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Budget crunch turns
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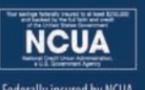
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** A Message From the CEO **

Budget or Not, City Work Goes On

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

Have you ever watched *CSI* and wondered: That's amazing! Is that the way it really is?

We traveled to the LAPD's crime lab to answer that question. The truth is, reality might seem less dramatic to the people who do this great service to the City – the scientists there even call it "routine" – but to our eyes, there's nothing routine about it. These remarkable chemists, City employees just like you, are doing great things for all of us.

This new *Alive!* series has been a long time in coming. We've been working with **Yvette Sanchez-Owens** and **Doreen Hudson** in the Scientific Investigation Division for nearly a couple of years now to get our heads around the complex and important things they do, and to figure out away to tell you their story in print. And with the recent headlines, it seemed to be a better time than ever. So we're delighted to bring you the first of this really awesome series.



Club CEO John Hawkins and LAPD Commanding Officer Yvette Sanchez-Owens.

In some ways, this series promises to be our most complex one ever. Everyone in the lab, from Supervising Criminalist **Cherie Will** to Criminalist III **Rick Raffel**, was great in helping us get it right. We think we've gotten the style of this series down now, so you can expect to see more in the future.

Yvette, Cherie and I talked a lot about the City's budget woes. But it's important to remember that, while we talked about it, really good City work was going on all around us. Budgets might be tight, but the great work City employees are doing just continues, day in and day out. That's a tribute to your integrity.

We here at the Club realize that some of you might soon be leaving your City employment, through retirement, early retirement or other ways. Let me reassure you that *you don't have to say goodbye to the Club, when you say goodbye to the City*. You can keep on receiving those great Club benefits. Make sure to give **Tiffany Sy** a call here at the Club, to make your new arrangements. Give her a buzz at (800) 464-0452.

We're seeing quite a few retirements, and, in great *Alive!* tradition, we're covering a lot of these retirement parties. We cover four or five in this month's issue alone, and you can expect to see more. At the Club, we celebrate the lives of City employees, and retirements are no exception.

Great City work continues, and the great Club benefits continue, too! I was going to talk about the fun Club event at Medieval Times, but **Ticket Guy** tells me you've already bought every last ticket. I'm not surprised in the least; that's what I love to see! I'll see you there!

As the sun shines longer every day, I remind you to enjoy what each day brings, to celebrate you and your family and the work you do. Simple pleasures are the best, aren't they? Let's all be grateful for what we have been given, and celebrate our lives. That's what *Alive!* does, and I hope you do the same.

JOHN

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**Cecilia Talbot,
Claims Manager**

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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— Vernice Carnevale, August 2009

"Your [claims] services are very good. Thank you for caring, and the family thanks you. I would like to thank for your condolence in time of need our family; thank you all. The book was very good. I enjoyed it."

— Harold Elmore, August 2009

"The [claims] services were fast. Everyone did the necessary work with kindness and consideration and compassion. Thank you for your help. [*The Fall of Freddie the Leaf*] was very comforting and

written in a way that did explain life's transitions. I really appreciated receiving this book. I will read it often."

— Marsha Walker, August 2009

The Club's claims service was "excellent. You were very prompt in everything you do. You handle all [problems]. [*The Fall of Freddie the Leaf*] made me think about life in general."

— Dorothy Strawn, August 2009

Your Club Insurance Dollars at Work

**Total claims paid to Club Members
So Far in 2010: \$212,763.96**

Claims paid:

Life insurance claims paid this month: **\$35,055.88**

Life insurance claims paid this year: **\$35,055.88**

Long-term disability claims paid this month: **\$118,041.39**

Long-term disability claims paid this year: **\$118,041.39**

Long-term care claims paid this month: **\$39,666.69**

Long-term care claims paid this year: **\$39,666.69**

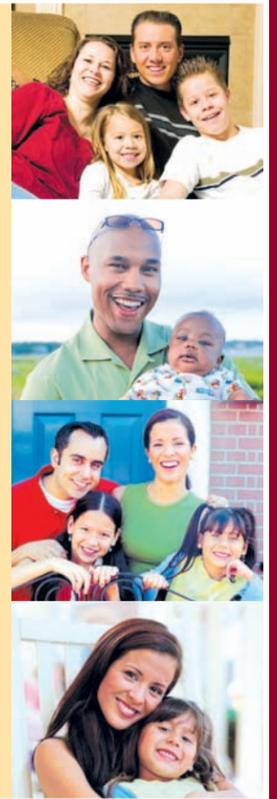
Cancer insurance claims paid this month: **\$20,000.00**

Cancer insurance claims paid this year: **\$20,000.00**

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

Need help? Contact your Counselor:



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Club Products Manager

Police (LAPD)

Harbor



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Club Member Services Counselor

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Questions? We're here to help.
Call between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

LETTERS To the Editor

Tell us what you think! talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

LETTER OF THE MONTH

Search Dog Story Is Great, But It Really Gave Her Paws

The article you did on the [LAFD] Search and Rescue [K9] team [Alive!, February] was one of the most fascinating articles I've ever read in Alive! It was very impressive to read how the K9 teams train in the Sunland landfill to find "victims" and how these people allow themselves to be "buried" for hours at a time. It's a wonderful sacrifice for the greater good.



We put your question about paw protection to Deresa Teller, Inspector/Paramedic, and the supervisor of the LAFD's K9 Urban Search and Rescue Team. Here's her answer. —Ed.

"As a whole, we do not have the dogs wear 'booties' because they like to feel what's beneath them, and booties actually make them less sure-footed. We do, however, have the dogs train with

the booties sometimes, just in case they are needed. The times that the booties have been used are if there are chemicals around that can injure the dogs if they walk through them, such as anti-freeze, and if a dog has injured its paw, such as a cut, and possible stitches, to keep the injury as clean as possible. But in the latter case, usually only one paw will be covered. We do not like to cover their paws because dogs cool off by sweating through their feet, as well as panting, of course.

"I have used the booties more often in searches where there were burned-out areas (last year at a mobile-park fire) and, more recently, when search dog Charlotte needed to do a detailed cadaver search in a large garden area where there were lots of thorns (stickers) where she was searching."

It was also very interesting to hear how these teams assisted the recoveries in New York on 9/11, Oklahoma City and after Hurricane Katrina had struck. Your staff did a great job on bringing us such wonderful details that we normally wouldn't get to see.

I had one question, though. In looking at the pictures, I observed the dogs walking through quite a bit of rubble. Do they ever wear any sort of protection for their feet?

Thanks again for a great article!

— Jean Sarfaty, LAPD Communications, Club Rep

Hi Jean, thanks for the kind words! We had a terrific time producing that article, and we're glad you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Sharing Travel Photos Is Reason For Alive! Around the World

Hi, Alive! Thank you for the Alive! Around the World section, for all the members to share the memorable places we visited. Keep up the excellent work and cheers! to your staff.

— Shirley Gatlin, widow of James Gatlin, Building and Safety

Hi Shirley, we love Alive! Around the World, too. We get to see all the great places that Club Members have gone, and maybe even collect an idea or two for our next travels. Keep traveling and sending those photos in. —Ed.

This Club Event Could Last For Three Knights in a Row

Hey Club! I really like the ad you placed in the last newspaper for your Medieval Times Club event. The back page is really cool! It's Knight Hawkins, Knight Larios and Knight Gomez. The knights of the Club, right?

Also, that is great price for the dinner and tournament. I could be wrong, but each ticket is usually something like \$55, right? It really is great to be a Club member when you can get them for \$19.99! Thanks, Club!

— Roy Jenkins, General Services

Hi Roy, yes, it's proven to be one of most popular ads. Give a big Alive! shoutout to Club Tech Guru Summy Lam, who put it together. It's proven so popular that the event is now sold out. See you there! —Ed.

Dave Reports In on How His Credit Card Loves Club Benefit

Hey there! It's Dave Finkle again and I just wanted to share another one of my fine experiences at Office Depot. The cashier rang up \$65.43 and when I gave her my credit card, it went down to \$42.53. Nice!

— Dave Finkle, Housing

Hi Dave, keep on using that great Club benefit at Office Depot, and keep on saving big bucks! This editor uses it all the time. —Ed.

The City Parties in Grand Style In Life, and in Pages of Alive!

Whoa! I was pleased to see more holiday parties and gatherings from the Christmas season. Everyone is so very happy and jolly! I feel as though Christmas never really left. I especially like the one from Transportation on page 31. Tanisha Boyd is wearing the reindeer horns headpiece. I love it!

— Gina Jones, retired

Hi Gina, we love publishing the stories and photos from all the great City holiday parties. We have to agree with you on the Tanisha holiday haberdashery choice. We love her holiday spirit. —Ed.

Chef Larios Goes Upscale and Gets Mayra, Hubby Cooking

I showed my hubby the cooking column on page 56 of the February newspaper, and, while I think it was a perfect column for the rainy days we've been having, he thinks that Chef Larios could have just used the sharp cheddar cheese because the hubby had never heard of Havarti. He thinks Chef Larios is going too gourmet. But I told him that it was perfect just the way it is, and he later agreed after I made it for him.

— Mayra Timms, Rec and Parks

Hi Mayra, so it seems the proof is in the ... cheese! Glad you showed your hubby a better way. —Ed.

Valentine Feature Proves That Even Softball Players Can Love

I think the "Be My Club Valentine" section was darling! I didn't know that love was so strong in the City and with the employees. This is what life is all about. And I even saw a few photos of couples that played in the Softball League like Jordan Price. Happy! Happy! Happy!

— Julian Reynolds, LAPD

Hi Julian, it seems that our annual "Be My Club Valentine" has grown more popular than ever. With the way things are in the world at the moment, we couldn't be happier to see Club Members focusing on what really matters. Thanks for writing. —Ed.

QUESTION of the Month



— Collected by Rachael Brecher, Club Store Rep

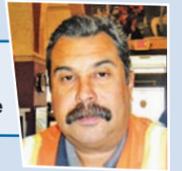
The Ticket Guy and Rachael at the Club Store ask Club Members fun questions when they visit to purchase tickets or great Club apparel and gifts. So, stop by and join in the fun!

What do you do with the extra sunshine at the end of the day?



"Exercise."

— Russel Flores, Transportation, 11 years of City service



"Go golfing."

— Oscar Atlantis, Public Works, 6 years of City service



"Work out."

— Tanesha Smith, General Services, 13 years of City service



"Go out with my son, enjoying the afternoon at the park."

— Anna Ruiz, LAPD, 24 years of City service



"Go for a walk."

— Tsegalem Woldemariam, Housing, 9 years of City service



"Walk around the neighborhood."

— Joseph Moreno, LAPD, 25 years of City service



"Work in my garden."

— Edward Holmes, 25 years of City service



"Run around playing soccer with my kids."

— Cruz Palmas, DWP, 23 years of City service



"Squeeze in an outdoor workout."

— Kimberly Pipkins, Housing, 3 years of City service



"Work around the house or play with my kids."

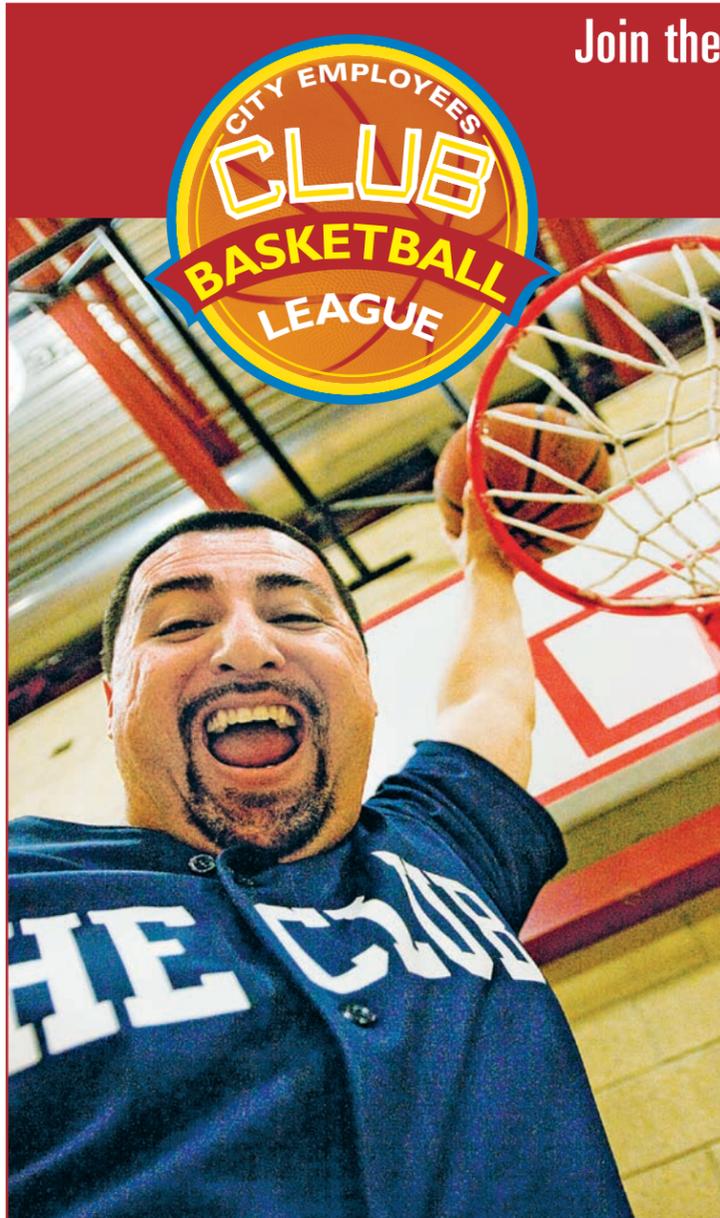
— Jose Rodriguez, DWP, 12 years of City service

Something to  Think About

"If you're not frightened that you might fail, you'll never do the job. If you're frightened, you'll work like crazy."

— Cesar Chavez

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



Join the new Club Basketball League

It's Time for Basketball!

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

Calling 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.

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:

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CLUB INSURANCE: There When You Really Need It

Club Life Insurance Makes Sense

Here are six great reasons why you should buy life insurance.

Club Life Insurance is all about building your financial strength to take care of your family in the event you're no longer there to do it yourself. Life insurance should serve as the foundation of your family's financial security, helping to ensure that your loved ones will be all right financially, even if something were to happen to you.

This is a great time to think about all the things that life insurance can do for you and your family. But that can happen only with planning. Schedule an appointment with a Club Counselor, to make sure that you have the right amount and type of insurance to protect the ones you love.

Here are just some of the great benefits of Club Life Insurance:

■ **It allows time to grieve.** Club Life Insurance allows loved ones to focus on their grief by helping to pay for the funeral and other final expenses.

■ **It can provide a fresh start.** Club Life Insurance lets loved ones start fresh by helping to pay off credit card bills, outstanding loans and even the mortgage.

■ **It provides income.** Club Life Insurance helps replace lost income for years to come, so that surviving family members can continue to pay for life's necessities.

■ **It offers flexibility.** Club Life Insurance gives a surviving spouse the chance to take time off from work to reestablish your family's stability.

■ **It creates opportunities.** Club Life Insurance can provide funding to start a business, or pay for schooling so surviving family members can train for a new career.

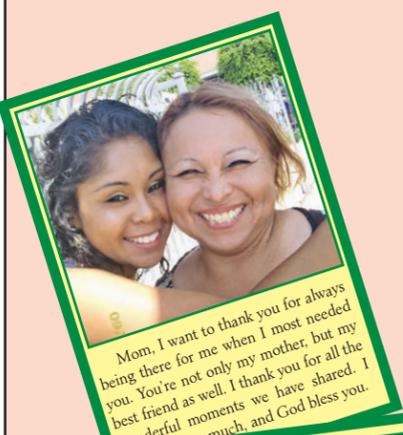
■ **It leaves a legacy.** Club Life Insurance gives parents the chance to leave future generations with the legacy of long-term financial security.

Club Life Insurance is good for you. It's good for your family.

Club Life Insurance makes dollars – and sense. Contact your Club Counselor today.



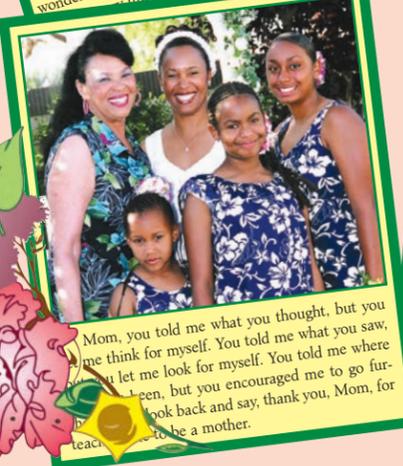
Pay Tribute to Your Mom!



Mom, I want to thank you for always being there for me when I most needed you. You're not only my mother, but my best friend as well. I thank you for all the wonderful moments we have shared. I love you so much, and God bless you.

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





Mom, you told me what you thought, but you let me think for myself. You told me where to go, but you encouraged me to go further. You look back and say, thank you, Mom, for teaching me to be a mother.



Mother, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for being so wonderful and supportive. I love you and appreciate all you do. Wishing you a Happy Mother's Day!

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

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

- Send in a print or digital photo of you and your mom (or just your mom). Send **high resolution** digital photos to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com. Send print photos (or drop them off in person) to the Club Store at 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- Include a message of Happy Mother's Day (up to three sentences).
- **Deadline: April 15.**



Newsbrief

HAITI FUNDRAISER:

With the help of generous civic center workers, visitors and residents, \$133,532.10 was raised at an event in February to support the Salvation Army's Haiti Earthquake Relief Efforts. The event was held at City Hall. The drive was a result of a partnership between Councilmembers Jan Perry, Club Member, and Bernard C. Parks; The Salvation Army; NBC4; Clear Channel Radio; and RadioKorea.

"The earthquake in Haiti has devastated the nation, leaving hundreds of thousands homeless, hungry, and in need of basic services," Councilwoman Perry said. "We live in a global community and I believe that is even more evident by the generous flood of support. I want to thank everyone who volunteered their time, donated money and sponsored our fundraising drive; it was truly a successful effort."

Throughout the day, media sponsors broadcasted live from in front of City Hall, encouraging people from throughout the Los Angeles region to drive to Main Street and give whatever they could to help those devastated by the natural disaster in Haiti. Volunteers, including Councilmembers Perry and Parks, stood on Main Street with mini-Salvation Army kettles collecting coins, cash, and checks to support their efforts in Haiti.

Those wishing to donate to the Salvation Army's relief effort can give online at www.salvationarmyusa.org or call (800) SAL-ARMY (and designate your gift to Haiti).

HIGH SCHOOL INTERN DEADLINE:

Now through March 15, Los Angeles area high school students are encouraged to apply for the City of Los Angeles Board of Public Works High School Internship Program 2010. Those interested may apply online at www.bpw.lacity.org/pwhip. Application deadline is March 15.

Through this program, now in its eighth year, youth throughout the City are exposed to career options in the water, wastewater architectural and environmental engineering industries. Partnering firms offer six-week, paid internships that integrate classroom learning with work-based experience. Last year the program placed 92 high school students, from July 6 through Aug. 14, with 34 wastewater engineering, architectural and environmental engineering firms in Southern California.

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John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins, Club CEO

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 NEXT DEADLINE: **March 15**
 Happy Snapping!



"During a visit on a rainy day to the Dole plantation in Oahu, Hawaii, I was lucky enough to catch a picture of the ever-elusive Rainbow Bird! Actually, I took this picture of a rainbow and later discovered I caught a bird flying by at just the right moment as to make it appear it was leaving behind a rainbow trail."

- Carlos Aranda, DWP

John's comments: Talk about perfect timing! It's amazing the difference a split second can make. Thank you for sharing, Carlos!



"This is our dog, Carmen Brown, on her second birthday."

- Lisa Flenoury, LAPD

John's comments: There's nothing quite like seeing a dog dressed up in a birthday outfit about to eat his birthday cake ... especially a dog that looks so human! Thank you, Lisa. And thank you, Carmen, and Happy Birthday!



"Believe it or not, there are actually *two separate teams* fighting for this ball. One team is wearing black/white jerseys, and the other is wearing black/gray jerseys. My son's teammate is the one ahead (black/gray) running for the goal. He didn't make it, but they won the game nonetheless. The shot was taken with the Canon XSi, with 18-200mm EF-S IS lens."

- Dominique Daito, LAPD

John's comments: Dominique, you did an excellent job freezing time on this one. And at that same time, you captured motion exactly where you needed to. Nice work as always!

RULES:

- The contest is open to all Club members in good standing. Non-members are welcome to submit, but only Club members are eligible to win the monthly prize.
- If your photograph does not win, you are welcome to re-submit.
- Winners are chosen by Club staff. All decisions will be final.
- You must certify (if asked) that you indeed took the picture. No ringers!
- Photos can be submitted either on paper or digitally. Please don't send both.
- If you want your print photo returned, please write your name, address and phone number on the back of your photo.
- Photos can be of any subject matter: vacation, portraits, families, landscapes, still lifes, pets, etc. Subject matter must be appropriate for *Alive!*
- Paper prints can be mailed to: Picture Perfect Contest, *Alive!*, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 120 West 2nd 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.

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BY JEFF GELINEAU

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



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The words themselves can send chills down your spine.

To be responsible for the injury, death or damages to another person is a great burden. Anyone who owns a home, drives a vehicle, operates a business or engages in any number of normal pursuits faces this liability exposure. If one is proved liable for an accident, the consequences can be devastating financially unless you are properly protected. Wealthy individuals face a disproportionate amount of exposure because they often own multiple homes and automobiles, investment properties, private aircraft and boats.

What's even more startling is that statistics show that many high-net-worth individuals still carry low liability coverage in their personal insurance. Why do even the most successful people do this when it obviously puts their wealth at risk?

The answer may lie in three factors.

One is that people hold erroneous beliefs and misconceptions that lead them to carry lower limits. Second, there is even greater confusion about how the legal system works and what happens in the majority of liability cases. And third, clients who deal with mass-marketed insurance companies do not get access to the higher policy limits offered by specialty insurers.

Erroneous Beliefs

Even the savviest among us sometimes gets bad information, and the subject of liability is no different. Some believe there's a correlation between the size of judgments in liability cases and the amount of liability insurance carried by a defendant. There isn't, necessarily.

In 2005, Lane McVicker LLC conducted a study of New York personal injury cases to determine if there were indeed some correlation between judgments and insurance coverage. Although the study was small in scope and did not count medical malpractice cases or instances in which private settlements were made, it found no correlation between judgments rendered and the amount of liability insurance carried.

Understanding the Legal System

If you want to plan for your liability exposure, you need to look at the realities of the legal system.

The settlement amounts of most liability cases are unknown because most cases never make it to a jury or bench trial. Law firms specializing in these cases estimate that as few as two percent of them ever go that far. After the litigation process starts, most cases are settled through mediation, and the amounts agreed upon do not go in the public record. The insurance companies who pay out those settlements are not inclined to disclose the amounts themselves. Even in cases that go to a full trial, the amounts of the judgments are not always made public. The public record is not a reliable

source to determine the amount of liability coverage they should carry.

Yet even if the legal system cannot help us determine proper policy amounts, it can dispel certain myths. The biggest of these is the one about how much information a plaintiff's attorney is allowed to find out about a defendant's net worth. This is probably the most misunderstood part of the whole process. Many people believe that financial records can be subpoenaed to see if the individual is worth going after. This is typically not the case. In most states, what the attorneys can ascertain is the policy limits of the individual's liability policy.

So when can a court go after records for the defendant's total net worth? If a case goes to full trial and a judgment is rendered – and if that judgment exceeds the policy limits of the defendant – then the court can go after the defendant's financial information. Jurors in a trial do not know the policy limits of the defendants. In a jury trial, they base awards on the damages incurred by the plaintiff, not on insurance policy limits.

A Good Agent

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LAFD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Parade Is Now a Festival

Annual St. Pat's Parade downtown has been turned into St. Patrick's Day Festival at LA. Live.



The Office of Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member, is announcing that the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade downtown has been reduced for 2010. It has morphed into a St. Patrick's Day Festival at L.A. Live, near the Convention Center.

In a statement, his office said: "Due to the seriousness of the City's current fiscal situation, we have reduced the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and celebration for 2010.

"Instead of a parade through downtown, there will be a St. Patrick's Day Festival at L.A. Live! on Wed., March 17, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. I hope you'll join us for this great event, which will be a benefit for the Los Angeles Fire Department Historical Society."

Complete details of the festival were not available at press time. Go to www.lalive.com for more information closer to the event date.



Last year, The Town Crier made his appearance.



Last year, vehicles from the LAFD Historical Society and Museum.



Last year, Mr. L.A., Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member (right), rode his bike during the parade.

LAFD, LAPD

The Bald and the Beautiful

Two fire stations will be used for the St. Baldrick's head-shaving fundraiser against childhood cancers.

On Sat., March 20, Los Angeles City Fire and Police personnel – and other City Employees, too – will participate in their seventh annual combined St. Baldrick's event. Participants, or "shavees" as they are known, collect pledges from friends and family in exchange for shaving their heads. The bald heads signify solidarity with child victims of cancer, who often lose their hair while undergoing treatment. All money raised goes to the St. Baldrick's Foundation and is distributed to doctors and other researchers on the front lines of the war on childhood cancer.

The locations (same as last year) are: Fire Station 81, 14355 Arminita St. in Panorama City; and Fire Station 112, 444 S. Harbor Blvd., Berth 86, in San Pedro.

The event features a free pancake breakfast, a blood and bone marrow drive, childwatch registration, and more.



From last year, Dustin Bulmer, Firefighter 89A, with Joanne Diede.

Participants and helpers are needed to staff this event. If you are able to help, please contact Lt. Greg Doyle at (818) 634-6127; Firefighter Danny Wu at (626) 590-6240; or LAFD Engineer Sean Kennedy, (626) 664-8711. If you would like to be a "shavee" or you are interested in pledging, you can sign up at www.stbaldricks.org.



St. Baldrick's Info

- Who:** LAPD and LAFD Personnel (all are welcome, though)
- What:** Fundraiser for Childhood Cancer Research
- When:** Saturday, March 20, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Where:**
- LAFD Fire Station 81, 14355 Arminita St., Panorama City; and
 - Fire Station 112, 444 S. Harbor Blvd., Berth 86, San Pedro.
- Why:** To raise money to fight childhood cancer
- How:** Sign up or donate at www.stbaldricks.org. Click on "Find an Event," and locate Los Angeles, Fire Station 81 or Fire Station 112.

For more information:

For more information, contact Lt. Greg Doyle, (818) 634-6127; LAFD Firefighter Danny Wu at (626) 590-6240; or LAFD Engineer Sean Kennedy, (626) 664-8711.

CITY CLERK

Willie Retires

Willie Buggs retires after 29 years of City service.



From left: Al Wallace and retiree Willie Buggs.



Brian Washington, guest, and Kerrika Buggs, the middle daughter of retiree Willie Buggs.



From left: Gloria Piñon, Secretary, Club Member, 21 years; John White, Legislative Assistant, Club Member, 20 years; and Carol Peters, Deputy City Clerk.



Top, from left: Todd Gaydowski, Records Management Officer, 23 years; and Michael Holland, Student Professional Worker. Bottom: Hynda Rudd, *Alive!* columnist and retired City Archivist, Club Member; and Jay Jones, Acting Assistant Archivist, 24 years.

Story and photos by Eboné Moses, Club Counselor

A party was held Jan. 29 for Willie Buggs, who retired from the Records Management Division, City Clerk's Office, after 29 years of City service.

His party was held at Acapulco restaurant on Sunset Boulevard in Hollywood.

He started his City career at the Port in 1980 and was promoted to the Record Management Division, City Clerk's Office, in March 1984. There, he became the Storekeeper responsible for all records coming in and out of the City Records Center.

The Club wishes Willie the best in his retirement!

Special thanks to Todd Gaydowski, City Clerk's Office, for his assistance.



Retiree Willie Buggs, Club Member, with (from left) a guest; Thomas Ridgell, brother-in-law; Bettie Ridgell, sister; and Estella Brown, guest.



From left: Al Wallace, Warehouse II Tool Room, 23 years; and Charlette Delery, Principal Clerk, 30 years.



Retiree Willie Buggs, Club Member, and his family. On his left: His wife, Sharman, and daughter, Kerrika. On his right: his sister, Bettie, and brother-in-law, Thomas Ridgell.



From left: Noe Camargo and Monica Martinez, guests of retiree Willie Buggs.



Retiree Willie Buggs, Club Member, and his wife, Sharman, happily married for 36 years. Congratulations!



Top: Melisa Weathersby, Principal Clerk Police I, 21 years; Margaret Collier, Management Analyst, Club Member, 24 years; and Artillar Watts, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member, 22 years, with Ilene, 30 years.



From left: Gloria Gonzalez, guest; Richard Soto, Sr. Transportation Investigator, Club Member, 38 years; and Elva Sanchez, Sr. Custodian, 7 years.



Retiree Willie Buggs with some of his coworkers.



From left: Darryl Young, Construction Inspector, Club Member, 30 years of City service; Jackie Middleton, Sr. Clerk Secretary, Club Member, 25 years; and Juan Hernandez, Student Worker.

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CONVENTION CENTER

So Long, Tony and Ralph

Tony Cardenas and Ralph Torres retire from the City after 39 and 35 years of City service, respectively.



Tony Cardenas with his wife, Linda, and daughter, Jennifer.

Story and photos courtesy Luis Aguilar, Convention Center

Feb. 3, the Convention Center Facilities Division hosted a retirement party for Sr. Electrician Tony Cardenas and Painter Ralph Torres. More than 130 friends and family were in attendance to celebrate such a special occasion.

Tony Cardenas retired with 39 years of City service, with 23 of those at the Convention Center, where he became a Senior Electrician. Tony also served two tours in Vietnam as member of the U.S. Marines. *Semper Fidelis!* Tony and his family are looking forward to enjoying their time together.

Ralph Torres retired with 35 years of City service, with the last ten at the Convention Center. Ralph is an accomplished musician and is looking forward to many tours with his band Kukulcan (www.myspace.com/kukulcanmusic). The band plays jazz, indie, healing and easy listening. Go Ralph!

Ralph is also looking forward to spending many days in the company of his beautiful family. Congrats to Tony and Ralph!



Retiree Tony Cardenas says goodbye to all the guests.



Retiree Ralph Torres and family. Standing from left: Ralph Torres Jr., Ralph Torres, and Vincent Torres. Seated: Ralph's wife, Teresa, and son, Michael.



Building Superintendent I Tom Fields congratulates retiree Tony Cardenas.



Senior Carpenter David James congratulates Ralph Torres.



The Electrical Shop doubled as the party hall.



Andy Norton dedicates a few words to his friend and music buddy Ralph Torres.



Building Superintendent I Steve Potik describes the City work assignments of Ralph Torres.



Retiree Ralph Torres gives heartfelt thanks to all who attended.



Electrical Supervisor Tom Wendling was the host. Good job, Tom!



Senior Painter Bill Lopez proves to the audience that retiree Ralph Torres is indeed a great line striper.



From left: Andy Norton, Ralph Torres, Ruben Sanchez, Bill Lopez, Dario Salazar and Donnell Sanders.

Congratulations, GRADUATES

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

Make sure you tell us:

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

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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: General Meeting at the Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., L.A., 90027. RSVP by calling (800) 678-4145, X701.

June 3: Golf tournament at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course, 700 S. Almansor St. in Alhambra. (626) 570-5052. "Shotgun Start" at 7:30 a.m. Board Meeting at 12:30 p.m.

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

RLACEI:

RLACEI Board Changes; City's Deep Budget Woes

President, Ed Harding reports:



Ed Harding

"The New Year, 2010, has brought several changes to our Board.

"Congratulations to LACERS' new Board Commissioner, Jerry Bardwell. The mayor appointed our Board Director-Treasurer, Jerry Bardwell, as Commissioner to the LACERS Board. The City Council approved and confirmed his appointment Jan. 19.

"Jerry was General Manager of the City Employees Retirement System from 1983 until his retirement in 1991. He was RLACEI treasurer for the past 15 years. He and I worked very close for these years. I have lost not only a great

coworker, but also a good friend.

"Jerry is the kind of person who you like the first time you meet him, and although he says he is only a telephone call away, we will really miss him. Good luck to you, Jerry.

"I appointed our new director, Michael Karsch, to replace Jerry as Treasurer, and the RLACEI Board ratified his appointment at our Jan. 11 meeting. Michael worked for Ken Spiker in the CLA's office.

"Gary Mattingly is the new RLACEI Board Director, replacing Dave Wilkins, who resigned due to health problems. The Board approved his appointment

at the Jan. 11 meeting. He will serve one year and will come up for reelection on our October meeting. Gary comes well qualified. Prior to his retirement, he was General Manager of the Fire and Police Pensions System.

"Mary Beetz is our new RLACEI editor, due to new methods of submitting our articles to *El Pueblo and Alive!*

"Ken Spiker will run for reelection as a retired member of the LACERS' Board of Administration. The Board and I endorse Ken for reelection and encourage you to vote for him."

Director, Mary Beetz reports:



Mary Beetz

"On Jan. 31, Lita Payne rejoined the LACERS family as Assistant General Manager. She will oversee the operations of Retirement Services, Health Benefits Administration, and Communications. Ms. Payne's background includes a vast array of

experience with the City. She joined the City in 1988 and served Public Works, DWP, Building and Safety and Fire and Police Pensions, and was the Director of Health Benefits for LACERS from 2006 to 2008. Most recently, Ms. Payne was the Director of Retiree Health Care for

the Los Angeles County Employees' Retirement Association (LACERA).

"Lita earned a Bachelor's degree in English from Cal State LA, and a Master's degree in business administration from Pepperdine.

"Please join our staff in welcoming back LACERS alumni!"

Legislative Update, Ken Spiker reports:



Ken Spiker

"I have been either actively participating or monitoring the City of Los Angeles' Budget for the last 50-plus years. This year may present the worst financial predicament for City officials in modern times. It is estimated that the 2009-10 budget ending June 30 may be as much as \$300 million short. Estimates for the 2010-11 budget range in the \$400 million deficit level. Reasons for the current fiscal crisis include: the affect of the recession on revenue estimates; state preemption of previous City revenue sources; and providing non-charter required and non-revenue producing services.

"In previous fiscal budget crisis years, corrective actions included closing existing City Departments includ-

ing Civil Defense and the Health Dept. During one of those years, the City closed an operating City Hospital and demolished the Health Department's eight-story building on City Hall ground near Temple Street.

"Current efforts by City officials to address the fiscal problem provided an early retirement program for 2,520 City employees and 418 'grandfathered' participants. Discussions are being held to increase this program to allow for more early retirements. LACERS is processing more than 350 retirement applications per month to expedite the transferring of salary costs to retirement costs. Previously, LACERS retirement workload averaged 500 retirees per year.

"Current discussions by City

officials include not only extending the early retirement program, but also processing the laying off of more than 1,000 employees. This may require the closing of certain City Departments.

"The impact on current retirees is still unknown, but it could include not providing a COLA (cost of living adjustment) for the next fiscal year. However, current law will permit those retirees who have a reserve COLA bank to borrow up to 3 percent of their reserve amount. I will prepare a chart of the COLA bank amounts, by retirement year, for your review in the near future. We may also be facing a reduction in our current health care premium subsidy, especially for spouses

RLACEI Website

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

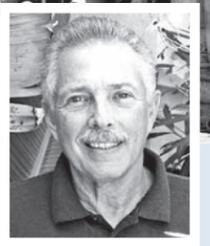
Contact LACERS

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

The Best Years

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A street in Dubrovnik.

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

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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

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



Venice, and Then to Sea

■ In part four of their European adventure, Hal and Co. head out to sea.

Evelyn and I took a 35-day trip, which included a self-guided week in Italy before a 28-day cruise with ports in Italy, Croatia, Greece, Spain, Morocco and Portugal, and then an ocean crossing to Fort Lauderdale, Fla. This month, we pick up our travels in Venice, Italy, as we boarded our Holland-America (HAL) ship the MS Oosterdam.

We left the hotel late morning and had a porter take our bags to the bus terminal. It took us a while to figure out which bus would take us to the cruise terminal. The distance from the bus terminal to the cruise terminal is about a mile and a half, but it was an impossible walk with the bags we had. After checking in for the cruise and going through security, we boarded the ship. It was about 12:30 p.m., and we were directed to the Lido buffet on deck nine to have lunch and wait until our stateroom was ready, which took about an hour. I had the pizza, which was good.

The *MS Oosterdam* was built in 2003 and holds 1,916 passengers, with a crew of 817. The ship weighs just more than 82,000 gross tons and is considered a medium-sized ship. The majority of the staterooms have verandas.

We had a veranda stateroom on deck six (there are 10 decks) just aft of the center of the ship on the port (left) side. Don and Myrna (our cousins) were next to us. The room was larger than I remembered from other HAL ships, with a queen-sized bed, a small couch, a flat-screen TV and good closet space and storage.

We waited until our luggage arrived at our stateroom, and then left the ship and took the shuttle bus back to the bus terminal (Piazza Roma), just across the main canal from Venice. The four of us planned to visit the Jewish ghetto of Venice, the oldest ghetto in the world, and which features the oldest European synagogue. We had asked the concierge at the hotel for directions, and we followed his instruction until we got lost and I had to ask a local to help us, which they did. We found the ghetto only a short distance away. We visited three of the five synagogues in the ghetto, the oldest dating from 1528. The two remaining synagogues are still used for services

and not open for tours; one is used in the summer to accommodate larger attendance (because of Jewish tourism), and the other is used in the winter. Approximately 400 Jews live in Venice today, but not in this original ghetto area. The Jewish ghetto is now a mixed residential and retail area of Venetians, students and others.

A side note: One Florentian we spoke to mentioned the mosquitoes in Venice. They were not kidding. I'm not sure if it was the water; the humidity, which wasn't particularly bad; or the time of the year. But when the sun goes down, the little guys came out! They didn't seem to bother the locals. I guess they have a taste for foreigners!

passengers on stage with prizes. The prizes were not worth the embarrassment. So then we were off to bed for our first night on the ship.

We didn't leave Venice until 2 p.m. the next day, so after breakfast Evelyn and I took the shuttle to Piazza San Marco (St. Mark Square), about 35 minutes away. Although there were people there, it wasn't nearly as crowded as on a Sunday. But still, there were a lot of pigeons. We were able to go inside St. Mark's Basilica, and then we walked around the Doge's Palace towards the Grand Canal, where we could see the Bridge of Sighs, which connected the



Myrna and Evelyn in Venice.

We took the shuttle back to the ship and had dinner on the Lido deck. In addition to the buffet, this deck had one of the pools, the spa, exercise facilities and too many bars to count. As it was an informal night in port, there was a barbecue on this deck with ribs, chicken, salmon, steak, and all the fixings. We just were not ready for the dining room. After dinner, we went to the "intro" show in the main theater. The cruise director introduced the singers and dancers and gave us a preview of what some of the entertainment was to be. Well, the jury is still out. They also had three very dumb and silly contests, with volunteer

prison with the interrogation room in Doge's Palace.

We returned to the ship with some time to spare before sailing. The mandatory lifeboat drill was held just before we sailed at 2 p.m. for Dubrovnik, Croatia, across the Adriatic from Venice. That night was to be our first dinner in the dining room.

We requested late seating (8 p.m.) and a table for eight, and we found two Canadian couples seated with us. (They were very nice people, and we enjoyed their company until they left the ship in Barcelona.) The table was rectangular, so it was hard to talk to everyone at the same

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time, so next time I'll request a round table. The food and service were very good. Not rushed -- we finished dinner in about an hour and a half. The waiter and busboy were very attentive.

Croatia). About 45 Jews still live here. The city is in a bay on the Adriatic Sea, with beautiful blue water and green palms, olive and Italian cypress trees; it's a very Mediterranean city. As you may remember, Dubrovnik was under siege by the Serbs for about 90 days in 1991 during the Bosnian war. The city of approximately 50,000 was shelled daily, had no water or electricity or commerce. It wasn't until a United Nations ship came into the port that forced negotiations and the lifting of the siege.

The locals are fiercely independent and value their freedom and liberty. Croatia has



Myrna, Evelyn and Don in Piazza San Marco, Venice.

The next morning, we docked in Dubrovnik.

Dubrovnik (nee Ragusa) began as a Roman settlement. From the Middle Ages on it was a prize sought by Venice, Hungary, Turkey and others who recognized the city's logistical value as a maritime port. But liberty has always been uppermost in the minds of Dubrovnik's citizens, and through the ages their thirst for independence repeatedly trumped other nations' plans to conquer their city.

In 1667, another kind of assault leveled Dubrovnik when an earthquake destroyed almost everything except a few palaces and church buildings in Old Town. The city was quickly rebuilt in the baroque style of the time.

We booked the Historic Dubrovnik Tour, a walking tour around the old city. Dubrovnik is beautiful and a very old walled city on the Dalmatian coast of the Adriatic. In addition to the many churches, we visited the Jewish Museum and Sinagoga (as it is spelled in



Myrna at the Sinagoga in Dubrovnik.

been independent since shortly after the siege was lifted. They are now a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and are working towards joining the European Union. The weather was beautiful, and Don and I sat in a small café and had a beer while Evelyn and Myrna looked for ice cream.



Myrna, Don and Evelyn at the Jewish ghetto in Venice.



Aboard the ship: A diner in the dining room on formal night, with Hal's tablemates.

That first night in Dubrovnik was to be our first formal night, so we dressed in our best -- tuxedos and evening dresses. The captain gave his welcome-aboard speech -- they no longer have a handshake line because of the various illnesses that seem to find their way onto

cruise ships. After the captain's welcome, we enjoyed a show by the ship's song and dance group. It was billed as a movie musical concert featuring costumes by Bob Mackie, a noted Hollywood designer.

There were two shows each night, at 7 and 9 p.m. Our dinner setting was 8 p.m., so if we wanted to see the show, we had to go to the 7 p.m. performance, which cut into our cocktail hour. On the second half of the cruise, we had open seating and were able to enjoy the 9 p.m. show.

The next day, we stopped in Corfu, Greece. I'll save that for next month.

RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

Phil Skarin's grandson, Timothy Williams, spent a week in Haiti as part of a Child Protection Assessment Team from the Harvard School of Public Health. He was on a similar team that went to India a year ago. Tim recently received his Master's degree from Harvard.

Are You Planning to Retire Soon?

If you are, you are invited to join the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI). RLACEI is the only known organization exclusively serving the interests of all Los Angeles City retirees. The dues are only \$1 per month. If you would like additional information, contact Membership Chair, Helen Salgado at (800) 678-4145, X713.

Are You Interested In Becoming a RLACEI Director?

If you are a retired City Employee and are interested in being considered for a RLACEI Director, send a resume with your qualifications to Neil Ricci, 458 21st Place, Santa Monica, CA 90402, or call our toll-free number (800) 678-4145 X714.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

Happy St. Patrick's Day

May luck be our companion
 May friends stand by our side
 May history remind us all
 Of Ireland's faith and pride.
 May God bless us with happiness
 May love and faith abide.

— An Irish blessing

REC AND PARKS

Earth Day at Cabrillo

Aquarium celebrates the 'ocean planet' with free programs April 17.

Photos by Gary Florin, Photographer, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

You are invited to join the 30th annual Earth Day Celebration of our "ocean planet" at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, Saturday, April 17, with a day of free programs, including a beach cleanup, speakers, information and activities. Participation options include joining the beach cleanup, sharing information, grunion egg hatching, guided walks to the salt marsh, and more.

You can be a part of the solution by joining in a beach cleanup from 8 to 10 a.m.; supplies and refreshments are included. Then you can stop by the auditorium to view selected presentations of the day and visit with more than 40 organizations and agencies as they share how they are working to care for the earth. Musicians will be sharing their thoughts about the ocean through songs. And you can educate yourself about choices we can make every day to

make a difference in protecting our planet. Throughout the day, the Aquarium will be open with opportunities to examine Southern California marine life, where you can visit the touch tank; search the Virginia Reid Moore Marine Research Library for more information about local sea life; observe the aquarium's newest arrivals in the Aquatic Nursery; and investigate the interactive Exploration Center. Free parking is available at 22nd and Miner Streets with access to a shuttle in each direction. Guests can also connect to the shuttle from the Marina station of the Pacific Red Car Line along the Port Waterfront.

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

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



A previous Earth Day at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.

Earth Day at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

When: Saturday, April 17
Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, 3720 Stephen M. White Dr. San Pedro.
What: Beach cleanup, free aquarium admission, grunion hatching, food, music, booths, activities, representatives of more than 40 organizations.
Cost: Free; some attractions might have minimal cost.
Parking: Free parking at 22nd and Miner Streets, with Red Car access. Limited car parking at Cabrillo, \$1.
Info: www.cabrilloaq.org, or (310) 548-7562.



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ZOO

... and at the Zoo, Too

The Zoo celebrates Earth Day.

The Los Angeles Zoo and K-EARTH 101's Earth Day Expo 2010, themed Celebrating California Wildlife, features education, conservation and recycling information in an interactive and fun Earth-friendly environment. The two-day event includes a bevy of information booths, fun crafts and the opportunity to meet K-EARTH DJs.

The event takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 17 and 18.

The Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens is at 5333 Zoo Dr. in Griffith Park.

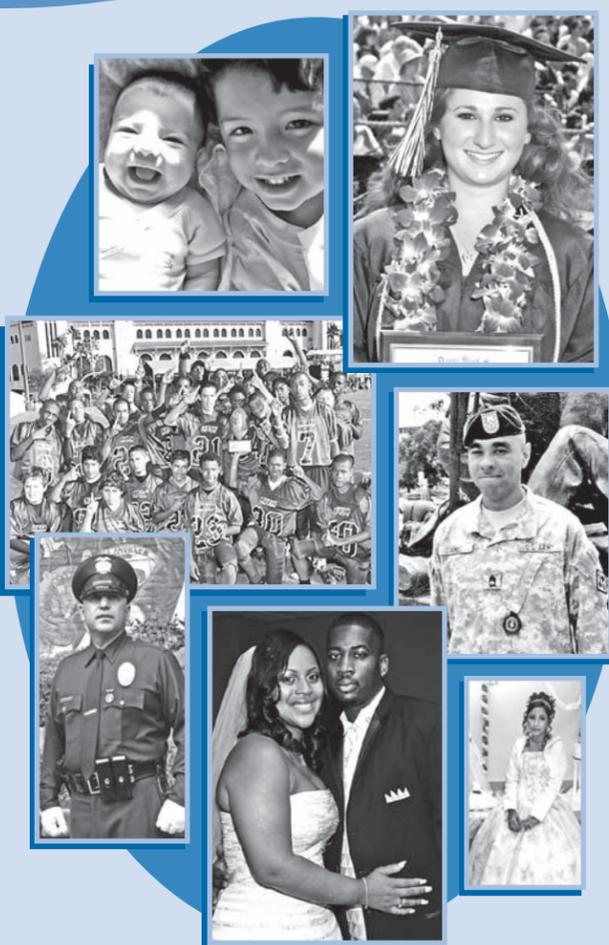
Information: (323) 644-4200 or www.lazoo.org



A previous Earth Day at The Los Angeles Zoo.

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 City Employees Club of Los Angeles
 120 W. 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012



GENERAL SERVICES

Parking Appreciation

General Services holds annual Parking Services Appreciation Day.

Story by Club Staff; Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations

General Services held its annual Parking Services Appreciation Day Dec. 16 at the Tom Bradley Room high atop City Hall.

Named as Employees of the Year were Carmen Rivas, Alfonso Casimiro, Torsak Teongnoi and Robert Harvey.

The annual luncheon is a way that the department thanks those who work in the City's garages, and who manage them.

Thanks to Tony Royster, General Services General Manager, and Valerie Melloff, Asst. General Manager, for their assistance in producing this article.



Melody McCormick, Director of Facilities Services; and Benjamin Setiarto, Parking Manager.



From left: Benjamin Setiarto, Parking Manager; Renee Anderson, Coordinator, SEIU Local 721; and Carmen Rivas, Employee of the Year.



From left: Benjamin Setiarto; Carmen Rivas, Employee of the Year; and Tony Royster, General Manager, General Services, and Club Member.



From left: Benjamin Setiarto; Renee Anderson; Torsak Teongnoi, Employee of the Year; Valerie Melloff; and Tony Royster, General Manager.



From left: Benjamin Setiarto; Renee Anderson; Alfonso Casimiro, Employee of the Year; Valerie Melloff; and Tony Royster, General Manager.



From left: Francisco Ventura, Parking Assistant, 9 years of service; Sandra Reina, Parking Attendant, 9 years of service; and Miguel Martinez, Parking Attendant.



From left: Nopagris Suriya, Parking Attendant II, 4 years of service; and Henry Matute, Supervisor, 9 years of service.



From left: Robert Harvey, Employee of the Year, Garage Parking Attendant, 17 years of service; Philip Anderson III, Auto Dispatcher, 20 years of service; and Arthur Flores, Auto Dispatcher, 22 years of service.



From left: Mark Barrera, Auto Dispatcher II, 28 years of service; Donald Moreno, Maintenance Laborer, 20 years of service; and Jesse Palacios, Garage Attendant, 18 years of service.

This Month at the

Club Store



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

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



MERCHANDISE SPECIALS



United Agencies APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE



GET A FREE QUOTE ON AUTO AND HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE

March 5

Norma Angulo, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

March 12

Patty Pulido, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

March 19

Rosa Calderon, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

March 26

Norma Angulo, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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



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HARBOR

Linda's Last Dispatch

Port Police Dispatcher Linda Wyatt, Club Member, retires after 37 years of City service.



Retiree Linda Wyatt, Club Member, and her fiancé, Retired Port Police Officer Robert Lesley.



Council District 15 Community Advocate Celina Luna and Retiree Linda Wyatt, Club Member.

Story and photos courtesy Cheryl Morris-Dorries, Port Police, Club Member

A retirement dinner was held July 31 for Linda Wyatt, Sr. Clerk Typist/Dispatcher for the Port Police.

The dinner was held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in San Pedro.

Here's the Harbor Commissioners' resolution at Linda's retirement.

"Whereas, Linda Wyatt, a Sr. Clerk Typist/Dispatcher, is retiring after 37 years of dedicated service to the City of Los Angeles; and

"Whereas, Ms. Wyatt began her City career as a Clerk Typist with the Harbor Department in 1971, transferred to work with Animal Services in 1979, was promoted to Senior Clerk Typist at General Services in 1986, returned to the Harbor in 1989 to present ; and

"Whereas, Ms. Wyatt's courteous demeanor, professionalism and her ability to take charge were an asset to the Los Angeles Port Police and earned her a high degree of respectability among her peers; and

"Whereas, Linda's confidence and experience were consistently reflected when dealing with fellow staff, City departments and the public; and

"Whereas, Ms. Wyatt was recognized by her supervisors as a person who worked well under pressure and didn't miss a beat when the heat was on; and

"Whereas, during Linda's many years of service, the City and the Port of Los Angeles have experienced unparalleled growth, including the expansions of TraPac, Evergreen and APM terminals, Berth 100 renovation, Waterfront Red Car Revitalization, the new LA Waterfront Project transformation making the Port a recognized international gateway and environmental steward for the nation and the world; now therefore be it

"Resolved, that the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners extends its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Linda Wyatt for her service to the City and Port of Los Angeles, and extends to her and her family its best wishes for health and happiness in the years to come."

Congrats to you, Linda, on your retirement! And thanks to Stacey Creech, Port Police Community Relations Officer, and Barbara Carroll for their assistance.



From left: Port Police Sgt. Al Guerrero and Officer Brandon Smith, Club Members.



From left: Port Police Officer Luis Bautista, Club Member, and Community Relations Officer Omar Cuevas, Club Member.



Retired Port Police Officer Jimmy Ezell and his wife, Natalie.



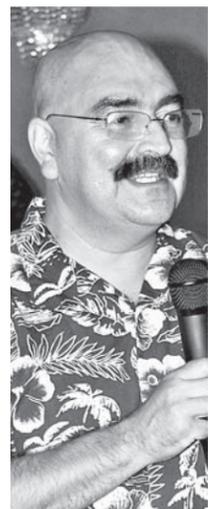
Port Police Det. Al Alvarado, Club Member, and his wife, Rebecca.



Francis and Joe, friends of Retiree Linda Wyatt, Club Member.



Port Police Chief Ron Boyd, Club Member, and Retiree Linda Wyatt, Club Member.



Port Police Officer Rudy Meza, Club Member.



Former Mayor of the City of Carson Mike Mitoma.



From left: Retiree Linda Wyatt, Club Member and Chelsea Tankersly.



From left: Retiree Linda Wyatt, Club Member, and Ashley Tankersly.



From left: Retiree Linda, Wyatt, Club Member; DJ Stevo; and Port Police Dispatcher Caprice Staten.



From left: Linda Wyatt's family friend, Joan, and mother, Dolores.



Port Police Dispatcher Jeanne Marie Schwab.



Port Police Officer Luis Bautista, Club Member, and Port Police Community Relations Officer Cheryl Morris-Dorries, Club Member.



Best wishes to Linda!



Retiree Linda Wyatt's resolution from the Harbor Commissioners.



Bernie and Jean, friends of Retiree Linda Wyatt, Club Member.



Addison and Sharon, friends of Retiree Linda Wyatt, Club Member.



From left: Retiree Linda Wyatt, Club Member, and Port Police Dispatcher Tamara Armstrong.



Port Police Lt. Titus Smith, Club Member.



Port Police Community Relations Officer Robert Reynolds, Club Member.



Retired Harbor Dept Wharfinger Eunice Thompson.



Port Police Officer Roberto Redondo, Club Member.

HARBOR

Linda's Last Dispatch

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From left: Port Police Dispatch Supervisor Regina Grant, Club Member, and Retiree Linda Wyatt, Club Member.



From left: Harbor Dept. Employees Club employee Jessica Bautista, Club Member, and Retiree Linda Wyatt, Club Member.



Retiree Linda Wyatt, Club Member, and Retired Port Police Officer Bob Lesley.



Port Police Chief Ron Boyd and Port Police Officer Brandon Smith, Club Members.



From left: Port Police Det. Dianne Kelly, Club Member, and Retiree Linda Wyatt, Club Member.



Port Police Community Relations Officer Robert Reynolds, Club Member, and his wife, Lawanda.



From left: Port Police Sgt. Al Guerrero and Retired Lt. Danny Aleman, Club Members.



Betty Brown and Joan Givens, friends of Retiree Linda Wyatt, Club Member.



From left: Port Police Capt. Al Rosario, Club Member, and Retired Harbor Dept. Employee Lou Arreola.



Port Police K9 Officer and Retired Port Police Sgt. Dale Dupler and his wife, Dottie.



Port Police Capt. Al Rosario, Club Member, and his wife, Lydia.



From left: Port Police Lt. Ken Hawkes, Club Member, and Lt. Jaime Navarro, Club Member, give Retiree Linda Wyatt's end-of-watch broadcast.



From left: Port Police Lt. Titus Smith, Club Member; Capt. Al Rosario, Club Member, and his wife, Lydia; and Retired Sgt. Dale Dupler.



Port Police Dispatcher LaChelle Washington, Club Member, and her husband, Thomas, with Retiree Linda Wyatt.



From left: Port Police Officers Ismael Flores, Omar Cuevas, Alex Castillo and Cheryl Morris-Dorries, Club Members.



Retired Port Police Officer Porfiero Blas, Club Member, and his wife.



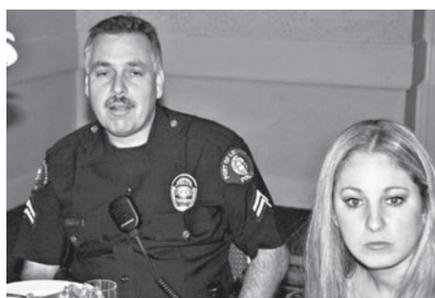
Port Police Lt. Mike Capodanno, Club Member, and his wife, Karin.



From left: Retiree Linda Wyatt, Club Member; her sister, Val; daughter-in-law, Kendya; son, Donnell; niece, Alexandria; and fiancé, Retired Port Police Officer Robert Lesley.



From left: Retired Port Police Officer Jimmy Ezell and Port Police Lt. Mike Capodanno, Club Member.



Port Police Officer Livanios Pilitsis, Club Member and Port Police Officer Luis Bautista, Club Member (Wife Lisa)



Port Deputy Executive Director of Operations John Holmes and Retiree Linda Wyatt, Club Member.



Retiree Linda Wyatt, Club Member, and her fiancé, Retired Port Police Officer Bob Lesley.



From left: Retiree Linda Wyatt's brother-in-law, Mickey; and her sister, Val.



Retired Port Police Officer Pat Montano and Retired Officer Dave Night's Wife, Via.



Eileen Tankersly, Executive Secretary to Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., Port Executive Director, Club Member.



Retired Port Police Sgt. Dale Dupler and his wife, Dottie.

History Comes Alive!

Tales From the City Archives



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



'Venice of America' – A Cultural Theme Park



Venice in 1905.



The Ship Café.

Venice, California's historic entrance into California geography dates back to the La Ballona Rancho period of the 1870s. Property along the seaside of the Pacific Ocean had been considered of primary interest to all who had the good fortune to acquire the land.

The story begins with Abbot Kinney. He was an easterner born in 1850, who had been a world traveler working in a family owned tobacco business in New York City. On one of his travels he sailed to Hawaii, where he stayed for a few months before traveling back home. By the time he reached San Francisco in 1880, a heavy blizzard in the Sierra Mountains blocked the trains from heading east.

While Kinney waited for the railroad tracks to clear, he heard of a health resort in Sierra Madre. Kinney suffered from asthma and insomnia. After spending some time at the resort, he realized that this was where he wanted to live. He purchased 550 acres in the foothills, built a mansion and planted 6,000 citrus trees and 20,000 seedless grape vines.

In time he realized he wanted a cooler summer home for his family near the Pacific Ocean. In 1886, to escape the heat of Los Angeles, he built a home in Santa Monica.

Kinney was a wise businessman and became interested in land development along the coast. His first endeavor in nearby Pacific Palisades failed because of an 1888 real estate market crash.

In 1891, Kinney and a business partner, Francis Ryan, bought a controlling interest in Ocean Park Casino, which was really a restaurant and tennis club. The same year they purchased a one-and-a-half mile long tract that was 1000 feet deep facing the Pacific Ocean south of Santa Monica. They

paid \$175,000 for the property. There they built a beach resort called Ocean Park. In time with new partners added to the scheme of things, Kinney chose the marshy, undeveloped southern half of the tract to build his "Venice of America." The county territory consisted of sand dunes and wetlands. In time and great effort, Abbot Kinney would have his dream come true to build a recreational area reminiscent of Venice, Italy, on the shores of the Pacific.

These future partners realized that making this resort park a success would mean transporting people from the cities of Los Angeles and Santa Monica by means of a railroad system that would be a direct line and inexpensive. Santa Monica businessmen were concerned that Kinney's dream would prove a competition to their North Beach resort and convinced Colis Huntington of the Southern Pacific Railroad to be uncooperative. With that understanding, Kinney contacted the rival Santa Fe Railroad to extend their Inglewood line to his resort. In turn, he donated 12 acres for the railroad right of way. The first train began its operation on June 12, 1892.

Within the next year, Kinney and his partner advertised 25-by-100-foot lots featuring piped water for \$100. To entice buyers to purchase lots, three small four-room cottages were built and given away through a lottery. The lots sold well, even though these were difficult financial times. Tents were then erected on unsold lots and made available to campers for summer rentals.

In May 1895, the community was named Ocean Park, California. The community was slow in growth, but by the spring of 1898, there were approximately 150 lots sold. Also, that year the area had a business boom that provided Kinney the incentive to build a

racetrack and golf course not far from his Ocean Park Country Club.

In 1898, the City of Santa Monica gave Kinney and his partner permission to build a 1250-foot-long pier at Pier Avenue. The pier would sit on pilings already used to carry Santa Monica's 200-foot-long outfall sewer. Kinney's pier provided two goals: one, to have a pleasure place for fisherman and tourists; and two, to protect and lengthen the sewage pipes seaward as to not pollute their property to the south. Incredibly, the project was finished within six weeks.

Tragedy occurred before the completion of the grand plan. Francis Ryan, Kinney's partner, died of a sudden heart attack. His wife soon remarried. Thomas Dudley became a new partner for Abbot Kinney. He was a Santa Monica businessman and politician. By 1902, Dudley sold his partnership for \$400,000 to three new partners mentioned above. Even with the recent alliance, there was continued fear that Kinney's resort would take business away from the local North Beach resort. Unfortunately, Kinney did not get along with the three partners.

The new partners refused to support any of his projects. First, they were not interested in making enemies of the local constituents in Santa Monica over a newly considered Abbot Kinney trolley company. Second, the partners were more concerned about losing money in the Casino restaurant and vaudeville theater. Finally, they did not approve of Kinney's ideas on how to develop the southern wetlands. But Kinney's dream would nevertheless come true.

After Kinney ended his partnership in the Ocean Park Improvement Company, he took title to the underdeveloped marshy southern property in Winter 1904. This is when he made definite plans for his "Venice of America" beach resort. At that time there was a nationwide plan referred to as the City Beautiful Movement, which incorporated planned communities with spacious public areas. He also realized that most of the best seaside resorts were back east, and necessary to investigate. Eventually, he hired an apprentice from the Fredrick Law Olmstead Jr. firm. Olmstead was highly regarded as one of the most famous landscape architects in the country. He was founder and first president

of the American Society of Landscape Architects. He was also the initiator of the City Beautiful Movement, with its inception in the eastern United States.

The "Venice of America" plan also followed the same model found at the Chicago World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, although much smaller. The Chicago extravaganza was also built on marshy land on the shore of Lake Michigan. The Venice plan included a planned community that separated the business and commercial areas from residential living. In Summer 1904, Abbot Kinney began contracting for excavation of canals and building a pier, designing and building of a Ship Hotel and other principal buildings.

"Venice of America" was an instant success. It opened on the Fourth of July, 1905. Visitors were entranced by his intricate canals. The electric trolley would bring throngs of people from Santa Monica and downtown Los Angeles. The architecture had an ornate Venetian Renaissance design. There was an active business district with a huge auditorium and a Ship Café. Guests were given tours of the resort by a miniature steam railroad or by gondolas. Swimming was available in the ocean or at Kinney's salt water plunge lagoon, where the guests could listen to band concerts.

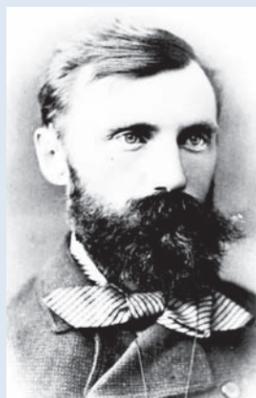
Eventually, the resort was expanded by enlarging the amusement pier. Abbot Kinney also became very influential in local politics when, in May 1911, he was able to have the name changed from Ocean Park to Venice, its own city. But in November 1925, Los Angeles annexed Venice to become a community within the City.

Over the years, the amusement park, vis-à-vis Venice, went through a number of changes. In 1911, one of Abbot Kinney's former partners built a "Million Dollar" amusement park. In 1920, Abbot Kinney passed away; his amusement pier burned. In 1924, the Ocean Park pier complex burned. In 1930, oil was discovered in Venice. In 1946, the Venice amusement Pier closed. In 1964, Los Angeles demolished 550 buildings in historic Venice. In 1967, Pacific Ocean Park went bankrupt after being rebuilt. And, in 1977, Venice regained its popularity as the "Roller Skating Capital of the World."

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The Venice Auditorium.

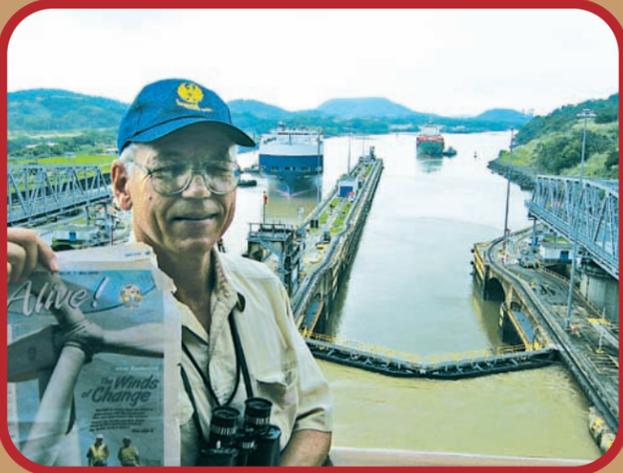


Abbot Kinney.

Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



1 Panama



"This is me at the Panama Canal. I have lots of friends and retirees who like to see where I have been."

- Richard Radmacher, DWP



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

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2 The Philippines

Shirley Gatlin and son, James II, in the Philippines. Shirley's the **widow of James Gatlin, Building and Safety.**

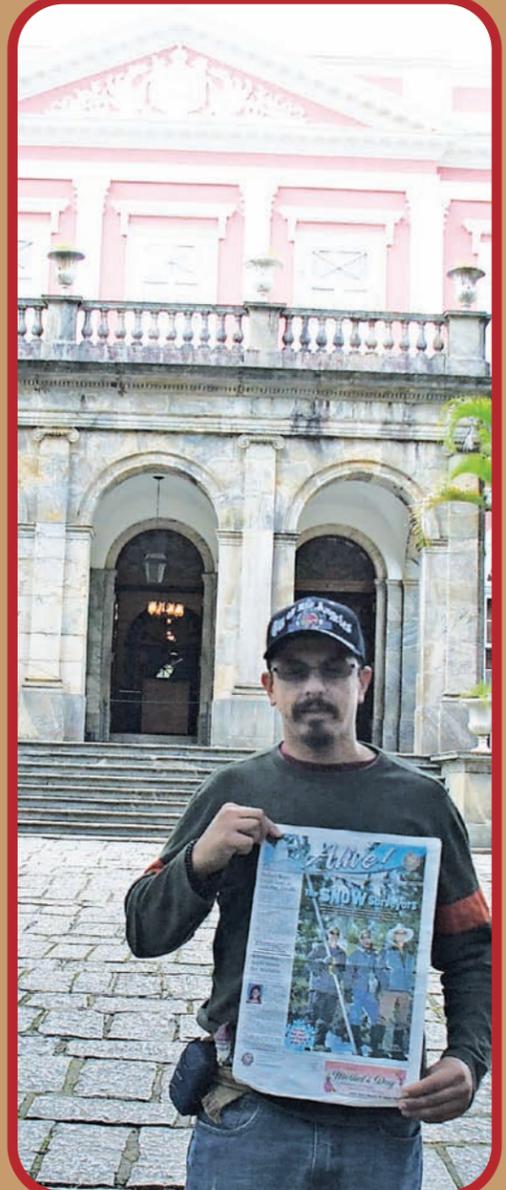


"This picture was taken at the zipline Feb. 4 at Tagaytay Picnic Grove, Cavite, the Philippines. We zipped above the towering trees of coconuts and banana plants. My son claimed I screamed from the start to the end, but I don't remember, so I am denying it. See the picturesque Taal volcano and lake in the background."

"This picture was in front of the historic Aguinaldo Shrine in Kawit, Cavite, the Philippines, one of the country's national shrines. On June 12, 1898, from the same window of this house, the declaration of the Philippine independence was proclaimed by Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo, the first president. The house was built in 1845 and was his birthplace in March 1869."



3 Brazil



Here's **Marcus Stein, DWP**, at the Imperial Museum in Petrópolis, Brazil. "I made doubly sure that I packed my copy of *Alive!*"

Angel's

Be
Alive!Angel Gomez,
Director of
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LA BREA

This is a complete California
Saber-tooth Cat.

Welcome back!

This month we're staying in Los Angeles and traveling a few miles to the world famous Page Museum – the La Brea Tar Pits.

Do you ever wish you could go back in time? Well, this is the place! The Page Museum is at the Rancho La Brea Tar Pits in the heart of Los Angeles. Rancho La Brea is one of the world's most famous fossil sites, recognized for having the largest and most diverse assemblage of extinct Ice Age plants and animals in the world. Visitors can learn about Los Angeles as it was between 10,000 and 40,000 years ago, during the last Ice Age, when animals including saber-toothed cats and mammoths roamed the Los Angeles Basin.

Through windows at the Page Museum Laboratory, visitors can watch bones being cleaned and repaired. Outside the museum, in Hancock Park, life-sized replicas of several extinct mammals are featured.

The park is known for producing myriad mammal fossils dating from the last Ice Age. While mammal fossils generate significant interest, other fossils, including fossilized insects and plants, and even pollen grains, are also valued. These fossils help define a picture of what is thought to have been a cooler, moister climate in the Los Angeles basin during the glacial age. Among these fossils are microfossils. Microfossils are retrieved from a matrix of asphalt and sandy clay by washing with a solvent to remove the petroleum, then picking through the remains under a high-powered lens.

History

The Portola expedition, a group of Mexican explorers led by Gaspar de Portola, made the first written record of the tar pits in 1769. Fr. Juan Crespi wrote, "While crossing the basin, the scouts reported having seen some geysers of tar issuing from the ground like springs; it boils up molten, and the water runs to one side and the tar to the other. The scouts reported that they had come across many of these springs and had seen large swamps of them, enough, they said, to caulk many vessels. We were not so lucky ourselves as to see these tar geysers, much though we wished it; as it was some distance out of the way we were to take, the Governor Portola did not want us to go past them. We christened them *Los Volcanes de Brea*, the Tar Volcanoes."

Digging It

What's in the tar pits? And why did the animals go there? They are composed of heavy oil fractions called asphalt, which seeped from the earth as oil. In Hancock Park, crude oil seeps up along the Sixth Street Fault from the Salt Lake Oil Field, which underlies much of the Fairfax District north of the park. The oil reaches the surface and forms pools at

several locations in the park, becoming asphalt as the lighter fractions of the petroleum biodegrade.

This seepage has been happening for tens of thousands of years. From time to time, the asphalt would form a pool deep enough to trap animals, and the surface would be covered with layers of water, dust, and leaves. Animals would wander in to drink, become trapped, and eventually die.

Predators would also enter to eat the trapped animals and become stuck. As the bones of the dead animals sink into the asphalt, it soaks into them, turning them dark brown or black. Lighter fractions of petroleum evaporate from the asphalt, leaving a more solid substance, which holds the bones. Apart from the dramatic fossils of large mammals, the asphalt also preserves very small microfossils: wood and plant remnants, insects, dust, and even pollen grains.

Radiometric dating of preserved wood and bones has given an age of 38,000 years for the oldest-known material from the La Brea seeps. They still ensnare organisms today.

Tar pits around the world are unusual in accumulating more predators than prey. The reason for this is unknown, but one theory is that a large prey animal (say, a mastodon) would die or become stuck in a tar pit, attracting predators across long distances. This predator trap would catch predators along with their prey. Another theory is that dire wolves and their prey may have been trapped during a hunt. Since modern wolves hunt in packs, each prey animal could take several wolves with it.

Among the prehistoric species associated with the La Brea Tar Pits are mammoths, dire wolves, short-faced bears and ground sloths.

Others common at the site are the state fossil of California, the saber-toothed cat, *Smilodon californicus*.

A not-so-well-known fact: Only one human has



ever been found, a partial skeleton of a woman, dated at approximately 9,000 BC who was apparently a victim of a homicide based on skull crush evidence. John C. Merriam of the University of California led much of the early work in identifying species in the early 20th century.

The Page Museum has tons and tons of information on all the fossils and great exhibits too, but before you go in, walk around the park area just outside the museum. It is also amazing; they have active digs being worked on right now! As you walk through the outside park area, you find replicas of extinct animals.

I recommend this museum to everyone. If you're a parent, grandparent or young adult, take a few hours and visit this local museum. I promise your kids will love it. If you are interested in nature and also the science, it is a great place to take your entire family. Until next time, be safe and be *alive!*

**Until next time,
be safe and Be Alive!**

— Angel

Mid Wilshire

TAR PITS

If You Go

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HOURS AND ADMISSIONS:

Open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Admission is free on the first Tuesday of each month. The museum is closed on Independence Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

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ADMISSION PRICES:

- Adults: \$7
- Seniors 62 and older and students with I.D.: \$4.50
- Youths 13-17: \$4.50
- Children 5-12: \$2
- Members and children under 5: Free



Complete dire wolf fossil remains.

PARKING: The Museum's parking lot is located at the corner of Curson Avenue and Sixth Street, directly behind the museum (enter from the western side of Curson).

PARKING RATES:

Mon. - Fri., \$1.50 per 20 minutes to a maximum of \$9 (or \$7 with museum validation). Saturdays, Sundays and holidays: \$7 flat rate.

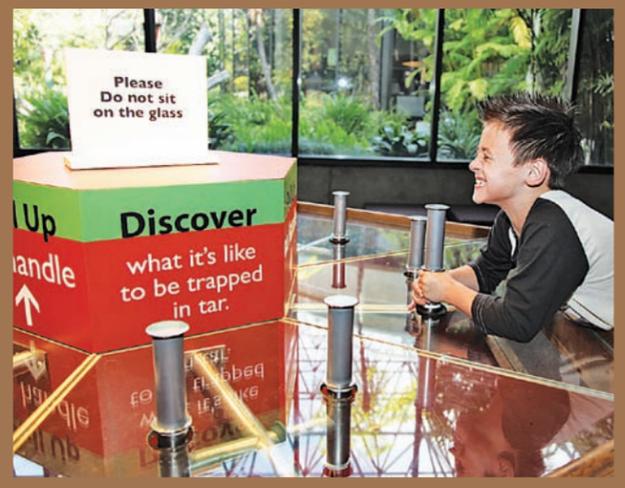
Be sure to bring your parking ticket into the museum to receive your validation.

NOTE ABOUT PARKING:

If you choose street parking over the museum lot, please read all parking signs carefully, as restrictions apply. *Most importantly, do not park along Wilshire Boulevard from 7 - 9 a.m. and 4 - 7 p.m. (Monday - Friday) or your car will be ticketed and towed. This applies even if you are parked at a meter.*



Aden and a ground sloth. Wow they were big!



Angel's face describes how difficult it would have been for anyone to get out of the tar.



Aden, Angel Jr. and I in front of the life size extinct mammals.



Aden and the saber-toothed cat. Amazing!



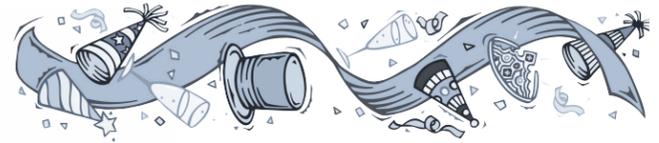
Angel Jr. and Aden outside the Page Museum.



Aden and Angel Jr. find a spot of oil coming out though the grass lawn. **Wow!**



The City Parties



GSD CONSTRUCTION FORCES AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE

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



The City Parties!

*It's an annual
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*Here in March, Alive! continues its coverage
of the City Social Season 2009, with stories
and photos from Club staff ... and sent in by
you, too.*

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Part 3



Santa's welcoming committee as he arrives in Los Angeles, a long way from the North Pole!



"Why yes, I'm sure I can go it alone, thank you!"



Hitching a ride to the North Pole?



Where's Santa?



"Here comes Santa!"



"Where's Santa?"



The welcoming committee cheers Santa as he lands atop LAPD's heliport at Piper Tech.



"Santa says..."



Santa says, "Rub your head."



A captive audience.



"Now raise your hand if you want a present."



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2009 Luncheon host Freddie Rivas.



Paul Luna, retired but never forgotten!



The troops assemble for their annual group shot.



"Get your raffle tickets here!"



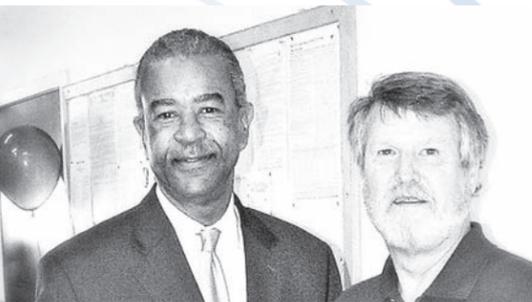
USMC Sergeant and General Services BMD Equipment Operator Cole Kayser, reporting for duty!



David Ostrander and company.



"Peace be with you."



General Services Assistant GM David Paschal with Construction Forces Division Manager Nick Pendorf.



Joined at the hip are Berry Saizon and Thomas Bylard.



Expatriates? ... nah. Han Tran has been promoted, and Roy Crayton has thrown in the towel to early retirement! Best wishes to both.

Constructing A Holiday Potluck

Story and photos courtesy Maurice Hyett, General Services

For more than 20 years, Construction Forces and Building Maintenance Divisions' employees at Piper Technical Center have gathered with their families to wish each other best wishes for the holiday season. Spouses and children have an opportunity to visit the shops and offices where their parent works and to meet co-workers and their families. Retirees are invited back to join in the party and catch up with other retirees and co-workers who are still on the job.

It's a potluck lunch in which employees bring a variety of ethnic and family favorite dishes that are always delicious; everyone looks forward to sampling the attractive salads, main dishes and desserts provided.

The center of the celebration is always the children. Throughout the lunch there are games, activities, treats and prizes for everyone, big and small. The LAPD provides tours of its heliport for visitors. And usually both the Police and Fire Departments are able to have a fire engine and

some other interesting vehicles stop by for the kids to get a close up look. No get-together at this time is complete without a visit from Santa Claus, and he always has a special present for each and every child.

All year long, the Divisions sell soda and snacks, recycle the cans and bottles, pool any profits from the employees' coffee club, and if necessary, supervisors kick in the difference to pay for the gifts and extras that are necessary for the lunch. For those who attend, it's a very special event that is shared by Maintenance and Construction employees who are both regular and exempt hiring hall craft workers.

Both divisions work hard at building, remodeling and maintaining City buildings and facilities throughout the City, county and beyond. Learn more about the divisions and what they can do for you and your needs, including those pet projects that never seem to get done! Call Nick Pendorf for construction services, at (213) 978-2600, and Dan Eason for maintenance work, at (213) 978-7227.



Homemade family recipes from the world over!



General Superintendent Bill Older and family, a week before he moved on to Happy Retirement Land. The entire Department wishes him well!



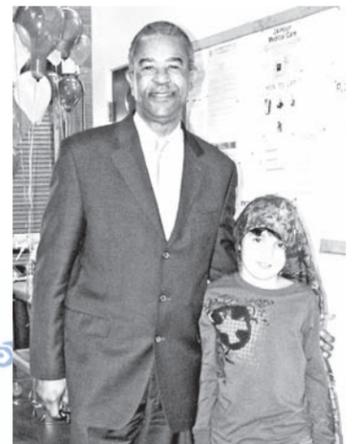
"Who's gonna be a fireman when they grow up?"



A perfect fit!



"Scuba diving, anyone?"



The long and short of it!

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Testing the

In the LAPD's new Scientific Investigative Division headquarters in Los Angeles, the narcotics lab has one mission – to find out the truth of the evidence, whether it favors the police or the accused. It's justice through science.



Evidence



LAPD SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION DIVISION

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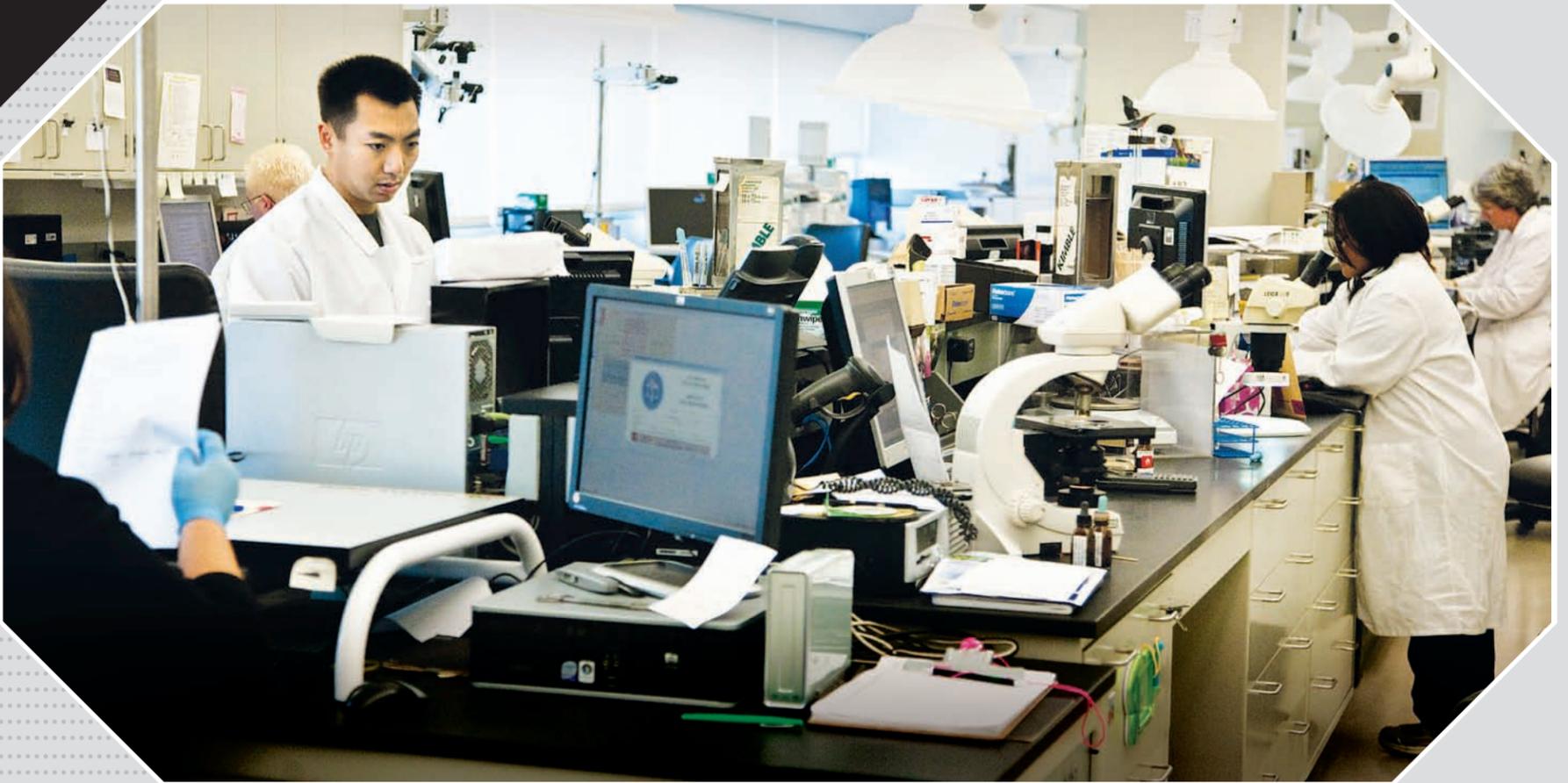
Electronics

Photography



Criminalist Habib Barye examines evidence under a microscope.

Matter of Justice



From left: Criminalists Daryl Chan, Jane Villegas and Andrea Mazzola analyze evidence.

Alive! Interview

The Narcotics Lab: Good Science

An interview with Cherie Will, Supervising Criminalist.



Supervising Criminalist Cherie Will explains how the lab functions.

On Feb. 11, Club CEO John Hawkins and *Alive!* editor John Burnes sat down with Cherie Will, Supervising Criminalist of the LAPD's main narcotics lab in her office in the Forensic Sciences Center on the campus of Cal State LA. — Ed.

Alive!: Thanks for talking to us today, Cherie. Let's start with this: What's the purpose of the narcotics lab? What's its function?

Cherie Will: Its function is to analyze items of evidence for controlled substances, and then identify them and report the findings so that the information can be used to further the investigation, whether it's the prosecution of a crime or some other purpose that the investigators or the district attorney's office feel it's necessary for.

You work independently, meaning, you're a pure scientist. You are here to discover what there is to be discovered.

Cherie: Yes. We use regular chemical methods like chemistry, as well as our instruments, to make that determination.

What direction would you suggest they go to be trained and educated to be able to do this kind of job?

Cherie: For a criminalist, the basic requirement, educationally, is an undergraduate four-year degree in either biology, chemistry or one of the disciplines closely related, such as biochemistry, molecular biology, somewhere in that area of science. And over and above that, laboratory experience always helps. We tend not to hire criminalists directly out of college, so we'd like them to have some work laboratory experience. And then there are advanced degrees. We have about 150 criminalists or so. About 30 percent of them have advanced degrees.

Meaning a Master's?

Cherie: A Master's degree. We have four people who have Ph.D.s who work here as criminalists.

At one time, were the employees here mainly sworn officers?

Cherie: I think long, long ago, the crime labs associated with or directly as part of a police department employed police officers to do laboratory work. Laboratory work is very specialized and requires education that most police officers don't have. And to do the science that we do, we employ scientists.

We were told that there are presently 50 to 60 controlled substances that you can check for and analyze. Does that sound right?

Cherie: That sounds about right.

And you network with other agencies to see different ways to look at what you might find.

Cherie: As needed, if we come across something that's out of the ordinary, and we haven't seen it in any of our publications, we'll write about it and take photographs and share it with everybody.

What about prescription drugs? Do you have to have signatures or profiles of thousands of prescription medications?

Cherie: We do. Many prescription drugs are controlled. We see a lot of different prescription drugs come through here – Vicodin, Valium, diazepam. We see a lot of benzodiazepines, Xanax. Those are drugs of abuse, and just because they're prescription doesn't make them less abused. If someone's arrested and those are confiscated, we have to identify them, and we do that routinely.

Pressures of Time and Budget

[LAPD Narcotics Lab]



The goal of the narcotics unit is to discover the truth of the evidence.

Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager, and Tom Hawkins, Club photographer

Cherie (Cheryl) Will, Supervising Criminalist of the LAPD's main narcotics lab, was talking on the phone to an LAPD officer. The drug he expected her to find – the sample found during a recent arrest – wasn't what he thought it was. It wasn't heroin, it was hashish (concentrated cannabis) plus Ecstasy, she told him. Cherie knew that fact because her crew of scientists just behind her had done the "basic chemistry" on the sample.

The news surprised him, as it somehow altered his case. But it was the truth, and that's her job, and the job of the LAPD's narcotics lab. Whatever way it may go, tell the truth.

"We work independently," Cherie says.

The lab's procedures dictate



Criminalist Edgar Eugenio holding a ceramic spot plate, used in color tests.

that 25 percent of all negatives are run again, and "anything that's questionable" gets run through the GCMS (Gas Chromatograph Mass Spectrometer; see section on procedures) for a more definitive analysis.

The state decides which substances are controlled via legislation, Cherie explains. The district attorney's office informs the lab which substances they must have the ability to check for generally. At present, the lab has between 50 and 60 controlled substance standards they can check against, meaning, the lab is certified to make definitive determinations that evidence can be any one of 50 to 60 different controlled substances.

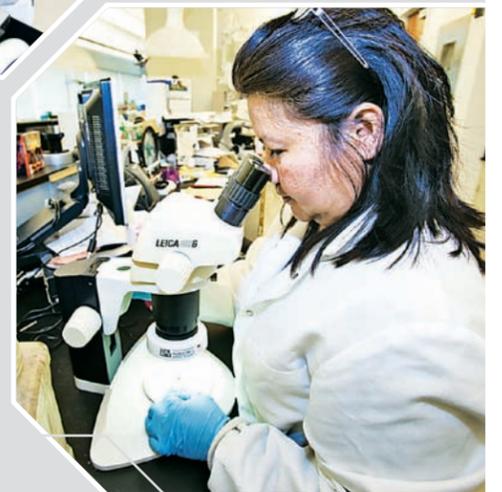
"We're set up to identify the most commonly abused drugs," says Rick Raffel, the lab's assistant supervisor.

The lab really isn't seeing any-

thing new in terms of substances, Cherie says, but occasionally they do see common controlled substances packaged in a unique way. They had just seen Ecstasy packaged in gelcaps, she said, and while *Alive!* was there, the lab was testing an evidence sample of licorice dipped in chocolate for hidden controlled substances.

Through its digital newsletter titled *Microgram*, the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration distributes information and trends about controlled substances to labs and enforcement agencies throughout the country. The LAPD's narcotics lab has contributed intelligence and information to the newsletter on occasion.

For more information on how the lab operates, read the step-by-step procedural section, plus the interview with Cherie.



Criminalist Jose Gonzalez prepares evidence. Top right: Evidence to be tested. Above: Criminalist Jane Villegas examines evidence with a low-power microscope.

Alive! Interview

Helping Solve Crimes: 'It's Very Satisfying'

Alive! interviews Yvette Sanchez-Owens, Commanding Officer, Scientific Investigation Division.



Yvette Sanchez-Owens, Commanding Officer, Scientific Investigation Division.

On Feb. 17, Club CEO John Hawkins and *Alive!* editor John Burnes spent the afternoon with Yvette Sanchez-Owens in her office at the Forensic Science Center in Los Angeles. —Ed.

Alive! Thanks for sitting down with us, Yvette.

Yvette Sanchez-Owens: Well, we are excited to showcase our work. We do some good work here.

How did you get here?

Yvette: It's an interesting history. I started off in the City Clerk's Office 25 years ago. And then I worked my way over to General Services in the Building Unit for awhile. And then I took a promotion to CDD and ran a construction project for them.

Which project?

Yvette: It was Neighborhood Development, and we had [federal] grants that we used to help neighborhood 501C3s that do work in impoverished neighborhoods mostly. And we help them with their facilities.

I came over to the Police Department in '94. I worked for the Police Commission as their liaison to the City Council and also in charge of reviewing officer-involved

shootings and law enforcement-related injuries and deaths, making recommendations to the Commission as to how they should deal with it. And then from there, I got picked up to work in Chief [Bernard] Parks' backroom, doing manuals and orders for a couple of years.

Someone found out that I had some building experience and tapped me for a job as Commanding Officer of LAPD Facilities Division. And I did that for eight years. All these new buildings that are coming online? Those are my babies. The new Metro Jail, the new Parker Center, the new area stations that came online. The two brand new divisions that we just got in the last couple years; all of those are my work. I had some pretty good successes with that and someone said, "Hey, we need someone strong over at SID. Can you go over there?" And that's how I got here.

When did you take over here?

Yvette: I believe it was about four years ago in June.

Give us a brief overview of the SID for people who have no idea what you do.

Yvette: Sure. Our primary function is in support of the patrol cops and the detectives who are the sworn component of the department. And our task is to collect evidence, analyze it, provide results and testify in court as to the results that we came up with. We basically help them solve crimes.

SID is comprised of a variety of very specialized classifications -- fingerprint specialists, criminalists, photographers, polygraph examiners; those are just a few of them. There's like I said, 370 authorities assigned to the division. We operate 24/7. We operate out of five locations. That's generally the overview.

Alive! Interview with Cherie Will

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Has the number of cases been increasing, decreasing, or about the same?

Cherie: It ebbs and flows, based on what the priority is for enforcement for the Police Dept. Right now, it seems like the number of cases that we're dealing with is going down. The over-enforcement of narcotics crimes seems to be waning a little bit. It seems like the focus of the police department is on something else.

So it's not to say there's less drug usage, it's just there's not as many busts?

Cherie: That's what it seems like, that the focus of the department may be on Homeland Security-type issues, rather than hand-to-hand drug sales. It's a matter of what the department focuses on. We are reactive in that regard. We take what is given to us. We have to analyze, say, 30 cases for tomorrow. Well, we'll analyze 30 cases for tomorrow. If it's 10, then we'll analyze 10. We're simply reactive to the investigations that are conducted and the arrests they've made, and what's needed to move those cases forward.

What are the pressures on the narcotics lab right now? I know there's the budget crisis, but

there are some general pressures, too?

Cherie: It's the same pressures that have been encountered by the laboratory for years -- to get all the cases analyzed in time for whatever legal proceedings there are. For most of the evidence we test, the report has to be completed -- and therefore all the

analysis has to be completed -- in time for arraignment, which is usually 48 hours after the arrest. A good 60 to 70 percent of the cases that we analyze have to be completed within 48 hours of the arrest. That puts quite a demand on the laboratory.

And now with the furloughs that we've all been forced to take, all of my staff, including me and my boss and his boss, all have to take an unpaid day off every other week, so that reduces our staffing by 10 percent. So that's another stress.

And then, of course, it lowers everybody's paycheck. That's an added stress. And we've had to fill in the time that they're gone with overtime, to get some of our basic responsibilities handled.

And criminals don't suspend their evidence production when you're on furlough, do they?

Cherie: No. They do not.

Maybe they didn't get the memo.

Cherie: They're not furloughed. Just us.

The Truth of the Matter

How do you like the new lab?

Cherie: It's great. We've been here about two-and-a-half years. It's very nice. It's substantially larger than our other space was, so being able to see the other people who work around here, and lunch with them and so on, is lost. But we have more room, at least generally. The laboratory itself is not substantially bigger than our other one.

Seeing what you've done, putting everyone together in this environment, is really nice. Are you proud of your lab? Do they do a good job?

Cherie: I think we do an excellent job. I think that most of the people that look from the outside in, don't see all the hard work that's done. You guys have been in the laboratory for what, three, four hours now?

Right.

Cherie: See all the hard work that goes on, the intensity with which the people conduct their work? They're very focused, and they are absolutely insistent that they do good work. When it's questioned, they get pretty irritated when the officers question their

results, because their results are correct. And the officers may not know what they're dealing with. So we take pride in the chemistry that we do, because we do good chemistry.

That's important.

Cherie: It's absolutely essential. We can't do our job if our results are dictated by the police officers, so we don't allow that to happen.

The defense in the cases that we work on have the opportunity to get a piece of the evidence and test it themselves. They get splits. These are routine. Sometimes they fingerprint it, sometimes they swab it, sometimes it's simply photographs. Sometimes it's all of those, and a part of the evidence is also cut off and shared with the defense so that they can test it if they wish. Happens all the time.

So you're after the truth.

Cherie: Simply the truth. Whether it's what the officers want to hear or not is pretty much irrelevant. We routinely get items of evidence that are submitted as cocaine, and they're not; they're meth. That's not uncommon. We simply report what we find.

That's it. Simply the facts, and that's it.

Whether it's negative, and therefore charges will not be filed on that particular item, is irrelevant to us. It's just simply chemistry for us. We're just simply after the truth of the matter.

It seems to me you're keeping the system as fair as possible.

Cherie: That's part of the ethics of good forensics, that it be conducted in an unbiased fashion.

Sometimes Not So Routine

Have you had any unique or unusual cases that required a little bit out of the ordinary?

Cherie: We have one going now, but it's an open case, so we can't discuss it. You may hear about it in the news in a while.

You smiled, though, so it must be interesting.

Cherie: Yes. It's very interesting.

Any others, then?

Cherie: Oh, gosh. Everything's very routine. I guess the special stuff is within the chemistry. It's not something that most people would find exciting.

We're getting ready to bring new instruments on line that will give us more capabilities in the lab. That's kind of exciting for us, but it doesn't sound like much. There's one instrument in lab way back in the corner. It's a gas chromatograph FID -- a flame ionization detector. It will allow us to quantify drugs. Right now, we can identify what's present, but not how much of that. Well, this instrument will allow us to say how much of that drug is present, in the event that that information is necessary. For most prosecutions, it's not. If cocaine is present, it doesn't matter if it's ten percent or 50 percent or 80 percent. It doesn't matter. Well, in some cases, it matters. There was a case out of San Diego, I believe, the detectives were calling around to the various laboratories, trying to find one that could quantify drugs. They suspected they had a paramedic siphoning off morphine from his paramedic truck, and replacing it with saline. The amount of morphine in these pre-prepared morphine shots was not what it was supposed to be. It was substantially less. Our testing couldn't answer their question. We could say that that morphine is there or not, but they knew that. Knowing that it's five percent instead of 20 percent mattered to the case, but we couldn't help them. So we're bringing this instrument online and develop a method so that we can quantify drugs. That's exciting for us, to be able to add that additional service to our repertoire.

A [step-by-step guide] Meticulous

▶ Before the Narcotics Lab

- 1 Officer makes arrest and collects sample.
- 2 The officer prepares a property report.
- 3 The evidence is entered into the property system.
- 4 An LAPD courier unit physically transports the evidence to the Scientific Investigation Division's (SID) Forensic Science Center (FSC), 1800 Paseo Rancho Castilla Dr. in Monterey Park, on the campus of Cal State LA. The FSC building is shared with L.A. County Sheriff Dept.'s crime labs.
- 5 The evidence either stays at the FSC facility or is further transported to the narcotics satellite lab in Van Nuys.
- 6 The LAPD filing team determines which cases are going to be filed. These are the samples that the lab will analyze.
- 7 A list of the evidence to be sampled arrives at the FSC property room. Most suspects must be arraigned (formally charged before a judge) in 48 hours, so the timing and analyses of the cases are critical.
- 8 The property room pulls the evidence of the cases to be analyzed.
- 9 Narcotics lab employee Aaron Mayse walks to the property room, signs out the evidence (organized into sealed and stamped manila envelopes) and brings them to the narcotics lab.



Supervising Criminalist Cherie Will and Lab Tech Aaron Mayse look over the evidence property paperwork. The custody of evidence is tracked at all times.



Cherie Will explains *Microgram*, the FDA's periodic bulletin on controlled substances.

And [additionally] the appearance of the drugs is what, really, I find interesting: all the different MDMA Ecstasy pills. They have all kinds of different imprints, and so on. They're not always what you think they are.

You were talking earlier about a case of Ecstasy in gelcaps.

Cherie: Right. We encountered some MDMA, which is Ecstasy. Usually, we find them, or we receive them, in pre-pressed pills in various colors and with various impression-markings on them. But these were just regular gelcaps, and they had a brown or tan-colored powder in them. We had not seen MDMA packaged that way. That was kind of unusual, so that got written up, and it was published in *Microgram*.

That's the DEA's e-newsletter?



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Process

Here's a step-by-step guide, following the evidence through the system, landing at the narcotics lab and working its way to conclusion. It's a carefully managed process to track sample custody and results. The first steps occur before the evidence reaches the narcotics lab.

Generally, the lab has 48 hours to process a piece of evidence; suspects must be arraigned within 48 hours of their arrest under most circumstances.

▶ At the Lab

- 10** The evidence is stored in the lab's holding room.
- 11** A lab analyst enters the holding room and, according to process, chooses the next case to be analyzed.



Criminalist Habib Barye selects the next evidence kit to be analyzed.



Criminalist Andrea Mazzola prepares evidence to be tested for color and microcrystals.

▶ The Analysis Begins

- 12 PHOTOGRAPHY:** The evidence packet is carefully opened and extensively photographed, one sample at a time. Narcotics evidence cannot be physically present in court, so carefully documented photographic proof is critical.



Criminalist Jose Gonzalez photographs the contents of an evidence kit before he begins to analyze it.

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Where do you have people?

Yvette: The SID has facilities at Piper Tech, at the recruit training center in Westchester, in Van Nuys and at the old Parker Center. We still have folks there.

What are your day-to-day functions?

Yvette: I'm the administrative head of the division, so primarily I'm making sure that policies and procedures are being followed. If new technology or anything comes up, we look at that and decide if we're going to incorporate that into our operation, and we develop policies and procedures for that. I'm the one who pushes for the budget. I'm the one that fights the battles with the Council and even internally in our own department; everyone is fighting for resources. Anytime there is any kind of a controversy or an issue, I'm the spokesperson for the division, so I'm out there in front.

Tight Budgets

When you took this over, did you think that the financial aspects would be this much of your job?

Yvette: I've been around the City for what, 25, almost 26 years now. We go through cycles.

This is probably the worst I've ever seen in my 25 years. It's always a challenge fighting for money and resources. Always. Did I anticipate it being this bad? Who could have guessed it? But we work through that.

I'm used to fighting those battles and I'm fairly successful, even in these hard times. We have a project that we're working on, the DNA Backlog Project. And we're probably one of the only divisions in the entire City that's gotten any kind of resources in the last couple of years. So, we're pretty successful at showing need and demonstrating the usefulness of the resources that we're asking for. We've been very fortunate.

As budgets become tighter, are you seeing the workload increasing or more demands put on the division?

Yvette: I wouldn't say that the workload is increasing. It's fairly steady. But the difficulty for us is this particular division for up until recently was predominantly represented by the Engineers and Architects union, whose negotiations with the City have resulted in basically every one of their employees taking furlough days. So, with probably 95 percent of the staff here, I have about 370 authorities [certified employees]; 95 percent of those authorities are



Yvette Sanchez-Owens, Commanding Officer, outside the Forensic Sciences Center.

on furloughs. So I lost 10 percent of my capacity right off.

And those negotiations are outside of your realm?

Yvette: Right. Those were handled at a much higher level. The CAO handles that for the entire City.

Our basic budget's pretty much frozen over the last year. We're not getting any increases. The only exception to that is the DNA Backlog

Project; I did get 26 position-authorities for that unit. We're still trying to hire those.

In the News: The DNA Backlog Project

Let's talk about the DNA project, then.

Yvette: Right. I don't know how familiar you are with that project, but essentially what happened was, we haven't always had DNA capability in the division. It's evolved over time. I believe the first time this division ever had any kind of DNA capability was in the 1990s. There were crimes committed prior to the '90s in which they collected some evidence that includes biological evidence. So, as the technology and the capability have increased, they've said, "Hey, we can go back to some of those old unsolved crimes and maybe solve them?" In the Backlog Project, those are strictly sexual assault/rape-type cases that we are working.

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13 WEIGHING: If a sample needs to be weighed, it is weighed.



A lab scale.

14 THE COLOR TEST: A simple chemical test is performed. Chemicals are added to evidence samples to give a general direction of analysis. Depending on the chemical reagent used, evidence turning a certain color indicates that that sample could be a controlled substance such as cocaine, heroin, marijuana, PCP, Ecstasy, methamphetamine, or a number of other substances.



Above: bottles of chemical reagents in front of evidence. Above right: A color test.



15 THE MICROCRYSTAL TEST: After seeing that a certain process causes a chemical reaction and changes the sample's color, a further test is performed to confirm the preliminary test. This is a microcrystal test: Samples are placed on a slide and viewed under a microscope. Most controlled substances have a very unique look when viewed at this size. [SEE PAGE 35 FOR PICTURES OF CRYSTALS]



Criminalist Andrea Mazzola examines slides of evidence.



Criminalist Daryl Chan examines evidence using an infrared scanner.

16 INFRARED: If the microcrystal test is inconclusive, or under other circumstances, the next step in evidence analysis requires running the samples through sophisticated machinery, getting a chart on that sample's properties, and then comparing it to a chart of a known and certified controlled substance. If the charts match, then identification can be made positively. The first of these specialty machines is an infrared scanner. Materials are placed on the top, and infrared light is blasted through, exciting the molecules. Different chemicals give off different energies as they calm down; these rates are measured and recorded.

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Cherie: Right, it's a DEA [the federal Drug Enforcement Administration] publication for informing laboratories all over the country of stuff that's on the market.

People can submit articles, and then it gets distributed nationwide?

Cherie: Right. They're small, little articles. [Cherie pulls up a copy on her computer monitor.] Here's a *Microgram* from April 2009.

[Reading:] "Turtle-shaped chocolates."

Cherie: They contain psilocybin mushrooms. Isn't that cute? Now, we have chocolate here in our lab. [Narcotics lab criminalist] Aletha [Basconillo] worked on something like a chocolate bar, a regular chocolate bar, but it had crushed-up mushroom pieces in it that were hallucinogenic mushrooms. Whenever we encounter something that we haven't found here, and we find unusual, we'll write it up in a little article like this and submit it to the *Microgram*.

[She's still reading:] Okay, now, there's a blue Ecstasy pill in the shape of Garfield.

Wow.

Cherie: It's little. We find all kinds of different stuff in these [kinds of pills].

Can your analysis ever determine the origin of a drug?

Cherie: No.

Certain countries or certain labs don't leave tell-tale signs?

Cherie: We don't do that kind of analysis. The DEA may follow the trail of distribution. That may be one of their functions, but we don't do any of that.

You must drool over these unusual things.

Cherie: Yes.

Amazing.

Cherie: Here are some more Ecstasy pills. There's something from Texas, some kind of a steroid. And something from Ohio, in a false bottom in some shoes. It holds heroin -- nice, clean, pretty heroin.

Heroin looks the same as cocaine, which looks the same as meth. They all look the same.

Cherie: Maybe in photographs like this, but they have a different texture. Cocaine has a different texture than methamphetamine and heroin. Some of them are grainy. Some of them are flaky. They're just different.

Importance Beyond TV

How important is what you do for the city of L.A.?

Cherie: The laboratory, in general, is part of the support system for the mission of the police department. We provide scientific support for the investigations that are conducted by the



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17 The second automated machine used to chart and identify a substance is the Gas Chromatograph Mass Spectrometer (GCMS), a more rigorous and complex testing device that is not always needed. If a highly detailed analysis is required, samples are run through the machine, which creates a chemical "fingerprint" for the substance, according to Rick Raffel, lab criminalist. Again, the procedure creates a unique chart, and that chart is compared to charts from known and certified controlled substances.



Above: Criminalist Daryl Chan prepares evidence for the GCMS machine.



18 After the previous tests have been performed, the criminalists almost always will have an answer, one way or another, as to what kind of substance the police have captured as evidence. The final step for lab criminalist is to write up a complete report of their findings.

Criminalist Habib Barye fills out the necessary paperwork.

19 PAPERWORK/QUALITY CONTROL: A lab supervisor (in this case, Rick Raffel), checks all the paperwork thoroughly before the reports are released to the LAPD and the District Attorney's office.

Rick Raffel, Criminalist III, quality-checks the lab's paperwork.



20 TRAINING: Educating new lab criminalists is an important part of the lab's day-to-day functions.



A training session.

When I got here about four years ago, we did not have the resources to handle everything that was coming in the door, and we never had the resources to handle the stuff that was older. So, probably about six months to a year after I got here, the chief of police, Chief [William] Bratton said, "We need to do all of those cases that we have some biological evidence in that are still within statute dates." So, we did a little count and we found out we had more than 7,000 cases.

Wow. Still within statute [of limitations]?

Yvette: Still within or nearing statute. And we still didn't have the resources. So we made a pitch, and we got a lot of help from former Councilman [Jack] Weiss. He was our master cheerleader over there, fighting with us to try to get the resources.

We put together a plan and said if you want us to tackle those, we can give you a menu of options. We can try to build up our staff here and tackle all of it, but we're probably going to lose some because we can't get them trained fast enough. They're going to fall off on statute. Or we can do part of it, outsourcing part of it, or we can outsource all of it. We gave them the dollar costs and the timeframes for getting that work done under each scenario, and they chose to go with contracting out. It was fastest and probably cheapest, but they also decided that we need to build up the in-house staff so that we don't ever have this problem again. So we came at it from both angles -- build up the in-house capability and get rid of that backlog ASAP. So they gave us some money for outsourcing and they started building our in-house capacity by giving us resources to train, and that's the 26 authorities [positions] I got this year and the 16 I got last year. We have another ten that we're going to propose for next year, and that should give us the entire number of positions that we think we need to handle all the cases that we traditionally get, which is somewhere around 1,200 to 1,300 cases a year.

When will the hiring and training be done?

Yvette: The hiring has been ongoing. We're still waiting for the final authority to hire the 26 positions we got this year. The 16 that we got last year are all hired and in the training program, which takes anywhere from six months to two years for each person. So, even if they gave them to me today, I might not be able to put them to case work for up to two years.

But the backlog is being outsourced.

Yvette: Right. We're outsourcing that whole backlog. That has always been the plan because that is the fastest and cheapest way to get it done in the most timely fashion.

Are you taking the oldest cases first with the most pressure on statute of limitations?

Yvette: We're doing a combination of things. This has been an evolving project, and the technology has evolved over time. We never knew what the potential was when we started. And now that we've got our hands wrapped around that, we were tackling only the oldest cases first to make sure we didn't lose any on statute. Now we're well ahead of the statute. So now we're focusing on the most serious of crimes.

Have any cases gone through that you can say because of what we've done, this case was solved?

Yvette: There's one huge case, the John Floyd Thomas case. It was a serial rapist/murderer case and it was just in the paper. We solved it with the DNA.

It seems to me that there may be some tension because you are bringing in additional people and outside help, but you still have come people on furlough. Has there been some tension because of that?

Yvette: Definitely. I wish that I had the authority to maybe tone down the hiring so

that I could put the folks I have here to work, but even that's shaky because, like I said, if you're a new hire, you might not be able to do casework for me for two years. I wish I could put the case-working analysts who are on furlough to work, but I don't have the authority to do that. It's an across-the-board policy that our council and mayor have made.

How are the employees handling being in the news because of the budget crisis and the DNA backlog issues? Do they talk about it at all?

Yvette: Well, sure. No one wants their dirty laundry aired, of course. However, humans do make mistakes, and I think our folks are adult enough and mature enough to accept that. It's kind of a bitter pill to swallow, but I think they know that the management here -- myself, all the way up to the Chief -- is very supportive and recognizes the resource deficiency that has sometimes contributed to why we're in the news. And I'm hoping that they understand that we are still working very hard to try to change those things and make it better for them. A lot of them have come down and talked to me personally and have said, yeah, they're not happy about it, but they understand and they're willing to work on it. And I'm very appreciative of that.

We've got great people over here, and I would love to see them recognized more for what they do.

The New Facility

Why was this facility developed and built, and what does this facility allow the LAPD to do that it could not do before or not at the same level?

Yvette: The idea for this building started probably ten, 15 years ago, well before my time. There was always a need to improve the facility for the folks and the type of work they're doing. It's my understanding that SID was predominantly housed in Parker Center when they started, but they quickly outgrew it. At some point in time, maybe the late 1980s, they'd gotten so big for their britches that part of them got moved over to Piper Tech, and some space was built out for them. When they built that space out, they built the DNA component for only eight people. When I came in, they had more than double that in that space trying to do DNA work.

So, somebody way back, ten or 15 years ago, had an idea; "We really need our own building, and we need all of our functions to be in one place." So they pursued that in conjunction with the Sheriff's department, which was basically in the same dilemma. They joined forces [to build a new building], and Sheriff [Lee] Baca spearheaded it. He pushed very hard for a bond measure. The bond measure did not pass, but by a very narrow margin. So Sheriff Baca was adamant. "We're so close. We've got to find a way." He talked to the governor at the time, [Gray] Davis, to try to get them to finance it. And lo and behold, he was able to get some funding, but not the entire amount. That meant that they would have to scale down the size of this building, and not every unit from both agencies could come over here. Roughly half my division is in this building, and the rest are in the other locations.

Can this building expand?

Yvette: This building is at max capacity now. Sheriff Baca and our Chief would like for us to be able to expand at some point, but of course, finances the way they are, it's not a good time. But the thought is that at some point in time, we would pursue funding and build an annex on the parking lot outside to be able to house the rest of the units from both agencies.



Yvette Sanchez-Owens, Commanding Officer.

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Back Into the System

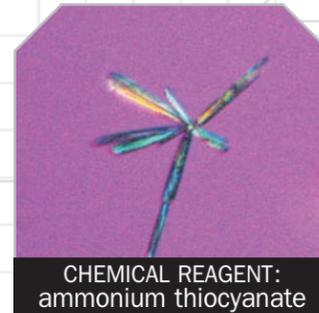
- 20** Into the Holding Room: The evidence samples are repackaged and put back into the holding room.
- 21** Aaron Mayse returns the evidence samples to the building's property room, and the custody of the evidence changes from the narcotics lab to the property division.
- 22** The evidence packets remain in the property room of the Forensic Science Center for approximately 30 days before they are shipped out.



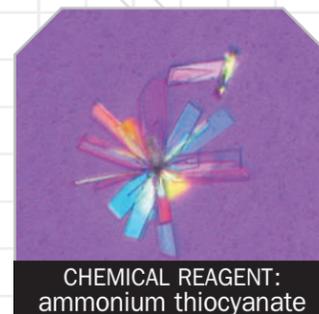
Supervising Criminalist Cherie Will sorts evidence in the holding room.



PCP
(Phencyclidine)



CHEMICAL REAGENT:
ammonium thiocyanate



CHEMICAL REAGENT:
ammonium thiocyanate

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Was the development of this building influenced at all by the O.J. Simpson case?

Yvette: What I was told was that the major thing that came out of O.J. Simpson case was the fact that lab was not accredited. After O.J. Simpson, the City allowed this division to pursue accreditation, and they were successful sometime in the 1990s I believe. They have maintained that accreditation ever since.

Are other cities envious of this building?

Yvette: I would guess probably some of them are, although there have been quite a few new labs that have cropped up recently. We're one of the biggest ones in the country.

What does this building allow you to do that you were not able to do? What capacities does it give you that you did not have before?

Yvette: For me personally, I have a lot more of my staff immediately available to me if I need to have a question answered or go up and see what's going on. Half of them are right here, whereas before I had maybe a quarter of them immediately available to me. So, for me personally, that's huge.

The other things that we've noticed is, criminals don't necessarily confine themselves to committing crimes in the same jurisdiction all the time. So sometimes we have, say, a weapon that's used in the City and also in the county, which is Sheriff's territory. [Transferring evidence] could take three months between them packaging it up and getting it over here and us doing our thing and then packaging it up and sending it back. The very first real beautiful product of this building was a case just like that. We went upstairs and test-fired the gun together [with the Sheriff's Dept.]. We got the answer immediately rather than in three months' time. It's awesome.

Has it helped the camaraderie between sheriffs and LAPD?

Yvette: I don't know that they didn't get along, but we never really interacted like we do now. It's been a wonderful thing because we learn from each other. They might be doing something slightly different, but as we look at it, "Hey, you know what? That's actually better." And vice-versa. So folks talk all the time. We try to have periodic get-togethers. We have a holi-

day potluck and a summer barbecue. It's been really good because people talk and they share experiences.

The same applies for my counterpart on the Sheriff's side and me. We talk and share ideas and collaborate on how we're going to attack our DNA Project. They were tasked with the same thing, so we compared notes on how we were going to attack it. So, it's been a great thing.

The SID: Next Steps

Are there more capabilities or greater capacities; things that you think the division can do five, ten years in the future? When budget gets back to normal, where do you think you can go?

Yvette: There is lots we can do. About two or three years ago, this division was party to a grant that was studying the effects of DNA testing on burglary crimes. The results of that study were just phenomenal. It showed that if we put some resources on analyzing burglary crime DNA, we could take a lot of people off the street. Our problem again though is, we never had the resources to do that. Once the grant ended, so did that project. We don't have the capacity today to [analyze DNA from] property crimes, but I can certainly see that when times get better, that's something we definitely need to go into. I think there's that saying that Chief Bratton used to say and Chief Beck says now -- roughly 10 percent of the criminals out there are committing 90 percent of the crimes. If we can catch them when they're doing property crimes before they escalate to the more serious crimes, we can have a huge impact. This division could be a force multiplier for this work. If we can get there at some point, and I think we will, it will have a huge impact.

Those DNA samples are not regularly taken for property crimes?

Yvette: They are sometimes taken, but we don't have the capacity to test them unless they rise to a certain level.

For example, there's a murder involved.

Yvette: Exactly.

So to do DNA analysis at that basic level, might create a huge impact down the line.

Yvette: That's right.

CSI, for Real

You really enjoy your job.

Yvette: I do. Like I said, I've been with the City 25 years, with almost all of those years in a supervisory capacity in one sort or another. But never was I in charge of a division this size or this varied. It was a huge learning experience for me, a gigantic learning curve. And even though

I've been here almost four years, I'm still learning. And the folks here? Awesome. They're just really good people, really dedicated to their work, and a lot of fun.

Solving crimes or freeing suspects who were wrongly accused, must be a different kind of satisfaction than what you had before.

Yvette: It's a totally different satisfaction. When they first wanted me, I was a little bit sad because I really wanted to see the building projects through to the end. I think every single one of the projects I started eight, nine years ago will be online this year. I was a little bit saddened when I was told they wanted me to move over here because I wanted to see that through.

But the satisfaction I get here is exactly what you're describing. You're putting bad guys away, keeping the people safe. And we're also making sure that the wrongly accused are not falsely imprisoned, and that's very satisfying. How would you feel if your son or your daughter were accused and you know they were with you that night?

Wrong place at the wrong time.

Yvette: Exactly. So, it's very satisfying, very satisfying.

Do you watch any of the CSIs?

Yvette: Before I got this job, I used to watch every CSI. And if I wasn't going to be home, I taped every one. I don't get to watch much TV nowadays, but yes, CSI is kind of a fun show.

I didn't have any scientific background when I came over here, so when I was watching those shows, I thought, "Oh that's neat. Oh, that's cool. I didn't know they could do that!" And then I came here and I asked them. "Do you do that?" "No, that's not real." [She laughs.] It was eye-opening to come over here and learn the real truth about it.

Thanks so much for your time, Yvette.

Yvette: You're welcome. ■

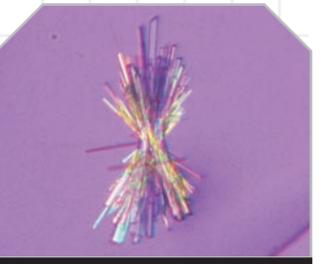
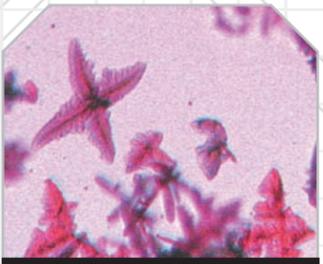
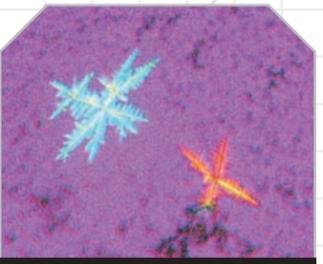
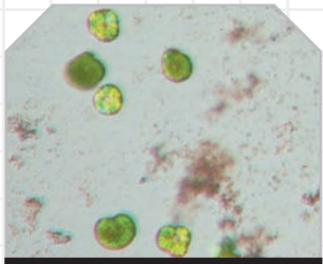
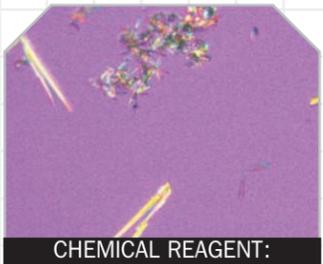
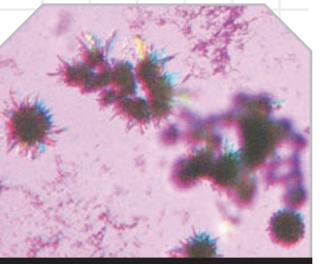


Club CEO John Hawkins and LAPD Commanding Officer Yvette Sanchez-Owens.

Microcrystals: Telltale Signs

A big part of the narcotics analysis is the microcrystal process, where criminalists add a chemical reagent to an evidence sample. This isolates the substance and makes it easier to identify under a microscope.

Here are what various controlled substances look like after the chemical reagent has been applied.

PCP (Phencyclidine)	Cocaine	Heroin	Methamphetamine	Codeine
 CHEMICAL REAGENT: potassium permanganate	 CHEMICAL REAGENT: platinum chloride	 CHEMICAL REAGENT: mercuric iodide	 CHEMICAL REAGENT: picric acid	 CHEMICAL REAGENT: potassium iodide
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police department, and then oftentimes for the prosecution of crimes by the City Attorney's office, or the District Attorney's office. And the more science evolves and is applied to the crime investigation, the more valuable the laboratory's work becomes.

People see *CSI* on television. What are the similarities and differences between what the LAPD lab does and what *CSI* does?

Cherie: I've never seen a narc lab in *CSI*. It's a program that I watched for a little while, but I just don't watch much television, so I don't watch *CSI* anymore.

They take a grain of truth, and they dramatize it for their audience. Most of their audience doesn't know that what's being shown to them is not actually something we can do. There's probably a pretty small portion of their audience that can really tell the difference. It looks good on television, but the fact is we just simply can't do most of what they do. It doesn't mean anything either way for us in the laboratory, because we know the difference.

But the people who don't know the difference, and have decision-making in the cases that we work on, are the jurors in the cases. They may think that something can happen because they've seen it on television, when in fact, when we testify in cases, they find that we couldn't do what they saw on television. They may think that we are not able to do what we *should* be able to do, when in fact what's shown on TV is something that's just not possible. And our detectives -- though they've learned over the years, as these shows have been on TV for what, five, ten years or so -- we've educated them in the fact that we can't necessarily do for their investigations what they're seeing on television. They're not as demanding as they used to be. But it's really the jurors. The prosecutors in some of these cases, when they pick their jurors, they want to know

whether they watch these shows, and what kind of an effect that's going to have on their decision-making. It's unfortunate, but there's really not much we can do about it, other than, you know, educate the public, and say that what they're presenting just simply is not the whole truth.

It's important work you do here.

Cherie: [Our criminalists] are doing very important work. There is very little room for error, and we have checks and rechecks of work to make sure that we send out only quality work. We really depend on the scientists whom we hire, and they insist, for their own personal integrity, that the work that they put out is only the best quality.

Cherie, thanks so much for taking the time to explain the lab to *Alive!* readers.

Cherie: You're welcome. ■



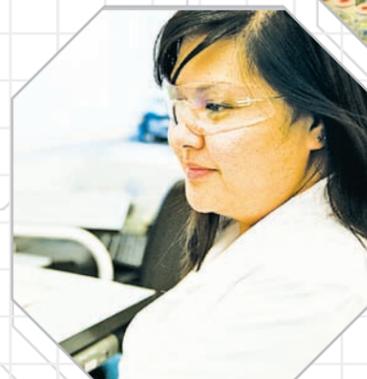
Supervising Criminalist Cherie Will in the lab.

The Life of the Lab

The lab equipment is important, but absolutely essential to the success and efficiency of the narcotics lab is its personnel. *Alive!* thanks everyone in the narcotics lab for their assistance. Not pictured here are Criminalist Glenn Johnson, who was not in when we photographed the lab personnel, and Criminalist Veronica Chiquillo, who preferred to remain in the background.



Criminalist Marie Chance at the GCMS machine.



Criminalist Aletha Basconillo.



Criminalist Nand Hart-Nibbrig, talking to Club CEO John Hawkins.

LAX

Bradley Renovations Take Off

Airports begins largest City building project in history.

On Feb. 22, a City and community representatives broke ground on the most expensive building project in City history, the \$1.545 billion expansion of the Tom Bradley International Terminal (TBIT) at LAX.

Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa was joined by Councilmembers Janice Hahn, Club Member, Bill Rosendahl and Tom LaBonge, Club Member; airport commissioners; and other officials in the ceremony. The \$1.545-billion total cost Bradley West Project will create a new international terminal offering travelers much better airport amenities. The project also will position LAX to continue its leading role as an international gateway ready to serve customers and aircraft in the 21st century.

The \$1.26 billion construction project will create 4,000 jobs over the next four years.

"Today marks another milestone in our effort to modernize the hub of Southern California's

air transportation system and restore it to the premier international gateway the airlines and our customers need and the City of Angels deserves," Mayor Villaraigosa said. "By modernizing the Tom Bradley International Terminal at LAX, we will provide better service for passengers from around the world. Tourism and international trade are major contributors to Los Angeles' economy that generate jobs and contribute to the City's ability to retain its position in the ever-increasing competitive global marketplace. Improving the experience for travelers at LAX will put thousands of people to work now and for years to come."

The Bradley West Project is one element of the overall LAX Master Plan. Modernization had been stalled prior to Mayor Villaraigosa's election in 2005, and the last major capital investment was construction of the current Tom Bradley International Terminal in 1984. Mayor



An artist's rendering of a children's play area in the new Bradley International Terminal at LAX.

Villaraigosa brokered a settlement in 2006 of a lawsuit filed by seven public agencies and community groups against the LAX Master Plan. The settlement, approved by the mayor and City Council, has enabled Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) to proceed with its current modernization efforts, including Bradley West.

"Tourism has become the number one industry in Los Angeles, but we must do every-

thing we can to ensure that visitors continue to come here," Councilwoman Janice Hahn said. "Building this new terminal will help us attract airlines and travelers from all over the world, giving them the first-class airport experience they expect from a world-class city like L.A." Hahn, a Club Member, chairs the City Council

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Newsbriefs

DEPTS. CUT, LAYOFFS LOOMING:

Two departments have been eliminated, and two departments combined, to save money during this current, severe budget crisis. The two moves were made by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa in late February.

Also, at press time, the mayor's office and City Council were contemplating laying off up to 4,000 jobs, and widespread salary reductions were also being discussed.

The City's budget shortfall is expected to be \$212 million this year.

On Feb. 19, the mayor announced the elimination of Environmental Affairs and Human Services. With this action, 27 positions will be eliminated from EAD and 29 positions from HSD for a total of 56 positions and \$3.2 million in on-going salary savings.

"The only way to break the cycle of endemic budget shortfalls is with a long-term strategy to maximize efficiency and revenue," Mayor Villaraigosa said. "In the face of continued budget shortfalls, our job now is to find ways to deliver City services cheaper, smarter, and more efficiently."

According to statements, the mayor will maintain an environmental focus by creating the Mayor's Office of Energy, Environment and Sustainability. This newly created office will drive environmental sustainability throughout the City and provide oversight, coordination, and accountability of all City departments.

The Mayor's Environmental Advisory Council will also be created, according to the statement. This "Green Ribbon" panel will be comprised of the City's key environmental, academic, community and business leaders who will provide their expertise on the most effective programs to improve the environmental quality of life for all Angelenos.

Several key functions and staff members of the EAD will be transferred to Public Works/Sanitation, Transportation, Building and Safety, and the DWP.

Human Services and the 29 positions within HSD will also be eliminated. The Commission on Children, Youth and Families will be integrated into Community Development (CDD) to create a new streamlined commission to oversee City's anti-poverty policy and programs. Several other functions and staff of HSD will be



Officials pose for the ceremonial groundbreaking for the massive renovation project at the Bradley International Terminal, LAX.

Committee that oversees the airport. "In these tough economic times, the modernization of Bradley West is essential to stimulating our economy, creating good new jobs, and nurturing our vital tourism industry."

Councilman Bill Rosendahl, who represents the LAX area, said, "When Mayor Villaraigosa and I brokered the LAX Legal Settlement Agreement, this is exactly what we envisioned;

that the airport would work hand-in-hand with its neighbors to bring about real progress on modernizing LAX. This groundbreaking is a great victory for that process, for the LAX community, and for our city. It signals that consensus and cooperation are alive and well at LAX."

"This is a great, long-overdue project to expand the international gateway to Los Angeles," said Councilman Tom LaBonge. "The

late, great Mayor Tom Bradley will be smiling down on this ceremony from the skies."

Los Angeles World Airports Executive Director Gina Marie Lindsey said, "Today's groundbreaking commemorates the years of planning and the significant work ahead to build international facilities worthy of the LAX name." She added, "A world of international travelers and the airlines that serve them have now come a giant step closer to the delivery of one of America's premier international gateways."

Project Description

Flat-seam stainless steel will stretch over column-free structures, creating a cohesive theme and world-class identity that complements the parabolic arches of the scene-setting LAX Theme Building.

The Bradley West Project is composed of approximately 1.25 million square feet of new

building area, including food/beverage and retail concessions, new premium lounge space, enlarged Federal Inspection/Customs and Border Protection facilities and other passenger amenities. In addition, the new concourses will contain 15 new boarding gates and enlarged passenger seating/holdroom areas sized to accommodate new-generation aircraft such as the Airbus A380 super-jumbo jet and the Boeing B787 Dreamliner. The new improvements are scheduled for completion in December 2012.

Funding for the Bradley West Project comes from LAX's operating revenues, fees from airlines, passenger facility charges and airport revenue bond proceeds. No monies from the City's general fund will be used.

The Bradley West Project will build upon the current \$723.5-million renovation of the 30-year-old terminal, which is within budget and scheduled for on-time completion this spring.

Bradley Renovations

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transferred to CDD, including the domestic violence shelter operations program. The Young Women from Adversity to Resiliency (YWAR) and related grant-funded staff will be transferred to the Mayor's GRYD Office.

On Feb. 4, the Mayor instructed City Department Heads to immediately begin the process of eliminating 1,000 filled General Fund positions and to the extent possible, transfer personnel from these positions to Special Fund vacancies.

In response to the City's credit rating being downgraded, the Council moved to approve the elimination of an additional 3,000 positions.

In other Dept. news, on Feb. 22, the mayor announced the consolidation of Community Development and Neighborhood Empowerment. If approved by the City Council, the newly consolidated department -- Community Development/Neighborhood Empowerment -- will eliminate 27 positions, approximately save \$2 million annually, and reduce the total number of City departments and general managers.

"The consolidation effort will not only create cost savings, but will serve to take the bureaucracy out of community empowerment," Mayor Villaraigosa said. "This consolidation is an opportunity to create the volunteer opportunities that engage communities and foster participation in our neighborhoods."

The mayor ordered the consolidation of Neighborhood Empowerment and Community Development as a means to maintain the necessary support for the City's 90 Neighborhood Councils while minimizing general fund cost. The consolidation has allowed the City to rethink certain functions, automate others, and provide the Neighborhood Councils with a more efficient entity that works to better address the needs of the communities they serve, according to a statement.

As part of the consolidation, the mayor nominated current Community Development General Manager Richard Benbow to head the new Community Development and Neighborhood Empowerment Dept. As a consequence, current General Manager of the Neighborhood Empowerment, BongHwan Kim, will step down.

What do you think about the City's belt tightening? Write a letter to the editor of Alive! talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



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of our Club Coloring Contest!

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

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



Alex Guder, 5

- FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Sponge Bob Squarepants"
 • FAVORITE SNACK: A Bar
 • BEST FRIEND: Tristan
 • WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: LEGOLAND for my birthday because it is fun and I love the rides there.
 • PARENT: Karl Guder, General Services.



Justine Mejia, 7

- FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Wizards of Waverly Place"
 • FAVORITE SNACK: Flaming Cheetos • BEST FRIEND: Steffi • WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: LEGOLAND, because I have never been there and I think it's really cool. • PARENT: Lydia Chagolla, Clerk Typist, GSD.



Honorable Mention

CHILD	AGE	PARENT/GUARDIAN	DEPT
Kaylin Gainer	20 mo.	Kimberly Gainer	LAPD
Leslie Rodriguez	2	Leo A. Rodrig	Animal Services
Monica G. Hall	3	Sean Hall	Sean Hall
Lily Rigney	3	Patrick Rigney	Landscaper
Jack Rigney	3	Patrick Rigney	Landscaper
Kaneron A. Santiago	3	Andy Santiago Jr.	Public Works
Aga Apan	4	Roland A. Apan	LADWP
Isabella Caloostian	4	Raymond Galoostian	LAXPD
Laci Ganier	4	Kimberly Gainer	LAPD
Meilani Kerr	4	Rob Kerr	DWP
Hector B. Lara	4	Hector Lara	LAX
Victor Tario	4	Jenipher Quintanilla	LAWA
Raymond Trinh	4	Thai Viet Trinh	Sanitation
Mickey Webb	4	Joseph Miniaci	General Services
Adre Apan	5	Roland A. Apan	LADWP
Amalya Bussy	5	James Gillette	Sanitation
Alyssa Canton	5	Thomas M. Canton	DWP
Darius Dove	5	Damon Dove	LADWP
Theresa N. Hall	5	Sean Hall	General Services
Hannah Higbee	5	Audrey Childress	Finance
Angelique Juarez	5	Abigail Juarez	Rec & Parks
Jamie L. Lopez	5	Ozzie Lopez	CDD
Julian Madrigal	5	Lydia Chagolla	GSD
Karis Meade	5	Samuel Meade	Police Dept
Lorenzo Quirante	5	M. Quirante	Con - Ad
Sidney Isabelle	5	Yolanda Magana	Traffic Officer
Joey Webb	5	Joseph Miniaci	General Services
Jocelyn Barragan	6	Oscar Barraging	DWP
Kai Chang	6	Fernando Delgado	Airports
Angel Cooper	6	Aracely Galicia	DOT
Kaylee Gabon	6	Audie Gabon	DWP
Anthony Khan	6	Musa Khan	City Clerk
Kristen Kohles	6	Chris Kohles	DWP
Angela Miranda	6	Dynl Miranda	PW Engineering
Walter Quinn	6	Richard Quinn	DWP
Daniel Rainwater	6	Arlene J. Hoffman	LAPD
Elisa A. Ruiz	6	Robert Ruiz	LADWP
Mia Sestich	6	Mike Sestich	Harbor
Chryssa Armandariz	7	Ester Monterrosa	LAX
Mia R. Brown	7	Karen Rohaly	Library
Aubrey Dunber	7	Larry Lieswald	Retiree
Victoria Glade	7	Gary Glade	LAPD
Aden Gomez	7	Angel Gomez	LACEA
Vanessa Hall	7	Sean Hall	General Service
Jade Loreto	7	Frank Loreto	DWP
Grant Martinez	7	Kimberly Martinez	LAPD
Aidan Martirosian	7	Maria Maldonado	Sanitation
Madison Mcnair	7	LaCarol Holloway	LAFD
Richard Nunez Jr.	7	Richard Nunez	DWP
Zachary Oghigian	7	George Oghigian	General Services
Peter Otoshi	7	John T. Otoshi	DWP
Zuri Quarterman	7	Jennifer Quarterman	Rec & Parks
Trevor Canton	8	Thomas R. Canton	DWP
Erika Condebido	8	Cecille Condebido	Public Works
Vian De La Torre	8	Anthony De La Torre	Airports
Andrea C. Diaz	8	Guadalupe Ramos	Sanitation
Kate Gabon	8	Audie Gabon	DWP
Isabelle Garcia	8	Julissa Velez-Garcia	Library
Aislin E. Hoericks	8	Kenneth Hoericks	LAPD
Maya B. Horvath	8	Robbie Horvath	Sanitation
Katerina Plascencia	8	Gustavo Plascencia	City Attorney
Tatianna Sidhom	8	Brenda Martinez-Sidhom	LAWA
Katrina Aguirre	9	Mike Aguirre	Street Services
Vivian Arredondo	9	Jaime Arredondo	Airports
Natalie Arroyo	9	Carlos Arroyo	DWP
Angelica Borja	9	Maribel Borja	L.A. Zoo
Kayla Cortez	9	Olivia Gonzalez	DWP
Marc Gamboa	9	Maribel Gamboa	DWP
Natalie Glade	9	Gary Glade	LAPD
Henry Guder	9	Karl Guder	General Services
Angelica Hall	9	Sean Hall	General Services
Alexis Hernandez	9	Jose R. Hernandez	Mechanic
Cassandra Hernandez	9	Eduardo Hernandez	Park & Rec.
Jailen Hewitt	9	Pamela Webb	Retiree
Emily Higbee	9	Audrey Childress	Finance
Brianna Holguin	9	Robert Holguin	Security Office
Josiah Jimenez	9	Geraldo Jimenez	City Attorney
Ruth Lozano	9	Lourdes Lozano	Sanitation
Miranda Nunez	9	Richard Nunez	DWP
Joseph M. Otoshi	9	John T. Otoshi	DWP
Samantha Ruelas	9	Julio Ruelas	General Services
Zoila Aki	10	Joe Aki	Retired
Alexis Anica	10	Zeyna Gonzalez	DWP
Samantha Avalos	10	Felicitas Barajas	DOT
Samantha Barajas	10	Jorge Barajas	Sanitation
Alexis Barnhart	10	Monique Rodriguez	Library
Samantha Cadenas	10	Tania Arzate	Housing
Aaron Fischer	10	Russ Fisher	DWP
Virginia Z-Lopez	10	Carlos Zia	Sanitation
Zihon Payne	10	Enoch C. Murray	Retiree
Sherell M. Smith	10	Chermain Fontenette	Sanitation
Rhiannon Gaunt	11	Donald E. Gaunt	DWP
Alejandra Z-Lopez	11	Carlos Zia	Sanitation
Amanda Salamanca	11	Emilio Salamanca	Finance
Adriana Garcia	12	Gilbert Garcia	DWP



Charlene Salandanan, 8

- FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Simpsons"
 • FAVORITE SNACK: Oreo Cookies
 • BEST FRIEND: Jenna
 • WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: LEGOLAND, it's fun to go there with my family.
 • PARENT: Marlene Salandanan, Senior Accountant/Harbor.



REC AND PARKS

Cabrillo Nets Award

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium receives prestigious award from nation's capital.



Cabrillo Marine Aquarium main entrance in 2006.



Visitors admire the various exhibits at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in 2006.

The City's Cabrillo Marine Aquarium has received a prestigious honor from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the primary source of federal support for the nation's 123,000 libraries and 17,500 museums. The honor is the Connecting to Collections Bookshelf Award.

Anne-Imelda Radice, Director of IMLS, announced that 33 institutions with living collections were selected after participating in a competitive application process. Cabrillo Marine Aquarium (CMA) was the only aquarium awarded. More than half (19) of the institutions selected for the Bookshelf Award were zoos. Other types of institutions receiving the award include four arboreta/botanical gardens and two nature centers. "We are so proud of our exhibit, aquaria and library staff for their hard work and collaboration in competing for and bringing home this set of resources that will help

us provide the best care for our animals, CMA Director Mike Schaadt said in a statement.

The award consists of a core set of 12 resources, including several items developed especially for the bookshelf. In addition to the core resources, institutions with living collections will receive six texts specifically designed to address collections care issues related to plants and animals. The award will be on special display in CMA's Virginia Reid-Moore Marine Research Library before being added to the permanent reference materials.

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, a Rec and Parks facility, is at 3720 Stephen M. White Dr., in San Pedro and is celebrating its 75th anniversary throughout 2010. For information, reservations, or to receive a calendar of events, call (310) 548-7562 or visit its Website at www.cabrillosmarineaquarium.org.

Newsbrief

NEW LOCAL CITY HALL:

On Jan. 28, Councilwoman and Club Member Jan Perry and others cut the ribbon on a \$15 million neighborhood City Hall in South Los Angeles. The new Ninth District Community City Hall is the latest development to hit Central Avenue, serving as a testament of Councilwoman Perry and the City's commitment to the redevelopment of Central Avenue.

"This state-of-the-art local city hall sits in the heart of our historic corridor, furthering our goal of reinvigorating Central Avenue and supporting our efforts to create greater economic development and community opportunities on this major corridor," Councilwoman Perry said. "It is a beautiful building that sets the tone for the future of our community."

The new Ninth District Neighborhood City Hall is home to the Ninth District Field Office and other important City Departments like Community Development and Building and Safety, providing direct access to City services to the community.

Additionally, the center includes a 1,500 square-foot auditorium-style room with a full kitchen that can be used for community events. The kitchen will also serve as the home for cooking classes hosted by the Central Avenue Farmers' Market that will be on-site every Thursday from noon until 5 p.m.

As Chair of the Energy and Environment Committee, Councilwoman Perry worked with City staff to ensure the highest level of environmental building standards. The 9,000-square-foot City-owned building includes a rooftop garden, offering an urban oasis for everyone to enjoy. This "green" roof is the first of its kind on any City building and will pave the way for others throughout the City. It is designed as a community gathering space, serving as a safe and beautiful outdoor green space for people of all ages. The roof features native plants and will also act as an outdoor classroom where local schools can observe and learn first-hand about the vegetation.

Additionally, the building meets SilverLEED building certification, meeting some of the strictest guidelines created for sustainable and environmentally sound development.

"Bringing sustainable building practices to South Los Angeles was a key goal of this project. Our new community City Hall includes forward-thinking environmental features, like a green roof, that will set the stage for future development," Councilwoman Perry said. "I think people will see this as not just a building but as a new model for creating park-like spaces in an urban setting."

The Constituent Service Center is at 4301 S. Central Ave. at the corner 43rd Street. The land was acquired and assembled by the CRA/LA as part of the Central Avenue Strategic Plan, a joint effort with the Ninth District. The land was transferred to the City in late 2006. Construction began in 2007.



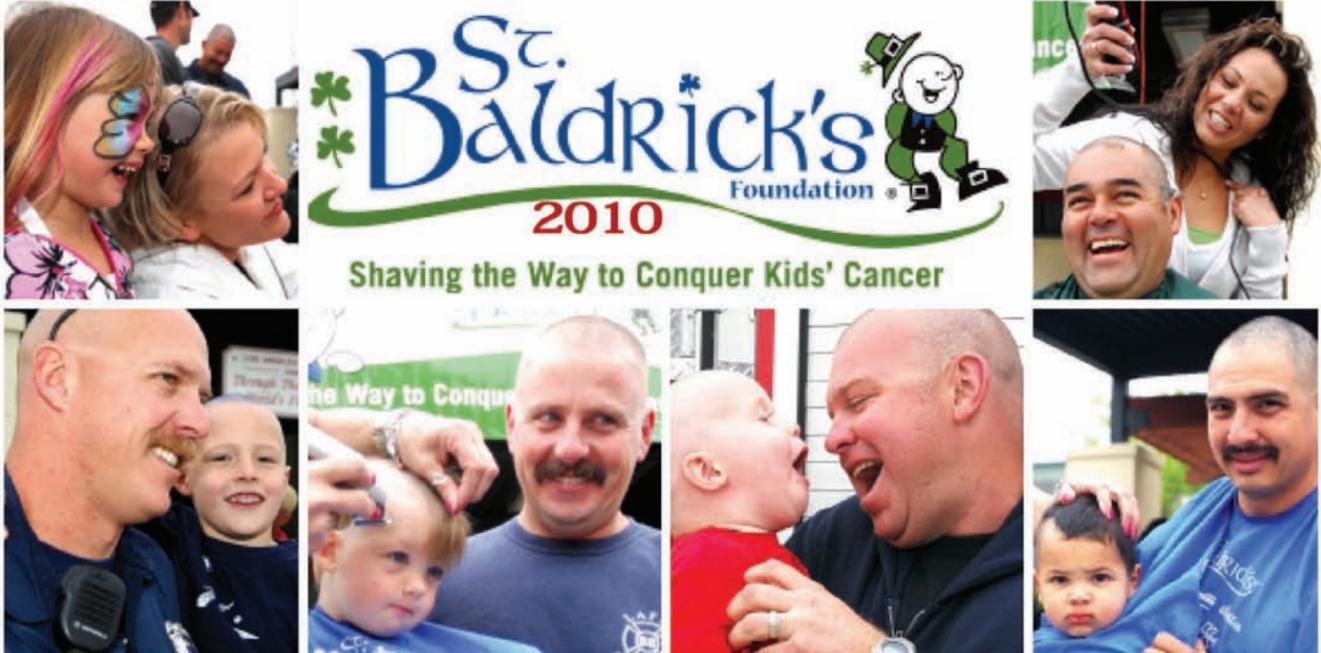
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GENERAL SERVICES

Good Marks for Marxer

Council commends Tim Marxer at his retirement.

Story and photos by Club Staff

On Oct. 30, in the City Hall Council Chambers, the Council presented a resolution and commendation to Tim Marxer, who retired from General Services.

Tim was honored for his outstanding service to the City.

Congrats to you, Tim! *And thanks to LeThu Tran for assisting Alive! in the production of this article.*



The Council resolution for Tim Marxer.



Tim Marxer gives thanks to Council.



Left: Tony Cardenas, Councilmember, reads the resolution before Council. On the right is Tim Marxer.



Tim Marxer with a group of friends and co-workers at the ceremony.

ZOO

Get Hopping This Spring

Zoo hosts annual Spring Fling.

The Zoo's annual three-day event, Big Bunny's Spring Fling, features bunny-related crafts and activities including the Be-a-Bunny Ear Craft and Funny Bunny Face Painting. Children can also pet fuzzy-wuzzy bunnies and plant their own carrot seeds to take home! In addition (for a nominal fee), Big Bunny will be available for souvenir photos.

The event takes place on Easter weekend, April 2 - 4, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Regular zoo admission is required.

The Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens is at 5333 Zoo Dr. in Griffith Park.

Information: (323) 644-4200 or www.lazoo.org.



Face painting is one of the activities in store at the Zoo's Big Bunny's Spring Fling over the Easter weekend.



Bunnies are the star of the day at the Zoo's Big Bunny's Spring Fling over the Easter weekend.

the pet club

Your friend is waiting for you!



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

This Month's Pets For Adoption:

whiskers

Whiskers is a three-year-old male tuxedo cat. He is very friendly and loves to be held. He's a little vocal and will take every opportunity to chat you up!

ID# A1085321 West Valley Animal Care Center



gregory

Gregory is a neutered brown/white Am Staff terrier with cropped ears. He's a sweetheart with a tough exterior who loves kids and people. He even seems to play well with other small dogs.

ID# A1081708 West Valley Animal Care Center



sara

Sara is a three-year-old tan American bulldog mix. She came to the West Valley shelter as a stray on Christmas Day. She is very cute, loveable, loves to play and to be around other dogs. She is a great family dog!

ID# A1083629 West Valley Animal Care Center



pickles

Pickles is a spayed five-year-old tuxedo cat. She was found locked in a car and impounded as part of a humane investigation. She is very sweet, loving, quite the camera ham and likes other cats and people.

ID# A1084680 West Valley Animal Care Center



omar

Omar is a one-and-a-half-year-old rabbit that came in stray last September. He is very fluffy and loves to be held. He is also very friendly.

ID# A1062117 West Valley Animal Care



Meet your New Hope coordinator!



All of the above animals are available at the West Valley Animal Care Center, 20655 Plummer St. in Chatsworth. Contact New Hope Coordinator **Larry Herskovic**, (818) 756-9325, for more information.

To see more animals available for adoption, please visit www.lanimalservices.org

GENERAL SERVICES

Mail Services Appreciation Day

Mail Services honors its employees.



From left: Maria Cibrario, Clerk; Cindy Serrano, Delivery Driver I, Club Member; Sonissa Norman, Messenger Clerk, Club Member; and Estela Santos, Clerk.



From left: Jack Callies, Delivery Driver I; Terry Brummund, Delivery Driver I; and David Meraz, Delivery Driver II.

Story and photos by Brent Urban, Club Counselor

This year's installment of the annual Mail Services Employee Appreciation Day was held Jan. 28 in the Tom Bradley Room high atop City Hall.

At this, the eighth annual event, special attention was paid to the dedicated individuals who ensure inner-office mail service in the City of Los Angeles.

Each day, drivers from Mail Service Division travel more than 800 miles and deliver more than 15,000 pieces of mail! With fewer than 30 staff members, Mail Services continues to be a vital function in Los Angeles. This celebration was in recognition of the brave folks who continue to serve the City and provide it with mail.

Special thanks to Aram Salmasi, Mail Services Div. Manager; Tony M. Royster, General Manager, General Services; and Valerie Melloff, Asst. General Manager.



Melody McCormick, Director, Facilities Service Division, delivers some appreciative words to start the ceremony.



Tony M. Royster, General Manager, Club Member, delivers welcoming remarks in appreciation of the Mail Service Division.

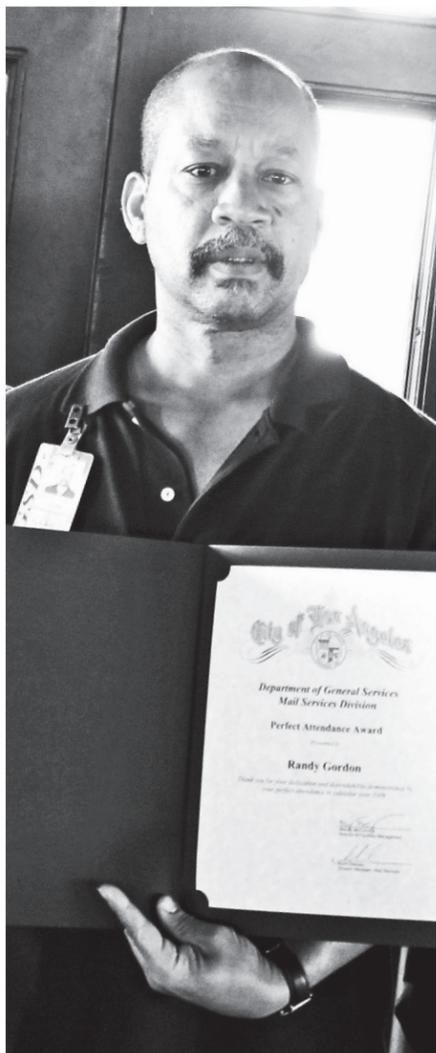


From left: Melody McCormick, Director, Facilities Service Division; Aram Salmasi, Mail Services Div. Manager; and Valerie Melloff, Asst. General Manager.



Top row, from left: Thomas Williams, Driver, Club Member; Randy Gordon, Clerk, Club Member; Aram Salmasi, Mail Services Div. Manager; Terra Jones; and Kevin Ward, Mail Clerk. Bottom: Napoleon Fuller III, Delivery Driver, Club Member; Espie Reynoso, Messenger Clerk; and Reggie Sarabia, Messenger Clerk.

AWARDS



Randy Gordon was honored with a special commendation from the Mayor's Office; for his four consecutive years of perfect attendance; and for 20 years of City service.



Peggy Moore was awarded for both Exemplary Employee of the Year, and for a third consecutive year of perfect attendance.



Kevin Ward, Club Member, is awarded for Outstanding Customer Service.



Terry Brummund, with three years of perfect attendance, was awarded as Dedicated Team Member of the Year.



Jack Callies, with seven years of perfect attendance, was given a commemorative pin for his ten years of service.



Thomas Williams, Club Member, is awarded for Perfect Attendance.



Napoleon Fuller III, Club Member was honored for five consecutive years of perfect attendance.



Jacobi Patterson, Club Member, was noted for five consecutive years of perfect attendance.



David Meraz is honored for four consecutive years of perfect attendance.



Ken Mak is honored for two years of perfect attendance and 10 years of service.

CLUB HEADQUARTERS



E-Tickets: Your Ticket to Convenience

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

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

The test succeeded!

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Newsbrief

SOCKS FOR THE HOMELESS:

The Mayor's Office of the Census is sponsoring a sock drive through March 15. The sock drive supports the U.S. Census Bureau's homeless enumeration program March 29-31.

"Socks are a necessity that many in our homeless communities do without, and by calling on residents to support their fellow Angelenos, we are ensuring we reach those most in need." Mayor Villaraigosa said. "Achieving an accurate count of the homeless population will be critical in getting our fair share of resources to provide housing and supportive services over the next decade."

The donated socks will be distributed at six events across the City on March 30th, the second day of the Census homeless count. According to the Los Angeles Housing Services Authority (LAHSA), nearly 25,000 people are homeless in the City on any given night, nearly 4,000 of them on Skid Row alone. "Engaging and counting thousands of homeless Angelenos is one the greatest challenges we face as we work towards a complete count," said James T. Christy, Regional Director of the Los Angeles Census Bureau office. "We appreciate the efforts of the Mayor's Office of the Census to reach one of the hardest-to-count communities in America by providing a basic need."

Donations may be made at City Hall, 3rd Floor; and at the Convention Center. Boxes will be located in South and West Halls. Other locations are accepting socks, too; go to the mayor's Website: <http://mayor.lacity.org/index.htm>

RECREATION FOR THE DISABLED:

On Feb. 11, Rec and Parks dedicated recent improvements made for the disabled at the Martin Luther King Jr. Therapeutic Center.

The dedication of \$1.2 million in improvements at the Rec and Parks facility will help serve patrons with disabilities ages 5 to adult. There are new basketball and tennis courts; the swing set area was refurbished; and a closed-circuit television was added for security.

The Architectural Division of Public Works/Engineering designed the project; General Services performed the work. Community Development funded the improvement project, the need for which was created when the existing amenities were demolished to make room for the adjacent Exposition Park Mary Bethune Regional Branch Library.

Join LAPD's Ride to Arrest Cancer




Saturday, March 13, 2010

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Infraction Route:	15 miles
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Felony Route:	50 miles

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7870 Nollan Place in Panorama City at The Plant
& stops at various Valley Police Stations**

- **BBQ**
- **T-Shirt**
- **Health and Wellness Fair**
- **LAPD Specialized Units**
- **LAPD Motor Escort**

**\$25 Pre-Registration / \$30 Day of Ride
Kids under 12 registration is \$15**

**Register at www.ridetoarrestcancer.com
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All proceeds benefit the Los Angeles Police Cancer Support Group

PERSONNEL

Goodbye, Linda

Linda Lanier retires after 38 years of City service.



Linda Lanier, Retiree.



Michael Ellington presents the Council Resolution to Linda Lanier.



From left: Assistant General Manager Phyllis Lynes and Linda Lanier.



Eddie Garcia and Linda Lanier.



Jeff Whitmore.



Art Irigoyen.

Story by Eddie Garcia, Personnel;
Photo courtesy Personnel

Friends, family and coworkers held a retirement party Feb. 17 for Linda Lanier, Sr. Personnel Analyst II, Personnel.

The luncheon was held at Luminarias in Monterey Park.

Linda Lanier's story is a story of success. You may not recognize Linda Lanier by name. Yet, if you have worked for the City for more than a few years, you have probably been influenced by the results of her work in some way or another.

Throughout her career, Linda has helped employees throughout the City develop their skills and become successful members of our City family, both as a trainer and later as the Manager of the Personnel Department's Employee Development Section, which manages the Citywide Training Program. From General Orientation to Advanced Supervision and everything in between, Linda is one of the main reasons the Citywide Training Program exists today. Linda has also been instrumental in ushering in the future of Citywide training. She has fostered the creation of an online training academy and the construction of new training rooms equipped with computers and audio/visual equipment necessary to deliver quality training and professional programs to City employees. Needless to say, her influence will remain long after she retires.

Linda's professional success inspires many employees who, just like her, began their careers in the clerical series with the City of Los Angeles. Linda began her career with the City in 1971 as a Clerk Stenographer in the City Demonstration Agency Model Cities Program, today's Community Development Department. A few years later, Linda promoted as a Senior Clerk Stenographer, first to the Commission on the Status of Women, and soon after to the Community Development Department.

The pivotal year in Linda's career was 1985. That year, Linda became a Management Aide with the Personnel Department Police and Fire Selection Division. Management Aide is a clerical bridge classification into the professional series, and it was in this position that she gained exposure and experience as an Analyst, which helped her promote to Personnel Analyst I. Shortly thereafter she promoted to Personnel Analyst II in the Personnel Department's Employee Development Section. In 1993, Linda rotated into the Workers' Compensation Division as a Vocational Rehabilitation Analyst. That same year, Linda was promoted to a Senior Personnel Analyst I and moved over to the Los Angeles Police Department as the officer in charge of the Civilian Training Unit. When Linda returned to the Personnel Department in 2001, she returned to manage the Employee Development Section and transform it into the successful program it is today.

Her passion and dedication for the work she does has earned her recognition from other departments, as well as the City Council. In 2004 she received the prestigious City Career Service Award, which very few employees in the City receive each year, and which she truly deserves. Linda is a living testament that through determination and hard work, a person can achieve great things in the City of Los Angeles.

On February 17, 2010, we congratulate Ms. Lanier on her retirement and recognize her for the more than 38 years of excellent service as an employee of the City of Los Angeles. More importantly, we celebrate her contributions to the City

family and wish her the best in her future endeavors. Linda will undoubtedly grace many other organizations and individuals with her faithful service, as she has done with the Los Angeles Association of Black Employees, the Affirmative Action Association of Women, the Nation Forum of Black Public Administrators, and the Southern California Personnel Management Association. After retirement, Linda plans to devote more time to loved ones, particularly her son Damon and her growing grandson Devin. She wants to spend more time volunteering in her church, attending concerts, traveling, and any other worthy pursuits that may present themselves. Linda, you will be missed.



From left: Adriene Murphy, Steve King, Dewanna Sharp, Linda Lanier, Shelia Brooks-LeFridge, Cora Jackson-Fossett and Audrey Atkins.



From left: Susan Huntley, Michael Ellington, Linda Lanier, Audrey Atkins and Cora Jackson-Fossett.

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{ Who are the people you see every day? }

No. 26 in a series.

People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.



Meet Raymond Pittman.

AGE: "I'm 65."
BIRTHPLACE: "Houston."
WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES? "1952."
MARITAL STATUS: "Married."
FAMILY: "I have two brothers."
EDUCATION: "The furthest I went was graduating from Jefferson High, right here in Los Angeles."
RELIGION: "I'm a Christian."
MILITARY: "No."
FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY: "At Third and Broadway, right behind the Bradbury Building."
FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: "Trying to learn how to swim."
TROPHIES/AWARDS/MEDALS: "When I was at Jefferson High, I used to get all sorts of medals for my swimming."
WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "I usually live at Third and Los Angeles."
WHAT WAS THE LAST JOB YOU HAD? "I worked at a company that made boxes, for chocolate and stuff."
FAVORITE SPORTS: "I love football and basketball."
FAVORITE FOOD: "Let's see, I like porterhouse steak, short ribs, neck bones and shoulder roast."
FAVORITE MOVIE: "Star Trek."
FAVORITE ACTOR: "Denzel Washington."
FAVORITE MUSIC: "Hip-hop."
FAVORITE CANDY: "Snickers."
FAVORITE TV SHOW: "The Price Is Right."
LAST BOOK READ: "It was a book on black history."
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE WAR IN IRAQ? "It's sad. We could have used the money here in America."
ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "Keep the job you've got, and never give up."
IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE? "I'd love to get out of this homeless situation."
IF YOU HAD A MILLION DOLLARS, WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH IT? "I'd help others – the homeless, kids, etc. And I'd do it all over the world."
IF YOU WERE THE MAYOR, WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO HELP THE HOMELESS? "I would analyze all the skills of the US homeless, and then place people in jobs."
WHAT WAS THE LAST THING YOU ATE? "Well, that was yesterday. I had some fried chicken and spaghetti."
WHO OR WHICH ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST HELP TO YOU? "No one."
WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF FIVE YEARS FROM NOW? "Off the streets."

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

This interview took place Feb. 17 at Third and Main Streets downtown.

Photos by Tom Hawkins



{ 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. }

Holiday Happenings

PORT

Holiday Toy Giveaway

Gang program, Port Police Association sponsored toy giveaway during the recent holidays.



The G.A.P.(Gang Alternatives Program), in coordination with the Los Angeles Port Police Association (LAPPA) and several other supporting organizations celebrated the holidays by giving back to the community at the 2009 Holiday Toy Giveaway.

Dec. 20 at Banning's Landing, 100 Water St. in Wilmington, families were given the opportunity to take pictures with Santa; participate in arts, crafts and face painting, and enjoy a great luncheon. There were volunteer Christmas carolers; and many donated gifts were raffled, including bicycles, Juanita's Foods gift boxes and the table centerpieces. Every child left the event with a gift, which were generously donated by the sponsors.



Aging's lobby.

AGING

Project Care

Holiday gift project for elders was a 2009 success.

The downturn in the economy proved no barrier to success for Department of Aging in its fourth year of Project CARE (Caring Actions Responding to Elders), a holiday project fulfilling the gift requests of low-income, isolated and homebound seniors throughout the City.

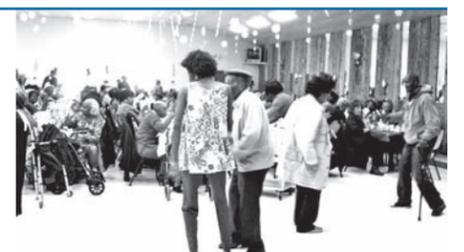
Spearheaded by the Department's personnel officer, Mariella Freire-Reyes, 2009's holiday gift drive was more successful than ever, with 1,263 generous sponsors providing 1,497 gifts, including items including shoes, clothing, toiletries, groceries, gift cards, books, CDs, DVDs, blankets and cold-weather items.

Laura Trejo, General Manager, was delighted with the project's success last year, recognizing the outstanding efforts of everyone who participated in making the project another proud accomplishment for the busy Department. She explained that each year, Project CARE has a tremendous impact on the lives of some of the City's most frail and vulnerable seniors; often providing what is the only gift they will receive during the holiday season. She went on to high-

light that the project was more important than ever this year, given the increased struggle many seniors are having in meeting their basic needs, due to static or decreased incomes and the ever-rising costs of healthcare, medications, food, housing and utilities. Their struggle was reflected in the gifts they commonly asked for, which are basic needs including food.

Project CARE, a partnership with the Los Angeles Foundation on Aging (LAFA) is an enormous undertaking, and its success is due to collaboration between Aging staff, interns, employees from departments throughout the City, community partners, and members of the public.

Starting in September, Mariella Freire-Reyes enlisted the assistance of Project CARE Ambassadors from throughout the City to solicit and coordinate sponsors among their co-workers, families, and friends. 2009 Project CARE Ambassadors were: Rizza Abuan; Zakkiyya Akram; Mechelle Banuelos; Tori Black; Martin Chavez; Capt. Ray Hamel; Sally de Leon; Lupie Leyva; Melissa McGriff; Jeanie



Holiday festivity at the Bradley Multipurpose Senior Center.

Molinar; Sandra Moore; Ruth Perry; Lillian Pineda; Cheryl Shanks; Kelli Shope; Tammy Watson; David Burrus; and Tina LeBlanc.

Departments that collaborated this year as official gift drop-off locations were Board of Public Works; Public Works/Street Services; DWP; Harbor; LACERS; Airports; Library; Rec and Parks; and Personnel.

In addition to the overwhelming response from City Employees, Project CARE also saw an increase in community participation.

December was a busy month for the Project CARE team, which gathered the gifts from locations throughout the City and County, prior to distribution throughout LADOA's 16 Multipurpose Senior Centers and other senior centers and adult day programs. Many of the centers joined in the spirit of the project by organizing holiday parties at which they gave out the gifts to their participating seniors.

Anyone interested in participating in this worthwhile effort for the next holiday season is encouraged to contact her at: (213) 252-4042.



Student volunteers Jeff Thepperseit, Anastacio Reyes and Ronnie Pagcu took gifts to and from City Departments and senior centers.



Staff at Bradley Senior Center.



Holiday festivity at the Bradley Multipurpose Senior Center.



Angie Vivar, Care Manager for Bradley Multipurpose Senior Center, with Ana Maria, who was sponsored by Ninine Mendoza, Airports.

Life's Important Moments

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In Memoriam

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

Active

- Everett, Maynard, Public Works, 23
- Nguyen, Minh Cao, ITA, 23
- Peavy, Ben, Animal Services, 2
- White, Jacque, Rec and Parks, 7
- Yuzon Cooper, Ofelia, City Attorney, 9
- Hiers, William, Public Works, 10
- Higginbotham, C.A., Public Works, 11
- Jacobs, Fred, Public Works, 31
- Johnson, Alonzo, Harbor, 25
- Kawahara, Morio, General Services, 21

Retired

- Bass, Ethel, Controller's Office, 20
- Coleman, Alfred, Transportation, 31
- Crowe, Brandon, City Planning, 30
- Cruse, Z.W., Public Works, 21
- Culling, Carlos, Public Works, 31
- Diaz, Marlene, Harbor, 30
- Dulansky, Joseph, Public Works, 16
- Edmond, Vernell, General Services, 28
- Fitzpatrick, Frank, Public Works, 24
- Green, Walter, Airports, 23
- Harada, Kenneth, Airports, 34
- Heath, Marion, Public Works, 31
- Herman, Fred, Public Works, 24
- Herrera, Daniel, General Services, 41
- Main, Betty, Harbor, 25
- McGowen, W.M., Airports, 31
- Miles, Robert, Airports, 19
- Rodgers, Avonette, LAPD, 40
- Rubin, Jacqueline, Public Works, 31
- Takamoto, Adam, Building and Safety, 24
- Talcott, Charles, Public Works, 40
- Thompson, Ronald, Rec and Parks, 25
- Tillman, Catherine, Transportation, 28
- Torres, Luciano, Rec and Parks, 31
- Welland, Marius, General Services, 32
- Williams, Vernill, Public Works, 25

Retirements

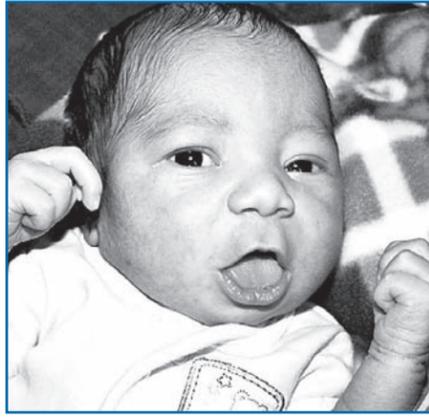
NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS
Alvarez, Claudia	Clerk Typist	Bldg & Safety	39
Artigas, Roy	Not disclosed	Rec and Parks	35
Barry, Robin	Library Asst.	Library	37
Batiste, Beverly Fay	Secretary	General Services	35
Berns, Rona	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	Library	37
Bowens, Bobby	Welder	Public Works	33
Brown, Jack	Asst. City Attorney	City Attorney	34
Carleton, Jody	Sr. Gardener	Rec and Parks	34
Clark, Rebecca	Legal Secretary	City Attorney	39
Clouse, Michael	Mech. Repair Supv.	Rec and Parks	33
Davila, Robert	Welder Supv.	Airports	40
De La Paz, Frances	Clerk Typist	Public Works	33
Duong, Tai	Civil Eng. Draft Tech.	Public Works	20
Garner, Stanley	Head Custodian Supv.	General Services	32
Gilbert, William	Custodian	Airports	32
Gillard, Douglas	Instrument Mech.	Public Works	32
Goodwin, Arthur	Harbor Engineer	Harbor	28
Greenaway, Clinton	Auto Electrician	General Services	38
Gruenbaum, Nathan	Structural Engineer Assoc.	Building and Safety	41
Hernandez, Suzanne	Pr. Clerk	City Attorney	39
Hill, Vickie Lee	Accounting Clerk	Public Works	34
Howard, Gregory	Maint. Constn. Helper	Airports	33
Huynh, Hoa Thi	Management Analyst	LACERS	11
Ibarra, Francisco	Electrical Craft Helper	Transportation	28
Juanillo, Rolando	Housing Inspector	Housing	14
Kasparian, Ara	Environ. Affairs Ofcr.	Public Works	38
Kim, Joung	Clerk Typist	Library	15
Kim, Ok Kang	Data Entry Operator	ITA	34
Leatherman, Douglas	Sr. Heating/Refrig. Insp.	Building and Safety	33
Lim, Francisco	Sr. Accountant	Public Works	28
Madrid, Barbara Ann	Library Asst.	Library	31
Malmuth, Daniel	Management Analyst	Airports	21

NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS
Marten, Charlotte	Sr. Recr. Dir.	Rec and Parks	33
McTigue, John	Painter	Rec and Parks	29
Menendez, Jorge	Programmer/Analyst	Airports	25
Moore, Marilyn	Management Analyst	LAPD	30
Moore, Michael	Background Investigator	Personnel	8
Myles, Edward	Traffic Mark/Sign Supt.	Transportation	36
Niega, Gloria	Internal Auditor	Controller's	27
Ogura Ohara, Debbie	Clerk Typist	LAPD	30
Ojeda, Carlos	Signal Sys. Electrician	Transportation	31
Pacheco, Rudy	Sr. Workers Comp Anlyst	Personnel	24
Pagan, Luis	Custodian	General Services	36
Prescott, Sheryl Ann	Sr. Clerk Typist	Rec and Parks	30
Quintanilla, Gabriel	Custodian	General Services	23
Ramos, Antonio	Sr. Accountant	Rec and Parks	23
Richardson, Dyan Marie	Clerk Typist	Building and Safety	23
Richardson, Philip	Pr. Civil Engineer	Public Works	40
Rogers, Ronald	Port Pilot	Harbor	19
Rushing, Charlie	Roofer	General Services	27
Scott, David	Locksmith	Airports	29
Shimizu, Van	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech.	Airports	26
Short, Kathy	Sr. Legal Asst.	City Attorney	37
Silverman, David	City Planner	Planning	39
Thomas, Bobbie	Secretary	Public Works	30
Thomas, Fred John	Dup. Mach. Operator	General Services	20
Traiman, Michael	Mech. Repairer	General Services	30
Villa, Frank	Parking Meter Tech. Sup.	Transportation	27
Walt, Charles	Street Services Worker	Public Works	32
Walton, Jerri	Police Service Rep	LAPD	32
Williams, Bruce	Maint. Const. Helper	Airports	29
Wong, John Q.	Civil Engr. Draft Tech.	Transportation	39
Yasunaga, Edward	Sr. Equip. Mechanic	LAFD	26
Ziller, Gary	Warehouse T/R Worker	Airports	29

Births



Mei Sariah Hsieh Dixon, born Oct. 15 to James and Catherine Dixon. Mei is the first granddaughter to proud grandfather James Dixon, Hyperion Treatment Plant, Retired.



Cory, born Sept. 30 to Camille Shanklin. Camille is the daughter of Michael and Bonita Shanklin, LAPD, and Cory is the grandson of Michael and Bonita Shanklin.

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

Military



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



SPC Allen R. Peelen, serving in Army Reserves, was scheduled to leave for Iraq at the end of February. Allen, 23, is a Legal Clerk II, City Attorney, assigned to the Reyes branch. Allen's parents are Sandra Peelen, retired Personnel Director, City Attorney, living in Bullhead City, Ariz.; and Larry Peelen, Forensic Print Specialist III, LAPD.

Graduations

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

Valentines Tribute

"To Diane Patterson, Happy Valentine's Day. You are the love of my life. Your Pooh."

– Michael Patterson



Weddings



Chris Combes, PSR II, LAPD Communications, and Lindsey Cole, Child Care Director, Rec and Parks, were married April 4, 2009, in Agoura, California.

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

Special Achievements

Kiara Leilani Hernandez, 5, has been chosen as a state finalist in the National American Miss California Pageant, to be held Aug. 7 in Anaheim. The pageant is held for girls 4 through 18. She's the daughter of Christina and James Hernandez. Good luck, Kiara!

Have you or your children recently achieved something special? Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



Quinceañera

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

New Members

Welcome New Members!

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

Airports

Thi Tran

City Clerk

Pricela Ramirez

City Council

Angel Porras

Cultural Affairs

Hotae Min

LAFD

Alfredo Martinez

Finance

Mei Ling Hsu

Gerard Iloa

General Services

Angelica Borja

Albert Kei

Harbor

Eddie Marsh

Berenice Penaloza

Norbert Style

Library

Catalina Parra

Mary Romero

Personnel

Mary Beetz

Sandra Howard

LAPD

Jesus Castillo

Thomas Davoren

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Johnny Rodriguez

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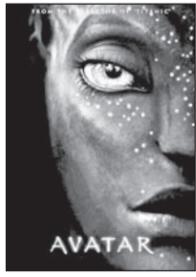
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REVIEWS BY FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS

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MOVIE REVIEWS



Avatar
My Score: 5 (out of 5)
 A futuristic military group is assigned to the planet Pandora with a mission to befriend the natives and negotiate a relocation for their clan or remove them by force. Removal of the Na'vi is vital to the corporate

extraction of a very precious metal beneath the ground of their tree home. While the science team (headed by Sigourney Weaver) has one agenda, the military has another. Sent as a marine first, lab rat second, Jake Sully is caught between what he has spent his life training for and a life he never knew could mean so much to him.

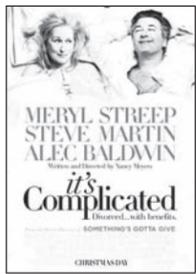
The special effects are incredible, and this movie is a must-see. I admit I was only mildly curious about this film in the beginning but so taken by the spectacle of it all that I'm going to see it again ... this time in 3-D!

— Lisa Solis, DWP



The Last Station
Rated R
My Score: 4 (out of 5)
 One hundred years ago, Leo Tolstoy was the most famous author in Europe. *The Last Station* shows this brilliant Russian writer, the author of *War and Peace* and *Anna Karenina*, in the last few months of his life as he struggled with fame and wealth and his commitment to a life free of material things. Christopher Plummer is wonderful as the aging author, but Helen Mirren, as his wife Sofiya, is the single best reason to see this interesting and witty film.

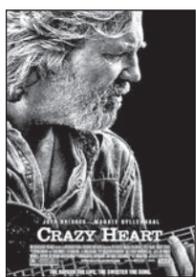
— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks



It's Complicated
My Score: 5 (out of 5)
 Hilarious! This romantic comedy features Meryl Streep as a divorcee who spends ten years living with the fact that her ex-husband, Alec Baldwin, married the woman he cheated with. Meryl's

character has moved on with her life, her career and her family but avoids him at all cost. That is until they have a few drinks and remember why they fell in love in the first place. The problem this time: She's the other woman. In the meantime, she meets an architect (Steve Martin), who seems to have a genuine affection for her. Caught between the past and her possible future, she must make a choice. You're guaranteed to laugh so hard your eyes will tear and your sides will ache. Don't wait until this is on DVD. Go see it now.

— Lisa Solis, DWP



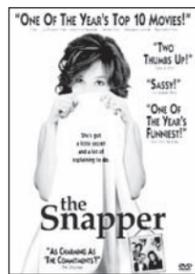
Crazy Heart
Rated R
My Score: 4 (out of 5)
Crazy Heart could have been a country song: Bad Blake (Jeff Bridges) is a broken-down, hard-living country music singer who's had too many marriages. He still makes a living

playing bars and bowling alleys. Life and career appear to be at an end until he meets writer Jean Craddock (Maggie Gyllenhaal) and her five-year-old son.

Bridges is as seamless and perfect in the role of Bad Blake as an old pair of boots. The music by T-Bone Burnett and the great performance by Bridges drive a forgettable story to unusual heights.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

DVD Reviews



The Commitments (1991)

The Snapper (1993)

Rated R (both)

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Here are two movies for you for St. Patrick's Day. You've heard of the first, but you've probably never heard of the second. But they're related, and they're good.

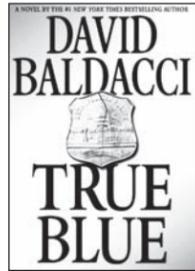
They're the first two movies in the Roddy Doyle trilogy (the third being *The Van*), and all feature the same tough, cursing, north Dublin family just before the Celtic Tiger comes and carries Ireland to temporary prosperity.

You won't get boxers, little people, leprechauns, pots of gold or other Irish ephemera. But you'll get a hardscrabble roguish family that sticks together during challenges fun (forming an R&B band in *The Commitments*) and trying (a baby is on the way to an unmarried daughter in *The Snapper*). You'll also get actors before they became better known (Andrea Corr and Glen Hansard in *The Commitments*, and Tina Kellegher in *The Snapper*). Colm Meaney (*Star Trek: The Next Generation*, among many other projects) plays the father in both movies.

The Snapper is the quieter of the two, but in both of them there's a great sense of simple joy that will lift your Paddy's Day.

— John Burnes, *Alive!* editor

Book Reviews



True Blue
David Baldacci
Police fiction,
 454 pages
Grand Central
My Score: 5 (out of 5)
 A mysterious high-profile homicide in the nation's capital collides with the dark side of national security in

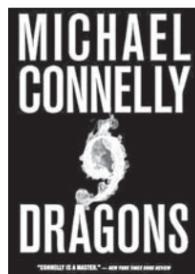
David Baldacci's new, heart-stopping thriller, *True Blue*.

Mason "Mace" Perry was a firebrand cop on the D.C. police force until she was kidnapped and framed for a crime. She lost everything—her badge, her career, her freedom—and spent two years in prison. Now she's back on the outside and is focused on one mission: to be a cop once more.

Her only shot to be a true blue again is to solve a major case on her own, and prove she has the right to wear the uniform. But even with her police chief sister on her side, she has to work in the shadows: a vindictive U.S. attorney is looking for any reason to send her back behind bars.

This is a suspenseful thriller with an intricate murder plot that will keep the reader entertained.

— Linda Rorex, Personnel



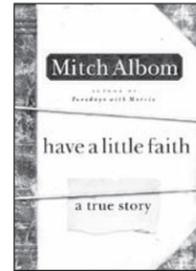
9 Dragons (Harry Bosch series)
Michael Connelly
Police fiction,
 384 pages
Little Brown & Company
My Score: 5 (out of 5)
 Harry Bosch is assigned a homicide call in South L.A. that takes

him to Fortune Liquors, where the Chinese owner has been shot to death. Joined by members of the department's Asian Crime Unit, Bosch relentlessly investigates the killing and soon identifies a suspect, a Los Angeles member of a Hong Kong triad.

But before Harry can close in, he gets the word that his young daughter, Maddie, who lives in Hong Kong with her mother, is missing. Bosch drops everything to journey across the Pacific to find his daughter. Could her disappearance and the case be connected? With the stakes of the investigation so high and so personal, Bosch is up against the clock in a new city, where nothing is at it seems.

This crime thriller, with its suspenseful plots from Los Angeles to Hong Kong, keeps the reader on the edge of the seat. It's one of the best Harry Bosch novels that Michael Connelly has written.

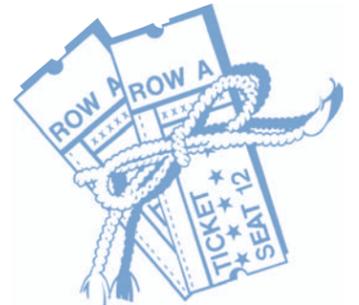
— Linda Rorex, Personnel



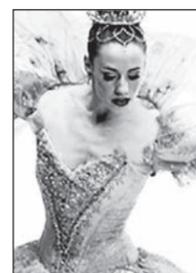
Have A Little Faith: A True Story
Mitch Albom
Inspirational,
 272 pages
Hyperion
My Score: 5 (out of 5)
 I must admit, I did not choose to read this book. But because of the insistence of an elderly

relative, I finally read *Have A Little Faith*. It has grown on me. The book focuses on the struggles of two men, one a rabbi and the other an African-American pastor. Their stories are different, but each highlights their unique and difficult life journeys, giving the reader an insight into what faith means to them. Albom avoids religious fluff and symbolism with an intelligent and enjoyably uplifting book.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks



Theatre Reviews



Cinderella (ballet)
Joffrey Ballet,
 for all ages
Dorothy Chandler Pavilion
 Closed Jan. 31
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

It doesn't get any better than ballet at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. *Cinderella*, performed by the Joffrey Ballet with Sir Frederick Ashton's choreography, was a full-length and beautifully choreographed show. The sets were ones I have not seen before, where each setting was amazingly designed with extreme color and 3D depth that tricked my eyes in thinking there was more space on stage than there really was. The performers did an excellent job in projecting their energy onto the stage and beyond.

While the storyline might have seemed serious, there was underlying comedy throughout the ballet, as was the case when the crowd realized that Cinderella's stepsisters were actually performed by two men. What really made the ballet world class was the dance and interplay of more than 100 performers on stage during certain scenes.

— Robert Larios, the Club's Director of Operations

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).
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New Ads This Month!

1999 FORD Police Interceptor CNG: Good condition, 62,000 miles. Clean title w/ carpool sticker, 26mpg, paid \$1.85 per gallon, \$6,700. Contact Marcus @ (626) 297-0732. 3/10

For Rent: 3BD/1.5 BA Townhouse, w/d hookup, access to pool & rec room, \$1250 mo. Sec 8 O.K. 3700 Mountain Ave #8C, San Bernardino, CA 92404. Mona @ (310) 344-7342. 3/10

For Rent: Downstairs unit in LA (4-units). 2 BD/1 BA, kitchen, living rm, dining rm, 1-car garage. New paint, carpet, newly remodeled kitchen & bath, new windows/fixtures. Very quiet, Leimert Park. Close to public transport. Call @ (310) 365-1868. 3/10

For Rent: 1 BR/1 BA house in Highland Park, nice view, no pets please, \$1100/month. Call Jerry @ (323) 428-7719 cell. 3/10

For Rent: Condo in San Pedro/Palos Verdes, 2BR/2 BA, large living room & master bedroom. Remodeled kitchen, w/frig, dishwasher, w/d included. 50 gallon water heater. Recognized schools, gated community with easy freeway access & 2 covered parking spaces. \$1795, sorry no pets! Call (310) 350-0807, (310) 755-8264, (310) 521-0380. 3/10

1979 Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme Brougham, white, runs great, professionally rebuilt transmission. 72,000 miles. \$4,000. Call (818) 899-4429. 3/10

Autos / Motorcycles / Boats



2002 Mercedes SLK 320 w/Sport Package. Red hard-top convertible. Excellent condition. Sheepskin seat covers, MP3 player, Bose speakers, extras. 92,000 miles. \$10,999. Kent @ (310) 384-4018. 2/10



2005 Keystone Springdale Travel Trailer, excellent condition, 27 footer w/slide out, fully equipped kitchen, sleeps 5 to 6 people. 13K or best sensible offer. Fred @ (818) 331-5754. 2/10

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 @ (626) 919-3471. 11/09



1997 Honda CR250, Great beginners bike, includes green sticker through Jun 2010. \$1,500. Call (661) 212-4425 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 RT10: 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

Electronics/Computers

Poloroid 7" LCD TV widescreen, under cabinet w/ DVD-CD player AM/FM radio & remote. \$125. Regina @ (323) 754-8382. 2/10

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



Dining room set: Travertine marble and seats 6: OBO or if anyone can use it email godfth32@sbcglobal.net or Gaylynn Thomas at gaylynnt@msn.com 9/09



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

Homes/Rentals/Land

For Rent: 2 BDR duplex w/yard - Conveniently located 10 minutes from downtown L.A. asking \$1,100. Mr. Haro @ (951) 681-0791. 2/10

For Rent: Room & private bath in newly redecorated Gardena townhouse. Use of kitchen & washer/dryer inside unit. \$500/mo. incl. utilities. Chris @ (310) 916-2008. 2/10

House For Rent- Downey: 3/1 w/ stone & hardwood floors, granite kitchen counters. Nice landscape & gardener included. Inside laundry, rear yard & 2-car garage. Close to Metro train. Contact (562) 965-5268-(562) 650-5078. 2/10

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

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

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+, 3bd/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, dining 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

Household Items

"Natural Form" twin mattress w/firmness and temp. adjustments. Still in box. Retail for over \$1500. Perfect for person w/ back problems. \$1200 OBO. (626) 331-3547 or rth7738@yahoo.com 2/10



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

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

Miscellaneous

For Sale: 2 parcels of land (adjoining), San Jacinto County, Texas in Cape Royal subdivision. Interior lot, gated community, off shoreline of Lake Livingston. Nearby: golf, fishing, marina, lighted basketball & tennis courts. 0.1491 acres, priced for immediate sale, only \$750 each. Contact: cspicedj@yahoo.com 2/10

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

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

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4 Cemetary plots for sale Reduced!! Rose Hills, was \$4500, now \$3500. That's 4 plots @ \$3500 ea. (323) 382-2405. 10/09

Inglewood Park Cemetary - Double Capacity Crypt D-1092. Sanctuary of Sunset S.M.M. Tier-1. Retail price of \$10,095, I will sell for \$5,100. Call Edgar at (951) 243-7492 9/09

Cemetary 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 Cemetary 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

Travel / Timeshare

Monterey Bay Timeshare - \$795 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. Terry @ (818) 769-3382; plz leave message. 2/10

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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. 5/09

Collectibles

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

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Cooking with the Club

by Chef Robert Larios



Send Us Your Recipes!

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

Dublin Up on Potatoes

Here are two dishes for St. Paddy's Day.

Happy Saint Patrick's Day to you all! In the spirit of this celebrated day, I have added not just one but two potato recipes from Ireland!

The first one is called Herbed, Buttered Potatoes with Peas. I used a nice bunch of dried herbs, but you are free to add any kind that you like. One recommendation is to always use dill; potatoes and dill form a great marriage.

The other great Irish potato recipe is called Hot Limerick Ham Salad. In America, most of us are used to cold salads with salad dressings like blue cheese or ranch (exceptions being potato and macaroni salad). But here, we use mayonnaise as a salad dressing in a hot potato salad. It's surely packed with flavor and is easy to make – a great combo for a family-style meal.

Special thanks to "Potluck Potato Recipes From Ireland" by Nell Donnelly, where these recipes came from, and to Irish-American and *Alive!* editor John Burnes for sending them in. Enjoy!"

Herbed, Buttered Potatoes with Peas

INGREDIENTS:

MAKES SIX SERVINGS

- 2 tablespoons mixed herbs (this would include: yellow mustard powder, ground coriander, tarragon, thyme, parsley, garlic powder, dill, fresh cracked pepper and sea salt)
- 6 potatoes
- 3 ounces butter
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1 8-to-12-ounce can of peas



DIRECTIONS:

Herbed, Buttered Potatoes with Peas



As one should with all vegetables and fruits, wash the potatoes and pat them dry. Place them in a pot with water and turn the heat up to medium high.



Allow the potatoes to cook by boiling the water. The potatoes should be fork-tender before straining the water from the potatoes.



Cut the potatoes in fours, and place back in the pot used to boil the potatoes. Add the butter, garlic salt, all the herbs and the can of peas. Mix gently with large wooden spoon or spatula.



Plate in a bowl and serve.

Hot Limerick Ham Salad

INGREDIENTS:

- 1.5 pounds rose potatoes, diced
- 1/4 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons dill
- 1 tablespoon dried parsley
- Sea salt and freshly cracked pepper to your preference
- 1 pound chopped ham
- 2 tablespoons cooking oil
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup cheddar cheese, grated



Cooking TIDBIT:

The Limerick recipe calls for cooking oil, and my favorite is extra virgin olive oil. But you may use other oils like canola and vegetable. You may choose a different cheese as well.

DIRECTIONS:

Hot Limerick Ham Salad



Place a large skillet on the stove on medium heat and add the butter and cooking oil.



Place the washed and diced rose potatoes in skillet. Add salt, pepper and dill. Let sauté until golden brown.



Take your ham and dice it into small cubes. If your ham is already sliced, go ahead and dice into small pieces. Add the ham to the potatoes, and now add the diced green bell pepper and onion as well. Let cook for about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Turn off stove and let cool for 10 minutes, and then add shredded cheddar cheese and mayonnaise, mixing fully.



Plate and add parsley all around plate.

[A Cook's Dictionary]

Potato:

The ancient Incas were cultivating this humble tuber thousands of years ago. The potato was not readily accepted in Europe, however, because it was known to be a member of the nightshade family (as are the tomato and eggplant) and therefore thought to be poisonous. In the 16th century, Sir Walter Raleigh was instrumental in debunking the poisonous potato superstition when he planted them on property he owned in Ireland. The Irish knew a good thing when they saw it, and 100 years later they were growing and consuming the potato in great quantities. Today, hundred of varieties of this popular vegetable are grown around the world.

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



Food Factoid:

“As for butter versus margarine, I trust cows more than chemists.” – Joan Gussow

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TICKET GUY Tips for Visiting the Club Store:



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

Club Store

Men's Watches with City Seal

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

*Plus tax and shipping



Men's Silver "AG" Watch
ITEM: #4623
PRICE: \$39.99*



Men's Silver "MA" Watch
ITEM: #WTCHMA
PRICE: \$39.99*



Men's Silver Dial Watch w/ Leather Band
ITEM: #MWCTY1000
PRICE: \$29.99*



Men's Silver Dial Watch w/ Two-tone Gold and Silver
ITEM: #MWCTYGLD2000
PRICE: \$29.99*



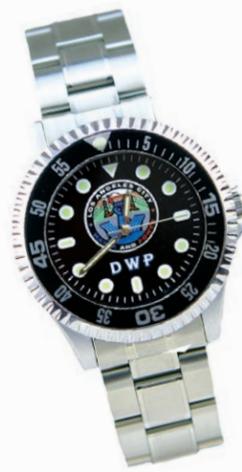
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PRICE: \$39.99*



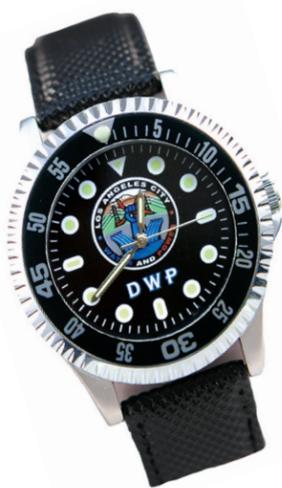
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ITEM: #WVS2500
PRICE: \$50.00* **Now \$25**



Men's Large Seal, Stainless Steel Band
ITEM: #WVS2500
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ITEM: #DWPWS2700
PRICE: \$55.00* **Now \$40**



Men's Small DWP Seal, Leather Band
ITEM: #DWPW3050
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ITEM: #SF2000
PRICE: \$25.00*



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



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ITEM: #VWL2600
PRICE: \$45.00*

Women's Watches

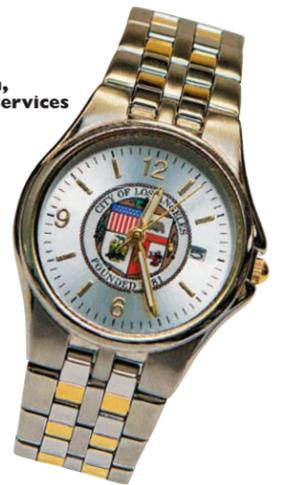
Women's Professional Watch
ITEM: #WTCH6550
PRICE: \$34.99*



Ladies' Watch, Leather Band
ITEM: #LVBK5000
PRICE: \$29.99*



Ladies' Watch, Classic City Services
ITEM: #001608
PRICE: \$64.99*



Poster

Club Exclusive, Limited-edition:

City Hall Poster!

- Produced by the Los Angeles City Historical Society, this poster – featuring a collection of historic Los Angeles City Halls, along with their histories – is now available to Club Members.
- Drawn by artist Herb McNeely, suitable for framing.



Small **\$10*** Large **\$15***
*per poster

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Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Los Angeles, CA 90012
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City Button Down Shirts

City Woman's Long Sleeve Button Down Shirt

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

Member Price:
\$25
per shirt*

Available Colors:



ITEM: #WMNLSSTCTY4000

City Men's Long Sleeve Button Down Shirt

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

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

Member Price:
\$25
per shirt*

Available Colors:



ITEM: #LSB1000

City Men's Short Sleeve Button Down Shirt

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

Available Colors:



ITEM: #CTYSLST1000

Member Price:
\$22.99
per shirt*

Size: **3XL**

\$23.99

City Girl "Classic" T-shirt

City Girl "Classic" T-shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL**



ITEM: #T-W1000

Available Colors:
Crew Neck Style:

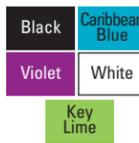


Member Price:
\$10
per shirt*

City Girl "Retro" T-shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL**

Available Colors:
V-Neck Style:



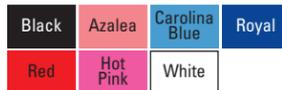
ITEM: #T-W2000

Women's Classic Seal T-Shirt

Women's Classic Seal T-Shirt

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

Available Colors:



Member Price:
\$10
per shirt*

Size: **3XL**

\$11

Available Colors:



ITEM: #WMNCLSC4000

Polo Shirts

LA City Seal Herringbone Polo

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

Member Price:
\$19.99
per shirt*

Available Colors:



Size: **3XL**

Available Colors:



ITEM: #HRBPOLO3000

City Seal Polo Shirt with Stripes

Sizes: **M L XL 2XL**

Member Price:
\$19.99
per shirt*



ITEM: #CTYPOLO2000

Available Colors:



LA City Polo Shirt

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

Member Price:
\$12
per shirt*



ITEM: #PS1000

Available Colors:



Close-up of Embroidery

City of Los Angeles

Women's T-shirts

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

Sizes: **S M L XL**

Member Price:
\$8
per shirt*

Available Colors:
V-Neck Style:



On white shirt emblem is pink



ITEM: #JSL1000

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

Sizes: **S M L XL**



ITEM: #VFCS1000

Available Colors:
Crew Neck Style:



Available Colors:
V-Neck Style:



Size: **2XL**

Available Colors:
Crew Neck Style:



Member Price:
\$11
per shirt*

Women's Long Sleeve Embroidered LA City T-shirt

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

Member Price:
\$17.99
per shirt*



ITEM: #WMNLGSLV1000

Available Colors:



Women's LA City Polo

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

ITEM: #WCTY1000

Member Price:
\$19.99
per shirt*

Available Colors:



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City Department Shirts

City "Bold" Department Shirts

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

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

Member Price: **\$12** per shirt*

Back

Front

ITEM: #RECPSLAC6000

ITEM: #D.P.W.LAC1000

ITEM: #LADBSTSHT1000

ITEM: #D.O.TLAC3000

ITEM: #L.A.W.A.LAC5000

ITEM: #G.S.DLAC4000

ITEM: #ASDTSHT1000

ITEM: #ITATSHT1000

ITEM: #LAHDSHT1000

ITEM: #BOSSTSHT1000

City "Harbor" Short Sleeve Shirt

ITEM: #HARBORLAC2000

Available Colors: Navy Blue, Sky Blue

City "Harbor" Long Sleeve Shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL**

Size: **2XL** **\$15**
Size: **3XL** **\$16**
Size: **4XL** **\$17**

Available Color: Navy Blue

ITEM: #CHRLS3000

L.A. City T-shirts

New City LA-Hall Long Sleeve T-Shirt

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

Available Colors: Black, Royal Blue, Navy Blue, White

Member Price: **\$12** per shirt*

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

Back

Front

ITEM: #NCI1000

LA City "B-Label" T-Shirt (with Depts.)

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

Size: **3XL** **\$11**

Member Price: **\$10** per shirt*

Available Colors: Black, Gray, Navy Blue, Maroon, Green, Carolina Blue, Cedar, White

Back

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**

Back

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

Navy & Black LIMITED

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

Available Colors: Blue Dusk, Charcoal, Forest Green, Indigo Blue, Royal Blue, Sport Gray, White, Black, Navy Blue

Available Colors: Indigo Blue, Sport Gray, Black, Navy Blue

*Plus tax and shipping

White available with front pocket.

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**
Size: **4XL** **\$10.50**

Available Colors: Black, Navy Blue, Sport Gray

Back

Front

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

Front

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

Back

Front

ITEM: #MOC1000

"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*

Front

ITEM: #YCR11000

Long Sleeve "Classic" T-shirt

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

Available Colors: Charcoal, Dark Chocolate, Forest Green, Indigo Blue, Sport Gray, White

Member Price: **\$15** per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping

Size: **3XL** **\$16**
Size: **4XL** **\$17**

Available Colors: Dark Chocolate, Forest Green, Indigo Blue, Sport Gray, Black, Navy Blue, White

Navy & Black LIMITED

Back

ITEM: #T1500

Club Store



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**
 \$16
 Available Color:
 Gray

ITEM: #T2500VP

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.

Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**
 Available Colors:
 Navy Blue Orange White Black



ITEM: #T2000VP

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

Size: **4XL**
 Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue
 \$14



ITEM: #T2001VP

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*

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

Member Price:
\$30
 per jacket*

Available Colors:
 Black Stone Sky Blue Pink



ITEM: #WVNFJKT1000

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

ITEM: #SUDJKT1000

Available Colors:
 Brown Indigo Blue Charcoal

Member Price:
\$45
 per jacket*

*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



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

Hats available for these departments:

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

General Services
NAVY: #H1999
BLACK: #H2000

Harbor
NAVY: #H2005
BLACK: #H2006

Public Works
NAVY: #H2001
BLACK: #H2002

Recreation & Parks
NAVY: #H1993
BLACK: #H1992

Transportation
NAVY: #H2003
BLACK: #H2004

Water & Power
NAVY: #H1997
BLACK: #H1998

Retiree
BLACK: #H2007

Available Colors:

- Forest Green
- Navy
- Black

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:
\$19⁹⁹
each*

*Plus tax and shipping



Small Umbrella

ITEM: #SMUMB3000

Member Price:
\$14⁹⁹
each*

*Plus tax and shipping

Identification Holders

LA City Clear Badge Holder with City Seal



Member Price:
\$1³⁷
per badge*

ITEM: #CLRBGHLDR

Retractable Badge Holder



Comes with clear ID holder sleeve.

Member Price:
\$2⁴⁹
per badge*

ITEM: #RBH1000

City of LA Lanyard

Comes with clear ID holder sleeve.



Member Price:
\$4⁹⁹
per badge*

ITEM: #CTYLDR1000

City Seal Key Chains

City Seal Key Chain – Silver

ITEM: #LAKC2000

Member Price:
\$5
per chain*



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City Seal Key Chain – Gold

ITEM: #LAKC001

City Seal Tie Bars

LA City Seal Tie Bar – Silver

ITEM: #001521

Member Price:
\$14⁹⁹
per bar*



LA City Seal Tie Bar – Gold

ITEM: #001520



City Seal Mugs

Hot Beverage Mug

ITEM: #MGS1000

Member Price:
\$9⁹⁹
per mug*



ITEM: #CLAMG3000

Member Price:
\$12⁹⁹
per mug*

City of LA Travel Mug



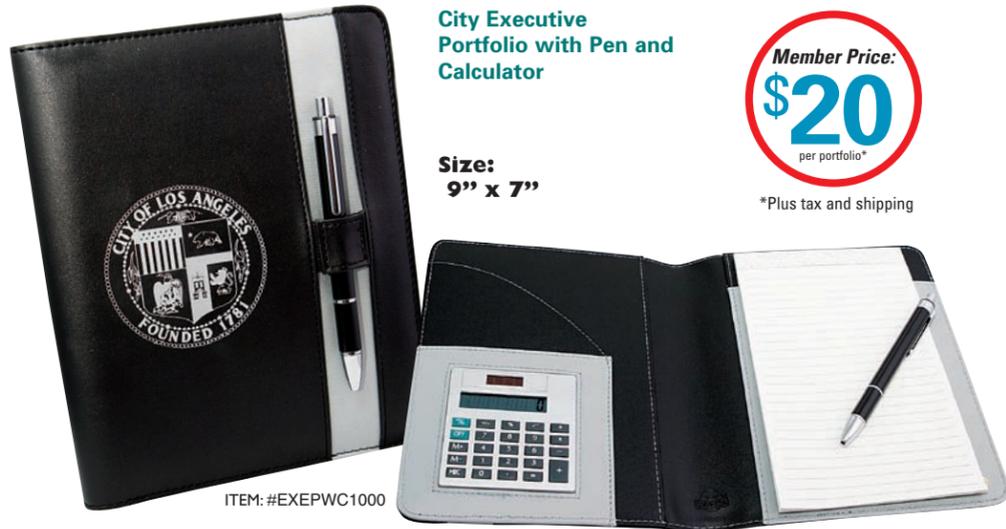
City Seal Office

City Executive Portfolio with Pen and Calculator

Size:
9" x 7"

Member Price:
\$20
per portfolio*

*Plus tax and shipping

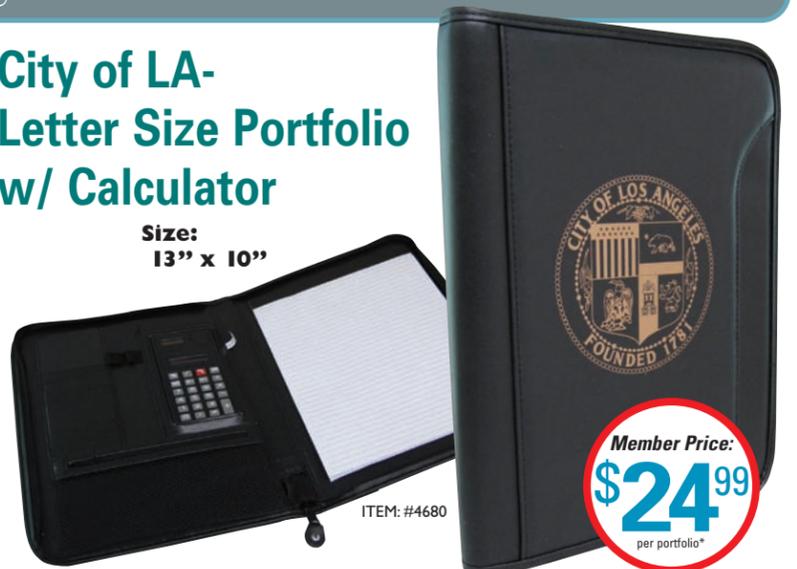


ITEM: #EXEPWC1000

City of LA- Letter Size Portfolio w/ Calculator

Size:
13" x 10"

Member Price:
\$24⁹⁹
per portfolio*



ITEM: #4680

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:
\$19⁹⁹
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:
\$34⁹⁹
per bag*



ITEM: #PBCTYFCMP1000



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