; and Valerie Mokricky, PSR II.



Hope Wright, PSR II, Club Member, with her husband, John.



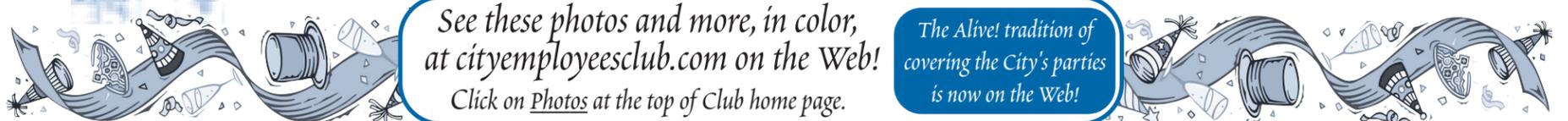
From left: Brittany Tupuola, guest; Eleitino Tuiasosopo, PSR II, Club Member; and Audrey Brown, guest.



From left: Chris Garcia and his wife, Marie Fimbres, PSR II; Terri Rowe, Sr. PSR I, and guest David Garcia; and Bernadette and Wasim Ahmad, General Services, Club Member.

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## LAPD Training Division

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; Photos by Arlene Herrero and Eboné Moses, Club Counselor

The LAPD Training Division held its holiday luncheon Dec. 10 at Luminarias Restaurant. Approximately 200 employees attended the luncheon.

Several annual awards were distributed to worthy employees. Lots of prizes were given away. Even Elvis made an appearance!

Thanks to Laura Rangel and Frank Morales for inviting us.



From left: James Hwang, P3, 12 years of service; Estella Guevara, Clerk Typist, 10 years of service; Kristin Traynor, P3, 19 years of service; and Lt. Michelle Richards, 25 years of service.



From left: Allison Ashnault, P3, 16 years of service; Christina Hoefel, Sr. Clerk Typist, 5 years of service; Mason O'Bryan, Community Police Aid, 5 years of service; and Sean Hector, Sr. Security Officer, 20 years of service.



From left: Claudia Martin, P3, 19 years of service; and Shawn Martin, Transportation Investigator, 8 years of service.



From left: Sgt. Robert Becerra, 15 years of service, with his wife, Angela.



From left: Bob Barnes, P3, 22 years of service; Neal Oku, Fire Arms Instructor, 15 years of service; and Luke Paik, P3, 19 years of service.



From left: Sgt. Jerry Chaney, 12 years of service; Lt. Deborah Edgar, 22 years of service; Monique Jones, MA, 13 years of service; Cristina Paneno, Secretary, 9 years of service, Club Member; and Carrie Firestone, Secretary, 17 years of service.



From left: Sandra Dennis-Wyse, Principal Clerk, 36 years of service, Club Member; Laura Rangel, Sr. MA, 25 years of service, Club Member; Rosalyn Hawes, Sr. Clerk Typist, 31 years of service, Club Member; and Monica Lewis, Clerk Typist, 25 years of service, Club Member.



From left: Ryan Terukina, Fire Arms Instructor, 9 years of service; Tom Luna, Fire Arms Instructor, 11 years of service; Bobby Lee, Fire Arms Instructor, 15 years of service; and Kent Leu, P3, 14 years of service.



From left: Rachel Smith, MA, 28 years of service, Club Member; Carol Portnoff, Clerk Typist, 9.5 years of service; and Elizabeth Rivas, CSA, 12 years of service, Club Member.



From left: Roy Ortiz, Sr. MA 1, 19 years of service; Sgt. Marc Evans, 15 years of service; Loren Ortiz, P3, 13 years of service; and Madolyn Candelaria, D2, 20 years of service.



From left: Roger Gripe, Retired OIC; Sgt. Randy Holcombe, 20 years of service; and Amira Smith, D3, 13 years of service.



From left: Tiffany Burke-Williams, Sr. MA 1, 24 years of service, Club Member; Fred Chrisney, guest; Anna Ruiz, Clerk Typist, 28 years of service, Club Member; and Bruce Bernal, Sr. Personnel Analyst, 10 years of service, Club Member.



From left: Henry Mendoza, P3, 26 years of service; Roger Forest, P3, 13 years of service; Sgt. Il Barbara Scallon, 21 years of service, Club Member; and Sgt. Irma Krish, 17 years of service.



From left: Robin Grasso, P3, 22 years of service; Tom Utley, P3, 27 years of service; and Glen Erbes, P3, 30 years of service.



From left: Mercy Crenshaw, P3, 28.5 years of service, Club Member; Emilia Lugo, P3, 20 years of service, Club Member; Sgt. Valerie Gettis, 15 years of service; and Steve Erickson, P2, 13 years of service.



From left: Oscar Villanueva, P3, 20 years of service; Joel Frias, P3, 19 years of service; Sylvia Castaneda, P3, 15 years of service; and Barbara Galicia, P3, 14 years of service.



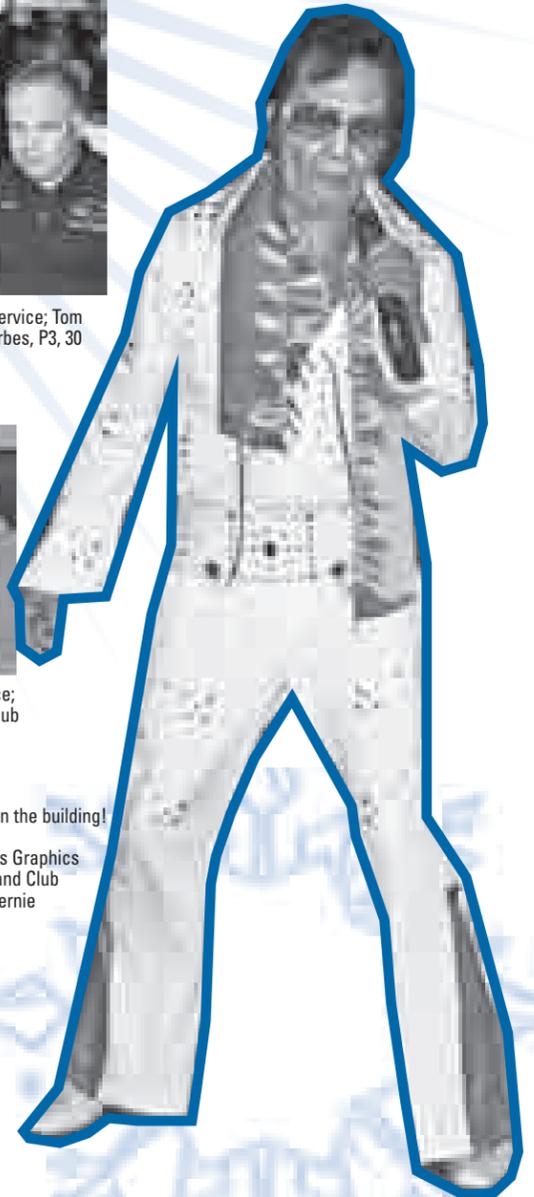
From left: Kunta Smith, P3, 20 years of service; Alma Becerra, Sr. CT, 1.6 years of service, Club Member; and Arnold Dotson, P3, 14 years of service.



From left: Barbara McHenry, guest; Tashal Tennell, Sr. Clerk Typist, 3.5 years of service, Club Member; and Niko Thomas, Community Police Aid, 3 years of service.



From left: Sgt. Jim Katapodis, 32 years of service; Capt. III Michelle Veenstra, 28 years of service; Capt. III John Incontro, 30.5 years of service, Club Member; and Sandy Jo Mac Arthur, Deputy Chief, 29 years of service.



Elvis was in the building!

"Elvis" was Graphics Designer and Club Member Fernie Ramirez.



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Back, from left: Gary Correa, EVOC Instructor, Club Member; and Celeste Thiel, Fire Arms Instructor. Seated: Craig Burns, Fire Arms Instructor, 16 years of service; Erin Fuller, Fire Arms Instructor, 12 years of service; Sgt. Dennis Quilex, EVOC Unit, 30 years of service; and Sgt. Cris Korne, Assistant OIC EVOC, 15 years of service.



Standing, from left: Alex Mansuryas, CPA; Pamela Rubeck, Sr. CT, 14 years of service; and Patrice Shirley, CSA, 25 years of service, Club Member. Seated: Brandy Jackson, P3, 9 years of service; and Ken Amerson, P3, 15 years of service.



From left: Angel Sambrano, P3, 14 years of service; Michale Tolmaire, P3, 8 years of service; and Rich Alcalá, P3, 15 years of service.



From left: Edward Osipian, MA II, 12 years of service; Enrique Ceja, P2, 12 years of service, Club Member; Damian Pacheco, MA II, 8 years of service; and Bob Sieger, P3, 16 years of service.



From left: Leslee Rogers, P3, 12 years of service; Conce Donegan, P3, 11 years of service; Ryan Ilagan, P3, 8 years of service; and Chiquita Brown, P3, 11 years of service.



From left: Ericka Long, P2, 19 years of service; Shawn Gabra, AV Tech, 5 years of service; and "Video Alchemist," 13 years of service.



From left: Joe Gooden, P3, 25 years of service; Bob Tiger Organ, P3, 26 years of service; and Dian Diaz, P2, 6 years of service, Club Member.



From left: Frank Morales, ECH, 11 years of service, Club Member; Javen Borgwardt, Mechanical Repair, 6 years of service, Club Member; Curtis Ausmus, Plumber, 19 years of service; Bud Eyerly, Building Repair Supervisor, 25 years of service, Club Member; Therman Calloway Jr., Park Maintenance Supervisor, 27 years of service, Club Member; Pedro Zaleta, Gardener, 15 years of service; Dave Van Hose, Painter, 23 years of service; and Jim Shaw, Gardener, 11 years of service, Club Member.



Outstanding Officer of the Year 2009 was Police Officer III Allison Ashnault. From left: Capt. III Michelle Veenstra; Allison Ashnault, P3; and Capt. III John Incontro, Club Member.



From left: Michael Piesik, P3, 22 years of service; Sgt. Matthew Bygum, 21 years of service; and Will Fernandez, P3, 11 years of service.



Outstanding Supervisor of the Year 2009 was Sgt. I Cristina Korne. From left: Capt. III Michelle Veenstra; Sgt. I Cristina Korne; and Capt. III John Incontro, Club Member.



From left: Gary Ferrato, P3, 22 years of service; Rita Vallejo, P3, 22 years of service; and Anthony Aceves, P3, 21 years of service.



From left: Richard Melendez, P3, 26 years of service; Alan Weiner, P3, 22 years of service; and Edward Espinoza, P3, 19 years of service.



Gillian Jensen P3, 12 years of service; and Tom Trandal, P2, 8 years of service.



Outstanding Civilian Employee of the Year 2009 was Sr. Management Analyst I Phillip Wong. From left: Capt. III Michelle Veenstra; Phillip Wong, Sr. MA II; and Capt. III John Incontro, Club Member.



From left: Tim Bedford, Fire Arms Instructor, 20 years of service; Raymond Wong, P3, 14 years of service; and Dwayne Haydel, P3, 12 years of service.



From left: Marlo Lopez-Del Haro, P3, 12 years of service; Debbie Hernandez, P3, 16 years of service; Debroah Mastin, Sgt. II, 29 years of service; Charlotte Broughton, P2, 14 years of service; and Sgt. Stacey Kunch, 14 years of service.



From left: Paul Ahn, P3, 14 years of service; Wayne Goodman, P3, 14.5 years of service; and Julio Flores, P3, 14 years of service.



Priscilla Bielma, D2, 20 years of service; and Russ Freeman, P3, 25 years of service.



From left: Elena Avila, P3, 10 years of service; Stephen Bell, P3, 10 years of service; and Isaias Gonzalez, P3, 9 years of service.



From left: Mark Hogan, P3, 15 years of service; and Sgt. II David Wright, 26 years of service.



From left: Raquel Yanez, P3, 15 years of service; Sgt. II JoAnna Goya, 22 years of service, Club Member; Andrew Hwang, P3, 13 years of service; and Bill Sexton, P3, 12 years of service.



From left: Tim Rath, P3, 23 years of service; Rob Nobile, P3, 26 years of service; Keith Provin, Drill Instructor, 21.5 years of service; and Tony Stillwell, Security Officer, 5 years of service, Club Member.



Outstanding Unit of the Year 2009 was the Video Unit. From left: Captain III Michelle Veenstra and Capt. III John Incontro, Club Member, with the Video Unit.



From left: Sgt. II Steve Embrich, 15 years of service; Jack Sun, P2, 11 years of service; and Jeff Shoemaker, P3, 7 years of service.



From left: Sgt. Art Tom, 20 years of service; Jeremy Stafford, P3, 12 years of service; and Keith Spencer, P3, 15 years of service.

# Holiday Happenings

ZOO

## City Employees Get Zoo Discounts



During January only, City employees get Zoo discounts.

Photos courtesy Tad Motoyama

The Zoo is offering all City employees a discount off the price of admission as well as discounts on food and drink at the Zoo. Through Jan. 31, City employees will receive \$3 off the price of general admission for adults and \$2 off the price of a child's admission. In addition, City employees will also get 10 percent off the cost of food and drinks at the Zoo.

To get these discounts, you'll need to bring your City-issued ID badge to the ticket counter.



REC AND PARKS

## It's Great to Skate

Downtown on Ice celebrates 12th season.



Central City's traditional holiday favorite, Downtown on Ice, returns for its 12th season, running through Jan. 18.

Downtown on Ice features the City's largest outdoor ice-skating rink with the lowest admission cost, producers say.

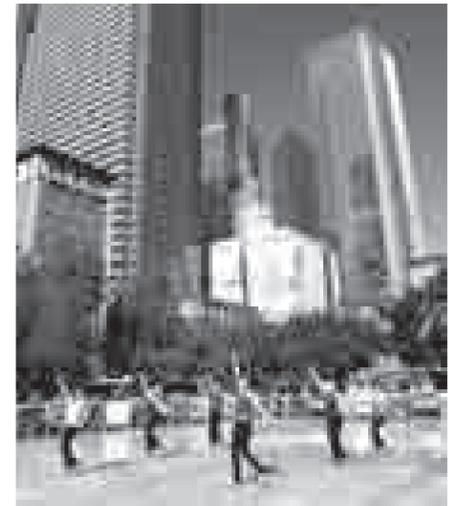
The facility boasts a medley of free events including a holiday concert series, a Winter Holiday Festival, championship skating exhibitions, and more. New this year are special "Mommie and Me Stroller Skate" sessions on select Tuesdays.

Celebrating its 12th season for skating under the sun and stars at picturesque Pershing Square, 532 South Olive, the facility is open every day through Jan. 18.

Framed by towering skyscrapers and stunning historical landmarks, the spacious rink and event are sponsored by Rec and Parks, and Councilmember Jan Perry, Club Member.

Centrally located in the heart of downtown, the facility is easily accessible by car, bus or Metro. A partnership with Metro and Metrolink allows riders to receive a \$1 skating session discount by showing a coupon available on all mass transit lines. The convenient stop at Pershing

Square Station makes getting there easy. Underground discount parking is available with validation. For more info and a detailed session schedule go to [www.laparks.org](http://www.laparks.org) and click to Pershing Square or call (213) 847-4970.



Past years at Downtown on Ice.

### Downtown on Ice

**When:** Now through Jan. 18.

**Where:** Pershing Square, downtown at 532 S. Olive St., across from the Millennium Biltmore Hotel.

**Admission:** One-hour session: \$6. Skate rental: \$2.

**Hours:** Open every day. General schedule: Monday – Thursday, noon – 10 p.m. Friday-Sunday, 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. Special Extended Holiday Hours: 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. Dec. 18, through Jan. 10.

**Special hours** apply on Christmas, New Years Day and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**Transportation:** Easily accessible by bus or rail, exit at Pershing Square Station. Metro and Metrolink allows riders to receive a \$1 skating session discount by showing a coupon available on all mass transit lines. Pershing Square offers underground parking at a discount with ice skating validation.

**Free Winter Concert Series:** Friday nights, 8 – 10 p.m. Classic rock 'n' roll. Saturdays: Youth Fun Series, 1 – 3 p.m. Sunday Family Series, 2 – 4 p.m. (Weekday afternoon concerts during extended holiday hours.) Check Website for updates.

**Free Winter Holiday Festival:** Snow party for sledding and romping, Christmas tree decorating, "make and take" children's crafts, Community youth performances, photo mementos, and more. Rink is available for holiday skating (admission required). Dec. 12-13, noon to 8 p.m.

**Mommie and Me Stroller Skate Sessions:** Moms and babies can share outdoor fun, 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Dec. 1, Dec. 8, Dec. 15, and Jan. 12. (Moms skate and push babies in their strollers on the ice.)

**Iced Tea:** Wednesdays through Sundays, 2 to 5 p.m., the Millennium Biltmore's Rendezvous Court celebrates the season with the Biltmore Angel's Tea, a memorable event for the entire family. Just across the street, families can skate together at the picturesque holiday rink amid the towering skyscrapers.

**Information:** Pershing Square Hotline, (213) 847-4970, or [www.laparks.org](http://www.laparks.org) (click on Pershing Square).

*Happy New Year*

*From the Club!*

*May your 2010 bring you health, humor and happiness.*

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# Holiday Events 2009

## CONVENTION CENTER

### Turkey Giveaway

Convention Center partners to provide turkeys for Thanksgiving.



Photos by Tom Hawkins, Club Photographer

On Nov. 23, for the second consecutive year, the Convention Center and Aramark, the convention center's food service partner/caterer, were joined by local elected officials to hand out 2,000 turkeys and trimmings to local Los Angeles families in need to ensure they enjoyed a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Butterball donated the turkeys to be shared with local families.

Ocean Spray and Basic American Foods donated cranberry sauce and mashed potatoes, respectively.



## THE CITY

### City Hall Tree Lighting

The 2009 City of LA tree-lighting ceremony was held Dec. 9.



Story by Yvonne Liu, Office of Finance; Photos by Tom Hawkins, Club Photographer

The 50-foot white fir dressed in more than 4,500 lights came from Mount Shasta area in northern California. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa led the countdown, then turned a vintage 1920s electrical switch, transforming City Hall into a glow of a beacon in the night sky. The ceremony included holiday greetings from Council President Eric Garcetti; Councilmember Jan Perry, Club Member; Councilmember Paul Koretz; Police Chief Charlie Beck; and Project Restore Chair Tim Psomas. They were joined by representatives of IBEW, Local Union 11, Kevin Norton and Shomari Davis.

The Mark Twain Ringers in blue and white from Mark Twain Middle School in West Los Angeles started the evening with a festive ringing of hand bells. Other melodious harbingers of peace that sang while the evening descended upon the City Hall Forecourt were the United Voices of Peace, the Hope Institute of Music Children's Choir, and the Happy Music Band.

In addition to the festive holiday tree lighting, the historic Charles Lindbergh beacon on top of City Hall was also lit and will be turned on every night from dusk until midnight for the rest of the holiday season. Illuminating the tower incorporates the City Hall Building into the city nightscape that can be seen from miles away.

Staff from General Services/Special Events set up the outdoor program.

The ceremony followed a tradition that started 17 years ago by Project Restore in partnership with a joint labor management project.

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union 11 (IBEW) represented the labor side, and the Los Angeles County Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) represented the management side.

"We initially started illuminating City Hall



because the Lindbergh beacon used to be dark," NECA, LA Chapter Manager Jim Willson recalled.

"We've moved on to lighting the holiday tree in the last 3 to 4 years," he added.

Project Restore is a nonprofit organization committed to the historic restoration and preservation of the civic integrity of the City of Los Angeles. Its staff of three study streetscapes and provide an overall plan for sections of Downtown planning such as the Police Headquarters. Currently, they are working on restoring the Hollyhock House, a national historic landmark, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and located in the Barnsdall Art Park.



## COUNCIL

### Hollywood Christmas Parade

Photos courtesy Hollywood Christmas Parade

The Hollywood Christmas Parade, sponsored by the City, marched through Hollywood Nov. 29.

The parade, in operation for more than 80 years, had been known by that name for decades, but when it looked likely to die three years ago. But the City - notably Councilmembers Eric Garcetti and Tom LaBonge, Club Member - took charge and continued the parade. The name was then changed to Santa's Hollywood Parade.

But everything old is new again, and the name has reverted back to the Hollywood Christmas Parade.

The parade featured entertainers, celebrities, marching bands, floats, equestrian units and food. The parade started on Hollywood Boulevard at Orange Street. The U-shaped route followed east to Vine Street, south to Sunset Boulevard and west back to Orange.



ANIMAL SERVICES

# Beverly Hills, 902-K9

Animal Services stages a mobile adoption event in Beverly Hills.

*Story and photos by Eboné Moses, Club Counselor*

On Dec. 5 in Roxbury Park in Beverly Hills, the Animal Services' West Los Angeles shelter held a mobile adoption event.

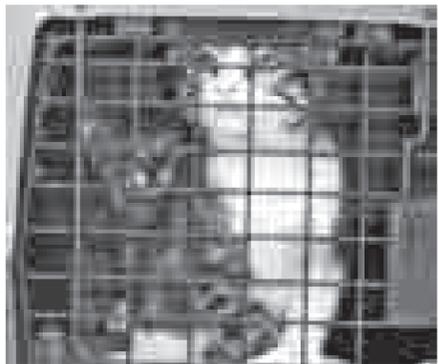
Animal Services employees joined forces with other agencies for the event. The West LA Shelter is at 11361 W. Pico Blvd., 90064.

Adoption prices are from \$87 to \$106, which includes updating your new pet's shot records, microchips, and spay or neutering. Additionally, the shelter offers a number of other services, including but not limited to vaccinations, training, spay and neutering, and microchipping.

Pictured here are some of the lovely animals waiting for loving homes. We would love to document you and your new friend, so don't hesitate to adopt one of them.

Information: (888)-4LAPET1 or (888)-452-7381, or [www.laanimalservices.com](http://www.laanimalservices.com)

*Thanks to Charla Fales, Club Member; Debbie Fan; Marda Winnick; and Rayna Barker for their assistance in producing this article.*



Taylor, Shade and Willow (not shown) are available for adoption.



Mocha is available for adoption. She's pictured with Sam Hanig.



Peyton (ID# A1062349) is one of the animals up for adoption at Animal Services' West L.A. shelter.



Chuck is available for adoption. He's pictured with Marda Winnick, volunteer, and Debbie Fan, Animal Services.



Bitsy is available for adoption. She's pictured with Erica Larumbe, volunteer, and Rayna Barker, Animal Services.



Sapphire is available for adoption.



Poppy is available for adoption. She's pictured with Charla Fales, Club Member.



Volunteers Sharon Kyomen and Chris Fraser pose with feline friends.



Debbie is available for adoption. She's pictured with handler Lola McKnight.

## the pet club

Your friend is waiting for you!



### This Month's Pets For Adoption:

#### tang

Tang is a three-year-old neutered male orange tabby who was brought to the shelter with his brother, Tian. Both are super sweet boys, litter-box trained, indoor-only cats who would like a home together. **ID#A0833475:** North Central Animal Care Center



#### tian

Tian is a three-year-old neutered male orange tabby who came to the shelter with his littermate, Tang. Both are lovable, affectionate boys who are bonded and would like to find a home they can share together. **ID#A0833476:** North Central Animal Care Center



#### bobby

Bobby is an adorable three-year-old shepherd mix. He is very friendly and loving and loves to hug and get kisses, and belly rubs are also a fave. Don't miss out on this wonderful family dog! **ID#A1072304:** North Central Animal Care Center



#### amaretto

Amaretto is an adorable year-old chow/maybe sheltie mix. He is totally irresistible and only about 40 pounds. He loves to cuddle, be held and sit in your lap. He would make a great addition to any household. **ID#A1074973:** North Central Animal Care Center



#### velvet

Velvet is a cute five-year-old female shepherd mix. She is somewhat shy but a very gentle, sweet, well-behaved girl. She walks great on the leash and is low energy, perfect for an older household. **ID#A1071367:** North Central Animal Care Center

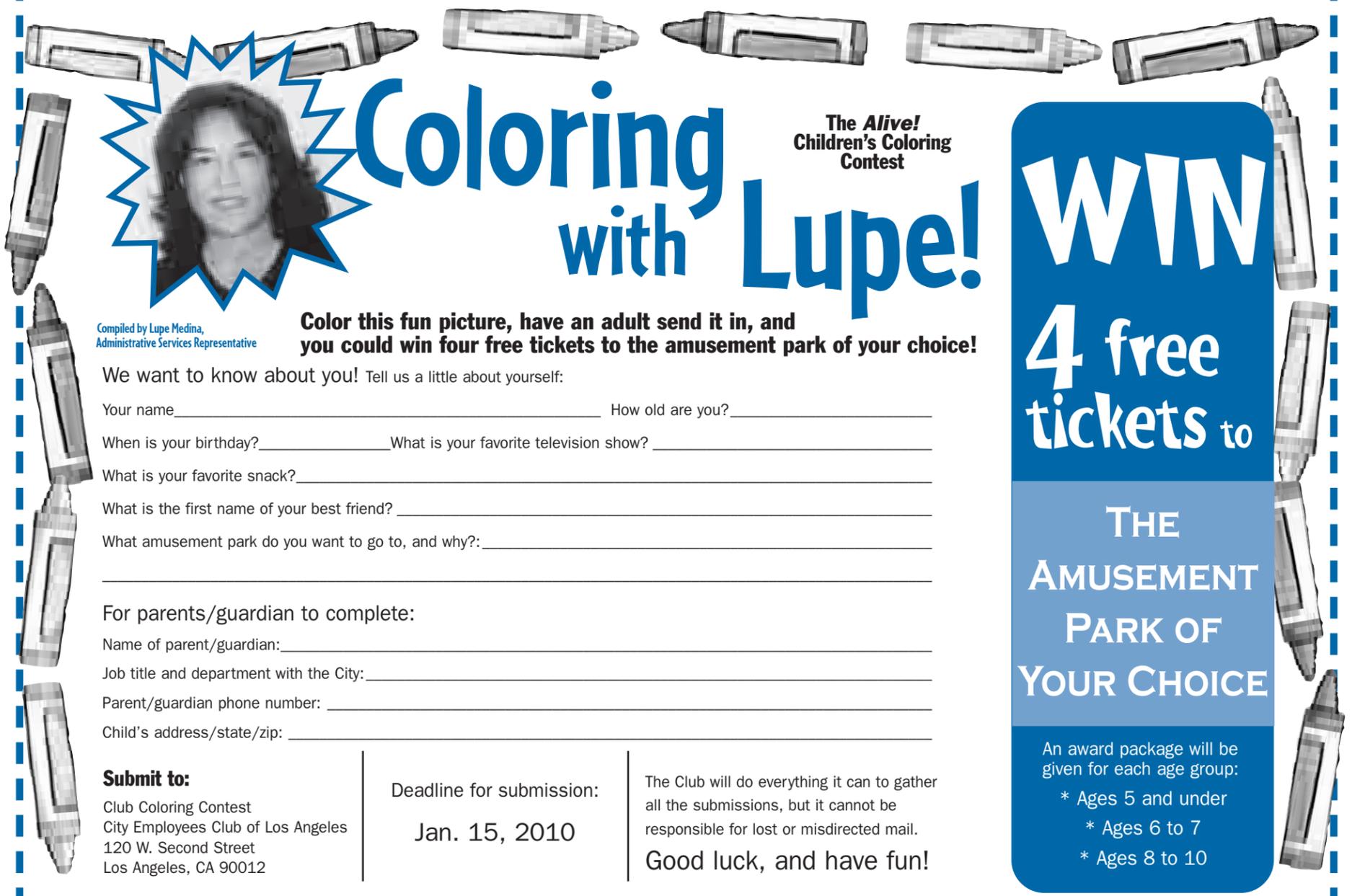


#### Meet Your New Hope coordinator!



All of the following animals are available at the North Central Animal Care Center, 3201 Lacy St., 90031; (213) 485-5767. *The New Hope Coordinator is Anna Hernandez.*

To see more animals available for adoption, please visit [www.laanimalservices.org](http://www.laanimalservices.org)



# Coloring with Lupe!

The *Alive!* Children's Coloring Contest

**WIN**  
**4 free tickets to**  
**THE AMUSEMENT PARK OF YOUR CHOICE**

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

Compiled by Lupe Medina, Administrative Services Representative

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

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

Your name \_\_\_\_\_ How old are you? \_\_\_\_\_

When is your birthday? \_\_\_\_\_ What is your favorite television show? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your favorite snack? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the first name of your best friend? \_\_\_\_\_

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

For parents/guardian to complete:

Name of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Job title and department with the City: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's address/state/zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Deadline for submission:  
**Jan. 15, 2010**

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



LIBRARY

# ‘Most Interesting Man’ Retires

Thomas Vercher, Club Member, retires from the Library Dept. after 21 years with the City.



The cake celebrating “The Most Interesting Man in the World.”



From left: Cindy Ciang, Clerk Typist, Thomas Vercher, Graphic Designer II; Jeong Oh, Librarian; and Evelyn Mercado, Clerk Typist, Library.



From left: Henry Ong, Public Information Director; and Thomas Vercher, Graphic Designer II, retiree.



From left: Pamela Williams, friend; Thomas Vercher, Graphic Designer II, Public Relations Office; and James Feng, friend.



From left: Anna Miks, guest; Thomas Vercher, and Eva Cox, Library Assistant.



Thomas Vercher, Graphic Designer II, with Kimberly Aviles, Secretary, Library.

Story by Brent Urban, Club Counselor; Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

Family, friends and co-workers attended the retirement party for Thomas Vercher, Club Member, who retired as Graphic Designer II, Library.

The party, which had a theme of “The World’s Most Interesting Man,” was held on the top floor of the Central Library downtown.

As a fan of jazz, Thomas created a playlist to entertain his guests at the party, with various recordings from legendary jazz musicians. After the party, Thomas plans to retire in Florida, where he will be close to Cuban jazz and warm beaches.

Here’s a resolution made by the Library Commissioners:

“Whereas, Thomas Vercher began his extensive 21-year career at the Los Angeles Public Library in September 1988 as a Graphics Designer I assigned to the Public Relations Office; and

“Whereas, as a member of the Public Relations Office graphics team, he contributed to the design and coordinated the production of a wide range of informational, educational and promotional materials for the Central Library, branch libraries and related agencies; and

“Whereas, in 1996, he was promoted to Graphic Designer II and worked as the sole designer for the Public Relations Office and its work on behalf of the Central Library and 72 branch libraries and major citywide programs, including the 1998 branch construction bond program, innovative on-line flyer shell program, Children’s Services events programs, Central Library event guide and library services displays used in community outreach, among others; and

“Whereas, during his career, Mr. Vercher utilized his creativity in a variety of art and media to develop and implement original display ideas, illustrations, posters, maps, signs, flyers, book-marks, reading lists and other graphic materials. Additionally, he was sought out for and gained notoriety for the customized retirement cards he voluntarily designed for retiring colleagues; and

“Whereas, he also received certificates from the City’s Cultural Affairs Department for his fine art photography; from Councilman Tom LaBonge’s Office for a program he designed at the Los Feliz Branch Library; and the All City Employees Benefits Service Association for his artwork commemorating African-American History Month.

“Now, therefore, let it be resolved that the Board of Library Commissioners extends to Thomas Vercher wishes for success in his retirement.”

Enjoy your retirement, Thomas!  
*The Club thanks Brenda Breaux, Public Relations Specialist, Library, for providing the resolution and coordinating the event, and Maria Villarreal, Public Relations Specialist, Library, for coordinating the event.*



Irene Brown, Clerk Typist, Library, with Thomas Vercher, Graphic Designer II.



Retiree Thomas Vercher, Graphic Designer II, with Sara Curup, Clerk Typist.



Brenda Breaux, Public Relation Specialist; and Thomas Vercher, Graphic Designer II.



From left: Henry Ong, Public Information Director; Tom Jung, MA-2; Thomas Vercher, Graphic Designer II, Public Relations Office; Leann Ortiz, Literary and Fiction; and David Lopez, Library Assistant.



From left: Barbra Hurr, Accounting Clerk, Library; Michelle Dulalia, Accounting Clerk; Jade Vuong, Accounting Clerk; Carolina Murillo, Accounting Clerk; and Sam Allen, Payroll Supervisor.



Thomas Vercher, Graphic Designer II, Library, Club Member.



From left: Ed Fong, Calligrapher; and Thomas Vercher, Graphic Designer II.



From left: Patty Higgins, Clerk Typist, Library; and Charlene Klink, Public Relations Director.



From left: Sgt. Jean Childs, Library; Thomas Vercher, Graphic Designer II, retiree; Doreen Welborn, guest; Officer Hunter, Library; and Officer Moore, Library.



Yvette Coleman, Thomas Vercher’s cousin, with Thomas Vercher, Graphic Designer II.

LIBRARY

# Good News in Guadalajara

City Librarian Martín Gómez tells the good news of the LA Public Library at a book fair in Mexico.

Story and photos courtesy LA Public Library

The achievements of the Los Angeles Public Library were the highlight of an opening presentation delivered by City Librarian Martín Gómez Nov. 30 at a seminar held during the prestigious Guadalajara International Book Fair (FIL), the largest of its kind in the Western Hemisphere and second largest in the world.

For the first time in history, the book fair broke with tradition and chose a city as guest of honor. Normally, a country or a region is named. Because of Los Angeles' profound cultural and economic bond with Mexico, the seminar welcomed artists, academics, civic leaders, writers and musicians from the City of Angels to Guadalajara. Among these artists were writer Ray Bradbury and musical artists Ozomatli, Los Lobos and Poncho Sanchez.

Gómez was invited by the Book Fair-affiliated Colloquium of International Librarians to deliver the Colloquium's keynote address. He discussed the challenges facing all libraries in the digital age and his vision for how the LAPL plans to meet these challenges.

For more information:  
[www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6707832.html](http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6707832.html)



Martín Gómez in front of the international book fair site.



Martín Gómez on the book fair dais.

HARBOR

# Port Police Kickin' It

In championship game, soccer team comes up short in OT.

Story and photo courtesy Julie DiTucci, Port Police

The Port Police soccer team, called S-Port, came *oh so close* to winning the championship ... but are still big winners!

The team, the first Port Police team in an organized league, was the only non-Coast Guard team competing in a Coast Guard league. After winning the semi-final Nov. 15 against Team Lightning, the team went up against PFC.

The final game, held Nov. 19, was exciting. The Coast Guard team got an early goal on a counterattack breakaway. Then it was a back and forth battle between the two teams, with the Port Police dominating most of the second half (four Port shots hit the crossbar).

In the last minute of regulation time, with the Port team down by one, Cadet German Delgado threw in a long pass, which was

headed in by Ofcr. Alfredo Moya, sending the game into overtime. During overtime, the Port team had some good looks but was unlucky in getting the ball in the net. The game came down to penalty kicks; the team missed one and lost 5-4 in penalty kicks.

S-Port Team members, all of whom are Club Members, were: Alex Castillo (team captain); Jose Alvarez; Brian Correa; German Delgado; Miguele Fagins; Tyler Hammon; Phillip Heem; Tyler Hellinga; Miguel Madrigal; Jose Magana; Nicholas Marbach; Alfredo Moya; Ryan Mullany; and Roberto Ramirez.

The Port Police soccer team would like to thank everyone who supported them during the season, especially command staff for allowing the agency to compete in the Coast Guard soccer league.

The Club congratulates the team members on their great first season. Here's to continued success next year!



The S-Port soccer team, top row, from left: Roberto Ramirez, defender; Miguel Madrigal, forward and midfield; Tyler Hammon, defender and forward; Nicholas Marbach, goalie; Ryan Mullany, forward and midfield; Luis Bautista, defender and forward; Alfredo Moya, forward; and Alex Castillo, team captain. Front: Jose Alvarez, forward and midfield; Jose Magana, midfield and goalie; Miguele Fagins, defender and forward; German Delgado, midfield and forward; and Brian Correa, defender and midfield.

## This Month at the Club Store

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

### TICKETS



Try the Club's E-ticket system! Buy your tickets to Disneyland, SeaWorld and Aquarium of the Pacific, and have them delivered to your email box. It's that simple! Go to [www.CityEmployeesClub.com](http://www.CityEmployeesClub.com)



### MERCHANDISE SPECIALS



Shop at the Club Store for all your Valentine needs!



### United Agencies APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE

GET A FREE QUOTE ON AUTO AND HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE

Jan. 8

Patty Pulido, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Jan. 15

Rosa Calderon, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Jan. 22

Norma Angulo, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Jan. 29

Patty Pulido, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Note: The Club Store will be closed Jan. 1 for New Year's Day.

### Your United Agencies Reps:



Norma Angulo, Personal Insurance Agent



Rosa Calderon, Personal Insurance Agent



Suzanne Eggli, Personal Insurance Mgr



Patty Pulido, Personal Insurance Agent



Rose Rangel, Personal Insurance Agent



Club Store and Service Center  
 120 West 2nd Street  
 Los Angeles, CA 90012  
 (888) 777-1744

# History Comes Alive!

Tales From the City Archives



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

## The L.A. Chamber of Commerce

Here's the story of how the association began.

Although I try and write on the City of Los Angeles for these articles, once in awhile, I find a subject that also includes the county as well. This is one of them.

Most people think of chambers of commerce as an important part of a city, which is correct. In this country, they were founded as early as the 1780s, often led by bankers, realtors and representatives from other service industries. The chamber organizations flourished because of economic growth, urban political reform and labor unrest. Crime was often associated with this period as well.

According to historian Dr. Leonard Pitt and his wife, Dale, in their monumental volume, *Los Angeles A to Z: An Encyclopedia of the City and County*, "The first chamber was formed in 1873 as the Board of Trade, and reorganized on a new footing as the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce in 1888."

By the account of Harris Newmark in his volume, *Sixty Years in Southern California, 1853-1916*, the Board of Trade became a reality in the summer of 1873, as stated above, in a meeting in the old court house on Bullard Block built by John Temple in 1859, for a city market and theater on the upper floor. Ex-Governor John G. Downey was chosen Chair, and J.M. Griffith was made Secretary *pro tem*.

Nine days later for the next meeting, there were more than 100 merchants that had joined. At that meeting on Aug. 9, 1873, a constitution and by-laws were adopted. A board of eleven directors (the Chamber) were chosen and the fee to join was five dollars. Two days later the organization was incorporated. Of the 11 directors chosen, the officers were Solomon Lazard President and I.W. Lord, Secretary. They met in Judge Widney's office on the Temple Block.

The Chamber set to work on commercial interests of Southern California. Also this group assisted Congress for a survey and improvement of the San Pedro Harbor. The Board of Trade members prepared descriptive brochures throughout the country about the virtues of Southern California. Steps were also taken to build up a trade system with Arizona and the surrounding territory. The onset



Main Street from the junction with Spring Street at Temple, circa 1870.



A view of North Main Street, 1880.

of intercontinental railroads would soon complicate the Board of Trade and where the Chamber of Commerce would become a permanent reality in Los Angeles, as well as other places in the United States.

What occurred follows with the acknowledgment of the two rail systems listed. In 1869, the first railroad system in the City of Los Angeles became a reality. It covered a 21-mile stretch from the city of San Pedro to the City of Los Angeles. By 1876, it gained connection to the newly connected Southern Pacific Railroad from San Francisco Bay to Los Angeles, which gave Los Angeles its first intercontinental hookup. Nine years later the Southern Pacific monopoly was broken by the Atchison, Topeka, and the Santa Fe Railroad entered the Los Angeles area in 1885. These two "Iron Horses" played havoc on the Los Angeles area. The huge impact flooded Los Angeles with new migrations.

A major ramification from that changed Southern California, primarily Los Angeles County, where 1,000 people left the Los Angeles area every month until the population fell from 70,000 citizens down to 50,000. What the cause was a fare war between the competing railroads and the inducements of overly eager land speculators bringing newcomers by the rail systems to Los Angeles. Within that year, promises of fresh air, warm climate and a prosperous life brought to this area about 120,000 people. Within time, the city was transformed from a Mexican home base into a mecca of immigrants from all over the United States. This created a real estate boom that drove land prices skyward. But then the newcomers became *only* paper millionaires and fled Los Angeles. Once again the City's Mexican American population became an isolated minority, where it had been a ruling class a generation before.

On Oct. 10, 1888, a group of Los Angeles businessmen met to overcome reverses in the area to reinvigorate the communities and its citizenry. The great exodus caused economic issues. It became apparent that there had to be a great transitional focus from early projects of agriculture and international trade to a need to have an agency devoted to civic and political activities. The founding fathers to run the new Chamber of Commerce were Maj. Edward W. Jones, Mayor William H. Workman, Col. Harrison G. Otis, Samuel B. Lewis, J.I. Redick and Thomas A. Lewis.

The early Chamber members devoted themselves to two objectives: stimulate migration; and to market Los Angeles products to other parts of the nation. One of their goals was to attract Midwestern farmers to Los Angeles because of their expertise in agriculture. Because railroads had made such an impact in Los Angeles, the Chamber undertook the idea of a rail expedition called "California on Wheels." It was a two-year tour through the Midwest and South. A railroad car was decked with the state's agricultural products and visited every town of importance. More than a million visitors passed through the exhibit and took home materials from the Chamber.

In 1890, Frank Wiggins, a pioneer Angeleno, became the first Superintendent of Exhibits for the Chamber. He was a mastermind of displays. He pushed to feature California agricultural products at large national and international exhibits that brought fame and fortune to the Los Angeles area. For the 1893 Chicago World's Fair, he conceived and brought to life an 850 pound elephant made from unusually large California walnuts that covered a wire framework to cover the animal. It achieved lasting fame for Los Angeles and the Chamber of Commerce. That display and others like it proved that California had more than climate; it produced a variety of very marketable items.

Additionally, the Chamber encouraged homegrown investments in several manufacturing enterprises such as beet-sugar with technological advancements that encouraged its growth and economy. By the end of the 19th century, these endeavors manufactured 15,000 tons of sugar yearly valued at \$1.3 million. These industries received a



In 1894, the Chamber moved to new quarters at the southeast corner of Broadway and Fourth, in a building designed especially for its use, the then-new three-story Mason Building, which would serve as the L.A. Chamber of Commerce for 12 years.



The L.A. Chamber of Commerce building at 350 S. Bixel St., under construction in April 1994.

monumental boost with the discovery of oil and the introduction of electric power generated water. In the 1920s, the Chamber encouraged aircraft manufacturing due to international air meets at the Dominguez field and communications of meteorological information making flights safer for pilots. An interesting event occurred when the Chamber negotiated with Chicago livestock entrepreneurs in 1921 to create the Central Manufacturing District and Los Angeles Railway. What an interesting segue!

In 1925, the Junior Chamber of Commerce organized to promote trade and extended manufacturing within the state. Two years later, World Trade Week was initiated. In 1932, The Chamber's newly organized Women's Division worked with the Olympic Games to assist with Olympic Visitors coming to Los Angeles. In 1938, Chamber officials mobilized the Los Angeles community to support federal wartime preparedness. By 1946, the Chamber successfully fought for legislation to construct freeways in Los Angeles. During the 1950s, the Chamber worked to bring the Dodgers to Los Angeles. To control air pollution, the Chamber promoted the "Share the Ride" campaign. In 1971, the Chamber's efforts assisted in opening the Los Angeles Convention Center.

After World War II, the Chamber of Commerce realigned itself in another direction, from an organization that sought to attract new business to Los Angeles County into one that now works toward modern issues that affect our daily lives in a large metropolis. The Chamber changed from a county-sponsored organization into a private business organization funded solely by its members. Its advocacy efforts began to include issues relating to four surrounding counties. By 1967, the Chamber changed its name to the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber's mission is: By being a voice of business, helping its members grow and promoting collaboration, the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce seeks full prosperity for the Los Angeles region. As a trustee for the current and future welfare of the region, the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce champions economic prosperity and quality of life.

The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce is southern California's largest not-for-profit business federation. It represents the interests of more than 235,000 businesses in Los Angeles County. The address for the Chamber headquarters since 1994 350 S. Bixel St., Los Angeles, CA 90017. Its mission continues daily, and its motto is, "A better L.A. is our business."

## CONVENTION CENTER

## Eboné at the Auto Show

New Club Counselor Eboné Moses visits the Convention Center during the Auto Show.

Story and photos by Eboné Moses

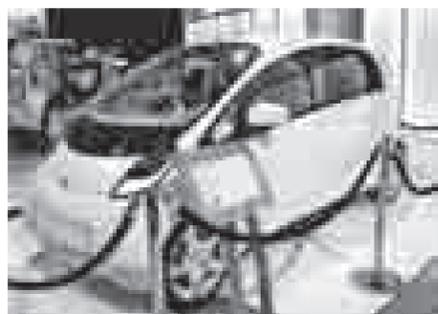
As the newest Club Counselor, I was happy to stop by the Convention Center and visit the Auto Show, one of their biggest shows of the year.

From its humble beginnings in an exhibition tent back in 1907, the Los Angeles Auto Show has grown to become one of the biggest new car shows in the country. As its popularity has grown, so has the size of the LA Auto Show, which has required a number of venue changes throughout the years. 1971 marked the show's move to its current venue, the Convention Center. It offers a massive amount of floor space -- the Convention Center measures 760,000 square feet, or roughly the same area as 17 football fields.

I had a great time there, and look forward to spending more time at the Convention Center.



The Caprice police car is back. I'm striking a pose with it.



Mitsubishi i-MiEV or Mitsubishi innovative Electric Vehicle uses a 16-kilowatt-hour lithium-ion battery. The four-seat, five-door hatchback is one of the first of a wave of highway-capable electric vehicles. This new model gets 60-100 miles on a full battery.



Volkswagen Up! Lite: Volkswagen's blueprint for the future, and the microcar promises to cause a stir when it's introduced in late 2011.

## CONVENTION CENTER

## Student Guidance

Convention Center uses Auto Show to help high schoolers 'Get in Touch' with their future.

Story courtesy Amy Chang, Convention Center; Photos by Tom Hawkins, Club Photographer

On Dec. 9, during the popular L.A. Auto Show, Convention Center leadership and management spoke to high schoolers about their future, and how to achieve it.

The Convention Center's "Get in Touch With Your Future" Student Tour, produced in partnership with the Auto Show enriches local Los Angeles students by encouraging their interest in the hospitality, culinary, automobile, and environmental engineering industries. Convention Center executives gave exclusive presentations in their field of expertise, and managers acted as tour guides.

The event took place in the West Hall Administration Exterior lobby.

Convention Center executives who spoke to the students included Pouria Abbassi, Mary Jane Aquino, Phillip C. Hill, Rick Wineman and Rey Castro. Tour guides included Vanessa Narvaez and Felix Hernandez.



Phillip Hill, Assistant General Manager talks to students.

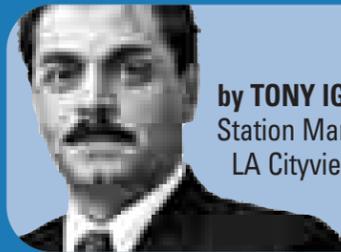


Annie Chang with Santee High School students.



Mentoring high school students.

# Tuned In



by TONY IGHANI  
Station Manager,  
LA Cityview 35



## Survey Ready for Your Programming Feedback

Happy New Year! I hope all readers of *Alive!* have had an enjoyable holiday season and that 2010 will be a very prosperous year for all.

To continue delivering quality programming, we're asking for your feedback. Visit [www.lacityview.org](http://www.lacityview.org) and take our online survey. The information from this survey will help us enhance our programming focus and improve our Website content. The survey is short and concise, so please take a moment to participate. Thank you.

## Program highlights for January

### City Works

This month's episode of *City Works* features reports on the eighth annual Regional Bridge Building Contest, in which students design, construct and test bridges made from Popsicle sticks. Also featured are the Public Works and Million Trees LA partnering to grow the City's urban forest, and the Public Works High School Internship Program, now in its seventh year.

*Airs:* Thursdays, Jan. 7 and 21 at 11:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

### Portfolio

Winter has arrived, but no one's hibernating at the Port of Los Angeles. In a new episode of *Portfolio*, host Jayms Ramirez pays a visit to the Port of Los Angeles' materials testing lab. It is here where technicians test the soil, water, aggregates, concrete, asphalt, paint, and other materials to ensure that the many constructions at the Port are safe and structurally sound.

Jayms then heads over to the "Caught, Canned and Eaten" exhibit at the Los Angeles Maritime Museum, where visitors get a history lesson on San Pedro's vibrant past. Once the fishing and canning capital of the nation, San Pedro is the birthplace of such world famous brands as StarKist and Chicken of the Sea, and was once the site of the annual Fisherman's Fiesta, a veritable "Rose Parade of the Sea" that featured a flotilla of decorated boats, a fiesta queen and her court, and a weekend of high-spirited partying.

And lastly, Jayms visits the Port's "graveyard," where old vessels are disposed of in an ecologically safe manner.

*Airs:* Thurs., Jan. 7 and 21 at 10 a.m.

### We Are L.A.!

*We Are L.A.!* is a series by and about the City of Los Angeles Human Services Department, and the three commissions that operate under its umbrella. The series is hosted by veteran Los Angeles public affairs television moderator Ray Gonzales.

### "Human Relations Advocates"

When inter-group relations flare up across Los Angeles; when a moderator is needed to provide a safe environment for all partners in a neighborhood discussion to be heard; or when community members need assistance with issues of inclusion, where can people turn for help? One resource is Human Relations Advocates from the City's own Human Services Department.

Human Relations Advocates are available to provide assistance with all sorts of group relationships across the City.

*Airs:* Mon., Jan. 4 at 11 a.m. and 10 p.m.

### "All About the Human Services Department"

The City recently consolidated the Commission on the Status of Women; the Commission on Children, Youth and Their Families; and the Human Relations Commission into the new Human Services Department. All City commissioners are volunteers who are appointed by the mayor.

This program explores the services and programs offered by all three commissions and the umbrella department.

*Airs:* Mon., Jan. 11 at 11 a.m. and 10 p.m.

### "KidWatch L.A."

Kid Watch L.A. is a comprehensive child safety program designed to address issues of traffic safety, neighborhood safety and pedestrian safety. It was created by the Commission on Children, Youth and their Families, which operates under the umbrella of the City of Los Angeles Human Services Department.

*Airs:* Mon., Jan. 18 at 11 a.m. and 10 p.m.

### "Young Women of the LA DWP"

The Human Services Department works hand in hand with other City departments to ensure that women have the ability to enter - and advance - in traditionally male-dominated careers. One of the main focuses of the Commission on the Status of Women, which is under the department's umbrella, is gender inequality in jobs that are not traditionally held by women.

*Airs:* Mon., Jan. 25 at 11 a.m. and 10 p.m.

For airing schedule of the above programs, and for more program listings and information, visit [www.lacityview.org](http://www.lacityview.org) and click on **Weekly Program Schedule**.



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Channel 35 Viewer Comment Hotline: (213) 473-3978

See you on LA Cityview 35!

# Life's Important Moments

# Share your moments!

Did you get married? Have a baby? (Yea!) Get a promotion? (Hooray!) Retire? (Ahhhh.) We want to hear from you. Share your news with the world! Send all notices and high resolution photos with the appropriate information to [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com) or send paper notices and print photos to: *Alive!*, 311 S. Spring St., Suite 1300, Los Angeles, CA 90013

## New Members

### Welcome New Members!

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

- Airports**  
James Edwards Jr.  
Angela Greene  
Arturo Guevara  
Robert Houston  
Francisco Medina  
Omar Muhammad  
Sylvia Ruiz  
Linda Willhite
- Building and Safety**  
Todd Jenkins  
Steven Kimble  
John Zavala
- City Attorney**  
Curtis Kiddre  
Michael Ty
- Cultural Affairs**  
Diana White
- Finance**  
Louie Ulanday
- General Services**  
Damiana Horton  
Larry Maldonado  
Andy Montoya  
Luis Montoya  
Maria Schuster  
Rashad Westbrooks
- Harbor**  
Stacy Allen  
Brenda Aubert  
Dory Boyd  
Adrienne Fedrick  
Cecelia Moreno  
Michael Swords  
Charleton Thayn
- Housing**  
Vanetta Mosby  
Betty Seals  
Christella Taylor
- ITA**  
Ron Murray
- Convention Center**  
Juan Castillon
- LACERS**  
Brittany Cotton
- Library**  
Jason Camat
- Mayor's Office**  
Julie Guevara  
Gary Sunkin
- Personnel**  
Karen Anzora  
Evelyn Faustino
- Planning**  
Richard Platkin
- LAPD**  
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Joel Alvarado  
Martin Amador  
Roberta Avellaneda  
Gregory Bateman  
Beverly Beasley  
Albert Cardenas  
Tom Cardona  
Sandra Cundiff  
Monica Delatorre  
Jerimau Erby  
Roman Figueroa  
Frank Flures  
Juan Gonzalez  
Nora Hidalgo  
Randall Hunsaker  
Kevin Ishida  
LeeAnn Jones  
Nancy Lomeli  
Milton Lopez  
Michael Mariscal  
Gus Moreno  
Nathan Nieto  
Donelle Nubia  
Guadalupe Orellana  
Edgar Palacios  
Jonathan Parungoo  
Rosa Rodriguez  
Lorena Ruiz  
Demetrius Shaw  
Rodil Sioson  
Salvador Torres  
Amelia Trimino-Cruz  
Daniel Uzomah
- PUBLIC WORKS**  
**Contract Administration**  
David Garcia  
Raul Rocha  
**Engineering**  
John Hallstead  
**Sanitation**  
William Averett  
James Duffin  
Jose Saldana  
Robert Thuesen
- Street Services**  
Peter Collum  
Hermando Harvey
- Rec and Parks**  
Felipe Galindo  
Gema Guizar  
Christina Henry  
Karen Johnson  
Mychal Lynch  
Wendy Morales  
Alma Moreno  
Arselia Sahagun  
Chinyere Stoneham
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Hugo Alvarez  
Alfred DeDios  
Donald Harrahill  
Arturo Ledezma  
Kartik Patel
- DWP**  
Abebaw Anbessaw  
Alex Antillon  
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Mobashra Nawaz  
Mary Nolan  
Christine Orellana  
Fernando Pino  
Nestor Ramos  
Chris Samonas  
Peter Tonthat  
Katrina Vazquez
- Retired**  
Yuriko Abe  
Ruth Espy  
Darrell Espy  
Willis Letcher  
Gloria Virgen
- Other**  
Marc Bovasso  
Joan Graves

## 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**  
Ford, Willie, El Pueblo Historic Mon., 26  
Fulbright, Keith, Airports, 18  
Jalal, Mahmoud, DWP, 23  
Rozak, Darryl, Building and Safety, 20
- Retired**  
Anderson, Louis, DWP, 34  
Arnold, Kathleen, DWP, 10  
Augino, Carl, DWP, 32  
Barroga, Nellie, DWP, 13  
Borden, David, Public Works, 27  
Butrum, Clarence, DWP, 21  
Colbert, William, Public Works, 15  
Courtney, Marvin, DWP, 37  
Dillinger, Robert, Public Works, 21  
Dixon, Daniel, Public Works, 24  
Donan, H. Elizabeth, DWP, 35  
Donlin, Gertrude, LACERS, 30  
Douglas, Norman, Public Works, 16  
Fisk, Reginald, DWP, 26  
Freeman, Emanuel, Rec and Parks, 32  
Gaeta, John, LAPD, 20  
Gallarza, Carlos, Rec and Parks, 35  
Goldstein, Edward, DWP, 39  
Greenblatt, Arthur, DWP, 38  
Grimm, Charles, DWP, 30  
Harris, Joanne, LAPD, 30  
Housley, John, Public Works, 30
- Ivanick, Frank, DWP, 37  
Johnson, Alex, DWP, 29  
Johnson, Willie, Public Works, 39  
Kalustian, Victor, City Attorney, 21  
Kato, Eva, DWP, 18  
Kurt, Nicholas, General Services, 16  
La Course, Anthony, Rec and Parks, 23  
Luna, May, LAPD, 33  
Mathis, Darrell, DWP, 35  
Mijares, Robert, DWP, 21  
Nery, Bernardo, Public Works, 15  
Pack, George, DWP, 31  
Rivera, Alberto, Public Works, 16  
Rubin, Eugene, Building and Safety, 41  
Sickler, Leland, DWP, 25  
Silva, Pedro, DWP, 25  
Smith, Amos, DWP, 29  
Sorenson, Richard, City Attorney, 29  
Stokes, Lloyd, Harbor, 16  
Tanouye, George, LAFD, 32  
Taylor, Johnnie, Public Works, 31  
Tickel, Walter, Public Works, 26  
Turner, Lee, Airports, 30  
Valentine, Jessie, General Services, 18  
Wedlow, Isiah, Rec and Parks, 30  
Wilson Davis, Henry, Treasurer, 28

## 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](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

## Retirements, continued next page

NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS
Aguilar, Teresa M.	Chief Clerk	Public Works	52	Collette, Susan H.	Supervising Trans. Planner	Airports	20
Alvarez, Gilbert	Aquatic Facilities Mgr.	Rec and Parks	31	Colomo, David C.	Wastewater Coll. Worker	Public Works	30
Archuleta, Loren	Airport Safety Officer	Airports	26	Cowell Jr., Jack R.	Civil Engr. Asst.	Public Works	11
Arnold, Kenneth J.	Equipment Operator	Airports	37	Creitz, William D.	Sr. Admin. Analyst	CAO	31
Babb, Linda L.	Sr. Clerk Typist	Airports	41	Cruz, Sheila A.	Sr. Traffic Supv.	Transportation	31
Banh, Khanh	Tax Compliance Aide	Finance	29	De Los Reyes, Arsenio M.	Automotive Dispatcher	General Services	19
Bell, Wanda J.	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	35	Doran, James W.	Truck Operator	Public Works	18
Bornoff, Jack	Management Analyst	Public Works	15	Dozier, Erma L.	Data Entry Operatopr	ITA	35
Bravo, Luzviminda C.	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	25	Edgington, Catherine J.	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	25
Brown, Deborah J.	Ch. Transportation	Transportation	34	Eskander, Nadim A.	Sr. Park Ranger	Rec and Parks	22
Buitrago, Hector H.	Dep. Supt. of Building	Building and Safety	32	Esquivel, Carlos	Clerk Typist	LAPD	23
Bullock, Charlotte G.	Sr. Clerk Typist	ITA	38	Galyon, John A.	Equipment Operator	Public Works	26
Bustos, Melba M.	Accounting Clerk	Finance	23	Gonzalez, Lydia L.	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	Public Works	37
Cabrera, Leo	Equipment Operator	Harbor	34	Gorjian, Roobik S.	Civil Engr. Assoc.	Public Works	23
Calhoun, Denton	Security Officer	Airports	13	Gurrola, Herbert R.	Light Equip. Operator	Rec and Parks	36
Camou, Robert E.	Sr. Transport Engineer	Transportation	39	Heinz, Jessica F.	Asst. City Attorney	City Attorney	29
Cano, Cecilia E.	Gardener Caretaker	Airports	23	Henderson, Thornton	City Attorney Invest.	City Attorney	12
Caparas, Efrén S.	Forensic Prnt. Spec.	LAPD	29	Hernandez Arias, Guad.	Clerk Typist	Public Works	28
Carter Phillips, Roslyn	Legislative Analyst	Council	35	Irving, Paul F.	Boat Captain	Harbor	14
Cazares, Thomas M.	Pr. Construction Insp.	Public Works	27	Jackson, Charles C.	Asst. Comm. Elec.	ITA	30
Cerlian, David S.	Library Asst.	Library	37	Kalanick, Donald E.	Civil Engineer	Airports	44
Cleary, Mary E.	Police Service Rep	LAPD	35	Kestler, Michele E.	Chief Forensic Chemist	LAPD	33
Clemens, Patricia A.	Asst. City Attorney	City Attorney	30	Lares, Edward P.	Irrigation Specialist	Rec and Parks	38

## Births



Aiyumi Monet Allah, born Nov. 16 to Angelique Allah, PSR II, LAPD Communications.



Tabitha Nicole, born Oct. 21 to Kristina Nicole Treadwell, daughter of Eric and Katherine Taylor, Transportation.



Audrina Giselle Villegas, born Oct. 24 to Renee and Homero Villegas. Audrina is the number 11 grandchild to Armando Alba, General Services, retired.



Jada Renay Peterson, born May 13, 2008 to Randy and Officer Bridgette Peterson. The proud grandparent is Jessie Peterson, DWP, retired.

Have a photo of a recent newborn? Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

## Graduations

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## Weddings

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## Quinceañera

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**Spouse Life Insurance**  
Include your spouse with Club Term Life Insurance.

**Long Term Disability Insurance**  
Protect yourself from career-ending traumas.

**Long Term Care Insurance**  
Manage your future health-care costs with this Club package.

**Cancer Insurance**  
Purchase a Cancer Insurance policy from the Club, and put this affliction out of your mind.

**Group Rated Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance**  
Use the power of the Club to protect yourself against the financial downfall of accidental death or dismemberment.

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



## Your Counselor Can Help

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



Arlene Herrero



Tiffany Sy



Angel Gomez

## Retirements, continued

NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS
Medina, Diana M.	Exec. Admin. Asst.	Public Works	36	Romero, Rachel	Mgmt. Analyst	Public Works	40
Nguyen, Tri V.	Architectural Assoc.	Public Works	20	Tam, Queeny W.	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	Council	34
Oey, Hin G.	Systems Programmer	Airports	19	Toquero, Florvivo K.	Sr. Accountant	General Services	25
Paguio, Manuel A.	Sr. Accountant	Controller's	21	Torres, Donata G.	Tax Auditor	Finance	25
Quezada, Robert	Traffic Mark/Sign Supt.	Transportation	34	Underwood, Freddie M.	Forensic Print Specialist	LAPD	29
Rabina, Loreta T.	Geographic Info. Spec.	Public Works	30	Urquidez, Herlinda R.	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	36
Ream, David A.	Carpenter	LAPD	28	Valenzuela, Sandra A.	Police Serv. Rep.	LAPD	38
Renteria, Michael C.	Survey Party Chief	Harbor	30	Walden, Jeffrey R.	Deputy Mayor	Mayor	23
Riggs, Philip L.	Golf Starter Supv.	Rec and Parks	28	Walton, Thomas K.	Ref. Coll. Truck Operator	Public Works	31
Rios, Rosalinda L.	Sr. Traffic Supv.	Transportation	25	Yeghyazarians, Gourgen	Sr. Construction Inspr.	Public Works	21
Rodrigue, Michael	Gardener Caretaker	Zoo	25	Zapata, Eliseo C.	Architect	Public Works	25
Romero, Henry	Bus Operator	Airports	21	Zlock, John	Street Svcs. Supv.	Public Works	31

THE CLUB

# Meet the New Counselors

Eboné Moses and Brent Urban join the Club staff, ready to serve you.



Eboné Moses.



Brent Urban.

Meet the two new Club Counselors – Eboné Moses and Brent Urban. They joined the Club staff in November, and are ready to serve your needs and deliver great customer service.

Here's some information about them. Feel free to say hello!

**Eboné Moses**

Eboné was born in Alaska, raised in Washington state and moved to Los Angeles from Houston.

"Everyone at the Club is so warm and kind, it feels like family," she says. "That's not to mention all of the great quality extended benefits accessible to each member. The service here is first-class. It's great to know Members have an exclusive club devoted to the satisfaction of each and every member."

"I'm really looking forward to meeting all the City Employees and helping them succeed in planning for their future and the future of their families."

"The customer service we give here at the Club to each and every one of our members is what sets us apart. This is how we show our members that we truly care about the well-being of them and their loved ones."

**Brent Urban**

Brent was born and raised in Victorville. "The Club is an extraordinary group of people, with a great combination of passion and enthusiasm for the Club and the City

Employees we serve," he says. "I'm really looking forward to getting out in the field, meeting new people and counseling them on all the benefits the Club has to offer." "Customer service is what sets the Club apart," he continues. "That involves picking up the phone when someone calls, helping them get the answers they're looking for, and having that person feel as though they were taken care of by someone who cares about them and the experience they have as Club Members."

PUBLIC WORKS

# Goodbye, Craig

Craig Bloomquist retires after 44 years of City service.

*Story and photos courtesy Tommy Siu, Public Works*

A retirement party was held Aug. 25 at the Kyoto Grand Hotel and Gardens for Craig Bloomquist, who retired from Public Works after 44 years of City service.

The party was attended by his family; Public Works/Accounting staff; Board of Public Works Commissioners; representatives from City Attorney, Public Works/Street Services, Public Works/Engineering and Public Works/Sanitation; and many City employees who worked with him over the years.

Craig V. Bloomquist retired as the Director of Public Works/Accounting. He had served in that capacity since 1985, and was responsible for the direction of accounting and financial services for Public Works and for numerous multidepartment special purpose fund expenditure programs, including capital improvement and bond-funded programs. Annual expenditure accounting responsibilities were approximately \$1.9 billion.

His notable achievements include proposing and directing the successful integration of a large-scale cost accounting system with the City's Financial Management Information System; directing the conversion of all wastewater accounting to an enterprise fund; and directing a pilot department implementation for Public Works of a City-wide billing and accounts receivable system. He also sponsored

the development and implementation of two full-featured financial data ad hoc reporting systems: the Bureau of Accounting ad hoc Reporting System, known as BAARS, and most recently, its successor, MERLIN.

A native of Los Angeles, he began his City service in 1965 as a Utility Accountant at the DWP. During his nearly 20 years there, he held a number of increasingly responsible positions in financial planning, financial statements, financial analysis, budgeting, cash forecasting, investing, external financing, rate setting, revenue analysis and general and cost accounting. In 1985, he was promoted from his position as DWP Budget and Financial Planning Manager to head Public Works/Accounting.

He serves on the Board of Advisers of the Civic Center Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants, is a member of the Government Finance Officers Association, and is a member and Past President of Los Angeles Municipal Accountants and Auditors Association.

He has been a Certified Government Financial Manager (CGFM) since 1996, and holds a Bachelor's degree in business administration and accounting from Cal State Los Angeles, where he also attended the business and economics graduate school. He is married, has two children and two grandchildren.

Congratulations on your retirement, Craig. The Club hopes you're enjoying it!



From left: Retiree Craig Bloomquist with Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Club Member.



From left: Board of Public Works President Cynthia Ruiz; Cecilia and Craig Bloomquist; Public Works Commissioner Valerie Shaw; and Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Club Member.



Public Works/Accounting staff.



Craig with his wonderful family.



From left: Public Works Commissioner Valerie Shaw; Craig's daughter-in-law, Cecilia; retiree Craig Bloomquist; Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Club Member; Public Works Board President Cynthia Ruiz; and former Public Works Board Commissioner "Red" Martinez.



From left: William Weeks, Director, Office of Management Employee Services; Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer; "Red" Martinez, former Public Works Board Commissioner; Valerie Shaw, Board of Public Works Commissioner; Paula Daniels, Board of Public Works Commissioner; retiree Craig Bloomquist; Cynthia Ruiz, Public Works Board President; Nazario Saucedo, Assistant Director, Public Works/Street Services; Ron Olive, Assistant Director, Public Works/Street Services; Christopher Westhoff, Asst. City Attorney; and James Gibson, Executive Officer, Board of Public Works.

## PUBLIC WORKS

## 3 Projects Awarded

American Public Works Assn. names three L.A. projects as 'outstanding' in annual ceremony.

Story and photos courtesy Public Works

Three City of Los Angeles Public Works projects were awarded as outstanding, at the 10th annual awards luncheon held by the American Public Works Association Dec. 10.

### The three projects are:

- Public Works/ Engineering's Anthony C. Beilenson Universal Access Playground;
- Public Works/Engineering's Olympic Police Station; and
- Public Works Week Employee Recognition.

The local chapter of the association recognized 25 outstanding public works projects and three top public works leaders in Southern California. The annual awards and recognition ceremony underscores the importance of public works in daily life and efforts of public works professionals to provide an enhanced quality of life for each citizen and community.



Public Works' Employee Recognition program was noted for its excellence.



City Engineer Gary Lee Moore (center) holds the plaque commemorating the award for the Olympic Police Station project as being recognized as a 2009 Public Works project of the year.



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# Word to the Wise:

**Don't Forget Your Valentine!  
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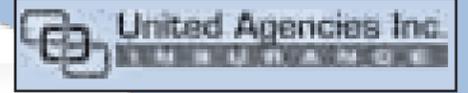
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# REST INSURED



**BY JEFF GELINEAU**

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



## Is It Time for An Umbrella?

The first question we should ask this month is, "What is an umbrella?" We're talking insurance, of course.

The umbrella liability policy gets its name because this policy comes down on top of your other policies and "covers" them (and therefore you). Umbrella insurance is "over-and-above" coverage. An umbrella policy doesn't replace your homeowners or car insurance, but it extends them to cover liability claims in excess of the amount your "underlying" policies cover.

No one plans on having a bad accident, and we certainly hope you don't. But in today's society, the amount that you could be sued for can easily run into the millions.

If you own a pool, a trampoline or a dog, experts say you absolutely need umbrella insurance. If you own an edgy cat, collect guns, have a child who plays football, or tend to bump into things in the supermarket parking lot, you need umbrella insurance, also.

Another benefit of an umbrella liability policy is that a good policy can actually provide you coverage for things that you don't have coverage for elsewhere. If you ever rent a Jet Ski or a boat while on vacation, or borrow your neighbor's scooter for a spin around the neighborhood, then you will benefit from knowing that often your umbrella policy can provide coverage for these exposures also.

When an individual decides to sue you after slipping on your sidewalk, being bitten by your shepherd, getting in the way of your ninth hole tee shot, or being sideswiped by your Suburban, their attorney will look for "deep pockets." Your assets, your earnings and even your future earnings potential will be closely scrutinized.

If you own a home in Southern California, a sailboat, a chunk of Google stock, or just hold a degree, you are well worth going after. The attorney will try to get the lion's share of the settlement from other players, perhaps the crew who put down the sidewalk or the golf course's architect, but he/she still will try to shake a few bucks loose from you. And while these dollars might not mean much in terms of the overall settlement, to you they could mean the loss of your home, your savings and part of a paycheck for years to come.

Umbrella liability policies generally are written in increments of \$1 million and are surprisingly affordable. Some policies cover legal expenses, and some do not. Be sure to cover legal expenses if you can, as they can be exorbitant. Every policy has exclusions; read them carefully because they can put large holes in your safety net. If damages caused by certain breeds of dog is not covered, for instance, and you own that dog, then that policy is not for you.

For about \$200 to \$300 per year, you can buy a \$1 million personal umbrella liability policy. The next million will cost about \$75, and \$50 for every million after that. In the big picture, they are extremely affordable.

Because the personal umbrella policy goes into effect after the underlying coverage is exhausted, there are certain limits that usually must be met to purchase this coverage. Most insurers will want you to have about \$250,000 of liability insurance on your auto policy and \$300,000 of liability insurance on your homeowners policy before selling you an umbrella liability policy for \$1 million of additional coverage.

Feel free to call our agency if you have any questions about what all this means to you, would like to know what it would cost to buy an umbrella liability through us, or would like a question answered on any type of insurance.

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HARBOR

# Patricia Retires

Officer Patricia Montano, Club Member, retires from Port Police after 30 years of City service.



The cake.

*Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor*

A retirement party was held Nov. 13 for Patricia Ann Montano, Port Police Officer I. The party was held in the Tom Bradley Room high atop City Hall.

Patricia retired after 30 years of dedicated service to the City of Los Angeles. She began her City career as a Clerk Typist at the Los Angeles Harbor Department in 1979, and worked as a Police Civilian Detention Officer for the Los Angeles Harbor Department from 1984 to 1989 before becoming a Special Officer III in 1989 and serving as a Port Police Officer from 2003 to the present.

In December 1989 she received a Notice of Commendation for her attention to duty, investigative techniques and report writing ability when she detained a suspicious male that resulted in recovering rock cocaine and other paraphernalia.

In January 1991 she received recognition from the U.S. Marine Corps for support given to the First Marine Expeditionary Force exercise, having participated and giving support in a professional and courteous manner.

In January 1991 she received a second Notice of Commendation for her training and officer safety efforts provided to the Port tenants when she and her fellow officer made a traffic stop that resulted in the driver and passenger, having been found possessing loaded firearms, were taken into custody without incident.

In 1992, Ms. Montano had the distinction of being selected as an original member of the Port Police Bike Team.

In February 1996, she was recognized for her positive performance during the City-wide earthquake exercise, where she was assigned to the City's Emergency Operations Center and the Mobile Emergency Operations Center, having performed her role in a professional manner and with strong effort.

Congratulations on your retirement, Patricia Ann!

*Alive! thanks Julie Di Tucci and Port Police Officer Livanios Pilitsis for their assistance in producing this article.*



From left: Ellie Russell, first cousin of Pat Montano; Janice Hubbard, first cousin of Pat Montano; Barbara Espinosa, sister of Pat Montano; and Jimmy Espinosa, Pat Montano's brother-in-law.



From left: Port Police Officer Fred Montiel, Club Member; Sgt. David Armijo, Club Member; Sgt. Michael Belo, Club Member; and Motor Officer Masaki Imoto, Club Member.



Betty and Hank Luzaro, aunt and uncle of Pat Montano.



Annette Geiger, niece of Pat Montano, with her husband, Mark.



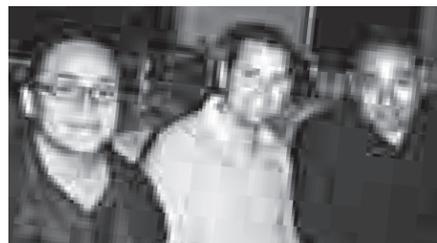
Pat Montano's Uncle Ernie and Aunt Sophia.



Linda Wyatt, Retired, Club Member, and Robert Lesley, Retired.



From left: Sr. Lead Officer Cheryl Morris-Dorries, Club Member, with Port Police Officer Pat Montano, Retiree, Club Member.



From left: Christine Pina, Port Police Cadet; Ryan Mullany, Sr. Lead Officer, Club Member; and Port Police Officer Al Garcia, Club Member.



From left: Sr. Lead Officer Robert Reynolds, Club Member, and his wife, Lawanda, who's a Special Events Person for Congresswoman Laura Richardson; Theresa and Port Police Officer Jose Alvarez, Club Member, assigned to Office of the Chief of Police.



From left: Port Police Officer Frank Huang, Club Member; Mary Ramos, Clerk Typist, Club Member; and Port Police Officer Joseph Arthur, Club Member.



Port Police Officer Livanios Pilitsis, Club Member, with Port Police Officer Patricia Montano, Retiree, Club Member.



Port Police Officer Patricia Montano.



From left: Theresa and Port Police Officer Jose Alvarez, Assigned to Chief of Police, Club Member; Port Police Officer Pat Montano, Retiree, Club Member; Lawanda Reynolds, Special Events Person for Congresswoman Laura Richardson; and Port Police Officer Livanios Pilitsis, Club Member.



Reanna Vigil, niece of Pat Montano, with her guest, Angelo Villarreal.



Pat Montano's nephew, Chris Hernandez, with his wife, Sylvia.



Port Police Officer Roberto Ramirez, Club Member, and Laura Lopez, guest.



Port Police Nick Marbach, K-9 units, Club Member, and his wife, Georgetta.



Standing, from left: Katie Vigil, daughter; Linda Vigil, Assistant Chief Wharfinger, Club Member; Mario Almanza, Marketing Manager; and Port Police Officer Maria Hernandez, K-9 Unit, Club Member. Seated, from left: Sylvia Sele, guest; Vivian Galvez, Pat Montano's cousin; and Norma Lucero, Pat Montano's cousin.

Standing: Byron Culbertson, Detective, Club Member, and his wife, Jeannette. Seated: Malika and Sr. Lead Officer Derek Pittman, Club Member.



Paul Dorries and his wife, Sr. Lead Officer Cheryl Morris-Dorries, Club Member.



Maria Corona, Port Police Dispatcher, Club Member; and Sgt. John Curry, Club Member.



Dave Knight, retired Port Police Officer, Club Member, with his wife, Veea.



From left: Racy Harris, guest; Mike Glimpse, Motor Officer, Club Member.



Back: Mey Alvarez, guest. Seated: Diane Walker, Sr. Clerk Typist, and her husband, Darryl.



Standing, from left: Bill Paxson, Retired Port Police Officer, Club Member; and Moe and Port Police Officer Rudy Meza, Club Member. Seated, from left: Lt. Mike Capodanno, Club Member, and his wife, Karin; and Lydia and Capt. Al Rosario, Club Member.

For Retired Club Members



# The Best Years

## City Retiree Associations:

### DWP Retirees Association



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

### Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association

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

### Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



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

### Change of Address?

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

### Have News About Yourself?

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

## Upcoming Events:

**April 8: Membership Meeting and Luncheon, noon at the Friendship Auditorium.**

**Call (800) 678-4145, ext. 701, for reservations to these events.**

RLACEI:

## Attempts to Affect Pensions Headed to Calif. Referendum

### President Ed Harding reports:



Ed Harding

"In reading the Fire and Police newsletter, Director Lee Kebler wrote about scary times, and he wasn't talking about Halloween. He was talking about the constant attacks on our pension system, health subsidy and the government initiating a universal health plan that may have devastating effects on our health plans and many other items that could affect our benefits.

"How scary are the attacks on our pension by persons like Paul McCauley and Keith Richmond, authors of several different initiative referendums to take benefits away or charge additional taxes on our pensions? I don't believe that Paul or Keith realize that many of our retirees were laborers and clerks who retired with low income, even below the poverty level, especially the surviving spouses. If they were receiving as

much money as Paul and Keith, they would be glad to pay the additional tax. So, Paul and Keith, lay off trying to hurt our retirees and their families!

"The referendum by Paul McCauley proposes a surtax on pensions for retirees who live in California, and an excise tax on California retirees who live in other states. It is still being circulated for signatures. We hope that it will be like his last referendum and fail to have enough votes to qualify.

"Our next general membership meeting and luncheon will be Thursday, April 8 at the Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr. Director Americo Garza and his committee are planning to make this meeting more interesting so that we will have a better turnout.

I hope everyone has a Happy Holiday and New Year."

### Director Mary Beetz reports:



Mary Beetz

"Form 1099-R: LACERS will mail retired members their IRS Form 1099-R (Distribution From Pensions, Annuities, Retirement, etc.) by the end of

January 2010. Retired members who do not receive their 1099-R by Feb. 15 should contact LACERS as soon as possible to request a new one. Regenerating a 1099-R may require a few working days to process. If you changed residences recently, be sure to contact LACERS to update the address information we have on file.

"Open Enrollment Changes: Any new health plan premium

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### Legislative Update, Ken Spiker reports:



Ken Spiker

"I am pleased to report that our Retirement Fund is okay, folks! It's gaining a little and not losing. Our monthly checks are secure.

"The mayor has filled the two vacancies on the LACERS Board. One Commission appointment is Jeffrey J. Penichet. Mr. Penichet has a Bachelor of science degree from the University of Washington and an Master of fine arts degree in film from UCLA. The second appointment is Jerry Bardwell. Mr. Bardwell has a Bachelor of arts degree from UCLA. Mr. Bardwell was the General Manager of LACERS from 1983 to 1991. These appointments are subject to approval by the City Council.

#### Survivor Benefits for LACERS Retirees' New Spouses, by Michael Karsch:

"On March 3, 2009, the Police and Fire Pension advocates got a ballot measure passed by the City voters to allow for a retiree whose spouse either dies or is separated by divorce to remarry and have the new spouse eligible for survivor benefits, the cost of such to be borne by the retiree by having his or her retirement benefit reduced to cover the new spouse.

"The non-sworn retirees (those covered by LACERS) would like to have the same benefit option. Such an option is governed by the City's Administrative Code and not the Charter, the latter covering Police and Fire. Hence, such a

change is up to the Council and mayor, and not dependent on a vote of the electorate. To have such a measure passed by the Council, however, would require review by the City Administrative Officer. That office, however, advises that an actuarial study would have to be done, even if the benefit is claimed to be cost neutral. That study would have to be done to be sure there is no cost on the City, and the study itself would trigger a cost. Considering the budget and pension crisis, there is no money to do such. Commissioner Spiker is asking the LACERS Board of Administration to pay for the study.

#### RLACEI Website

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

#### Contact LACERS

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

# The Best Years

## ADVENTURES with HAL!



Evelyn in the Coliseum.

By Hal Danowitz,  
Secretary, RLACEI

### Retiree Hotlines

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

**City Employees Retirement System:**  
(213) 473-7200

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

• R.S.V.P.	Ext. 701
• Edward Harding	Ext. 703
• Phil Skarin	Ext. 709
• Michael Karsch	Ext. 704
• Jerry Bardwell	Ext. 706
• Harold Danowitz	Ext. 707
• Jack Mathews	Ext. 712
• Helen Salgado (membership)	Ext. 713
• Americo Garza	Ext. 710
• Tom Stemnock	Ext. 708
• Mary Beetz	Ext. 711
• Neil Ricci	Ext. 714

**DWP Retirement Plan Office:** (213) 367-1722

### RLACEI:

#### Officers for 2009

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

#### Committee Chairpersons for 2009

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

#### Directors

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



## Off to Roma

■ In part two, with the plans made, Hal and Evelyn head off to their European cruise.

Evelyn and I took a 35-day trip, which included a week in Italy and then a 28-day cruise that included Italy, Croatia, Greece, Spain, Morocco and Portugal, before we crossed the Atlantic to Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (For the details on planning the big cruise, read last month's installment.)

We departed LAX at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 28 on Air New Zealand. The flight was uneventful, and we arrived at Heathrow Airport almost an hour early. The time difference from LA to London is (usually) 8 hours, so it was 2 a.m. LA time. We both slept a little on the plane. The food was good, and we enjoyed the flight. We cleared immigrations and customs without a problem and then took the underground from Terminal 1 to Terminal 5 to catch our British Air flight to Rome.

The underground is a good way to get between terminals because it is free and you don't have to go outside or onto London. You can't take baggage carts on the train, so you have to move your own bags on and off the train and then get a new cart, which are free. Terminal 5 is for British Air only and very easy to deal with. I booked our flight to Rome in business class so that we could use the BA lounge. Our flight to Rome was at 2:45 p.m., and we were very comfortable in the lounge until our flight was called.

The entire Terminal 5 is quite new. For those waiting for the first "shopping" update, here you go: the duty free shop in the terminal is quite extensive. However, remember that, if it is made in America, is it still priced better at home. Evelyn priced some Bobby Brown cosmetics and they were all more expensive than if purchased at home.

There are also other "tax-free" shops along the concourse, including Bally's, Tiffany's and Prada, not very many shoppers.

We landed at the Rome airport (FCO) at about 5 p.m. and, other than a slightly surly immigration officer, we gathered our bags and found the driver to drive us to our hotel. The cost of the ride was 60 (when we were in Europe, the euro exchanged at

about \$1.50). It was rush hour, and the traffic was much like it is in LA, except with smaller cars. They may have small cars, but the horns work as well as the larger ones; the results don't seem to be any better than at home. Our driver seemed to know the shortcut into Rome, and we

arrived at our hotel in about an hour. The reality that many of the intersections in Rome at rush hour are gridlocked was not a big surprise.

Rome is the capital of Italy and the country's largest and most populous city, with more than 2.7 million residents (there are more in the entire metro area). It's in the central-western portion of the Italian peninsula on the Tiber River.

The history of Rome, the eternal city, spans more than 2,500 years; it's one of the founding cities of Western Civilization. It was the center of the Roman Empire, which dominated Europe, North Africa and the Middle East for more than 400 years, from the first century BC until the fourth century AD. Rome has a significant place in Christianity. The city surrounds Vatican City, an independent city-state that is the home of the Roman Catholic Church.

As one of the few major European cities that escaped World War II relatively unscathed, central Rome remains essentially Renaissance and Baroque in character. Rome is the third-most-visited tourist destination in the European Union. As a modern city, it has been capital of the unified Italy since 1870, and grew mainly in two periods either side of World War II.

Our hotel, the Vittorio Veneto, was just a block from the Via Vento (a main street) and near the Villa Borghese park. I choose this hotel because it had a parking garage and was close to the Villa Borghese, where we could pick our car up from Hertz. The hotel's nightly rate was 235, which included a buffet breakfast, which was very good. The room was nice size and well appointed with a queen size bed and a large bathroom. Before we left home, we put all of our first week's clothes in one bag so we could leave the other two closed.

After we settled in, we walked to the Via Vento to have dinner. At the top of the Via Vento is Harry's Bar, made famous by Earnest Hemingway but too touristy for our first dinner in Rome. We walked around for a while and couldn't make up our minds when we were approached by a person with a menu who convinced us



Hal in St. Peter's Square.



Evelyn, having climbed over another tourist to get closer to the Trevi Fountain.



that his restaurant had good food and reasonable prices. We decided to try it and walked a short distance off the Via Vento to La Fontana (Via Liguria). In much of Continental Europe, most everyone eats dinner late, usually around 10 p.m., so the restaurant had only a few people in it. We were not too hungry and had an antipasti, pizza, beer, wine and water, and the bill was 38 euro. With a weak dollar, prices were very high compared to what we were used to at home. We paid for water; the large beer was 4, and the wine was 6. The food and service were good, and we enjoyed our first meal in Rome.

The weather was balmy and beautiful, and the next was the first day that Evelyn would be in search of the perfect roasted banana gelato (she never found it, but she ate a lot of gelato along the way).

Given the time change and the new environment we both slept well and felt we were

back on a schedule the next morning. The breakfast, included in the price of our hotel, was very good, and we felt ready to begin our day of sightseeing.

#### Sites of the Central City

Prior to leaving LA I purchased ([www.viator.com](http://www.viator.com)) a two-day pass on the Rome hop-hop-off bus. The bus, which included a narration of the sights, stopped at 17 locations and was a good way to get around Rome and see the main sights. The stop closest to us was the Piazza Barberini, about a 15-minute walk from our hotel. We caught the bus and got off at the Coliseum stop. The area was very busy, and the wait to get into the Coliseum was about an hour and half. We were approached by a number of tour agents and decided to take a 45-minute tour, which cost 23 each but included admission. By taking this tour we got to bypass the line waiting to enter the Coliseum. As a special that day with the Coliseum tour, we also received a tour of the Palatine Hills and the Forum.

We finished at the Forum around 1 p.m. and then took the bus to the Pantheon. It was past lunchtime, so we decided to have a gelato to hold us until dinner. From there we walked to the Trevi Fountain and finally to the Spanish Steps. It seemed that October was

still a heavy tourist period in Rome, and everywhere was crowded. The Trevi Fountain was so crowded that Evelyn had to step over people to get near it so I could take her picture. From the fountain, we walked to the Spanish Steps, so named because the Spanish Embassy was at one time at the top of the steps. We walked back to our hotel, and even using the bus, we did a lot of walking. The weather was great, with bright blue skies and warm temperatures.

We found another local restaurant for dinner, La Fontanella Sistina (Via Sistina) just off Piazza Barberini, and of course it had pasta. The food was delightful, with fresh produce, simple preparation and wonderful flavors and, of course, served with a bottle of good Italian white wine.

#### The Vatican

The next morning, we toured the Vatican Museum that I booked with [Viator.com](http://Viator.com). The first tour of the morning started at 8 a.m. and was guaranteed to host no more than eight people. The three-hour tour included the Sistine Chapel and Raphael's Rooms and finished in St. Peter's Basilica, the main church. Our guide was very knowledgeable, and it was well worth the extra money to get the early tour. The Vatican receives more than 20,000 visitors per day on its official tours and another

20,000 walking through St. Peter's Square and in the Basilica.

We had a light lunch in a restaurant near the square, where a glass of beer cost 6. We spent the afternoon back on and off the bus, touring locations we had not seen yesterday.

We had planned to pick up our car so that we could leave for Florence first thing in the morning. The Hertz location at the Villa Borghese was just a short walk from the hotel. Because of the one-way streets, I wasn't sure how to get back to the hotel, so Evelyn and I walked around the block and planned our drive back to the hotel.

I had booked a Ford Focus C-Max with a GPS system, and I was worried that the car would not be big enough for our luggage. When we got to Hertz, they gave us an Alfa Romeo with a diesel engine and a six-speed transmission, which was more than enough for us. I had heard of cars being broken into and items stolen, so I wanted to make sure our luggage was out of sight. We drove back to the hotel without a problem. The worst part of it was paying 38 for over night parking. Evelyn kept reminding me that we could have picked up the car the next morning and saved the 38. Oh well.

Next month: Florence.

## RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

#### Are you planning to retire soon?

If you are, Membership Chair Helen Salgado invites you to join the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) which is the only one exclusively serving the interest of L. A. City retirees for only \$1 a month. Call Helen or one of the officers for more information.

**Phil Skarin's daughter,** Barbara Hunt, volunteers regularly at the Monrovia Canyon Park, giving tours. The City of Monrovia recognized her as the Outstanding Volunteer for 2009.

**Victor Jimenez** worked as an upholsterer at the 36th Street Yard from 1960 to 1980. He would like to hear from his coworkers. Call him at (760) 247-7416, or write to him at 22028 Isatis Ave., Apple Valley, CA 92307.

**Jane Hanson** writes: "I sincerely appreciate your Monthly Report and your very special Thought for the Day."

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

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

### Second Chances

*A runner, if he "jumps the gun,"  
is given a second chance to start again.*

*The New Year is a good time to see if  
there is still time for a second chance to:*

- ◆ *Keep some unfulfilled promises*
- ◆ *Resolve old grudges*
- ◆ *Seek forgiveness for wrongdoings, or*
- ◆ *Show more love to your neighbor*

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

*Have a Happy New Year!*

*— Phil Skarin*



Phil Skarin



## LACERS Update

### ■ Mary Beetz, continued from page 41

deductions or changes to your health plan that take effect Jan. 1 will be reflected in your December payroll check. You will receive a health plan confirmation letter of your health plan selections early next year.

"Basic Medicare Part B: LACERS reimburses basic Medicare Part B premiums to retirees who are enrolled in both Medicare Parts A and B. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced that effective Jan. 1, the basic Medicare Part B premium for 2010 will remain at \$96.40 for those members who currently receive a Social Security check from which they withhold their Medicare Part B premiums and have adjusted gross incomes of less than \$85,000 (or less than \$170,000 for joint filers).

All other members, including those who are new Medicare enrollees, lapsed in their Medicare Part B enrollment, have an adjusted gross income greater than \$85,000, or do not receive a Social Security check, will see their basic Medicare Part B premium increase to \$110.50. For more information on the 2010 Medicare Part B premiums, please visit the Medicare website at <http://questions.medicare.gov>.

"LACERS cannot determine which basic Medicare Part B premium our members will be charged in 2010. Those members that are eligible to receive reimbursement of their basic Medicare Part B premiums will continue to be reimbursed the amount of \$96.40. However, if a member's basic premium increases to \$110.50, LACERS will reimburse the full amount if proof of premium payment (such as a copy of your Medicare Part B invoice, bank statement, or Social Security check stub showing your withholding amounts) is provided.

"Contact LACERS at (800) 779-8328 if you have any questions."



John Hawkins, Club President and CEO, presents John Bogdanoff, Club Member, retired Sr. Director, Rec and Parks, with a life-sized copy of the cover commemorating his outstanding service and commitment to youths in creating a mentoring program to turn to boxing rather than gangs, drugs and violence. The story was published in the February 2009 issue of *Alive!*. Pictured, from left: John Hawkins; Tony Alvarez, Club Member, Parking Manager; and John Bogdanoff, Club Member.



Victor Aprea, retired, Principal Administration Assistant, and his wife, Pat. They've been married 60 years.



John Shadle, retired, Building and Safety, and his wife, Marguerite. They've been married 63 years.



From left: Hal Danowitz, Club Member, retired, Director of Systems, Controller's Office, and newly re-installed board member; and Ed Harding, Club Member, retired, Public Works/Engineering.



Tony Alvarez, Parking Manager, Club Member; and Louis Paul Robles, Title Guardian.



From left: Leroy A. Richards, Club Member, Heavy Duty Truck Operator; Quentell Webb, Motor Sweeper Operator; and Henry Starks, Public Works/Street Services Supervisor.



Curtis Hopson, Street Maintenance Supervisor, Club Member, and his wife, Altrechia, married four years; with Elvie Walker, Truck Driver.



From left: Lillie and Benjamin Mills, Sr. Building Repair, Club Member; and Lee Burrell, Refrigeration Air Conditioning Supervisor.



From left: Henry Starks, Public Works/Street Services Supervisor, Club Member, and Luis Starks.



John Peterson, Plumber, and Sam Peterson.



John Gomez, Park Supervisor, Club Member, and his wife, Carmen.



Margie Uruski, guest; Darlene Parker, Secretary; and Rosie and Julian Torres, Building Inspector (congratulations, Rosie and Julian, on 56 years of marriage!).



Cleone Vrabel, retired, Clerk Typist, LAPD, Club Member, with her husband, Michael.



From left: Barbara Bass, Club Member; Dorris Bass, Heavy Equipment Engineer, Club Member.



Vivian and Henry Jackson, Airport Lighting Department, married 42 years; and Joe Etheredge, Airport Industrial Maintenance, Club Member.

## Retirees Holiday Party

■ The Retired Los Angeles City Employees held its annual event.

Story by Eboné Moses, Club Counselor; Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

RLACEI — The Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) held its annual holiday shindig Dec. 3 at the Griffith Park Lodge.

Longtime friends and past co-workers had a chance to catch up, share a meal and win a prize or two. Americo Garza coordinated the event and invited wonderful Christmas musical entertainment. A buffet style lunch was served, featuring various sandwiches, sides and carrot cake.

The newest inductees of the RLACEI Board took their oath of office. The new board members are Micheal Karsh, Americo Garza, Neil Ricci, Hal Danowitz, Tom Stemnock, Gary Mattingly and Phil Skarin.

The City Employees Club contributed raffle prizes and gave recognition to City Retiree (and recent *Alive!* cover story subject) John Bogdanoff for outstanding service.

*The Club thanks Ed Harding and Americo Garza for their invitation and assistance in producing this article.*



Ben Davis, Street Maintenance Supervisor, and his wife, Joyce.



Gary Mattingly, Club Member, General Manager, Fire and Police and Pensions.



From left: Americo Garza, retired, Sr. Civil Engineer; Ed Harding, retired, Public Works/Engineering; and Jerry Bardwell, retired, General Manager, Retirement Services, Club Member.



James Tom, Controller; John Morea, Fire and Police Pensions; and Arlene Tom, Planning Pension System. James and Arlene are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.



From left: Bob Knox, Sr. Personnel Analyst, with Brent Urban, Club Counselor.



Board Members of RLACEI, top, from left: Michael Karsh, Ed Harding, Club Member; Helen Salgado, Club Member; and Americo Garza, Club Member. Bottom: Jack Mathews, Club Member; and Phil Skarin, Club Member.



The new board members take oath, from left: Micheal Karsh, Americo Garza, Club Member; Neil Ricci, Club Member; Hal Danowitz, Club Member; Tom Stemnock, Club Member; and Gary Mattingly, Club Member. Not pictured: Phil Skarin, Club Member.



Thomas Tsuchiyama, Assistant Land Surveyor.



Ernestine Johnson, guest of Jack Mathews, Club Member.



Robert Horsting, husband of Janet Iwaki-Horsting, Sr. Management Analyst.



Howard Steinberg, Principal Deputy Controller.



Victor Aprea.



Curtis Hobson, Club Member.



Carol Warsaw, wife of Sylvester Warsaw, Heavy Duty Equipment Operator.



Bill Turner, Club Member, Street Maintenance Superintendent.



William Ramirez, husband of Lauren Ramirez, Sr. Clerk Typist Supervisor.



**Newest Club Benefit:**

**An annual membership to  
24 Hour Fitness...  
at one-third the regular price!**  
– See details below



**Lots of Club  
Members have  
already signed up!**

The Club Wants You to

# Get **Fit** for 2010!

Is getting in shape on your list of New Year's resolutions? It should be, because getting into shape is one of the best things you can do for yourself.

**SPECIAL CLUB MEMBER BENEFIT**  
**24 HOUR FITNESS**  
**only \$199 for one year!**



**You can afford to get in shape in 2010**

Sign up for an incredible deal – an annual membership to 24 Hour Fitness for just \$199 – **that's almost two-thirds off the regular price** of \$533.97. *Incredible!*

With lots of 24 Hour Fitness locations in Los Angeles, you're bound to be close to one.

**What are you waiting for?**

Sign up at the Club Store online:  
[www.cityemployeesclub.com](http://www.cityemployeesclub.com) (login required)  
or in person at the  
**Club Store and Service Center**,  
120 W. Second St., 90012 downtown.

Be fully *alive* – and get fit in 2010.

**Take advantage now!**

**Restrictions:**

- These certificates are for All-Club Sport Membership and does not include access to Super-Sport and Ultra-Sport locations.
- Offer not valid for current 24 Hour Fitness members.
- Must be at least 18 years old (19 in NE), or 12 with parent/legal guardian.
- Offer good for a 12-month All-Club Sport, limited term non-renewable membership.
- No other discounts with this offer.
- At the time of redemption, any other products or agreements being purchased must be paid for separately to 24 Hour Fitness.
- Facilities and amenities vary per location.
- Not all clubs open 24 hours.
- Personal training and Kid's Club available for an additional fee paid to 24 Hour Fitness.
- Available at participating locations only.
- Membership must be activated in club.
- Not for re-sale. • No cash value.



**Alive! Around the World Contest!**



**Great Winners for a Great Feature!**

Last October, in honor of the fifth anniversary of one of *Alive!*'s most popular features – *Alive! Around the World* – we offered a little contest. Who can take a picture with *Alive!* the farthest distance from Los Angeles?

And boy did you have fun with it. Here are the results.



**Winner:**  
**Richard Denton, DWP**

**DESTINATION:** Tasmania (Hobart). 8,191 miles  
**PUBLISHED:** This month

Richard wins \$100 in gift cards!



**Second Place:**

**Reita Dillard, Retired, Airports, and Kimberly Matson, Retired, LAPD**  
**DESTINATION:** Giza, Egypt (Cairo). 7,600 miles  
**PUBLISHED:** December 2009



**Third Place:** A tie!  
**Pablo Ninofranco** (left), Retired, Harbor, and **Ronald Lau** (right), Public Works/Engineering (pictured with his wife)  
**DESTINATION** (for both): Amman/Petra, Jordan. 7,566 miles.  
**PUBLISHED:** November and December 2009



**Fourth Place:**  
**John Gale, Rec and Parks** (pictured with his wife Barbara)  
**DESTINATION:** Meteora, Greece. 7,099 miles.  
**PUBLISHED:** December 2009

**Honorable Mention:**

Our good Club friend, Richard Radmacher, Retired, DWP, put up a great argument for winning the contest – he traveled an astounding 19,225 miles! Unfortunately, Richard, it was a farthest distance, not a cumulative mileage contest, so your longest trip, to Munich (6,250 miles) fell a little short. But you win the prize for most creative argument!

**1**

**Italy**



Vatican Square, Rome.

"My wife, Jennifer, and I took a long awaited cruise to Spain, Italy and France. We went to La Sagrada Familia in Barcelona; Malta; Vatican City; and the Coliseum in Rome; the ruins in Pompei; Florence; the Leaning Tower of Pisa; and the beach in Cannes."

– **Capt. Kerry DeMatos, Port Pilot, Harbor**

**2**

**Mexico**



"My wife, Grace, and I spent the Thanksgiving week in Cancun, Mexico, and visited the world famous pre-Colombian city of Chichén Itza, about 120 miles west of Cancun."

– **Jimmy C. Liao**

**3**

**Greece**



"My husband, Mike, and I took a trip to New York and Greece. The islands we visited were Mykonos, Santorini and Athens. The picture is taken in the City of Santorini, Greece."

– **Diane Gilmartin, Airports/Ontario**

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**California**

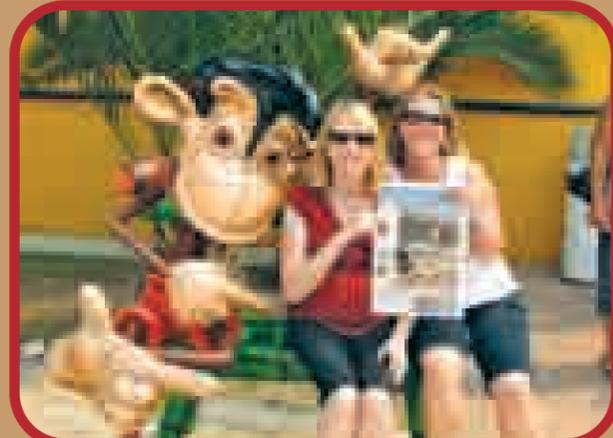


"Here I am in Julian, Calif. Julian is a former gold-mining town in San Diego County that is now famous for apples and apple pie. There are lots of little shops to visit there, too. It is a nice day trip from LA."

– **Gary Kotas, LAPD**

**5**

**Mexico**



"Here is a picture of **PSR III's Sarah Farell and Jennifer Lindstrom [LAPD Valley Communications Div.]** in Ensenada, Mexico, taking a three-day cruise in September."

– **Sarah Farell, LAPD**

# Alive! AROUND THE WORLD

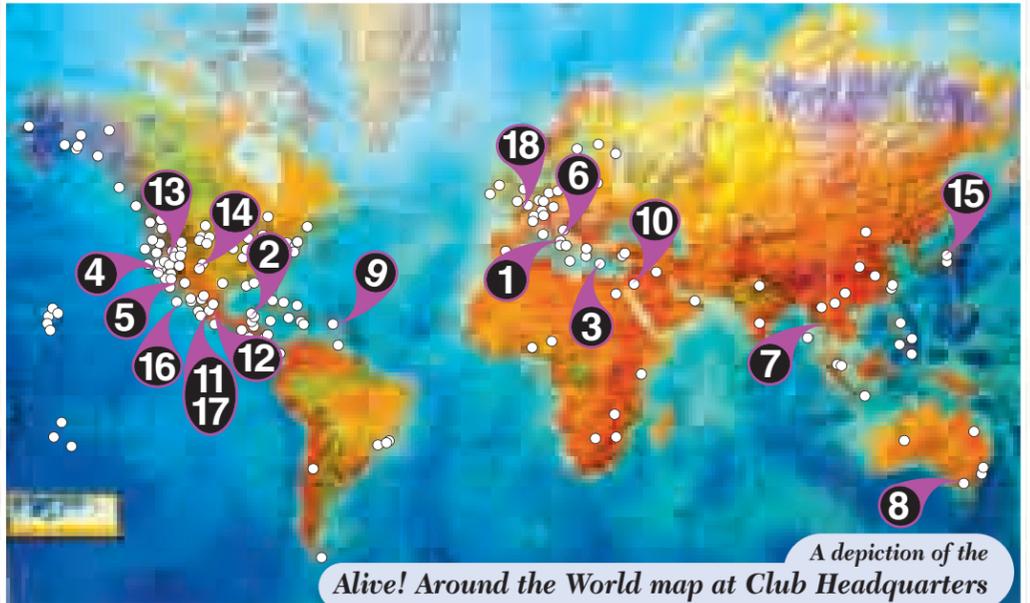


## 6 Italy



"The picture here was taken in Bergamo, in the historic upper town, or Bergamo Alta, at the arcade adjoining the Palazzo della Ragione. The Colleoni Chapel is behind the camera, and the cathedral is out of frame to the right. I am standing on the meridiana, a monumental instrument that was installed in the pavement in 1798 and restored in 1982. It still works and marks the date with high precision at local noon each day with the projected image of the sun.

- Dr. Ed Krupp, Director, Griffith Observatory, Rec and Parks



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

Take the Club with you, wherever you go! Club members are a well-traveled bunch. Bring your copy of *Alive!* with you. Snap a photo with you holding a copy, send it in, and we'll publish it. Send to: [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

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## 7 Thailand



"Wanda Barnett and I, Michelle Grundy, went to Bangkok, Thailand, in September/October of this year. It was a very pleasurable trip. Here we are at the Grand Palace in Thailand.

- Michelle Grundy and Wanda Barnett, DWP

## 8 Australia



"I just returned from another visit Down Under. Here I am, looking out over the Yarra River, flowing through the heart of Melbourne, from the observation deck of the Rialto Tower."

"Take care, and keep up the great work!"  
- Richard Denton, DWP

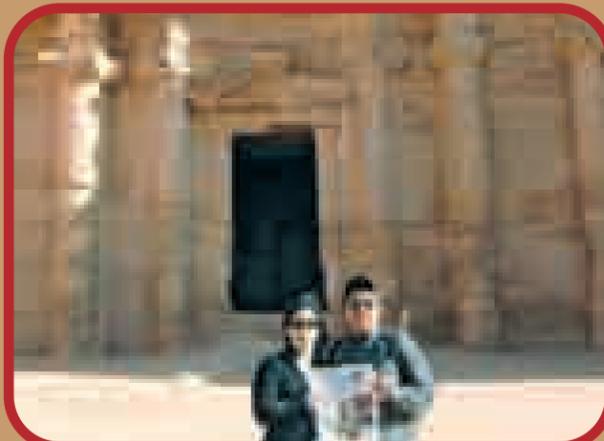
## 9 West Indies



Before returning to our cruise ship, *The Adventures of the Seas*, we stopped by the shoreside village at the dock and snapped this photo of us with the city of Roseau in the background."

- Vincent E. Murray, Airports/LAX

## 10 Jordan



"My wife and I just returned from our travels to Egypt and Jordan. This is our first visit to Jordan. We were awed by the sheer beauty of this country. We are in front of the monastery in Petra, Jordan.

- Ronald Lau, Public Works/Engineering

*Alive!* **AROUND THE WORLD**



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**Mexico**

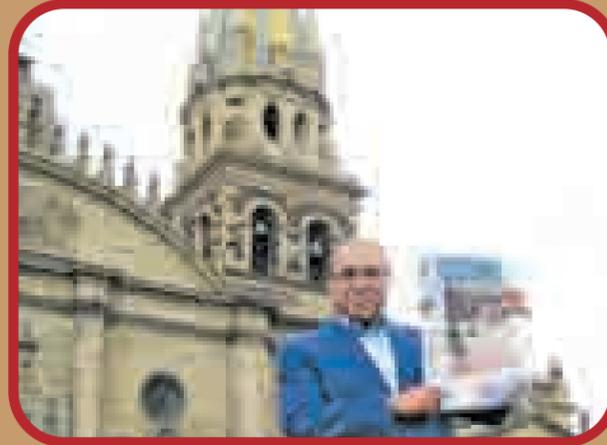


"I was recently in Puerto Vallarta and decided to rent a golf cart to see the sights. On my way up the dirt road to the *Predator* movie set, I managed to get the cart stuck in my search for the perfect picture for the paper."

- **Everett Bennett, Public Works/Contract Admin.**

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**Mexico**



**Los Angeles Public Library's City Librarian Martín Gómez** proudly displays his *Alive!* issue in front of the Metropolitan Cathedral of Guadalajara in Jalisco, Mexico. Martín was in town representing the City as an invited guest and featured speaker of the prestigious Guadalajara International Book Fair (FIL).

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**California**



"This is a photo taken during a recent quick trip to Sacramento. It is the side entrance of the State Capitol Building at 11th and N Streets."

- **James Littleton, Public Works/Contract Admin.**

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**New Mexico**

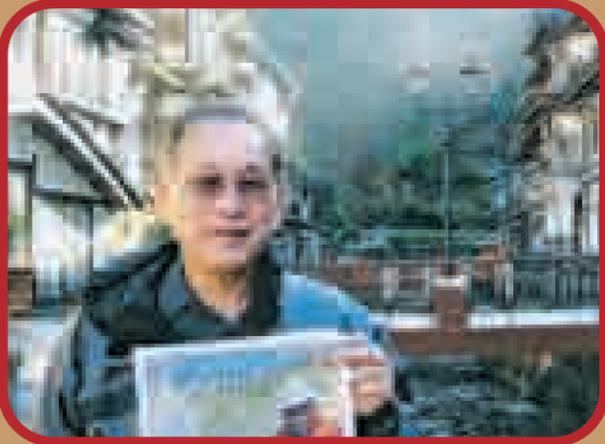


"My wife and I visited the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta, NM, this fall while on an RV trip of the western United States."

- **George Stigile, retired, Rec and Parks**

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**Japan**



"This photo was taken Nov. 3 at the resort town of Ginzan Onsen in Yamagata Prefecture, Japan. It had snowed the night before and the air temperature was in the 40s. There were lots of one-to-two-pound trout in the local streams."

- **Rodney Haraga, retired and living in Mililani, Hawaii**

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**Mexico**



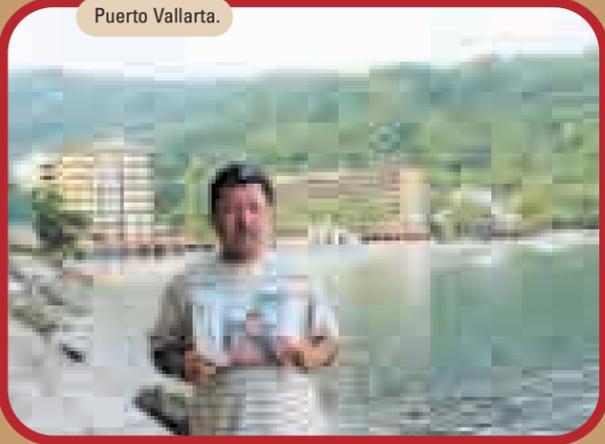
"My son, Gabriel, shows off his catch: a 100-pound sailfish. Co-worker Jorge Melara shows off his prize catch, a 450-pound marlin."

- **Alex Lopez, LAPD**

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**Mexico**

Puerto Vallarta.

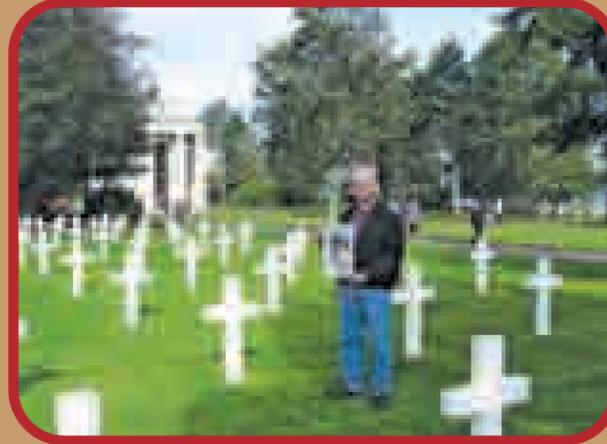


"Our 2009 summer vacation. We traveled to Canada, Alaska, Arizona, Puerto Rico, Puerto Vallarta, Cancun and several of my grandsons' baseball tournaments in Las Vegas, Arizona and San Diego. I did not know retired life was going to be this good, but I still miss everyone from the City."

- **Mike De Leon, retired**

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**France**



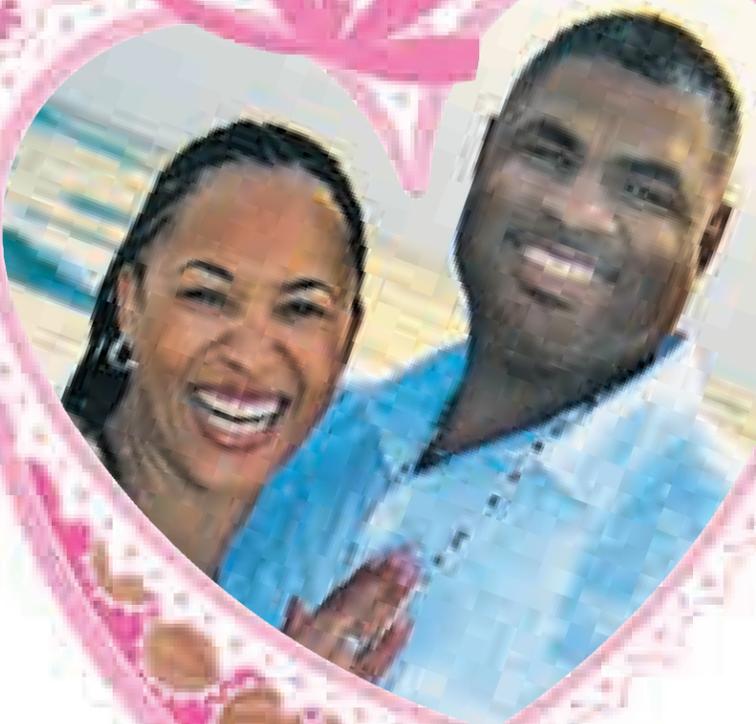
"France: This is the American cemetery at Omaha Beach. 6,000 miles."

- **Richard Radmacher, retired, DWP**

CLUB MEMBERS:

# Be My Club Valentine

Send your sweetie a special Valentine ...  
to be printed in the February Alive!



**HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:**

Send us a photo (high-resolution digital preferred) of you and your sweetie ... or just your sweetie ... and two or three sentences declaring your forever love! And we'll print as many as we can.

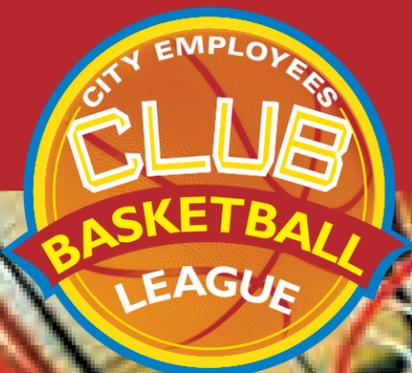
**SEND DIGITAL PHOTOS  
AND YOUR TEXT MESSAGE TO:**  
talkback@cityemployeesclub.com  
(subject line: Valentine)

**SEND PAPER PHOTOS  
AND YOUR TEXT MESSAGE TO:**  
City Employees Club  
Be My Club Valentine  
120 W. Second St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**DEADLINE:  
JAN. 15.**



## Join the new Club Basketball League



# It's Time for Basketball!

Deadline has been extended for Club basketball league. Get in on the fun!

**C**alling all City hoopsters – and hoop stars! Join the new Club-sponsored Basketball League.

All Club Members are eligible to join. League memberships are paid for by the Club.

"Everyone has told us how much they're loving the Club Softball League," said the Club's Sports Dude, Robert Larios. "There's been real excitement on the fields.

"And we just know there are lots of great basketball players, too," he continued. "So don't wait. Let's get dribbling, and show your stuff!"

For now, the league is for men only. A minimum of five teams is needed for the league to form.

The 2010 season begins in January. Registration deadline has been extended.

**Possible gym locations are:**

- Expo Sports Complex in Exposition Park; and/or
- LACES Recreation Center in the Fairfax area.

Games may be played at 7, 8 or 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. A playoff and championship game are planned.

"We're really excited about this first hoops league," Larios said. "It's another great service the Club provides. So sign up!"

All participants must be Club Members in good standing.

**Contact Robert Larios, the Sports Dude, for registration information:**

- sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com
- (800) 464-0452, ext. 134
- www.cityemployeesclub.com



{ *Who are the people you see every day?* }

No. 24 in a series.

# People We See

*in downtown Los Angeles.*



## Meet John Fitzgerald.

- AGE:** "I'm 43."  
**BIRTHPLACE:** "Philadelphia."  
**WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES?**  
 "Two years ago."  
**MARITAL STATUS:** "I am single now, but I was married a long time ago."  
**FAMILY:** "I have four brothers and four sisters."  
**RELIGION:** "None."  
**FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY:** "Getting a bike for my birthday when I was a kid."  
**TROPHIES/AWARDS/MEDALS:** "As a kid, I had awards from baseball."  
**WHERE DO YOU LIVE?** "Skid row."  
**EDUCATION:** "I went to Strawberry Mansion High School in Philly – the Knights!"  
**MILITARY:** "I was in the U.S. Navy."  
**WHAT WAS THE LAST JOB YOU HAD?** "I worked in sanitation, and I was a male nurse."  
**FAVORITE SPORTS:** "Basketball."  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** "Potato salad."  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** "*Dolemite*."  
**FAVORITE ACTOR:** "Steve McQueen."  
**FAVORITE ACTRESS:** "Barbara Eden, from *I Dream of Jeannie*."  
**FAVORITE MUSIC:** "Jazz."  
**WHAT'S THE LAST BOOK YOU READ?**  
 "*Flash Gordon*."  
**FAVORITE TV SHOW:** "*Oprab*."  
**FAVORITE CANDY:** "Tootsie Rolls."  
**FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY:** "Malibu."  
**IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE?** "A trillion dollars."  
**IF YOU HAD A MILLION DOLLARS, WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH IT?**  
 "I'd go to Las Vegas and have some fun."  
**IF YOU WERE THE MAYOR, WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO HELP THE HOMELESS?** "I would work on getting us jobs and a place to stay."  
**WHAT WAS THE LAST THING YOU ATE?**  
 "Salad, rice and a hot dog."  
**WHO OR WHICH ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST HELP TO YOU?**  
 "The St. Vincent Shelter."  
**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF FIVE YEARS FROM NOW?** "Here in L.A."

*The Club gave John a McDonald's gift certificate, some cash, snacks, and a Club tote bag.*

This interview took place Dec. 14 on Main Street, between Second and Third Streets.



{ 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. }

# CLASSIFIED ADS *Alive!* Members Marketplace

## New Ads This Month!

### AFSI Circuit Breakers:

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

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

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

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



**Handmade oak Loft Bed with Desk and Bookcase:** 43" wide x 81" long. Birch drawers are dovetailed with sliders. Must see to appreciate. \$1200 OBO. Contact Nancy or Jim @ (818) 340-8059. 9/09

**2 Leather Chairs:** Brown, like new, asking \$450 for both, OBO. Call Carlos @ (310) 672-9026. 7/09

**Thomasville Sofas,** 2 matching, 7ft. each, clean, soft fabric, off-white, as new, \$600 for both. ggandaj@cox.net 5/09

### Homes/Rentals/Land

**Apts For Rent:** 1 & 2 bdrm/1 bth w/parking @ 2324 4th Ave, LA 90018 in Historical West Adams. 1 bdrm \$925, 2bdrm \$1200. Rodger @ (323) 833-2922. 12/09

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

**Townhouse for Rent:** City of Ontario, 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bth, attached garage w/large enclosed yard. A place to call home. Very clean and quaint. \$1,400/mo. Info @ (562) 322-6972. 12/09

**Room For Rent** - Large bedroom/closet. Own 3/4 bath. Laundry & parking. Close to Metro train, parks, mall. NO Pets/Smokers/Drugs. \$600/mo - Females only. Contact (562) 650-5078. 11/09

**For Rent:** 3 bd/1 ba, remodeled kitchen, living room, dining room & bathroom, 1-car secured garage. Security gate, new carpet, tile, paint & fixtures. Back porch with w/d hookup. Very quiet. W. 108th street. Close to public transportation. Details @ (323) 606-2983. 11/09

Beautiful **two-story condo**, centrally located in the city of Upland, quiet community, accessible freeway/public transportation. PLUS new paint & flooring, 2bd/2ba including den w/fireplace, private patio, dishwasher, microwave, w/d connection, attached garage, private patio, community swimming pool & jacuzzi - \$1450 mo. Ask about Move-In special. Contact (626) 367-8892 or (626) 392-4554. 11/09

Quaint cottage-style **house for rent** outside of Chinatown, Civic Center/Academy. Avail 10-1-09. 2 bd/1 ba. Hrdwd floors, granite tile, skylights, etc. Fruit tree/patio area for outdoor dining. Min from Pas, Glen, 5/110/101 freeways. 3 units total. Inc w&d, and 1 gated parking space. 1-year lease. No animals. Credit check mandatory. \$1200 a month. (323) 919-1163. 10/09

**House for sale:** St. George, Utah, 55+, 3bdr/2ba. w/ family rm., over 1700 sq.ft. & large enclosed garden rm., 2 car carport, tool shed, covered patio & window awnings. Close to shopping, restaurants, health care facilities & new hospital. Price includes land ownership. Low assoc. fees include club house, pool, spa, RV & Boat parking. \$125,000. OBO! Call Linda / Jim (951) 505-9755 or Karen (435) 215-4813, cell - (435) 680-1129. 10/09

**Rosarito Beach Condo:** 2 bdr/2 bath w/ private balcony overlooking beach & city. \$50 - 75, nightly rate. Very clean, safe and beautiful. Call John @ (626) 233-5509. 10/09

**Twentynine Palms Cabin.** On 5 acres, Desert Getaway, great view of mountain & desert, 5 miles from nearest town: Only \$150/weekend. Call Rocky @ (626) 506-3799. 10/09

**House in Highland Park:** near Occidental College, 2 BR/ 1 BA/ 2 car parking, \$1250 per month. Jerry (323) 428-7719 cell 9/09

**For Rent:** Nice 1 bed room/1 bath/1 parking apartment is available at 1832 S. Curson Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90019. Immediate occupancy available. \$1050 month. Contact: Jafar @ (213) 255-6371. 9/09

**Room for Rent:** 1 Bedroom with own bathroom. Access to kitchen and laundry. Dish Network provided in bedroom. \$550 and shared utilities. Located in Oxnard - Off 101 Freeway. Homeowner commutes 5 days a week to Los Angeles area. Call for more details (805) 231-1869. 8/09

**For Rent:** Nice apartment near Eagle Rock/Highland Park area. 4 units-2 bed 1 bath, kitchen, dinning room, living room, 1 car garage. Upstairs unit has new paint, carpet, Very quiet laundry facility. Call for more information (626) 643-9770 or (626) 641-5654. 8/09

**House for Rent.** Los Angeles. About 3 miles South of Southwest Police Division. 3 Bedrooms, 1 bathroom. Ceramic Floors in Kitchen and Dining room. New Paint Inside and Out. Call Edwards @ (323) 759-9106. 8/09

**For Sale** - Two buildable lots in Lake Elizabeth. Build your dream/vacation home. Lake & golf, 25 minutes from Valencia. Beautiful country living. \$35,000 and \$59,000. Terms available. Call Frances @ (805) 583-5321. 8/09

**Room for rent,** Sunland, \$600. Utilities included. Kitchen/laundry privileges. Private bath. Street parking. Non-smoker, quiet, and clean. No other pets. Move-in \$1000. Call (818) 400-7235. 7/09

**Sgl. Family House for Rent:** Burbank - 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bathroom, detached garage. Close to Media Area, private yard, \$2100 monthly. For appt call: Alex (818) 640-6212. 7/09

**House for Rent:** Van Nuys, 3 bdrm, 2 bth, 2 car garage: 1500 sq. ft., washer/dryer, ref/stove, dishwasher, fenced in back yard, near all schools. \$2,200. (818) 780-0647. 6/09

**Palm Springs Condo for Rent.** Close to shops, entertainment, restaurants and Spa & Casino Resort. 1 Bdrm 1 Bath, Beautiful gated community, 6 swimming pools, tennis court, green belt, park-like bbq areas. Call Martha (562) 301-2940. 5/09

### Household Items

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

**Nordic Track AudioStrider** 800 elliptical \$500. 18"-stride length. Interactive Audio CrossTrainer w/ iFit Workout Card technology. Entertainment port with MP3 input & built-in speakers. Includes clear equipment mat. Marisela @ (626) 358-5237 9/09

**New Refrigerator,** Kenmore, black, \$175. Great for travel or home usage. 2 ft high, 1 ft 7 inches wide and deep. 2.7 cu. Ft. interior w/ freezer. Norma at (818) 994-6695. 5/09

**Cross-stitched Arts** - Beautiful home décor, no frame, prices are negotiable. Call Nida & leave a message (909) 800-3207. 5/09

### Miscellaneous

**All Occasions DJ!** Are you seeking a great, affordable, DJ for your special event? \$ Is Tight but we still need to DANCE! DJLEWSIC@aol.com 12/09

**DRIVER:** Luxury SUV available for all occasions. Affordable & comes with a DRIVER. Hurry, dates and times are going fast! LEWSIC@aol.com 12/09

**4 Cemetery plots for sale:** Rose Hills, Asking \$18,000 or best offer. (323) 382-2405. 10/09

**Inglewood Park Cemetery** - Double Capacity Crypt D-1092. Sanctuary of Sunset S.M.M. Tier-1. Retail price of \$10,095, I will sell for \$5,000. Call Edgar at (951) 243-7492 9/09

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

**Melaleuca oil.** Call Gilberto Barrera at (323) 695-3072. 8/09

**Zippo lighter with Rams logo:** like new in box. \$25 or best offer. Call Carlos (310) 672-9026. 7/09

**2009 Oakland Raiders Turn Around Bus Trip.** Come join other city employees at our annual trip to Oakland to see the Raiders take on the Philadelphia Eagles on October 18, 2009. Call Joe @ 909-519-8683 or email: raiderjo@roadrunner.com for more info. 6/09

**2 Cemetery Plots** for sale: Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills, Lot 713, Internment Spaces 1 & 2, Eternal Love, Recently Appraised @ \$5,400 each, asking \$4,500 each or better. Contact Alex at limobug@aol.com 6/09

**Balloon Wrap Machine** w/video instructions and equipment. For sale \$150. Call Nyra @ (310) 634-6768. 6/09

**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. 2/09

### Travel / Timeshare

**Monterey Bay Timeshare** for rent - \$850 for 6 nights, from July 25 - July 31, 2010. 2 Bd: king in master, twins in 2nd bdr, queen murphy bed in living area & 2 baths. Max occupancy of 6. Cable tv, dvd, cd, gas fp, gas bbq, w&d, pools, plus more. Call Terry at (818) 769-3382; plz leave message. 11/09

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

## FREE CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR CLUB MEMBERS

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

You can fax to (213)620-0598 or email to

classifieds@cityemployeesclub.com We'll run your ad in the next available issue on a space available basis. Your ad may be edited for length or appropriateness.

**For Sale** - Las Vegas Diamond Resort timeshare. 12,000 points to be used in any of the outstanding Diamond Resorts. Must Sell. Asking \$5,900 but price negotiable. Call Frances @ (805) 583-5321. 8/09

**WorldMark by Wyndham Timeshare** in Las Vegas for sale. You will receive 12,000 points once the property is sold. Call Danella (323) 434-1715. 7/09

**Las Vegas time share** condo for sale. 2 bedroom and studio, once every year. Contact Dannie (310) 532-0976. 7/09

**Cabo San Lucas** timeshare for sale. Studio suite 1 BA; sleeps 4 w/ full kitchen; private balcony overlooks ocean. \$3,000. Please call Gil @ (323) 661-7947. 6/09

**Cancun timeshare** for rent. Only \$500 a week (Saturday to Saturday) anytime. Sleeps 4 with full kitchen, W/D, A/C CATV, VCR/DVD. Ice gallery member. Call Gina @ 818-265-5940 & leave msg. 6/09

### Collectibles

**Bobblehead Dolls:** Dodgers Manny Ramirez or Matt Kemp bobbleheads. Brand new in box. \$30 - 35 each. Call John @ (626) 233-5509. 10/09

**Giant Star Trek Collection.** 1,000's of items. Must sell as a whole. \$5,000 o.b.o. (310) 487-4557 or wrich1223@gmail.com for more info. 8/09

**Silkstone Barbie Dolls:** 2003 limited edition "A Model's Life" giftset. 2002 limited edition Maria "Therese." 2000 limited edition "Givenchy." Never out of box. Prices vary. Karen (213) 399-2182. 7/09

**Various Beanie Babies** from McDonald's \$2.00 - \$5.00 each. Call Greg (951) 235-3815. 7/09

**Sports Memorabilia** - All Sports and Non-Sports Cards. 25 Cents and Up. OBO. Greg (951) 235-3815. 7/09

**NFL Ceramic Mugs/Tankards** - 28 Teams, LA Rams, LA Raiders, Cowboys, Dolphins, etc. Past/Present NFL Teams, 5/3" Tall. (805) 338-1990. 7/09

**ESTATE SERVICES** - Appraisal or Liquidation of Fine Art, Collectibles and Coin & Stamp Collections. Call Michael (626) 592-2929. 7/09

### Wanted

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

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

**Wanted:** Donation of sewing machines desperately needed for teen sewing class at Rancho Cienega Sports Complex. Call Lisa Jenkins (323) 290-3142. 3/09

**Wanted: Your Childhood Barbie Dolls and Clothes.** I collect dolls from 1959 - 1966 and pay top dollar! I will buy 1 - 1,000 dolls. Clothing, structures, cases. Anything vintage Barbie! Call Cheryl (818) 771-4835. 1/10

**Wanted: YOUR TOY TRAINS,** any age, any size. Call Mike (818)-831-0846. 1/10

### Autos / Motorcycles / Boats

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

**1949 Chevrolet Fleetline:** 2 Door, no motor or transmission. Chopped top & most of bodywork done. Frame has been sanded & painted black. \$1700. Everett @ (818) 339-2092. 12/09

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

**1997 Honda CR250:** Great beginners bike, includes green sticker through Jun 2010. \$1,500. Call or email colercarr@yahoo.com. 11/09

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

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

**1994 Dodge Viper RT/10:** Convertible, V-10, 450 hp, 460 torque, very fast, always garaged, 29,600 mls, Viper factory rebuilt engine at 8,982 miles, w/ all factory updates performed. New custom black paint w/ silver metallic stripes, new Michelin Pilot Sports tires. Original rims chromed & center-piece painted by artist. Cat-back exhaust. A/C, power steering, tilt & alarm, hard-top, soft-top & side windows, D.C. performance maintained, perfect condition. Matt @ (818) 448-9501. \$39,900 obo. 11/09

**Black 2007 Road King:** 4,500 miles, six speed, Quadzilla fairing, Air ride adjustable suspension, 518 Chubby bars, Magnum braided cables, passenger back rest. \$17,000. Call Gilbert @ (909) 714 -4071. 10/09

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

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

**Super Beetle 1971,** 2 Dr, yellow, convertible. Disk brakes, McPherson Struts, does not have to be smogged, runs good. \$2495 or make offer. (818) 361-3444 or familyforbes@mac.com (Attn: Abe) 8/09

**1994 Black Ford Probe;** 52,000 miles; good condition; leather interior; moon roof; A/C; radio and single CD player; five speed; power steering, cruise control; new engine, transmission, clutch, tires and wheels! \$3,000 OBO. Contact: Valerie McCain (323) 757-0386 8/09

**2002 Smoke Grey Ford Taurus;** 109,000 miles; new paint, tires/wheels; moon roof; tinted windows; power steering and brakes, power adjustable brakes; A/C; radio and single CD player; power windows and seats; \$3,200 OBO. Contact: Valerie McCain (323) 757-0386 8/09

**1974 Karmann Ghia** completely restored, 10 miles on newly 1600 rebuilt engine. \$8500 OBO. E-mail me: msbabydi@yahoo.com for more information. 8/09

**1972 Chevy Chevelle** 2 dr. coupe fully restored, 10K miles, new 350 H.O. engine, 350 trans., blue, SS Cragers. Great investment \$16,000. Contact John (626) 331-0728. Have questions? Call (626) 241-3825. 7/09

**Wilderness 27ft. Tow Trailer** w/ 1 slide out, new upgrades & carpet, great condition, full kitchen, 2 door entry, must sell \$6000 obo. Call (661) 305-0483. 7/09

**Classic pick-up Chevrolet 1978,** 6 cylinders stander Trs. Heavy duty, 76,000 original miles, runs great. Asking 2,800 O.B.O. (213) 220-1738 serious buyers pls. 7/09

**1989 Cadillac El Dorado Biarritz:** for sale \$2100/obo. Blue exterior, white leather interior, 72,000 miles, good condition. Call Nyra @ (310) 634-6768. 6/09

**2001 Toyota Celica GT:** Silver, charcoal interior, fully loaded. Good condition. 76,300 miles. \$7,200 OBO. (213) 249-4590 4/09

**2001 Monaco Diplomat motor home,** approx. 39,500 miles 38' diesel pusher with 6 speed Alison transmission, 2 slides, with 4-door deluxe refrigerator, washer & dryer, generator, satellite dish w/ 2 TV's, VCR & DVD players. Well equipped and in good condition. Asking \$70,000 or make an offer. Call 909-229-6540. 4/09

**1987 Jaguar XJS V12 Cabriolet Hardtop Convertible:** This is a rare and unique Jaguar - hard to find. Only 1,000 of this model were brought into this country. Top is cloth covered and removes in three sections. Very good condition. Asking \$6,800 OBO. Call (626) 305-0920. 3/09

**1991 Honda CRX** \$1650 obo. Engine has many extras. Tags are current. Clean title. 102,000 miles. Also have new racing seats \$850 obo. Moving must sell. Make offer. Contact Sylvia (323) 363 0748 eves. 3/09

**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 2/09

### Electronics/Computers

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

**37" Sharp Analog TV** with converter box. Excellent condition, \$350. Call (323) 227-8067 after 6:30 pm, Monday - Friday and after 9:00 am Saturday and Sunday. 8/09

### Furniture

**Writing Desk:** solid oak, 1 drawer, slide-out shelf, like new. 32W x 20D x 26H, \$40. Frances @ (310) 324-3117. 12/09

**Dining room set:** Travertine marble and seats 6: OBO or if anyone can use it email godfth32@sbcglobal.net or Gaylynn Thomas at gaylynn@msn.com 9/09

LIBRARY

# On Exhibit: Progress

Library exhibit at City Hall celebrates completion of nation's largest library building program.



Artist's rendering of the Pico-Union branch of the Los Angeles Public Library.

"Tomorrow's Libraries Today: Rebuilding the Los Angeles Public Library," an exhibit illustrating the transformation of Los Angeles' library facilities into one of the newest and most modern library systems in the nation, is on display at the City Hall Bridge Gallery, 201 N. Main St., through Jan. 22. The exhibit is free and open to the public during regular hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The exhibit uses artists' renderings of the

new libraries to chronicle the massive 20-year branch library construction program. The program rebuilt and expanded the City's system of 63 aging and inadequate branch buildings into 72 state-of-the-art libraries, including nine

branches built in communities formerly without a library. It is the largest library construction program in the nation and was completed on time and under budget. Cost savings allowed the addition of seven projects to the original program.

The architecture of each library is unique and reflects its specific community. Collectively, the branches represent an astonishing range of architecture styles, including classical Beaux-Arts, Craftsman, Modernist, Spanish Revival and Contemporary Asian, among others. The program involved many notable architects including Michael Graves, Steven Ehrlich and Barton Phelps. Many branches have also received design and architecture awards.

"By any measure, the Los Angeles Public Library's branch construction program is an extraordinary success," said City Librarian Martín Gómez. "It transformed a good library system into one of the nation's greatest. It has enriched neighborhoods throughout Los Angeles by creating libraries that are vibrant community centers. Most importantly, it gives Angelenos the resources they need to reach their goals and enrich their lives."

"Tomorrow's Libraries Today: Rebuilding the Los Angeles Public Library," is sponsored in part by Cultural Affairs.

Information: [www.lapl.org](http://www.lapl.org).



Artist's rendering of the Exposition Park branch of the Los Angeles Public Library.



Artist's rendering of the Arroyo Seco branch of the Los Angeles Public Library.

## Newsbriefs

### VOLUNTEER AT BANNING:

The Banning Museum is seeking new volunteers for a variety of programming opportunities and will host four "Get to Know Us" receptions for prospective volunteers. The "Get to Know Us" receptions will take place at 11 a.m. Fri., Jan. 29; Sat., Jan. 30; Fri., Feb. 12; and Sat., Feb. 13 in the Museum's Library in the Barn at 401 East "M" St., Wilmington. Interested parties need to make reservations for one of the dates above, not for all dates. Please contact the Museum at (310) 548-7777 to RSVP.

Volunteers at the Banning Museum attend a training class to gain the background necessary to offer public tours and special group tours of the house, Stagecoach Barn and grounds. Once the training class is completed, the volunteers are able to participate in a full range of museum programs including conservation and maintenance of antiques, participating in decorative arts exhibitions, special events, Museum Shop assistance, lecture and discussion committees, Living History Program and the school program. The museum's school program is designed to introduce fourth-grade students to local cultural and historical heritage and require additional training to familiarize volunteers to the program details.

### BANNING VALENTINE:

Friends of Banning Museum welcome members and guests to celebrate Valentine's Day at the fifth annual Valentine's "Tea & Tunes." The event will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Banning Residence Museum, 401 East M Street in Wilmington. This event is \$50 for museum members, \$60 for non-members and reservations are required. Please call (310) 548-2005 for reservations or for further information.

The Banning Residence and Museum is a Rec and Parks facility.

Members and guests will enjoy tea and live entertainment. Complimentary tours of the museum and a special "Victorian Parasols" exhibition assembled especially for this event will follow the program.

This event is part of the Friends of Banning Museum's Garden Parlor Series. The Friends of Banning Museum is a nonprofit corporation, founded to develop the historic Banning Museum. Our mission is to "Preserve History, Promote Education and Inspire Entrepreneurial Spirit."

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# John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins, Club CEO

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 Happy Snapping!



"My wife and I discovered this pond at Belknap Hot Springs, Ore., while vacationing on the 'hogs' last September."

- Dave Miller, Building and Safety

**John's comments:** It's amazing how you were able to get everything in focus in such low light. It's a truly beautiful photo. Thank you, David!



"Here is a picture of my son (#45) Justin Martinez and (#10) Xavier Sedillo from the 'Colts' team at Chino Pop Warner Football, trying to catch (#2) Allen Salguero of Diamond Bar Pop Warner's Brahmas team right before he scored a touchdown."

- Kimberly Martinez, LAPD SID photo unit

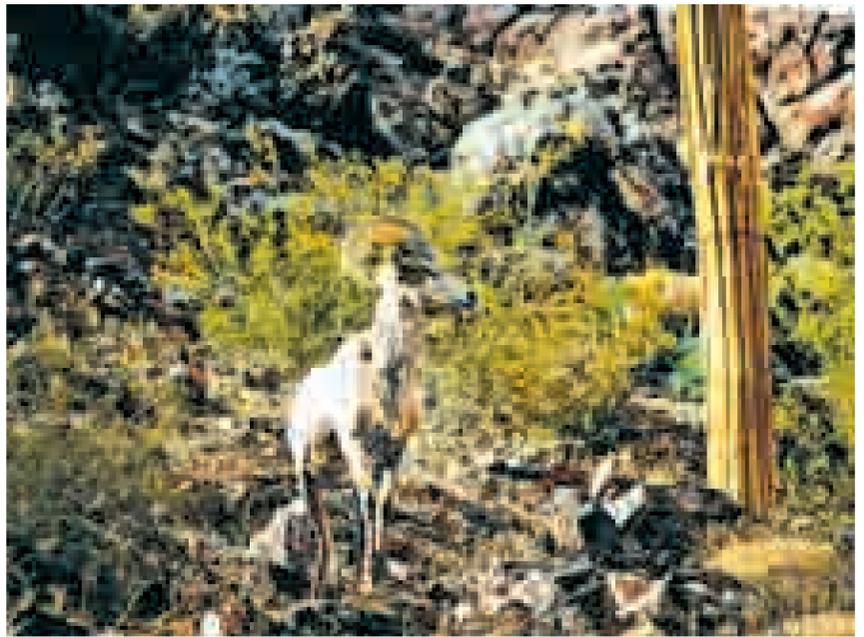
**John's comments:** Kimberly, this looks like a picture right out of *Sports Illustrated*! Very nice work capturing the action in mid-air. Thank you, Kimberly, for sharing with us.



"Midnight Oil: There's nothing more annoying than a useless aunt trying to steal a candid shot of her niece, as she struggles to solve a math problem. So I set the Canon S90 in black and white mode and placed it on the kitchen table to snap after 10 seconds. Her mood got worse. So I helped her with her homework in exchange for the stolen shot. She's happy. I'm happy. And everyone's back in color."

- Dominique Daito

**John's comments:** Great photo, great description... a Picture Perfect! P.S., I need to try that sneaky technique sometime with my kids.



"Here are a picture of a bighorn sheep on Black Mountain near Boulder City, Nev."

- Ron Angst, DWP

**John's comments:** Ron, you really captured this majestic animal perfectly. Nice work!

**RUNNERS-UP:**

Mike Kutas, Public Works/Contract Administration; Robert Morales, LAPD; Jordan Price, Public Works/Sanitation; Katherine Taylor, Transportation; Karen Kishita, Public Works; Alexander Volkov, Transportation.

**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.
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- Paper prints can be mailed to: Picture Perfect Contest, *Alive!*, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 120 W. Second Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- When you send digital photos through the Internet, please send the full, original digital file yourself, rather than using digital photo software like Kodak EasyShare, Kodak Gallery, Flickr, etc. These programs send very low-resolution images, and they don't look good in print.
- We want you to look your best, so send us the original digital file, please! Thanks!
- Digital photos optimally should be between 100K and 2 megabytes in size and may be e-mailed to: pictureperfect@cityemployeesclub.com
- The contest is all in good fun: The Club cannot be responsible for delays in delivering *Alive!*, or for delays in the transmission of responses.

## Club Store Valentine Gifts: Never Forget This Holiday!

See pages 58-63 for great Club merchandise.

REVIEWS BY FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS

ENTERTAINMENT

MOVIE REVIEWS



**Law-Abiding Citizen**

Rated R  
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Jamie Fox stars as an up and coming rising star in the prosecutor's office with a near perfect record of convictions. It is a story of justice and final comeuppance. Vengeance is the order of the day; no one was immune, not even the trial judge. This was truly a scary movie, since there are no clues of who would be killed next or how. The patience, planning, and execution are over the top. Who but a man obsessed would break into jail rather than escape from it? The victim turned vigilante vows to kill everyone he perceived as being associated with the plea bargain. This was a great, imaginative storyline, with troubling views of our justice system.

– Lourdes Zaldivar, LAPD



**Old Dogs**

Rated PG  
My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Robin Williams and John Travolta star in this very cute comedy about a man who finds out he has seven-year-old fraternal twins. I found myself laughing out loud many times and very much enjoying the pairing of Robin and John. I would have loved to see the outtakes from this movie.

John's daughter also stars in this movie, playing Robin's daughter, and John's wife, Kelly Preston, plays the mother of the twins and Robin's ex-wife. I recommend this adorable Disney movie for all.

– Gail Seltzer, DWP



**2012**

Rated PG  
My Score: 3 (out of 5)

We have heard stories about how the world was going to come to an end in 2012, and now there's a movie. It really makes you think that, if this is possible, this is how it could happen. It's about the government making plans without society knowing what's going on and deciding who should live or die. The movie was action packed, with never a dull moment. The actors played believable roles. What would you do if this were the end?

– Patty Saucier, DWP, retired

**2012**

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

John Cusack stars as a struggling writer who stumbles upon a really big secret: The world is about to end! It's partially based on an ancient Mayan prophecy, as the planets align, neutrinos from sunbursts microwave the earth's core and the world as we know it ends on Dec. 21, 2012. This is the new mother of all disaster movies; it's one relentless catastrophe after another. If you think it can't get any worse, wait a few minutes and you are in awe on how these special effects really show off the latest technology. Everything looks realistic except for the parts when Cusack's character miraculously escapes everything Mother Nature throws at him. The story reflects on our humanity, but the real star is the CGI. Go see it on a big screen.

– Chuck Beas, DWP

**2012**

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

The Mayan long calendar ends the world in 2012. This movie chronicles one version of the frightful event, its causes, preparation, and consequences. The special effects were awesome and scary at the same time. I keep hoping that the government involvement and secrecy is mis-

placed and the price tag for a ride on Noah's Ark is more affordable. The tale, however, does envision international cooperation and a plan to save the human race. Tough choices are made and executed as nature takes it inevitable course to wipe the earth clean. On a smaller scale, the reality of family depiction is very accurate, as a fractured family tries to stay together and survive.

– Lourdes Zaldivar, LAPD



**The Hurt Locker**

Rated R  
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This movie demonstrates how the world has changed since Sept. 11, and how the invasion of takes a toll on our humanity. Picture tens of thousands of our young men fighting a war against a mostly unseen enemy. The hurt locker centers on a bomb squad of brave soldiers who purposefully put themselves in harm's way to save lives. The movie is so realistic that as part of the audience you're caught in the mad rush of adrenaline. We hurt along with our boys and count the days to the end of deployment. The painful part of the movie is a bomb technician who wants to go back to war because he cannot adapt to civilian life, even as a new father.

– Lourdes Zaldivar, LAPD



**The Blind Side**

Rated PG-13  
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This is based on the true story of football player Michael Oher. Sandra Bullock was amazing in this movie as a woman who takes a homeless boy into her home and makes him a part of her family. What a great feel-good movie.

I highly recommend this one! This is one of the best movies I have seen in a long time.

– Gail Seltzer, DWP

**The Blind Side**

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This movie is about a well-to-do white family that takes in a homeless black teen based on a true story, and about finding a hidden talent in the most unexpected people. This has to be one of Sandra Bullock's best movie ever. I'm not a great football fan but this movie is just a very uplifting movie to watch. I definitely recommend seeing this movie.

– Gwen Lew, DWP



**An Education**

Rated Pg-13  
My Score: 1 (out of 5)

Jenny is a bright but naïve 16-year-old English schoolgirl trying to get into Oxford University. She meets David (Peter Sarsgaard), a dashing thirty-something Jewish man, who woos and nearly ruins her, as he introduces Jenny to a life of amorality and greed. This film is as well crafted and beautifully acted as it is racist and anti-Semitic. David portrays every evil, every anti-Semitic stereotype invented, while Jenny is the pure, innocent victim.

Someday, this film will be studied in schools as an example of prejudice in motion pictures. I suggest waiting to see it until then.

– Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks



Book Reviews



**U Is for Undertow**

Sue Grafton; Detective fiction; 416 pages  
Penguin

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

*U Is for Undertow*, the continuing saga of private investigator Kinsey Millhone, takes place in 1988 when Kinsey is hired by Michael Sutton, who claims that, through his childhood memories, he recalls the unsolved disappearance of missing four-year-old Mary Fitzhugh that occurred in 1972. Kinsey must distinguish between truth and fiction when Michael recalls his past memories. Kinsey also tries to battle her conflict with her estranged family. Kinsey tries to solve this mystery through multiple subplots

and memorable characters.

This 21st novel, with all its twists and surprising ending, is sure to please all Sue Grafton fans.

– Linda Rorex, Personnel



**The Cure: How a Father Raised \$100 Million – and Bucked the Medical Establishment – in a Quest to Save His Children**

Geeta Anand; Non-Fiction; 368 pages  
Harper Collins

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This is a remarkable true story of one

father's quest against time to found a business that would cure his sick children.

Through great odds, John Crowley risks his family's future to find a cure for his children's life-threatening disease. John and his wife, Aileen, team up with Dr. Robert Stonehill, an unconventional scientist, to fight corporate America and form a biotech company to develop a cure for Pompe disease.

It's now a major motion picture, *Extraordinary Measures*, starring Brendan Fraser and Harrison Ford.

This is an inspiring book about how one father's love will do anything to save his children.

– Linda Rorex, Personnel

Theatre Reviews



**How the Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical**

Pantages Theater, Through Jan. 3  
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

*How the Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical* was fantastic. It was just like the book, with all the music, the Whos and the Grinch. It's for the whole family to watch. It was a great experience. The lights, sounds and costumes were brilliant.

– Michelle Mendoza, daughter of Adriana Courseault, Personnel

Your Reviews



100 Words or Fewer

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

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

- For movies: Make sure the movie is still in theatres. For DVDs and books, make sure they are generally available. For theatre shows: try to submit your review before the show closes.
- Have fun!

- Keep all reviews to 100 words or fewer, but try to write more than one or two sentences.
- Your own comments are more important than a long plot summary.
- Give us your score on a scale of 1 to 5. Use this format: *My Score: X (out of 5)*.

- Make sure you give us your name and City department (or retired).
- Submit your review to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com
- *Alive!* will send you a small but appropriate "thank you" if we publish your review.

# Cooking with the Club

by Chef Robert Larios



## Send Us Your Recipes!

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# Hot Artichoke and Spinach Dip

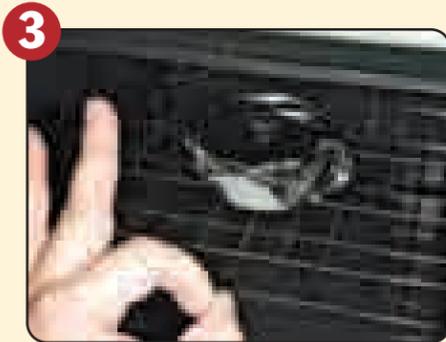
## DIRECTIONS:



1 Gather all your ingredients. It's always very important to have everything you need for your recipe from the start. Place your frozen spinach in the microwave on high for 2 to 3 minutes or until it is completely thawed.



2 Place all the ingredients in a large oven-safe bowl. Add first to the bowl the following ingredients: mayonnaise, cream cheese, garlic powder, minced garlic clove and grated Parmesan cheese. Mix until cream cheese is distributed well, and then add the pepper jack cheese, mozzarella cheese, spinach, chopped artichoke hearts, green onions, dashes of Worcestershire and red hot pepper sauces, extra virgin olive oil, and salt and pepper. Remember to dice the artichoke hearts and green onions, and mix all contents softly.



3 Place the oven-safe bowl with mixed ingredients in the oven. Bake for 60 minutes at 375 degrees. Cover with aluminum foil. Once cooked, place on the stovetop to cool for 15 to 20 minutes.

Here's a versatile recipe that can be used for any occasion, especially if you are having a Super Bowl party. This artichoke and spinach dip is decadent and rich, but it is supposed to be just that – anything less is just not the real McCoy.

If you're like me, though, you've gained a few pounds during the holidays, and you don't want to overdo it with rich foods. So for this recipe, I've substituted several lighter choices -- reduced fat cream cheese, reduced fat pepper jack cheese, reduced fat mozzarella and light mayonnaise. The rich gooey flavors are still present in the dip, and no one will know the difference unless they are counting calories.

Feel free to use your favorite tortilla chip for the dip. This dip is great as a topping to burgers as well, so make some burgers for your Super Bowl party! Enjoy!



## Hot Artichoke and Spinach Dip

### INGREDIENTS:

- Dash of Worcestershire sauce
- Dash of red hot pepper sauce
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder
- 1 clove garlic
- 1/4 cup diced green onions
- 1 can (8 oz.) artichoke hearts, chopped or diced
- 1 cup frozen spinach
- 8 oz. light cream cheese
- Sea salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons reduced fat mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup reduced fat pepper jack cheese, grated
- 1 cup reduced fat mozzarella cheese, grated
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese

SERVES 8 TO 12



### Cooking TIDBIT:

I like to transfer the mixed ingredients to another oven-safe bowl after mixing gently; however, you may leave it in the same bowl and place in the oven. Also, feel free to experiment with other cheeses for this recipe, but it is a good idea to stay with mildly flavored types so that the flavors are not too overpowering.



This is a perfect dip for all occasions but especially for the Super Bowl. Enjoy!

## [ A Cook's Dictionary ]

### Artichoke:

A name shared by three unrelated plants: the globe artichoke, Jerusalem artichoke and the Chinese artichoke. Considered the true artichoke, the globe artichoke is cultivated mainly in California's mid-coastal region. It's the bud of a large plant from the thistle family and has tough, petal-shaped leaves. Once the leaves have been removed, the inedible prickly choke is cut or scraped away and discarded. Then the tender artichoke heart and the meaty bottom can be eaten. Artichokes contain small amounts of potassium and vitamin A.

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







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



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ITEM: #WMNLSSTCTY4000

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Size: **3XL** \$28

Member Price: **\$25** per shirt\*

Available Colors:

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ITEM: #LSB1000

City Men's Short Sleeve Button Down Shirt

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Available Colors:

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- Navy Blue
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ITEM: #CTYSLST1000

Member Price: **\$22.99** per shirt\*

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### City Girl "Classic" T-shirt

City Girl "Classic" T-shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL**



Available Colors: Crew Neck Style:

- Heather Gray
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Member Price: **\$10** per shirt\*

ITEM: #T-W1000

City Girl "Retro" T-shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL**

Available Colors: V-Neck Style:

- Black
- Caribbean Blue
- Violet
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- Key Lime



ITEM: #T-W2000

### Women's Classic Seal T-Shirt

Women's Classic Seal T-Shirt

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Member Price: **\$10** per shirt\*



ITEM: #WMNCLSC4000

Size: **3XL**

\$11

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Size: **3XL**

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ITEM: #PS1000

Member Price: **\$12** per shirt\*

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Close-up of Embroidery

### Women's T-shirts

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

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- Black
- Heather Gray
- Red
- Pink
- Violet
- Caribbean Blue
- Key Lime
- White

On white shirt emblem is pink



ITEM: #JS1000

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

Sizes: **S M L XL**



ITEM: #WFCS1000

Available Colors: Crew Neck Style:

- Navy Blue

Available Colors: V-Neck Style:

- Black

Size: **2XL**

Available Colors: Crew Neck Style:

- Navy Blue

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Women's LA City Polo

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Available Colors:

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- Pink
- White



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ITEM: #G.S.DLAC4000

ITEM: #ASDTSHT1000

ITEM: #ITATSHT1000

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### LA City "B-Label" T-Shirt (with Depts.)

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Size: **3XL** **\$11**

Member Price: **\$10** per shirt\*

Available Colors: Black, Gray, Navy Blue, Maroon, Green, Carolina Blue, Cedar, White

ITEM: #LAC-5000

### LA City "B-Label" Sweatshirt (with Depts.)

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

Member Price: **\$22** per shirt\*

Available Colors: Black, Navy Blue

Size: **3XL** **\$23**

ITEM: #LAC-6000

### Short Sleeve "Classic" T-shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL (all colors)**

Member Price: **\$12** per shirt\*

Non-Member Price: \$25 per shirt

Available Colors: Blue Dusk, Charcoal, Chestnut, Forest Green, Indigo Blue, Leaf Green, Light Pink, Maroon, Olive, Orange, Royal Blue, Sport Gray, Texas Orange, White, Black, Navy Blue

White available with front pocket.

Front

Back

ITEM: #T1000

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

Available Colors: Blue Dusk, Charcoal, Forest Green, Indigo Blue, Royal Blue, Sport Gray, White, Black, Navy Blue

White available with front pocket.

\*Plus tax and shipping

### New City LA-Hall Short Sleeve T-Shirt

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

Available Colors: Black, Blue Dusk, Navy Blue, Sport Gray, Tan, White, Forest Green, Charcoal, Red

Member Price: **\$8.50** per shirt\*

Sizes: **3XL** **\$9.50** Sizes: **4XL** **\$10.50**

Available Colors: Black, Navy Blue, Sport Gray

ITEM: #CNI1000

### Retired Employee T-Shirt

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

Size: **3XL** **\$12.99**

Member Price: **\$11.99** per shirt\*

Available Colors: Black, Navy Blue, White

ITEM: #RCE3000

### LA City Seal T-shirt

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

Member Price: **\$10** per shirt\*

Available Colors: Cedar, Dark Heather, Metro Blue, Military Green, Sand, Sky Blue, Black, Navy Blue

ITEM: #MOC51000

### "Your City" T-Shirt

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

Available Colors: Black, Navy Blue, Royal, White

Size: **3XL** **\$10.99**

Member Price: **\$9.99** per shirt\*

ITEM: #YCYR11000

### Long Sleeve "Classic" T-shirt

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

Member Price: **\$15** per shirt\*

Available Colors: Charcoal, Dark Chocolate, Forest Green, Indigo Blue, Sport Gray, White

\*Plus tax and shipping

Size: **3XL** **\$16** Size: **4XL** **\$17**

Available Colors: Dark Chocolate, Forest Green, Indigo Blue, Sport Gray, Black, Navy Blue, White

ITEM: #T1500

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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**



Available Colors:

- Gray
- Maroon
- Charcoal
- Carolina Blue
- Sand
- Navy Blue
- Black

Member Price:  
**\$15**  
 per shirt\*

Size: **3XL**

Member Price:  
**\$16**

Available Color:  
 Gray

ITEM: #T2500VP

**Navy & Black LIMITED**

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

Available Colors:  
 Black Navy Blue White

Member Price:  
**\$8.50**  
 per shirt\*



ITEM: #T3000VP

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

Available Colors:

- Black
- Navy Blue
- Orange
- White

Member Price:  
**\$10**  
 per shirt\*



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.



ITEM: #T2000VP

Size: **3XL**

Available Colors:  
 Blue Dusk Charcoal Black Navy Blue

Member Price:  
**\$13**

Size: **4XL**

Available Colors:  
 Black Navy Blue

ITEM: #T2001VP

**Navy & Black LIMITED**

### Fleece Jackets

**Men's Full Zip Polar Fleece with Embroidered City Seal**

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

Member Price:  
**\$34.99**  
 per jacket\*

Available Colors:

- Black
- Charcoal
- Khaki
- Navy Blue



ITEM: #CTY3000

### Hooded Sweatshirt

**City of LA Full-Zip Hooded Lightweight Sweatshirt**

Sizes: **XS S M L XL XXL**



Member Price:  
**\$19.99**  
 per jacket\*

Size: **3XL**

Member Price:  
**\$20.99**

Available Color:

- Black



ITEM: #4613

### City Jackets

**LA City Seal Hooded Weather Resistant Jacket**

Sizes: **L XL 2XL**

ITEM: #CITHOODJKT5000

Member Price:  
**\$39.99**  
 per jacket\*

Available Colors:

- Black
- Navy Blue



**City Executive Sueded Microfiber Jacket**

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

Available Colors:

- Brown
- Indigo Blue
- Charcoal

Member Price:  
**\$45**  
 per jacket\*

ITEM: #SUDJKT1000

\*Plus tax and shipping



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### Hats Hats Hats! High quality embroidered ball caps!

#### LA Hall Hat



#LHALLHT2000

**Member Price:**  
**\$8**  
per hat\*

\*Plus tax and shipping

**Available Colors:**

- Navy Blue
- Olive
- Royal Blue
- Black

#### LA Hall Sun Hat

Sizes: **L XL**  
Available Colors:  
Olive Khaki



#BKTHLLHT1000

**Member Price:**  
**\$15**  
per hat\*

\*Plus tax and shipping

#### LA B-Label Hat



#BLHT1000

Available Colors:  
Light Gray Navy Black

**Member Price:**  
**\$8**  
per hat\*

\*Plus tax and shipping

#### City Seal Ball Cap with Department Name



Transportation  
NAVY: #H2003  
BLACK: #H2004

**Member Price:**  
**\$10**  
per hat\*

\*Plus tax and shipping

**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:**

- Forest Green
- Navy
- Black



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

#### DWP Ball Cap



**DWP Hat**  
BLACK: #DPWH3000

**Member Price:**  
**\$8**  
per hat\*

\*Plus tax and shipping



**DWP Hat**  
NAVY: #DPWH2000

#### City of LA Bucket Cap

**Member Price:**  
**\$15**  
per hat\*

\*Plus tax and shipping

**Available Colors:**

- Black
- Navy
- White



ITEM: #4569

#### City Brushed Twill Visor



ITEM: #4567

**Available Colors:**

- Black
- Sky Blue
- Pink
- Hot Pink

**Member Price:**  
**\$9.99**  
per hat\*

\*Plus tax and shipping

#### City Seal Ball Cap with Script

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



**Seal w/Script**  
NAVY: #H1989

**Available Colors:**

- Navy Blue
- Orange
- Khaki
- Black

**Member Price:**  
**\$8**  
per hat\*

\*Plus tax and shipping

#### City Seal Ball Cap

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



**City Seal**  
NAVY: #H1628

#### Kid's T-shirts

**"Official City Kid" Kid's T-shirt**  
Sizes: **XS S M L XL**

**Available Colors:**

- Green
- Black
- Royal Blue
- Red
- Pink

**"Future City Employee" Kid's T-shirt**

Sizes: **XS S M L XL**



ITEM: #KIDFUT1000



ITEM: #KIDOFF2000

**Member Price:**  
**\$8.99**  
per shirt\*

\*Plus tax and shipping

#### For Baby

#### LA City Baby Onesies

Sizes: **6, 12, 18, 24 months**

**Available Colors:**

- Light Pink
- Sky Blue
- Light Yellow
- Green
- White

**Member Price:**  
**\$19.99**  
each\*



ITEM: #BABY1000

#### City Wall Clocks



ITEM: #C8003

**10" Diameter Battery Operated (AA)**

**Member Price:**  
**\$12**  
per clock\*



\*Plus tax and shipping

ITEM: #WCWSPT3000

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## City Umbrellas

### Large City Umbrella

ITEM: #CTYUMB1000

Member Price:  
**\$19<sup>99</sup>**  
each\*

\*Plus tax and shipping



### Small Umbrella

ITEM: #SMUMB3000

Member Price:  
**\$14<sup>99</sup>**  
each\*

\*Plus tax and shipping

## Identification Holders

### LA City Clear Badge Holder with City Seal



Member Price:  
**\$1<sup>37</sup>**  
per badge\*

ITEM: #CLRBGHLDR

### Retractable Badge Holder



Comes with clear ID holder sleeve.

Member Price:  
**\$2<sup>49</sup>**  
per badge\*

ITEM: #RBH1000

### City of LA Lanyard

Comes with clear ID holder sleeve.



Member Price:  
**\$4<sup>99</sup>**  
per badge\*

ITEM: #CTYLYRD1000

## City Seal Key Chains

### City Seal Key Chain - Silver

ITEM: #LAKC2000

Member Price:  
**\$5**  
per chain\*



Club Discount Price!  
(\$10 Retail)

### City Seal Key Chain - Gold

ITEM: #LAKC001

## City Seal Tie Bars



LA City Seal Tie Bar - Silver  
ITEM: #001521

Member Price:  
**\$14<sup>99</sup>**  
per bar\*



LA City Seal Tie Bar - Gold  
ITEM: #001520

## City Seal Mugs



### Hot Beverage Mug

ITEM: #MGS1000

Member Price:  
**\$9<sup>99</sup>**  
per mug\*



Member Price:  
**\$12<sup>99</sup>**  
per mug\*

### City of LA Travel Mug

ITEM: #CLAMG3000

## City Seal Office



### City Executive Portfolio with Pen and Calculator

Size:  
9" x 7"

Member Price:  
**\$20**  
per portfolio\*

\*Plus tax and shipping



ITEM: #EXEPWC1000

### City of LA-Letter Size Portfolio w/ Calculator

Size:  
13" x 10"



ITEM: #4680

Member Price:  
**\$24<sup>99</sup>**  
per portfolio\*

## City Engraved Pen & Case

Elegant electro-plated two-tone 24k gold plated and chrome silver pen with solid brass construction. "City of Los Angeles" is engraved on the pen.

Member Price:  
**\$19<sup>99</sup>**  
per pen\*



ITEM: #CLPEN3000

## City Professional Bag

Available Colors:

Forest Green Black

Member Price:  
**\$25**  
per bag\*



ITEM: #BAG1000

## City of LA Expandable Computer Bag

Available Color:

Black

Member Price:  
**\$34<sup>99</sup>**  
per bag\*



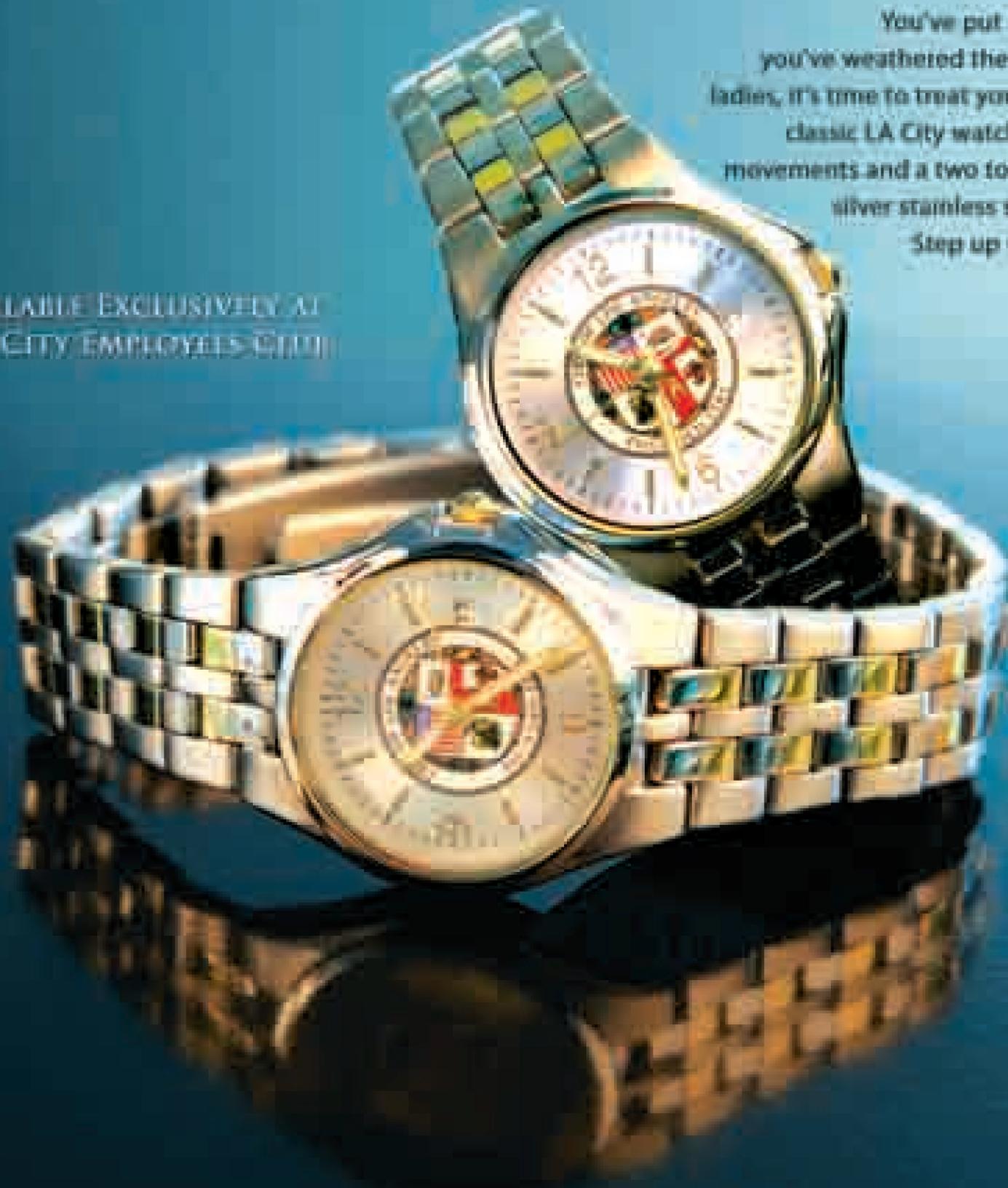
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