

High Claims Nix Insurance Refund Checks

■ A 50 percent jump in claims means there will be no refund checks this year.



CLUB HEADQUARTERS — The Club's life insurance promises to be there for those in need. And during a year of extreme demands on those funds, the Club's program delivered.

But because of the high number of claims this year, for only the third time in 78 years, there will be no life insurance refund checks for Club Member Policyholders.

In fiscal year 2006, the Club paid out more than \$3.9 million — a 50 percent increase from last year — in claims. That 50 percent jump consumed the funds that in most years are redistributed back to policyholders.

The insurance program worked exactly as it
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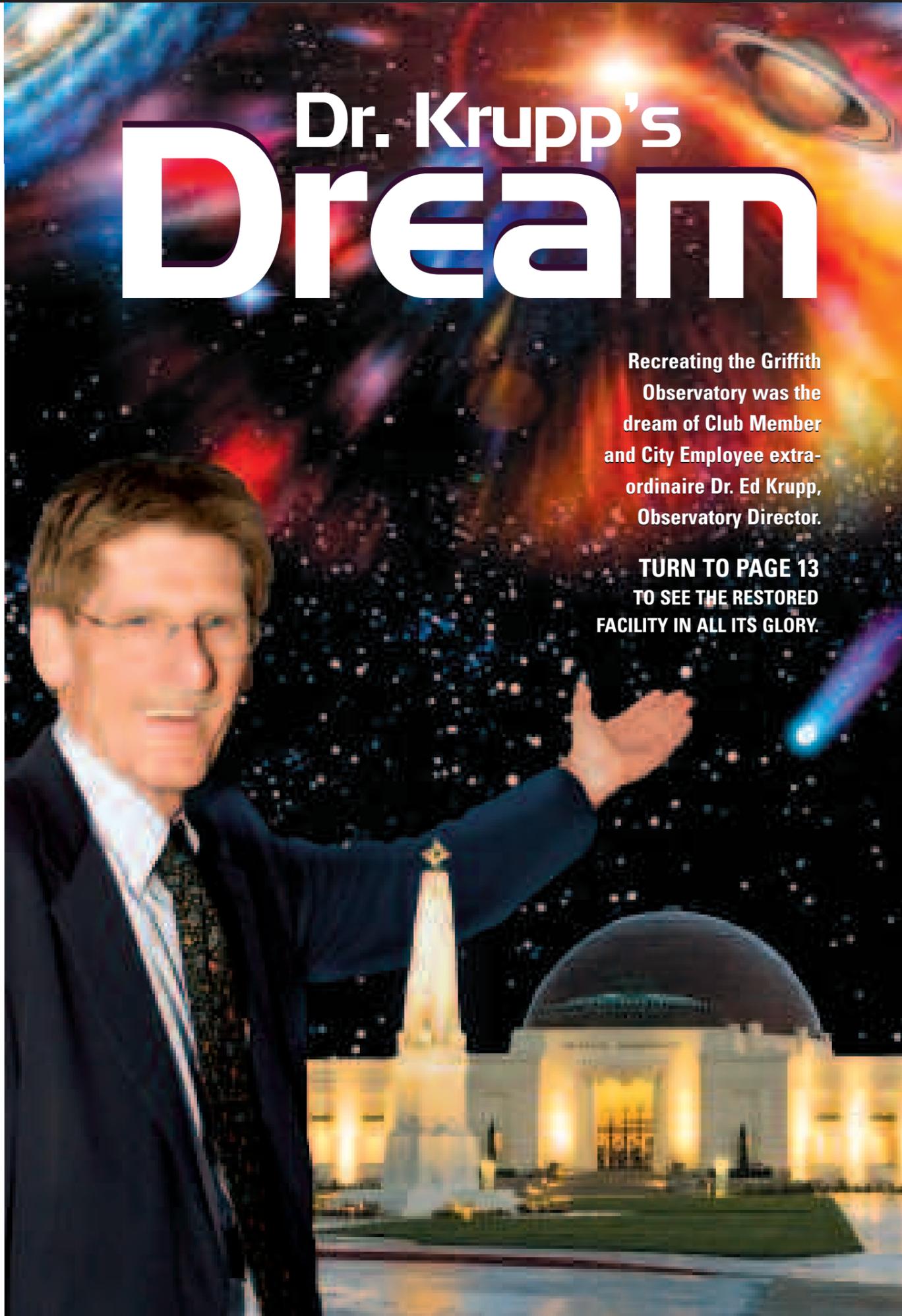
CLUB HEADQUARTERS — The Club welcomes a new partner for Club Members: The United Agencies, Inc., a longtime insurance provider to the area. United Agencies is stable, affordable and very in tune with the needs of its customers. The Club feels it will be a great provider of auto and homeowners insurance to Club Members now and in the future.

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Read the details inside, including an interview with United Agencies Vice President Jeff Gelineau.

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Dr. Krupp's Dream

Recreating the Griffith Observatory was the dream of Club Member and City Employee extraordinary Dr. Ed Krupp, Observatory Director.

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Claims Paid

Here's how the Club took care of your fellow Club Members who took care of their loved ones and entrusted their family's security by purchasing Club insurance.

Life Insurance Claims

Age & Gender	Active/Retired	Cause Death	Amount	Age & Gender	Active/Retired	Cause Death	Amount
57 F	Active	Heart Attack	\$35,549.45	73 M	Retired	Cancer	\$5,015.61
70 M	Retired	Heart Attack	\$5,000.00	75 M	Retired	Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma	\$5,000.00
71 M	Active	Pneumonia	\$10,032.05	79 M	Retired	Heart Attack	\$5,044.38
72 M	Retired	Prostate Cancer	\$3,852.61				
Total Insurance Paid							\$69,494.10

Disability Claims

Age	Condition	Monthly Payment	Age	Condition	Monthly Payment
39	Herniated discs	\$9.00	53	Injury: Back	\$1,963.52
39	Paraplegia	\$787.07	53	Arthritis	\$1,148.88
41	Multiple Sclerosis	\$924.56	54	Injury: Back	\$2,575.42
41	Lumbar Injury	\$1,253.24	55	Injury: Leg, ribs, hand, & shoulder	\$102.59
42	Heart Condition	\$5,703.36	55	Osteoarthritis: Knees.	\$2,458.62
44	Blood Clot	\$3,826.76	55	Surgery	\$98.49
45	HIV	\$1,197.17	55	Shoulder & Arms Pain	\$2,000.00
45	Carpal Tunnel	\$1,963.52	55	Surgery: Back	\$855.28
46	Vertigo	\$3,549.49	56	Surgery	\$475.28
46	Injury: Back	\$3,179.28	56	Forehead and spine injury	\$3,204.51
46	Injury: Back	\$224.68	56	Sever COBD	\$1,285.45
46	Injury: Back	\$2,467.96	56	Heart Attack / Car Accident	\$696.46
46	Carpal Tunnel Syndrome	\$1,417.45	57	Stroke	\$1,358.95
48	Stress	\$5,604.45	57	Leukemia	\$1,341.85
48	Injury: Back	\$3,000.40	57	Arthritis	\$285.39
48	Fever	\$1,329.51	58	Osteoarthritis	\$1,258.95
48	Multiple Sclerosis	\$1,639.25	58	Injury: Shoulder	\$100.00
49	Surgery: Knee Replacement	\$2,881.96	58	Injury: Back	\$4,728.28
49	Multiple Sclerosis	\$889.33	58	Heart: Emphysema OT	\$1,311.78
50	Stress	\$3,068.00	58	HIV	\$629.60
50	Injury: Back	\$878.30	59	Stroke	\$430.68
50	Injury: Back	\$2,281.76	60	Cancer - Lung	\$2,549.84
51	Surgery: Hip & knee replacement	\$3,034.15	60	Stress	\$4,233.04
52	Stroke, Asthma, Arthritis in Knees	\$100.00	61	Stroke	\$2,256.43
52	Surgery: Knee Injury	\$1,667.49	62	Injury: Hands	\$532.83
53	Cancer	\$1,000.00	62	Loss of Hearing	\$1,013.11
53	Multiple Sclerosis	\$3,069.32	63	Injury: Back	\$1,555.56

TOTALS PAID	Last Month	Year to Date
Life Insurance	\$69,494.10	\$2,376,557.82
Long Term Disability	\$98,969.26	\$752,112.88
Long Term Care	\$12,335.00	\$103,085.03

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** A Message From the CEO **

Dr. Krupp Shines Bright in City Sky

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



It's hard to describe in words how proud I am of Dr. Ed Krupp, the Director of Griffith Observatory who also happens to be your fellow City Employee and Club Member. You see, Dr. Krupp is responsible for the absolutely amazing transformation of the Griffith Observatory. Due to his innate humbleness, he'll never take the credit for it, but it's true. His ambition, vision and relentless pursuit of perfection led us to this place in time where our Griffith Observatory is once again the brightest shining star among our Los Angeles icons. And best of all, it's owned by the City and run by fellow City Employees.

As you know, the *Alive!* team has been reporting on the renovation since November of last year. We've talked to many of those involved in the renovation, and time and time again they kept repeating the mandate of Dr. Krupp, and it goes something like this: "If we're going to do it, we're going to do it right; and if we're not going to do it right, we're not going to do it at all!" That's music to my ears. So often corners are cut on projects and end up straying from the energy and perfection that gave the project the impetus in the first place. I can say from first-hand experience that the observatory is absolutely beautiful. Everywhere you look, every little detail, nothing has been missed.



Dr. Krupp has raised the bar by creating a new and vigorous benchmark for all City Employees to work toward. In the U.S. Navy's Submarine Service, we had a motto: "Pride Runs Deep." And I can tell you,

pride amongst City Employees is running really deep in the City right now, thanks to the great efforts of Dr. Krupp and the like.

Have a "stellar" November!

All the best,

JOHN

(And remember, success is a journey, not a destination....)

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p.s. And just in case you didn't know, you can be a living, breathing, supporting part of this historic piece of Los Angeles; join Friends of the Observatory. Go to www.friendsoftheobservatory.com. Memberships start at just \$45 a year.



Coming in the December issue:

- Cooking With the Club: Holiday Spinach Rolls ... without the spinach.
- The first year anniversary of the LAPD Wives Association.
- Central City Police Boosters' ninth annual golf tournament.
- Harry Hunold, Port Police, receives a Purple Heart Medal of Honor 38 years later.
- A big holiday roundup as the City enters the festive season.
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Last year's toy drive distributed more than 150 toys to families in need.

Donate Your Toys

■ As part of this Club holiday tradition, you can donate toys to the less fortunate.

CLUB HEADQUARTERS — The annual LAPD Central City Police Boosters Toy Drive, which the Club supports, is ready to reflect your generosity and give to those in need.

Collections run through Dec. 14, at Club Headquarters or through your Club Counselor. Club Members are asked to contribute an unwrapped toy to the cause.

The drive benefits the LAPD Central City Police Boosters. In the past, some of the toys were distributed to City Employees in hardship, too.

This is the fourth year that the Club has participated in the holiday toy drive, and each year the drive collects more toys. More than 150 toys were collected last year. With your help, the Club hopes to collect even more.

The Club thanks you in advance for your generosity.



The Word on the Street



Cecilia Talbot,
Claims Administrator

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

The Club service was "very good. I found you to be very courteous and informative, which is very helpful during a time of -bereavement."

— Myrtis Walker, June 2006

You have "great service! You're very knowledgeable and helpful."

— Patrice Duvall, June 2006

"Your service to me was excellent, way above average. I had lost my husband of 58 years. I was very upset at the time. You were so very helpful, patient and understanding. I didn't know what to do, but everything was explained to me, and I will always remember and appreciate it. Thank you very much. The book was very much appreciated and very thoughtful and caring."

— Sara Mayfield, June 2006

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Your service was "excellent! All of my questions were answered in a very caring way."

— Marlene Brown, June 2006



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LETTERS To the Editor

Club's New Website Works Day and Night for Members

You guys are crazy! Do you ever sleep?

I was up late one night and fiddling around on eBay, and suddenly I had the urge to take the wife and kids to Universal Studios the upcoming holiday weekend. So, I decided to buy the tickets online through your Website [www.cityemployeesclub.com].

Well, I soon discovered that you now need to log in, but to do that I needed my membership number. Now, I know I should have had my membership card handy in my purse, but it was nowhere to be found. So, I figured I would just e-mail the Club to see if they could help me (being that it was so late, I figured I'd just have to do everything the next day).

Within 10 minutes of e-mailing the Club, I got a response ... from a real person! I think his name was Robert. Mind you, this was 11:45 p.m.. Yes, I said p.m. as in, real late at night! He took care of me and walked me through the whole process, which was pretty simple. I wish all companies were run as well as the Club. Thanks to whomever is responsible for such awesome customer service; keep it up. I'll be a member for life!

P.S.: Oh, and to make my experience even more pleasant, I received the ticket in the mail the following day. Now that's efficiency!

— Rebecca Jennings

Got my tickets the other day after ordering them online the day before. I can't believe how fast, efficient and professional your organization is. Have you guys ever thought of running a department?

— Ezrem Walters

Just a quick note to say thank you. You guys give amazing service. I couldn't ask for more.

— Barbara Stone, Club Member since 1996

South Sanitation Yard Thanks Alive! for Coverage of Picnic

On behalf of the South Los Angeles Yard, I would like to thank the Club for all your support and contributions. We had a great time! We got off to a slow start but it ended beautifully. I can't wait for the article to be released about our annual picnic. Thanks again!

— Moniquea McKee, Sanitation, Club Member since 2005

This Retiree Really Appreciates Alive's Coverage of Retiree Issues

I've always enjoyed reading about the City and what goes on there now that I'm retired, but I especially like the Best Years section on fellow retirees. It's always a pleasure to see old faces from the RLACEI stories and photos you put together. I'm sure other retirees that no longer can get to retiree functions and events appreciate the news you provide us.

— Shirley Madison, Retired



City's 225th Birthday Story Brought Out Best in Alive!

Finally someone did a comprehensive piece on the founding of our City. Every day I go to work, never thinking about how historic our past is. Thank you, City Employees Club, for paying such a detailed and honorable tribute to our great employer.

— Reid Foster

Nice work, Club! I really enjoyed last month's special section on the history of Los Angeles, or should I say, the history of "La Reina de Los Angeles sobre El Rio y Valle de Nuestra Senora de Los Angeles de Porciuncula." Thank you.

— Summer Bianca

Wow! You went all-out on the City's birthday. I really enjoyed reading what the experts had to say about the City's beginnings. Thank you to you and your team for putting so much time and effort into this story. May the Queen of Angels bless all of you.

— Raul Serendoza

I was really surprised to find out that when I took my family to the site at El Pueblo Monument for the 225th City birthday celebration, I didn't see anyone there. Maybe I arrived after they cut the cake and the festivities ended, but it was only 11a.m. and the cake ceremony was supposed to start at 10:30 a.m. according to the City Flyer. We were all disappointed that it was not an all-day celebration. I guess the 225th birthday of the City of Los Angeles is not a big deal.

— Henry Allison, Recreation and Parks

DWP's Success Stories Are Not Hidden in Pages of Alive!

I've worked for the DWP for over 20 years and am so glad to see the Club putting great stories of what the employees over here are doing. No one else seems to want to tell the stories of our success. Thanks.

— Mary Thompson

A Call for Mayor Villaraigosa To Be Much More Street-Wise

Streets, streets, streets. There are too many homeless on the streets. There are not enough cops on the streets, and to make matters worse, most of our streets in this City haven't been repaved in over 30 years. Mayor Villaraigosa, please leave a legacy of the first Mayor in 30 years to actually make L.A. safer, cleaner and more humane. I don't think that's too much to ask for; I'm rooting for you.

— Pedro Garza

ClubFest Photos on Website Make Him Wish He Went

Based on your photos of ClubFest on your Website, I wish I would have gone. Everyone looks like they had fun. The food looked really good, and I see that you even had a Ferris wheel. I wonder if some of the bigwigs attended like councilmen and the mayor. If they didn't, they should have because, like me, we all missed out.

— Terrell Thomas General Services

QUESTION

of the Month

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

What's your all-time favorite side dish for Thanksgiving?



"Pumpkin pie, of course!"

— Rodrigo Becerra, Gardner-Caretaker, Harbor, 27 years



"My mother's red chili from scratch is hot stuff."

— Vanessa Manjarrez, Principal Clerk, Harbor, 33 years, Club Member since 2000



"Nothing is better than whole cranberries, because you can spread that tart flavor on any food."

— Joan Legaspi, Clerk Typist, Harbor, 27 years, Club Member since 2003



"I don't like oysters except when my mother makes her dressing with oysters - there's nothing tastier than that."

— Martin Chavez, Human Resources Dev. Officer, Harbor, 22 years, Club Member since 1994



"My wife makes the world's best side dish - it's green beans topped with nuts and a special sauce."

— David Minor, Construction Inspector, Harbor, 25 years, new Club Member this month!



"Forget turkey, it's all about the Honey-Baked Ham."

— Joseph Bulquerin, Electrician, Harbor, 4 years.



"No side dish can compare to the vitamin A-rich collared greens."

— Anthony Vann, Construction Inspector, Harbor, 10 years, Club Member since 2004



"Hmmm...I can almost smell it now... green-bean casserole."

— Byron Bailey, Maintenance Construction Helper, Harbor, one year, Club Member since 2006



"Man oh man...it's got to be homemade, old-fashioned, chunky mash potatoes."

— Daniel Cobos, Communication Relations Officer, Harbor, 4 years, Club Member since 2004.



"Stuffing."

— Lori Gastelum, Principal Clerk, Harbor, 16 years, Club Member since 2002



"That's easy - candied yams."

— Amy Arnold, Senior Management Analyst II, Harbor, 17 years, Club Member since 2005



"Stuffing is my favorite."

— Tawana Tyler, Security Officer, Harbor, 6 months,



"I'm not into the side dishes or turkey - prime rib is what I eat for Thanksgiving dinner."

— Rowland Tatum, Fleet Attendant - Port Police, Harbor, 6 years, Club Member since 2005



"Cranberry sauce and homemade mashed potatoes!"

— Mayra Heredia, Security Officer, Harbor, one year, Club Member since 2005



From left: Angie Gutierrez, Lupe Marquez, Adriana Vasquez, Terry and Ed Piña, Carol Holguin and Angie Pina. Bottom: Matthew Pina.



From left: Greg Torres; Terry and Ed Pina; and Frank Meza.



From left: Dean Galina, Ed Pina and Oscar Soto.



Ed Pina, Retiree from Construction Forces, General Services, receives a plaque and autographed helmet, with Greg Torres.



From left: Matthew Pina, Ed's grandson; Aaron Pina, Ed's son; Terry and Ed Pina; Chuy Pina, Ed's brother; and Tim Pina, Ed's nephew.

Goodbye to Sheet Metal Ed

■ Ed Piña retires from General Services after 31 years of City service.

GENERAL SERVICES — Friends, family and coworkers held a retirement party for Ed Piña Aug. 30 at the Acapulco Restaurant on Sunset Boulevard.

Ed, a Sheet Metal Worker, retired from General Services after 31 years of City service.

Here is a resolution prepared by the City Council for his sendoff:

"Whereas Edward L. Piña, Sheet Metal Worker, General Services, Construction Forces Division, is retiring June 13, 2006, after 31 years of dedicated and conscientious service to the people of the City of Los Angeles; and

"Whereas Edward L. Piña began his career as an exempt Maintenance and Construction Helper on January 20, 1975, and worked in that

capacity with Public Works; and

"Whereas Edward L. Piña was promoted to a regular position in 1978 as a Maintenance and Construction Helper with Rec and Parks; and

"Whereas Edward L. Piña was appointed to a Mechanical Repairer I position on an emergency appointment in 1980, within Rec and Parks; and

"Whereas Edward L. Piña was promoted to Sheet Metal Worker in 1980 with General Services; and

"Whereas Edward L. Piña was seriously injured on duty in 1996 in a ladder accident at the construction site of temporary Fire Station No. 78 that threatened to end his career as a journey level craft worker, and after an extended period of disability, he returned in 1998 to full unrestricted active duty as a Sheet Metal Worker with Construction Forces Division and performed those craft duties up to the time of his retirement and became an advocate for ladder safety within the Sheet Metal Crew and all the Construction

Forces Division and worked in many capacities to promote safety and improve work conditions and procedures for his fellow employees; and

"Whereas Edward L. Piña has worked tirelessly to assist numerous charity and fundraising events sponsored by the Division, Department and City for the benefit of many needy Los Angeles residents and unselfishly performed 'five-star' cooking and grilling for many significant events marking retirements, promotions and celebrations of all sorts; and

"Whereas Edward L. Piña looks forward to a retirement of enjoyment, fishing, gaming and traveling with family and friends.

"Now, therefore, be it resolved that, by the adoption of this resolution, the Mayor and the Los Angeles City Council honors and congratulates Edward L. Piña on his retirement as a Sheet Metal Worker after 31 years of outstanding service to the City of Los Angeles;

"Be it further resolved that the Mayor and the



Ed Piña.

Los Angeles City Council commends Edward L. Piña for his dedication, professionalism, loyalty and numerous contributions he has made to the City of Los Angeles, and extends their best wishes for a long, happy and rewarding retirement."

Congratulations, Ed, on your retirement!

Thanks to Ed's wife, Terry, and Beverly Pleasant for their assistance in producing this article.

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Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



Ed Harding, RLACEI President
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Change of Address?

If you change your address, notify Helen Salgado, Membership Chair, at 323-728-4930, or write to her at 5423 Dewar St., Los Angeles, CA 90022. Also notify LACERS.

Have News About Yourself?

Contact Phil Skarin, 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411-3910, or call (818) 784-0130.

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 7, 2006:
Christmas Party, 11:30 a.m. at the
Grace E. Simons Lodge

June 6, 2007:
Annual Golf Tournament at Alhambra
Golf Course



RLACEI Holiday Party Dec. 7; DCB Election Change Soon?



By Phil Skarin, RLACEI Publicity Chair



**Ed Harding,
RLACEI
President
reports:**

"It's time to mark Thursday, Dec. 7, on your calendar for our Retirees Christmas Party. It will again be at the Grace E. Simons Lodge at 1025 Elysian Park Drive, L.A., CA 90012. "Come at 11:30 a.m. for a lunch catered by Chris & Pitts. You may bring one guest, but you must make reservations at least a week ahead by calling one of the officers on the retiree helplines. Courtesy taxicabs will be available in the parking areas to give you a lift to the lodge, thanks to the Independent Taxicab Association.

"Americo Garza, our Entertainment Chairman, and I signed a contract for the party with Tom Redditt, manager of the Lodge for the party. Tom has gone out of his way to satisfy us. Thanks! Tom Garza has also arranged for some musical entertainment.

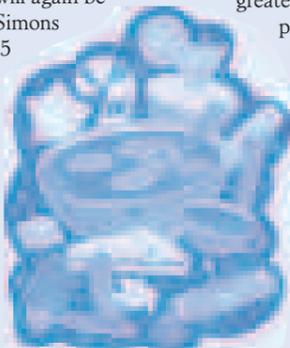
"I received a call from Sid Cheshire, former Superintendent, Street Maintenance. He and his wife, Gwen, are living at Carson Valley Residential Care at 1189 Kimmerling Rd., Gardnerville, Nev.; phone (775) 265-1400. He is the most agreeable and pleasant person I know. He would like

to hear from his former employees.

"Some retirees have lost their spouses and then remarried. They would like their new spouse to have a pension if the retiree dies. Also, if a retiree had elected to take a reduced pension so that the surviving spouse would get a greater amount of their pension (75 or 100 percent), and the spouse dies, the retiree's pension stays reduced.

"I have created a special committee to look into these problems."

"See you at the Christmas Party on Dec. 7."



Legislative Update:

Ken Spiker, our elected Retiree to the LACERS Board of Administration, reports that Personnel is preparing a report to the City Council to change the Administrative code that affects retirees.

Currently, the retiree representative on the Deferred Compensation Board (DCB) is elected by the other DCB members. The code change will permit the selection through direct election by retired Deferred Compensation Plan participants.

Ken stated that this change is long overdue, to permit retirees to select their representative and not others doing the selection for us.

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 Hall at (310) 472-0224.

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.

LACERS a Top Performer

■ Retirement fund significantly tops its benchmark rate.

Story by James Aceron, LACERS

LACERS — For the period ending June 30, the Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System (LACERS) reported that LACERS total investment portfolio was up 12.4 percent over the last 12-month period, significantly beating its annual 8 percent benchmark rate of return used in the valuation of its total assets. LACERS' assets were valued at \$9.3 billion — up \$1 billion from the previous fiscal year ending June 30, 2005.

Three significant factors account for this rise the performance returns of LACERS' non-U.S. equity, real estate, and private equity portfolios, which were up 28.9 percent, 25.6 percent and 27.5 percent, respectively, for the year. LACERS' domestic equity portfolio was up 10.6 percent during that time period. Bonds posted a flat return of .1 percent for the year. Both asset classes outperformed their benchmarks over all longer time periods.

LACERS continues to perform in the top quartile of public pension funds for one-, two-, three-, four-, and five-year time periods. "Our performance is the result of a true collaboration between the Board of Administration, our consultants, and our investment staff," said LACERS Board President Eric Holoman. "Our focus on costs while pursuing prudent alternative investment strategies has served our members well."

A recent cost-effective analysis of LACERS fund performed by Cost Effective Measurement, Inc. found that LACERS generated higher returns at lower cost and with lower risk when compared to its peer group of U.S. pension funds with assets from \$6.9 billion to \$14 billion. Its five-year investment return was 7.8 percent, which was above its peer median of 6.5 percent. LACERS' total asset management costs of 38.6 basis points were also below its comparison benchmark cost of 47.9 basis points, suggesting that the fund was low cost by -9.3 basis points. And its five-year implementation risk was 0.6 percent, well below its peer median of 1.2 percent.

LACERS pension fund has assets of more than \$9.8 billion and administers benefits for 27,000 employees and 14,000 retirees. LACERS health benefits program is a \$63 million-a-year program covering more than 10,000 retirees and surviving spouses.

For more information, visit LACERS Website at www.lacers.org.

The Best Years



Graceland.



By Hal Danowitz,
Secretary, RLACEI

Retiree Hotlines

Who to call? Following is a list of contacts for RLACEI and for the DWP:

City Employees Retirement System: (213) 473-7200

RLACEI Retirement Counselors and Retiree Helplines:

- Edward Harding (805) 584-9417
- Phil Skarin (818) 784-0130
- Robert Wilkinson (818) 886-1000
- Jerry Bardwell (818) 782-5568
- Harold Danowitz (310) 472-0224
- Jack Mathews (310) 762-1942
- Helen Salgado (323) 728-4930
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- Americo Garza (562) 928-2051
- Neil Ricci (310) 394-1971

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Seeing America in a Mustang

■ Hal travels from Nashville to Los Angeles and meets up with the Opry, Elvis and asteroid craters.

It has been more 40 years since my last road trip. In fact, my last trip brought me from college in Toledo, Ohio, to Los Angeles in 1963, and that was in the middle of winter. So when one of my good friends asked if I would like to fly back to Nashville last spring and drive the new Ford Mustang he won, I couldn't resist.

The first thing I did was hop on the computer to see what route would be the best during that time of the year. I dismissed any of the northern routes as being too cold. So that left either Interstate 40 straight through or branch off on Interstate 10 for a more southerly route. After discussing this with my friend, Marv, we decided on I-40 all the way, which would take us from Nashville to Memphis, Oklahoma City, Albuquerque and then to Los Angeles.



Hal at the Opryland Hotel.

I flew into Nashville on Tuesday afternoon. Marv and his wife picked me up, and we drove to the Opryland Hotel. Marv had gotten tickets to the Grand Ole Opry radio show (www.opry.com), so we decided to hang out at the hotel and have dinner before the show. It's a great hotel, completely enclosed with everything you would need in a destination resort. The only problem is that it is a half-hour drive from downtown Nashville.

We had dinner at the Aquarium Restaurant in the Opry Mills Mall. The dining room was surrounded by a 200,000-gallon, floor-to-ceiling aquarium. The food was so-so, but the fish were enjoyable.



The Oklahoma City National Memorial.

Producers of the radio show say it is the longest running radio show. It features the best in country, bluegrass and Cajun music, with some comedy tossed in for good measure. We saw 12 performers, of which three were Country Music Hall of Fame members.

The next day, Marv and his wife, Barbara, were going to pick up the car, so I had the day on my own. We were staying at the downtown Hilton Hotel directly across from the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, so I made that my first stop.

I'm not much of a country music fan, but the museum, which claims to be the largest popular music museum in the world, is a not-to-be-missed experience.

I booked a tour of the Hermitage and Belle Meade Plantation with Gray Line Tours. The Hermitage is the 1837 mansion built by Andrew Jackson for his family. I had a guided tour of the mansion and then was allowed to walk around the grounds, which have the tombs of Andrew and Rachel Jackson.

Belle Meade Plantation was built in 1853 to breed racehorses. Because it was not growing crops, it was not destroyed during the Civil War and retains many of the original buildings. What was most interesting is that almost all of the thoroughbred bloodlines can be traced to this plantation.

The first night we spent some time on Broadway, which has many country music bars. The next night we stopped by the Bluebird Café (4104 Hillsboro Pike), which showcases new country singers and writers.

Thursday morning, we put Marv's wife on a plane for Los Angeles and we drove to Memphis, only about 200 miles from Nashville. If Nashville is the home of country music, then Memphis is the home of rock and roll. Our first stop was Graceland (3734 Elvis Presley Blvd.), the home of Elvis Presley.

The year 2006 is the 50th anniversary of Elvis's first hit, "Heartbreak Hotel." A year later, in March 1957, Elvis brought Graceland for himself and his parents. We purchased a combination ticket, which included: man-

sion tour, automobile museum, Elvis' custom jets and the Sincerely Elvis Museum. To me, Graceland was the highlight of the trip. The presentation of the memorabilia made me feel that I was there with Elvis and his family. His daughter still owes the house and stays there when she is in Memphis.

I was really looking forward to having Memphis barbecue, so we asked the hotel for a recommendation. They sent us to the Rendezvous (52 S. Second St.), down an alley in the basement of a very large building. We had dry-rubbed ribs served on paper plates, and the meal was great.



The Cadillac Ranch.

After dinner, we walked around Beale Street, which is like Bourbon Street in New Orleans, except Beale Street has rows of rock and roll bars. At night they close off the street to cars and you can take your drinks from bar to bar.

Next stop was Oklahoma City, 475 miles from Memphis. We arrived in the late afternoon and stopped at the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum.

Retiree Question of the Month

Alive! asked retirees...

If you could be anywhere in the world, where would you be?



"A new waterfront home, anywhere."
- Arnold Port, General Services.



"Madrid, Spain."
- George V. Lopez, Planning, and his wife, Eva.



"Dublin, Ireland."
- Julian Torres, Building and Safety.



"Vatican City."
- Cathy Gonzales, ITA.



"Paris, France."
- John Peterson, Rec and Parks.

THE BEST YEARS

The Memorial was established to honor those who were killed, those who survived and those who were changed forever by the Murrah Building bombing on April 19, 1995.

That night we had dinner at the Cattlemen's Steakhouse (1309 S. Agnew Ave.), one of the city's premier restaurants. It was a Friday night and we waited almost an hour for a table, but the wait was worth it. This was my wife Evelyn's recommendation.

In the morning we decided to try to make it all the way to Albuquerque, N.M., a 500-mile drive.

Interstate 40 follows the route of the mother road "Route 66," so we needed to stop at one of the many Route 66 museums that we found on the trip. The one we stopped at was in Elk City, Oklahoma.

We stopped for lunch in Amarillo, Texas, at The Big Texan Steak Ranch, home of the 72-ounce steak dinner (if you can eat it in one hour,

it's free). We decided to pass on the steak and just had a light lunch.

Just outside of Amarillo is the Cadillac Ranch, built in 1974 to represent the "Golden Age of American Automobiles, 1949 - 63." There are 10 cars buried in the ground and covered with graffiti. It's a real piece of American history.

It was late when we arrived in Albuquerque, and we decided to go to Old Town for dinner and then to walk around a little. It was Saturday night, and after dinner we found that the Old Town was closed.

We left Albuquerque early Sunday morning, heading towards Flagstaff, Ariz., some 322 miles away.

We stopped at the Petrified Forest National Park, where I used my National Park pass to get us in free. We entered the park at the north entrance just off I-40 and stopped at the Painted Desert Visitor Center. We followed the road north, stopping to see the Painted Desert landscape and then headed south into the Petrified Forest, exiting at the south entrance at US-180. We stopped along the way a few times to get a closer few of the petrified wood. As we drove through the park we could see the remains of Route 66, and I remembered my first trip here in 1962 when you could just stop along the road and see the petrified wood.



The Painted Desert.

After lunch at a local truck stop, which was very good, we stopped at Meteor Crater, formed 50,000 years ago. The crater is 700 feet deep and 4,000 feet across. The iron-nickel meteorite was estimated to have been about 150 feet across and weighing several hundred thousand tons when it struck the earth with a force greater than 20 million tons of TNT. The visitor center has an interesting display of information on meteors and space activity.

We still felt good, so we decided to drive to Laughlin, Nev., and stay the night and drive to Los Angeles in the morning.

A road trip is something everyone should do at least once. When most of us get in a plane and fly from place to place, we just don't get a good understanding of the size, diversity and history of our county. Road trips provide a greater understanding of others and the way they live.



The Route 66 Museum.

RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

Wallace G. Pearson and his wife, Hope, were recognized as the longest married couple at the Renewal of Vows Ceremony at the Ventura County Fair: 69 years. They were married Dec. 5, 1936. He is 94 and she is 93. Wallace retired from the Planning Department in 1973. Send your congratulations to 3748 Birch St., Ventura, CA 93003

Frances Harmon, 85, retired in 1981 as a Survey Party Chief. His wife, Eileen, Highland Park, called to say the he has dementia.

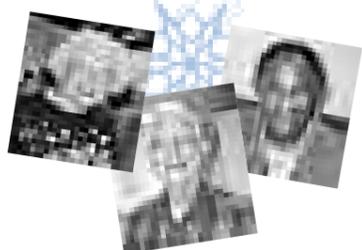
Tom Combs, after he retired from street Maintenance in 1990, moved to Grants Pass, Ore., where many of his relatives live.

Grady Mullen, Palmdale, bought a home in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and will be moving soon with his caregiver after he clears up a spot on his lungs.

If you have any news about a retiree that you would like to share, or constructive comments about this column, send them to:
Phil Skarin
5301 Norwich Ave.
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or phone (818) 784-0130.

If you move, notify Helen Salgado, Membership Chair, at 5423 Dewar St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. Also notify LACERS and Alive!

RLACEI Holiday Party



Thursday
December 7, 2006
Noon

The RLACEI's annual Christmas Party and Installation of Officers is scheduled for noon Thursday, Dec. 7, at the Grace E. Simons Lodge. The Lodge is at 1025 Elysian Park Dr., near Dodger Stadium. There will be a light lunch (sandwiches, salad and drinks), entertainment and valuable door prizes. You must make reservations at least a week ahead. Guests welcome. Call one of the officers on the Retiree Helplines (see page 8). Free taxi service can take you from the parking lot to the lodge.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

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I hope that I'll be proud to
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- Phil Skarin, RLACEI

The Best Years

RLACEI Annual Meeting



From left: Tony Alvarez, Retired, Parking Manager, 28 years; and Ralph Burquist, Carpenter, General Services, 12 years.



Cleone and Michael Vrabel. Cleone retired from the LAPD Foothill Division in 1984.

■ RLACEI hosts its annual corporation meeting and election of officers.

Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Communications and Marketing

RLACEI — The Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc., held its fun annual party and corporate meeting Oct. 12 at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Citizens Center.

The group also elected new officers for 2007. Officers serve two-year terms; half of the officers are up for re-election each year.

Elected were: Ed Harding, Ken Spiker, Jerry Bardwell, Jack Mathews, Helen Salgado and

David Wilkins. They will begin their two-year term Jan. 1, 2007.

The slate of new officers will be presented at the Association's annual Christmas party, scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 7, at the Grace E. Simons Lodge near Dodger Stadium.

There was also a report on LACERS retiree benefits for 2007. On hand to answer questions were Alex Rabrenovich and Sarah Hill of LACERS.

See you in December!



Alex Rabrenovich, Assistant Division Manager, Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System (LACERS) Health Benefits Administration Division.



Paul Jamgochian analyzes and listens to the changes and updates to retirement benefits.



John Shadle retired in 1986 from Building and Safety as a photographer.



From left: Joe Govea, Building and Safety, 25.5 years, with his wife, Shirley.



John Hawkins, President, City Employees Club, with Martha Harding.



Americo Garza, RLACEI Board Member.



Icle Davis retired in 1981 from Public Works as the Personnel Chief.



Phil Skarin, RLACEI Board Member.



Henry Gervais, Retired, Public Works, Sanitation and Engineering.



Hal Danowitz, RLACEI Board Member and *Alive!* columnist ("Adventures With Hal").



Ralph Burquist retired in 2003 as a Carpenter in General Services.



Martha Harding, wife of RLACEI Board President Ed Harding.



The one and only Tony Alvarez!



James H. Smith retired in 1986 from the Engineering Survey Division, Public Works.



Tom Stemnock, RLACEI Board Member.



Helena Gervais came with her husband, Henry.



Paul Salles retired from Building and Safety.




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The Port's Lobster Festival 2006.



Ricky Kirk, Club Member, with Pelican Pete and Lobsterfest attendees.



From left: Sgt. Al Guerrero, Club Member; Sgt. Daniel Aleman, Club Member; Michael Canlas, Port Police Officer; and Kenny Huerta, Detective Sergeant.



From left: Rosa Reynoso, Detective Sgt.; LaChelle Washington, Club Member; and Sr. Lead Officer David Clements.



Daniel Aleman and a guest from LAX.

Lotsa Lobsta

■ Harbor's Lobster Fest was a big success.

HARBOR — The Port of Los Angeles Lobster Festival, held Sept. 15-17, attracted an estimated 35,000 visitors to San Pedro's Ports O' Call Village, according to the Harbor Dept.

"This is just a fun event," said Harbor Executive Director Geraldine Knatz. "It was great to see so many people come out and enjoy a great weekend with great food and music. We really enjoy sharing the Port with folks who might



From left: Alex Castillo, Port Police Officer, Club Member; and David Clements, Sr. Lead Officer.

not normally get down here — so this year's Lobster Festival was a big hit as far as we are concerned."

In all, 24,900 Maine lobster dinners, prepared by the San Pedro Fish Market, were consumed by the festival goers, who also enjoyed a feast of international foods, arts and crafts, live entertainment and a pirate encampment for children.

"We re-wrote the record book again this year," said Festival organizer Jim Hall. "On Saturday more lobsters were cooked and served in San Pedro than anywhere else on earth. And we did it again on Sunday!"

At the LobsterDog Pet Parade, a festival favorite where dogs compete in their costumes of sea creatures, four-pound miniature pinscher Bosco took home top honors, and \$500, for his whale costume. The entire parade was taped for



the nationally syndicated Rachael Ray Show, and will be featured in an upcoming program, including a live visit from Bosco and his owners.

Other winners in the LobsterDog competition included

"Annie" in the small dog competition for her sea turtle costume, and "Bailey" in the large dog competition for her clam costume.

A portion of the proceeds from the Festival's first class ticket sales benefited the community outreach programs of the Harbor Interfaith organization. Other community partners included

the San Pedro Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, Italian-American Club and San Pedro Rotary.

The 2007 Port of Los Angeles Lobster Festival is slated for Sept. 14 - 16.



Sheila Gonzales and Michael Barnes, Club Member.



Robel Aferweki, Club Member, with his son and daughter.



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Club Member's Daughter Is Author

■ **New book has Club connection.**

Whitney, 17, is a freshman at Cal State Bakersfield.

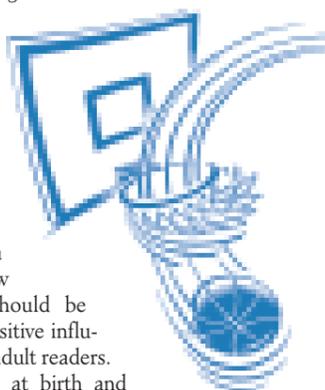
The book, published by Magic Valley Publishing, can be ordered at local bookstores or online at amazon.com

Congratulations to Whitney and her parents, Leonard and Elaine Walker, on this great accomplishment!

Whitney Walker, author of *Doubting Destiny*.

CLUB HEADQUARTERS — Whitney Walker, daughter of Club Member Leonard Walker, Director of Fleet Services, General Services, has published her first book.

The book, *Doubting Destiny*, tells the story of Destiny Davidson as she handles the struggles of school, friendships and the desire to be a basketball player. The book is a testimony on how these challenges should be handled. It has a positive influence on young and adult readers. The journey begins at birth and ends in college, and is geared toward middle-school-aged readers.



Ice, Ice Baby

■ **Downtown on Ice returns Nov. 16 for the holidays.**

REC AND PARKS — Downtown chills out under the sun and stars as one of the Southland's largest holiday outdoor ice-skating rinks, Downtown on Ice, glides into its ninth spectacular season Nov.16 through Jan. 15 at Pershing Square (532 South Olive).

Downtown on Ice is made possible by sponsorship from Rec and Parks, the LA Kings and Councilwoman and Club Member Jan Perry.

As the Rockefeller Center of the west, the vast outdoor ice oasis lies nestled downtown in the heart of the city among the towering skyscrapers and historical landmarks, easily accessible by car or Metro stop.

Complete with a series of free live concerts, free hockey clinics, "glide-in" movies, a free winter carnival and community special events, the conveniently located facility unites an estimated 500,000 spectators and 200,000 skating enthusiasts for unique, healthy and safe seasonal recreation in.

Downtown on Ice is open seven days a week (including holidays). Admission is \$6 per skating session, plus skate rental. Call (213) 847-4970 or toll free or (888) LA-PARKS (527-2757) for more information.



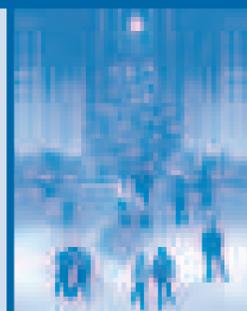
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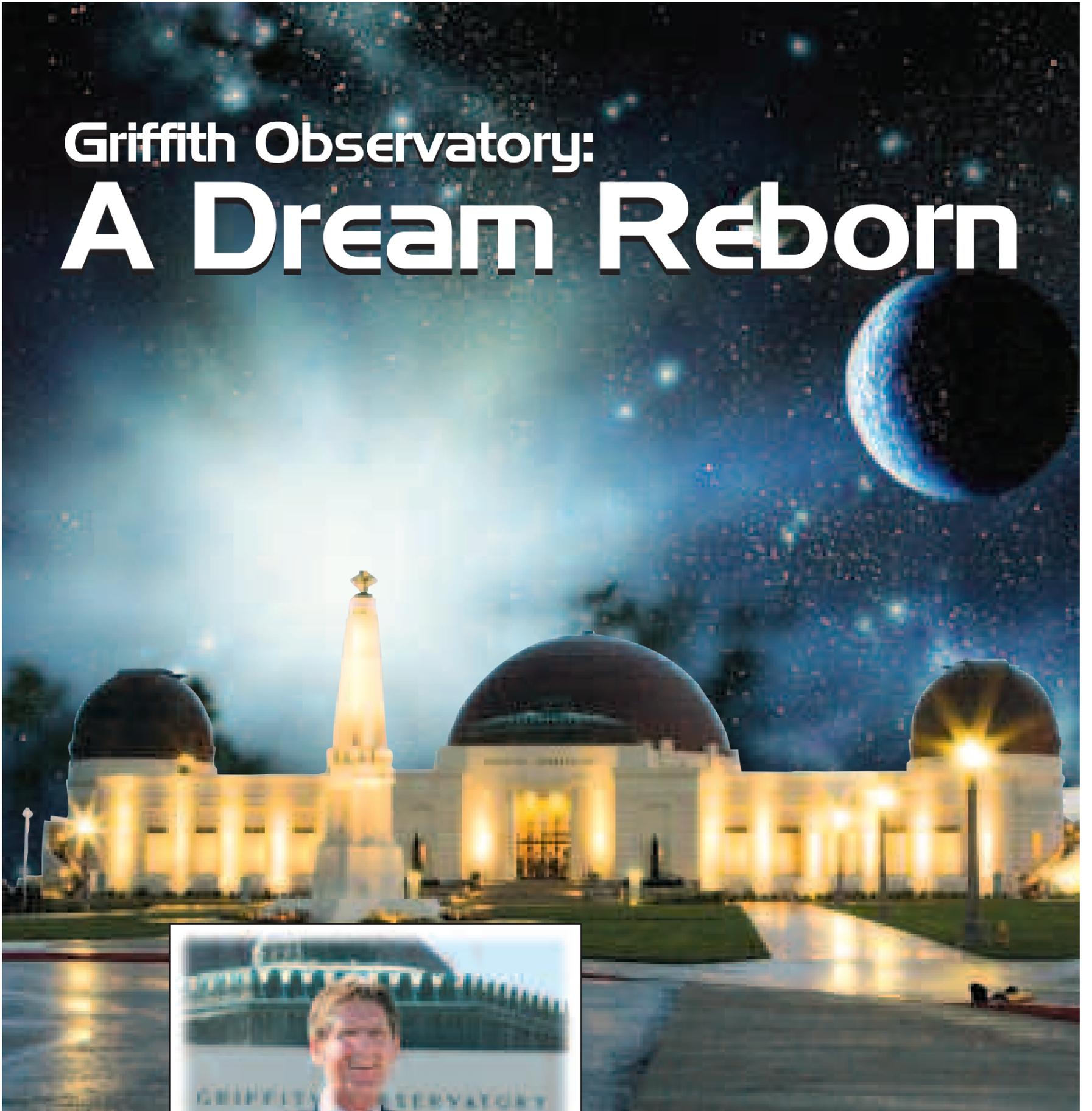
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Griffith Observatory: A Dream Reborn



Dr. Ed C. Krupp, Observatory Director

The dream of Dr. Ed Krupp,

Griffith Observatory Director and Club

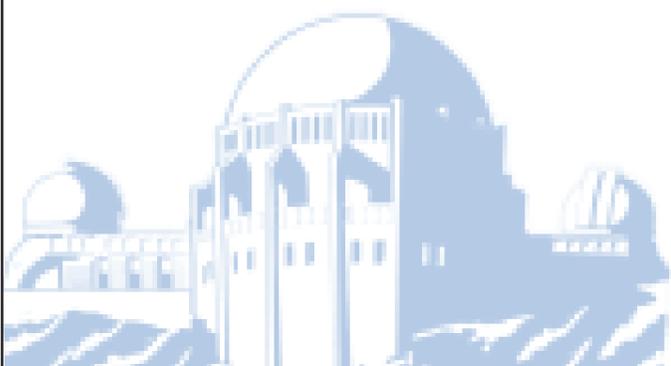
Member, was to create a grand and renovated

facility for the City and the world. The dream

reopens this month as a testament to his

vision, hard work and guiding principles.

Here's your guide to the fantastic facility.





GRIFFITH



Hands raised! From left: Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member; Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Dr. Ed Krupp, Observatory Director.



Kara Knack, Renovation Communication Officer, Friends of the Observatory, explains the quality of work to renovate hallways like this one to John Hawkins, Club John Hawkins, President, City Employees Club of Los Angeles.

Press Event Marks

REC AND PARKS — Dr. Ed Krupp, City star and Director of the Griffith Observatory, was finally getting to see his longtime dream of a renovated facility come true, and he was all smiles.

"I am delighted to welcome you to the Los Angeles linchpin between earth and sky," Dr. Krupp said to a big round of applause at a press conference Oct. 3 that announced the reopening of the Griffith Observatory.

"Griffith Observatory is owned and operated by the City of Los Angeles' Department of Recreation and Parks, and it has, of course, been closed for major restoration and expansion since January 6, 2002. Since that time, Mars made its closest approach to planet Earth in 50,000 years; astronomers stripped Pluto of its planet privileges; and the universe was determined to be 13.7 billion years old. In the 13.7-billion-year-old universe, four years and ten months of a closed Griffith Observatory really doesn't seem like such a big deal. But for everyone in Los Angeles, Griffith Observatory's return to space is overdue."

He received another round of applause. This month, he will receive a lot of more recognition as his beautifully renovated Griffith Observatory opens to the public. It should be open by the time you read this.

"You guys were ahead of the curve!" he told *Alive!* at the press conference Oct. 3. Dr. Krupp gave *Alive!* readers (and fellow Club Members) a great preview of his dream in progress in the November 2005 issue.

Dr. Krupp deserved his great moment in the bright Los Angeles sunshine Oct. 3, for even though the project involved hundreds of City workers, outside companies and Friends of the Observatory, the reopening is Dr. Krupp's personal gesture to the people of Los Angeles, and the world. He is the Observatory's guiding light and its biggest fan.

"The real personal message for me is the remarkable opportunity to get to do something big and grand and meaningful to people, and do it right," Dr. Krupp told *Alive!* last year. "What's really wonderful



Dr. Ed Krupp, Observatory Director, welcomes visitors to the press conference.



From left: Ken Moody, ITA, 22 years, Club Member, and Ed Santacruz, ITA, 8.5 years, make sure the audio for the press conference is perfect.



Kara Knack, Renovation Communications Officer, Friends of the Observatory, anticipates that the reopening of the Observatory will also reestablish it as the premier icon of Los Angeles.



Ken Moody, ITA, Club Member, tests the sound before the press conference.



From left: Robert Jensen, Executive Officer, Rec and Parks; John Hawkins, President, City Employees Club of Los Angeles; and Jon Kirk Mukri, General Manager, Rec and Parks, Club Member.



Observatory Director Dr. Ed Krupp in front of the Observatory and Monument.



Councilman Tom LaBonge's infectious enthusiasm for the renovation project carries him to take a personal photo of Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Dr. Ed Krupp and the audience at the event.



Dr. Ed Krupp, Observatory Director, answers question for the local and national media.

OBSERVATORY



The architectural beauty of the Observatory is unmatched.



Discussing the design of the Observatory are, from left, John Hawkins, Club President; Dr. Ed Krupp, Observatory Director, Club Member; Kara Knack, Renovation Communication Officer, Friends of the Observatory; and John Burnes, *Alive!* editor.

Observatory Reopening

about the project is it's not just fixing and expanding the Observatory. We're getting to do the thing right, which is a reflection of what was invested in the building in the first place and the thought that went into it and also a reflection of people's respect and use of it. I'll get kind of silly here, but I have watched over the years how people who have gotten involved with the Observatory are transformed by the place because they realize this is one of the neatest things."

The attendants at the press conference in October were eager to see the new facility. "A countdown to reopening has begun," he told them. "This is the rollout to confirm the date of ignition. I am honored to introduce the only mayor with his feet on the ground and his eyes on the stars, the Honorable Antonio R. Villaraigosa, Mayor of the City of Los Angeles and all of its astronomically incorporated territory."

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa at a press conference enthused "When you think about the universe and its limitless possibilities, I think about Los Angeles, the City without limits, the City of incredible possibilities. It is fitting that we have a world-class observatory here in Los Angeles that has once again been restored to its world-class status and renovation."

"As we all know, this Observatory is one of the greatest icons in all of America," said Councilman and Club Member Tom LaBonge, who worked hard in the renovation effort. "This stacks up to all the great buildings and monuments in this country. I love it tremendously as a building [and] the way it presents astronomy to countless numbers of people, including our school children, which is so important."

Credit to All Departments

"The new and improved [Observatory] could not have been done without City employees," Jon Kirk Mukri, General Manager, Rec and Parks, told Club CEO John Hawkins at the conference. "Just about every single department has played a key role in making this what it is. It's just not Rec and Parks, not just Bureau of Engineering; we had every single department. Without them, this would not have been here, period. There's no other way to say it."

Is this one of the most exciting times for the City in the last ten years?

"Longer than that," he said. "This eclipses the reopening of City Hall. This building has been an icon since 1934 and it really reflects the character of Los Angeles. Reopening this gives the gift right back to the people who made this all happen: City employees and taxpayers. It's their building."

Big congratulations to all involved in bringing the Griffith Observatory to even greater glory than its storied past.

And the biggest congratulations of all goes to Dr. Ed Krupp, truly one of the stars of the City of Los Angeles.



From left: Ken Moody, ITA, 22 years, Club Member, and Ed Santacruz, ITA, 8.5 years, make sure the audio for the press conference is perfect.

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa points out the correct position of the Orion constellation in the sky to Councilman Tom LaBonge. In his remarks, Councilman LaBonge's location of Orion might have been off a parsec or two.

About the Observatory and the Renovation

Opened in 1935, Griffith Observatory is one of the best-known and most visited public observatories in the world. Operated by Rec and Parks, the Observatory welcomed nearly 70 million visitors into the building prior to closing for renovation in January 2002. Construction on the renovation and expansion project began in October 2002. Pfeiffer Partners, Inc., in association with Levin & Associates Architects, are the architects for the project, working together with Rec and Parks, the Bureau of Engineering, and Friends of the Observatory. Amoroso was the renovation construction contractor. Exhibits were designed by C&G Partners LLC and fabricated and installed by Maltbie, Inc.

Griffith Observatory is in the southern part of Griffith Park, just below the summit of Mt. Hollywood. For more information regarding Griffith Observatory, visit the Observatory's Website at www.GriffithObservatory.org.



All sorts of technical delights await visitors at the refurbished Griffith Observatory.

How to Get In, and How to Get There

■ Reservations are required, and you'll have to take a shuttle, at least for awhile.

In response to the overwhelming number of projected visitors to the Observatory, a temporary visitor access program has been implemented, featuring a timed-entry and shuttle reservation system that will prevent long waits and overcrowding. In addition, 48 hours in advance, a limited number of timed-entry reservations will become available for hikers and cyclists who want to visit the Observatory.

During the months after reopening, there will be absolutely no drive-up access to the Observatory permitted. Everyone must have a timed-entry reservation to be admitted to the Observatory.

Reservations guarantee entry to Griffith Observatory and seats on a shuttle to and from the Observatory. Two points of departure with adequate parking have been established: the parking lot at the Hollywood and Highland entertainment complex in Hollywood; and the current Griffith Observatory Satellite, adjacent to the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens, in Griffith Park. At Hollywood & Highland, visitors will find their shuttle bus at Orange Court, the tour bus departure on Orange Dr. near Hollywood Blvd.

Reservations may be made through one of the following convenient options:

- via the Observatory Website at www.GriffithObservatory.org;
- by calling the toll-free call center at (888) 695-0888 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- Reservations may be made in-person at a reservation center at the Griffith Observatory Satellite (4800 Western Heritage Way, Los Angeles, CA 90027).

Fees for shuttle:

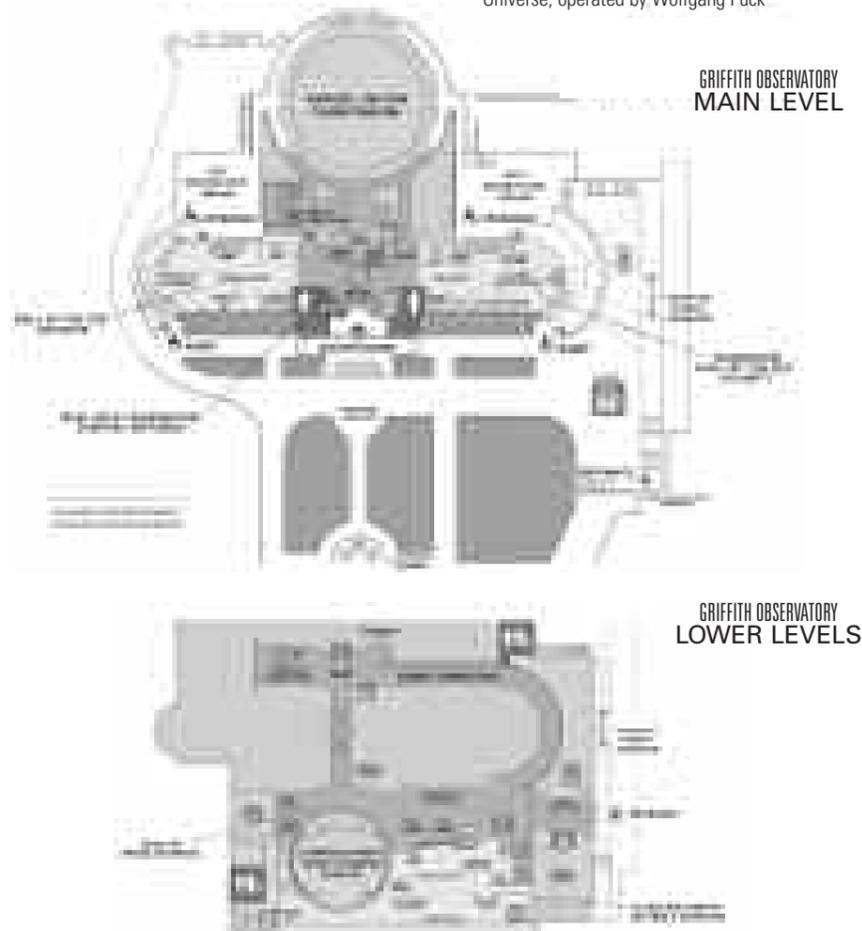
- Shuttle reservations: \$8 each
- Children 5-12 years: \$4 each
- Children 4 years and under: Free
- Seniors 60 years and over: \$4 each
- Timed-entry reservations only.
- Hikers and cyclists: Free 48 hours in advance

Hours of operation:

- Noon to 10 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays
- 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.
- Closed Mondays.

Fun Facts

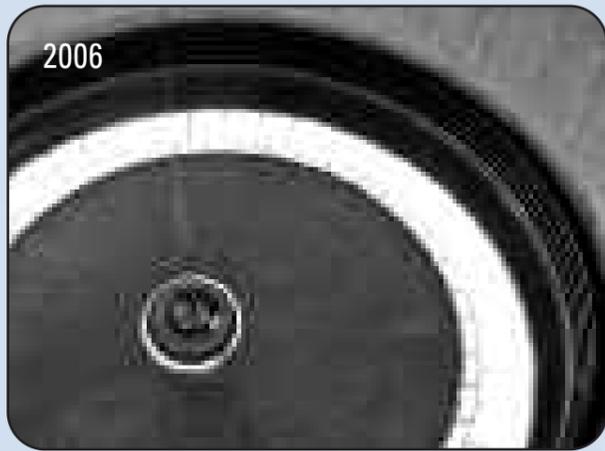
- Renovation budget: \$93 million
- Attendance between 1935 and 2002: 70 million
- Seats in Samuel Oschin Planetarium: 300
- Seats in the Leonard Nimoy Event Horizon: 200
- New exhibits: More than 60
- New space: Almost 40,000 square feet of added space
- Full-time employees: 54
- Part-time employees: More than 150
- Where to eat: at the new Café at the End of the Universe, operated by Wolfgang Puck



GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY MAIN LEVEL

GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY LOWER LEVELS

The Foucault Pendulum



The Front Lawn



Last November, Alive! took readers on a tour of the Griffith Observatory when it was heavily under renovation.

Here, we show you some of those old photos, and what the Observatory looks like at press time, nearly complete.

Griffith Observatory: The Finishing Touches



Ahmanson Hall of the Sky



Hall of the Eye



The Samuel Oschin Planetarium

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A Model of the Renovated Observatory

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The Club offers special thanks to the following for making this story possible:

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PROFILE



Dr. Ed C. Krupp

Observatory Director

Birthplace:	Chicago, Ill.
Education:	Bachelor's degree, Pomona College; Master's and Doctoral degrees, UCLA.
Children:	One son and four grandchildren.
Siblings:	Two brothers, twins.
First job with the city:	A part-time job as a planetarium lecturer from 1970 to '72. First full-time job was as curator for Griffith Observatory in 1972.
Hero:	"My father and George Abell are probably two real good ones. George was my adviser in grad school. He wrote the first modern textbook on astronomy and was a great showman. Everything that I ever learned – well, almost everything – I learned about what I would call astronomy entertainment I saw George do in front of a classroom on a chalkboard."
Best advice you've ever received:	"Less wordy."
Favorite archeological site:	"The next place I haven't been."
Person he'd most like to interview:	Ancient astronomer Hipparchus. "He was professional, trailblazing, and on the mark, but almost all we know about him is secondhand."
Columnist:	He writes a monthly column on astronomy and culture for Sky & Telescope magazine.

Books authored (partial list):

- *Skywatchers, Shamans and Kings: Astronomy and the Archaeology of Power* (1999)
- *Beyond the Blue Horizon: Myths and Legends of the Sun, Moon, Stars and Planets* (1992)
- *Echoes of the Ancient Skies: The Astronomy of Los Civilizations* (2003)
- *The Big Dipper and You* (1999)
- *The Moon and You* (1993)



Become a Friend of the Observatory

Friends of the Observatory (FOTO) is a nonprofit membership organization established to support and promote Griffith Observatory. Friends are people like you, who value the Observatory for its importance to education, science and public astronomy. As a community support group, it offers numerous benefits to members and assists in the growth of the Observatory. Join us now and ensure that the stars continue to shine at Griffith Observatory.

For more than 70 years, Griffith Observatory has brought the pure joy of discovery down to earth through its educational programs, exhibits, shows and special events. Now this Los Angeles icon nears completion of a long-awaited renovation and expansion.

In Appreciation

As a member of FOTO, you will enjoy benefits and privileges reserved only for Friends, including exclusive member events, special programs, discounts at the new Observatory bookstore Stellar Emporium and the Café at the End of the Universe, and more. And of course your contribution is also tax deductible to the full amount allowed by law.

Contact the Friends of the Observatory:
<http://www.friendsoftheobservatory.com/>

Friends of the Observatory
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 Los Angeles, CA 90027
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Join

FOTO is committed to helping Griffith Observatory remain a vital community centerpiece of learning, exploration and inspiration and to continue to bring astronomy to life for millions of visitors.

FOTO needs the participation of people with vision, who care about Griffith Observatory and want to see it thrive. FOTO members make a direct and immediate impact on one of the most significant landmarks and revered traditions in Southern California.

Become a Friend by joining FOTO today. Your support helps ensure that Griffith Observatory will continue to educate, inspire, and bring the wonders of astronomy to generations of sky watchers to come.



WORKING MATTERS

by JACKIE DAVID, Public Information, Public Works



Dealing With Difficult People

It's a typical afternoon at the office and you're thinking about getting that cup of coffee to help you through the remainder of the day. You're almost done with your phone conversation when you hear loud voices coming from somewhere in the office. You hear bits and snatches of conversation. Two employees are going at it – arguing. Frustration is in the air. Tension is mounting. Then, *ka-boom*, a major explosion! One of them yells and is now totally out of control. Someone steps in. Whispers. One of the frustrated employees leaves. Dead silence follows. There's a collective sigh. Everyone back to work – if you can after all that. This would be the best time to go get that cup of coffee.

Work is not always a walk in the park. There are goals and tasks at hand and yes, a lot of frustration on many different levels. Some deal with the frustration better than others do. Unfortunately, there are a handful (and I hope just a handful) of people who will resort to knee-jerk reactions when things start to get a little rough. They become extremely difficult. So, how does one cope?

Sometimes, just being able to recognize certain types of difficult people can help us cope and deal with them. A book by Rick Brinkman and Rick Kirschner called *Dealing with People You Can't Stand* lists the types of difficult people based on behavior. Here they are:

• **The Sherman Tank or Steamroller**

This is your office bully – hostile, aggressive and angry. The Sherman Tank will leave you feeling flattened if you happen to be a target or happen to just be in the way.

• **The Sniper**

The Sniper will use any or a combination of the following to make you feel and look foolish or inept: eye rolling, rude and stinging negative remarks, criticism, sarcasm and humor. The Sniper is also classified as hostile-aggressive.

• **The Exploder or Grenade**

Being with an Exploder is like sitting atop a volcano. One minute calm and composed and the next minute: *ka-boom!* You've got a major, out-of-control explosion! You'll never know what hit you. Needless to say, this type is hostile-aggressive.

• **The Complainer or Whiner**

The Complainer is a miserable person who feels utterly helpless against a mean, cruel and

unjust world. This person whines to the wrong people, refuses to do anything to resolve any complaint(s) and only feel validated when others share in the misery.

• **The Clam/ Blank Wall / The Nothing**

Talking to this person would be like talking to a blank wall. You get nothing. No conversation. No emotion. No verbal signals. No non-verbal signals. Nothing!

• **The Negativist or The No Person**

This person personifies the Grim Reaper, spreading doom and gloom and darkness. Beware. The Negativist will sap your drive, energy and strength and will not stop until you are exhausted.

• **The Know-It-All or Expert**

This person can either be knowledgeable in his/her own wright or can be a phony expert. Whatever the case, the Know-It-All likes to lecture and wield great authority and knowledge, quoting facts and figures (true or otherwise). The Expert (at everything) must always be right and cannot stand to be corrected or contradicted. However, the Expert has no problem going out of his/her way to correct you.

• **The Super Agreeable or Yes Person**

Whatever the request is, the answer is a compulsive "yes" or "sure" or "no problem." This person is extremely nice and ever-so-eager to please. Unfortunately, the Super Agreeable can also take on much more than he/she can handle and so will most likely let you down simply because the load heaped on is more than this person can handle.

• **The Indecisive/Maybe Person**

Decisions are excruciating and painful for the Indecisive, who is too terrified to make a decision, lest the decision render someone with hurt feelings or, God forbid, be the wrong decision. Whatever the question is, the answer will be delayed and/or result in a "maybe."

I hope that identifying the types of difficult people we all have to put up with leaves us in a better position to cope with them. We all can react to frustration occasionally in one or more ways described above. The difference is that difficult people are defined through the consistency of their responses.

That being said, let's get back to work or go get that cup of coffee.



Performing Books for Youngsters

■ **Library's Performing Books series for kids continues.**

LIBRARY — Performing Books, a series of children's books performed by musicians, storytellers and other artists, continues its fourth season Saturday, Nov. 4, with *Belinda the Ballerina* and *Belinda in Paris*, by Amy Young.

The performance will feature Meghan Van Winkle, ballerina; Linda Zoolalian, pianist; and Pogo Saito, storyteller.

Book description: When Belinda auditions for the spring ballet recital, the snooty judges tell her that her feet are too big. Discouraged, she hangs up her tutu for good – but nothing can stop Belinda from dancing!

The series continues Saturday, Dec. 9, with *Opera Cat* by Tess Weaver. The performance will feature Heather Calvete, opera singer; Linda Zoolalian, pianist; and Peter Kors, storyteller.

Book description: Alma the cat loves opera and has an extraordinary singing voice. When opera diva Madame SoSo loses her voice, Alma steps in to save the day.

Admission is free.

Performances are held at 2 and 3 p.m. at the Los Angeles Central Library, Mark Taper Auditorium, 630 W. 5th St., Downtown Los Angeles.

Performing Books is intended for children ages 4 through 10.

For more information: www.lapl.org/kidspath



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Saturday, January 6, 2007

David Gets His Dime by David Fennell, Frances and Bob Rizzo
Storyteller: Pogo Saito • Pianist: Linda Zoolalian • Pianist: Linda Zoolalian
Little David wants to march at the Sunday parade with the big band. His friends are worried when his big drum breaks and he needs the help of his awesome cat!



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Club Welcomes New Provider for Auto, Home Insurance



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CLUB HEADQUARTERS — Help the Club welcome a new provider of auto and homeowners insurance: United Agencies located in Burbank.

United Agencies is offering a \$100 fuel card as its way of thanking any Club Member who switches its account maintenance to United Agencies! Read about the offer below.

Get to know Jeff Gelineau, Vice President, United Agencies, in the following Club interview.

Alive! Jeff, would you tell our Club readers about yourself?

Jeff Gelineau: I have been in the insurance business for 19 years, and have done pretty much everything. I've been running United Agency through its growth stage for, wow, 10 years now.

The agency was started in 1953 by Bob Lloyd, and in 1963 he added a partner, Ken Sommerville.

Alive! What services and products are you offering Club members?

Jeff Gelineau: As an agency, we provide a full range of insurance products. Most specifically we will work with Club members on their home and auto insurance. And any other toys that people like to insure, like boats, motorcycles, RVs, even ATVs and things like that, jet skis. We also help people out with investment properties, like small apartment buildings or rental houses, things like that. We insure those, also.

Alive! What makes United Agencies different from other agencies that offer those types of products?

Jeff Gelineau: There are two main kinds of insurance agencies. There is what is called a direct agency. These agents are contractually bound to one insurance company.

The other kind of agency in the United States is independent agents like us. Independent agents sign contracts with as many insurance companies as they can to represent different insurance companies. United Agencies is an independent agent.

The advantage of United Agencies is we write about \$200 million worth of insurance annually, so we basically have contracts with every single insurance company that sells home insurance and auto insurance that is not a direct writer, like State Farm. We represent between 16 and 20 different insurance companies. Depending on each person's family structure and their age, their driving record, the kind of vehicle, where they live and those kind of things, we are able to offer them several quotes and get them the most competitive quote.

United Agencies is kind of unique in that. We are small enough so you are still dealing with the owners and dealing with an agency that cares for its customers, but we are large enough that we can provide lots of different insurance companies to best suit your needs.

Alive! You do the shopping for the customer, don't you? In the sense that you are looking out for everything they need.

Jeff Gelineau: Right.

Direct writer insurance companies do a good job. [But if your conditions change,] all of the sudden you are paying a lot of money because they are not structured to insure those kind of risks. So the advantage of dealing with an independent agent is that we have got lots of different companies.

Alive! Lots of resources.

Jeff Gelineau: Yeah.

CUSTOMER SERVICE, COMPANY VISION

Alive! As we walked into your office today, we noticed that, much like the Club office, there is someone at the front handling the phones and greeting people as they walk in. And then as we walked into your office, I noticed this framed poster ...

Jeff Gelineau: The Company Vision.

Alive! Can you tell us a little bit about that?

Jeff Gelineau: We are committed to having a live person answer the phone. In today's market, that is an expense that a lot of people are not able to continue to

provide. And even with technology, technology tempts you to do away with a live person and, you know, just have the whole thing handled by voice mails and those message machines where you press one and press two. But we are committed to having our customers talk to someone when they call. (See related story.)

And we are also committed to our community. We try to find ways to give back to the people we work with. Right now we are working with the Burbank School District in providing schools supplies for kids here in Burbank that need them. We delivered more than 100 backpacks in September to school kids.

So that is kind of where we are. It is all about people.

Alive! You are in the relationship business, aren't you?

Jeff Gelineau: Exactly. Insurance is not a product. There is nothing you can put in a bag, nothing you can deliver. All you are doing is you are delivering a promise of security, of financial repair to a person's injury. And that is based on trust. So it is based on relationships.

We have to maintain great relationships with our customers because they have lots of choice in insurance. They could go anywhere. But we want them to appreciate and value dealing with us.

Alive! How many of your employees work in liability insurance, like auto insurance and homeowners' insurance?

Jeff Gelineau: We have seven employees who specialize solely in personal insurance.

CURRENT TRENDS

Alive! Do you foresee any issues in the auto insurance industry that might affect Club members in the near future?

Jeff Gelineau: There are some really good things coming in the auto insurance industry. We have got two companies that have announced some pretty major reductions in their rates. Mercury is taking a 22 percent decrease [in premiums] for people with children, teens, teen drivers. Safeco's decrease is between an eight and 20 percent decrease. So the good news right now is that the rates are coming down. That should be really good news to people.

Too often people just kind of just pay the premium. Every six months the bill comes and people pay it and do not really get a competitive look. You really should reassess what you are paying every three to five years. Get a competitive quote to make sure that you are doing well.

Our computer system automatically quotes from 20 companies.

Alive! Some of our Club members live in other states: Nevada, Arizona, even some other states. Would you be able to insure these people in these other states?

Jeff Gelineau: We are appointed in 49 states. So pretty much in every state we are able to write insurance.

KEEPING FAMILIES STRONG

Jeff Gelineau: One of the focuses of the Club is to just help its members make decisions that are good for their members' family. We feel we shine as an agency in our ability to explain the insurance products that each person needs and discuss what is best for them and their family. We can look at a lot of different products and see how one might serve you better than the other. We have been doing this for a long time. It is a matter of making intelligent decisions.

Alive! What are the cheapest cars to insure for a 16-year-old these days?

Jeff Gelineau: That is a good question. The key thing when you have a teenager is to understand that they are probably going to be in an accident. So in my opinion, you do not want to give them a car that is too expensive. That is where a lot of the [insurance] cost is.

INCENTIVE TO SWITCH

Alive! Are there going to be any incentives for Club members to switch to United Agencies?

Jeff Gelineau: We are offering Club members a \$100 Arco gas card when they switch their insurance to United Agencies, whether we rewrite it to a new insurance company or whether they just keep their existing policy, and move it over to us to be served. We hope we will be quoting Club Members with a [insurance] carrier that is going to save them money even more than that in the long run. We feel that the benefit of getting personal service from United Agencies is going to be something that a lot of people are looking for. Too often you just call a toll free number, and you never talk to the same person twice, and you just start explaining everything all over again, and they do not know who you are. We feel it is better to develop a relationship with someone who knows you, knows your family, knows what's going on in your life.

Alive! Thanks Jeff, it was great talking to you!

Jeff Gelineau: And you, too.

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Jeff Gelineau (left), Vice President, United Agencies, Inc., with the team that is ready to assist Club Members with their auto and homeowner insurance needs, standing from left: Norma Angulo, Account Manager; Suzanne Egli, Personal Insurance Department Manager; and Rosa Calderon, Account Manager. Seated: Patty Pulido, Account Manager and Club Member Contact.



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Promotions



Michael R. Christensen, a 30-year veteran Transportation Engineer, joined the Port of Los Angeles as Director of Port Development. The Director of Port Development is the number-two position at the Port, reporting directly to the executive director, Geraldine Knatz.



Carlos Rodriguez, has been promoted to Plumber, Harbor. He was an Maintenance and Construction Helper. He has six years of City service and has been a Club Member since 2005.

Also promoted:

Janie Cardamone, to Sr. Management Analyst II, Engineering, Harbor

Rochelle Scott, to Student Professional Worker, Treasury, Harbor

Leilani Walsh, to Civil Engineer, Construction, Harbor

Tracey Zuliani, to Management Assistant, Financial Management, Harbor

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Quinceañera



Happy 15th birthday to the following, who are celebrating their passage into adulthood! If your daughter has recently celebrated her quinceañera, send a photo and family information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Michael R. Christensen, a 30-year veteran Transportation Engineer, Gricelda Alcantar, daughter of Jorge Alcantar, Rehabilitation Construction Specialist II, Housing, Sept. 23. The celebration was attended by more than 300 family members and guests and was complemented with mariachi and banda musicians. The Club thanks Edna Meraz, Housing, Club Member, for submitting the photo and information.

Graduations



Kayla Marie Cervantes, 4, graduated from Huntington Park Nursery (preschool) this year. She's the daughter of Adriana Belmares, LAPD, and Angel Cervantes. Her grandparents include Maria Belmares and Ruben Guerrero, Retired, Sanitation.

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Weddings

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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

Harry Bradford
Rec and Parks, 2

Victor Hernandez
Public Works, 36

Roberta Miller
Building and Safety, 23

Willie Welch
Rec and Parks, Less than 1

Mark Winn
Street Lighting, 30

Retired

Hosie Blakes
Public Works, 15

Shirley Bloomstone
Library, 20

Ernest Bodner
DWP, 30

Clarence Bonaime
DWP, 21

Florence Bruhl
Library, 13

John Bullock
Public Works, 39

Edward Crawford
DWP, 17

Margaret Dolan
DWP, 28

Harry Drucker
DWP, 33

Wilbur Elam
DWP, 45

John Fellis
Public Utilities/
Transportation, 24

James Gee
DWP, 37

Charles Goodrum
DWP, 35

Walter Gorham
Public Works, 32

Aurelien Grow
Public Works, 24

Victor Guenther
DWP, 32

Arthur Henderson
Lot Clearing, 17

Mart Hudson
Public Works, 15

Jose Huerta
Rec and Parks, 22

Edwin Huggard
Transportation, 31

Howard Ingram
Rec and Parks, 22

Curtis Johnson
Public Works, 27

Sam Jones
Public Works, 31

Earl Joyce
DWP, 23

Joe Knott Sr.
Public Works, 17

Lyman Kunze
Rec and Parks, 29

Martin Martinez
Police, 16

James Maxwell
Airports, 16

Lawrence McAllister
City Clerk, 22

Ellen Nicholson
Police, 31

Ernest Nicholas
DWP, 37

Emilio Paez
DWP, 19

James Patterson
DWP, 25

Erma Penner
DWP, 13

Aniceta Perez
Public Works, 18

Henry Siegel
DWP, 11

Richard Stephenson
Public Works, 17

R.M. Stephenson
DWP, 30

Bertha Sultan
Public Works, 15

Birdie Sultan
DWP, 11

Clarence Thomas
Airports, 23

Durett Thompson
DWP, 28

Roscoe Tinsley
DWP, 23

Alex Tolmas
DWP, 33

Solomon Trujillo
General Services, 14

Truman Watson
Public Works, 35

Albert Yanez
Rec and Parks, 18

Merry Yoakum
DWP, 16

New Hires

Name	Position	Department
Jonathan Cuevas	Civil Engineer	Engineering, Harbor
Ernesto Dela Cruz	Electrician	C & M, Harbor
Nathan Ewert	Port Police Officer	Port Police, Harbor
Carlos Flores	Street Services Worker	C & M, Harbor
Rodolfo Gonzalez	Vocational Worker	C & M, Harbor
Jason Ho	Civil Engineering Assoc. I	Engineering, Harbor
Robert King	Electrician	C & M, Harbor
Damon Lankford	Security Officer	Port Police, Harbor
Juan Lopez	Electrician	C & M, Harbor
Rhea Madison	Clerk Typist	Homeland Security, Harbor
Serjio Molina	Electrician	C & M, Harbor
Cheryl Provinchain	Sr. Management Analyst I	Port Police, Harbor
Mary Frances Sandoval	Wharfinger I	Wharfingers, Harbor
Catalina Santo Domingo	Civil Engineer	Engineering, Harbor
Christine Thome	Systems Analyst II	Info Systems, Harbor
Michael Zamora	Mgmt. Analyst II	Planning & Res., Harbor

Births

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Share your moments!

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

New Members

Welcome New Members!

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

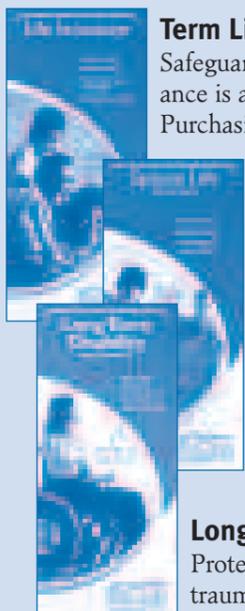
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|---|--|---|--|--|--|---|
| <p>Airports
Kelley Alexander
Jeronimo Angulo
Mark Baker
Steven Balandran
Latekia Barnes
Verneiza Benwikere
Brenda Brown
Rendi Brown
Manuel Castro
Rodolpho Roy Concepcion
Michael Cummings
Gloria Cyphers
Jorge De Loera
Carrie Edwards
Heather Edwards
John Garcia
Leslie Harbour
Danita Haynes
Rennwick Ingram
Jacqueline Jones
Quincy Kemp
Maria Magana
Latoya Martin
Margarita McCallum
Robin McCoy
Jose Morales
Paul O'Carroll
Eddy Ojeda
Marie OKelly-Green
Walter Roberts
Terry Robinson
Ambrose Salvato
Richard Striker
Miguel Tejada
Patricia Valles
Melvin Wells
Alicia Williams</p> <p>Animal Services
Lawrence Gonzales
Larry Herskovic
Aaron Owen
Katie Rainey</p> | <p>Building and Safety
Mui Lay
Morris Lee
Debra Mack
Chris Norris
Ruben Salas</p> <p>City Attorney
Nina Chimil
Viridiana Gallardo</p> <p>City Clerk
Olivia Galvin</p> <p>Community Development
David Cardenas
Niesha Louiis
Olivia Mitchell
Velinda Riparip
Kathleen Samsing</p> <p>Personnel
Irene Almeida
Bruce Bundschuh
Carolyn Henderson
Veronica OHara
Dominique Towns</p> <p>ITA
Baltimore Botero
Catherine Burleson
Gerald Perman</p> <p>City Council
Dennis Zine</p> <p>Fire Department
John Heredia
Wade Jones
Donald Lee
David Lowe
Brian Petty
Brian Russell</p> | <p>Harbor
Charles Adams
Terry Garrett
Miguel Jeronimo
Marisa Katnich
Esiquio Landa
Lisa Maes
Anthony Quintana
Roberto Ramirez
Lisa Roberts
Paula Rollins
Brandon Smith
Norbert Style
James Williams</p> <p>General Services
Lizette Amador
Robert Becerra
Michael Bridge
Juan Carbajal
Alejandro Cervantes
Ruben De Los Rios
Enrico Dinapoli Sr.
Henry Dominguez
Christopher Garcia
Annette Gonzales
Isabel Guzman
James Hickman
Peter Hoang
Albert Jedinak
Anthony Jones
Raed Kailany
Huma Khan
Margie Kimble
Edward Lopez
Kenneth Minfield Jr
Talitha Mitchell
Diane Newman
Luis Ortega
Johnnie Pace
Robert Payan
Frank Pazasis
Joe Perez
Ross Quintana
Tyron Tennessee</p> | <p>Jose Valenzuela
Silvia Villeda</p> <p>Library
Loretta Abernathy
Martha Clegg
Linda Herrera-Amaya
Rozelle ODell
Karen Rohaly
Ana Rosal
Deborah Savage</p> <p>Housing
Tania Arzate
Steve Barriere
Anthony Cardoza
Elizabeth Eng
Shunte Wyndham</p> <p>Convention Center
Joaquina Sagredo
Charlene Simmons</p> <p>Planning
Sherri Gonzalez</p> <p>Police Department
Beverly Brink
Melva Carter
Wing Chan
Tony Chang
Steven Cooper
Darin Day
Teresa Dougherty
James Ferrell
Fanny Garcia
Elizebeth Garrett
Marvin Hall
Elvia Ibarra
Teresa Jones
Stephanie Krajchir
Amber Leslie
Roberto Lopez
David Love
Leonardo Manaois</p> | <p>Richard Mercado
Rosalia Pajos
Michelle Rubio
Emmanuel San Diego
Kevin Scott
Lloyd Scott
Sara Soria
Sharon Summerise-Brown
Tamra Tavarez
Thomas Tillery
Jennifer Trinidad
Marita Waight
Dania Ward
James Warren
Kawanis Washington
Kelli Whitaker
Sarita Williams</p> <p>Neighborhood Empowerment
Milena Albert
Ulisses Sanchez</p> <p>PUBLIC WORKS:</p> <p>Contract Administration
Barbara Nielsen
Debbie Porter
Ezequiel Rivera
Gary Toon
Ismael Pura
Mark Klein
William Lind</p> <p>Engineering
Carlton Everfield
Carlos Villegas
Gerard Del Rosario
Krystal Golden
Raymond Zabela
Roger Rivera</p> <p>Sanitation
Anthony Handy
Berny Morales
Cheryl Johnson</p> | <p>Daniel Hillman
Danny Graves
Dean Taylor
Emorette Hinton
Eugene Ramirez
Guadalupe Ramos
Joseph Norwood
Laia Weaver
Lo Chan
Maria Serrano
Mario Macias Jr
Michael Christian
Michael Lewis
Orlando Maldonado
Rachel Breslin-Valdez
Reginald Johnson
Robert Hall</p> <p>Street Services
Eddie Herring
Henry Dixon Jr.
John Bonk
Kevin Henry
Nick Mendoza
Shelly Wilkes-Bradley
Carlos Nunez
Charles Hughes
Christopher Torres
Cynthia Parrish
Dameian Hartfield
Ebony Ruckett
Eugene Encinias
George Stigile
Joey Pallares
Mercedes Solis
Monica Pozos</p> <p>Transportation
Christina Lobasso
David Garcia
Horace Coleman
Neda Daneshmand
Reitha Thomas
Valerie Douglas
Vyron Frazier
Yendi Serwaa</p> | <p>Finance
Alisa Shamam
Cinthia Mejia
Jeffrey Strafford
Jerri Davis
Leticia Anderson
Linda Jordan
Linda McClelland
Marlon Young
Warren Sibille
Scott Haist</p> <p>RETIRED, DWP
Luther Magee
Patricia Saucier
Victor Yasuhara</p> <p>RETIRED, LACERS
Phyllis Absalom
Mary Albao
Carlos Arevalo
Walter Crowder
Antonio De Leon
Olivia Galvin
Ramon Garcia
Dawnell Hawkins
James Hogan
David Iberri
John Jaso
Jonathan Kagimoto
Joaquin Lim
Karen Mason
Diane Newman
Fred Noble
Utte Osborne
Bernard Sanchez
Kathleen Solano
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Lee Wood
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2003 President's Award Recipient



Beverly Haro



Arlene Herrero



Liz Montes

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Retirements

Joseph Acevedo
Building Mech. Inspector, Building and Safety, 33

Reynold Badman
Librarian, Library, 37

John Bayne
N/A, DWP, N/A

Laurene Beardsley
Clerk Typist, Rec and Parks, 5

Gale Briles
Police Service Rep., Police, 26

Velta Brooks
Recreation Asst., Rec and Parks, 1

Amy Brown
Rec Director, Rec and Parks, 5

Gloria Buccat,
Club Member since 2004, N/A, DWP, N/A

Richard Burrison
Sr. Rec. Director, Rec and Parks, 37

William Calderwood
Equip. Repair Supvr., General Services, 30

Bee Campbell
Chief Admin. Analyst, City Administrative Officer, 36

Candace Campbell
Council Aide, Council, 8

Louis Colletta
Financial Mgr., Harbor, 22

Catherine Cornelius
Exec. Admin. Assistant, Neighborhood Empowerment, 33

Bertilia Cuyugan
Environmental Spec., Airports, 32

Rose Darensbourg
CouncilAide, Council, 21

Martin Dilger
Sr. Personnel Analyst, Public Works, 31

Prestonia Dotch
Clerk, ITA, 31

Jeury Duran
Locksmith, General Services, 12

Arthur Felix
Rehab Construction Specialist, Housing, 21

Jose Garcia
Maintenance and Construction Helper, Convention Center, 25

Jeffrey Gilmore
Street Mt. Supv., Public Works, 35

Shean Jones
N/A, DWP, N/A

Raymond Kim
Sr. Constr. Inspector, Public Works, 28

Jimmy Kuo
Build. Elec. Engr., Public Works, 20

Jimmy Lagao
Wastewater Treatment Oper., Public Works, 20

Richard Li
Wastewater Trmt. Oper., Public Works, 31

An-Kuo Liu
N/A, DWP, N/A

Catherine Lozano
Chief Wharfinger, Harbor, 36

Freddie Lyles
Ref. Coll. Truck Operator, Public Works, 16

Shai Margalit
Trans. Engr. Assoc., Transportation, 11

Stephanie Meyer
Librarian, Library, 9

Robert McKenzie
Traffic Mark/Sign Supt., Transportation, 37

Joseph Mundine
Asst. Director, Sanitation, Public Works, 30

Ceferino Munoz
Sr. Sanitary Engineer, Public Works, 34

Evelyn Nakamura
Exec. Admin. Assistant, Convention Center, 28

Arthur Newborn
Street Lighting Elect. Supv., Public Works, 42

Jay Oren
Architect, Planning, 32

Ralph Quintero
Crossing Guard, Transportation, 9

Zissa Ravona
Crossing Guard, Transportation, 4

Sharon Richards Grayson
Police Service Rep., Police, 28

Hipolito Rios
Gardener Caretaker, Zoo, 25

Ramond Rodriguez
Special Prog. Asst., Rec and Parks, 1

Eloise Sanchez Rubner
Accounting Clerk, Transportation, 33

Richard Slotkin
Management Analyst, Public Works, 36

Lynette Smith
Sr. Housing Inspector, Housing, 31

Debra Smith
Traffic Officer, Transportation, 28

Patricia Taylor
Sr. Clerk Typist, Personnel, 38

Jovita Trinidad
Accounting Clerk, Personnel, 26

Ronald Tunac
Civil Engr. Draft Tech., Airports, 13

Ina Van Der Laan
Transportation Engineer, Transportation, 41

Norma Vaughn
Crossing Guard, Transportation, 10

Frank Villa
Equip. Operator, Zoo, 34

Susan Warneck
Management Analyst, Police, 35

Shirley Williams
Management Analyst, CDD, 31

Judy Wright
Sr. Clerk Typist, Police, 22

Harold Yamanuha
Special Officer, Harbor, 13

Howard Zimmerman
Club Member since 1982, N/A, DWP, N/A

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The reconstructed Echo Park Lake Bridge.

Beautiful Bridge

■ **Rec and Parks completes its handsome Echo Park Lake Bridge project.**

Story by Louis Suarez, Head Carpenter, Rec and Parks; Photos courtesy Rec and Parks

REC AND PARKS — Recreation and Parks staff has put the finishing touches on the reconstructed Echo Park Lake Bridge, completing their work an entire week before the 29th annual Lotus Festival.

Deteriorated to the point where it was unsafe to cross, the bridge and island were closed to park users. In the interim, with the exception of the occasional filming or special event, the island has become a de facto bird sanctuary.

Rec and Parks' Metro Griffith Park Construction Services crews, under the supervision of Larry Mottler, stripped the bridge of all its wood decking and rails, all the way down to the steel support structure. With pontoons as a work platform, the crew stripped the paint, rebuilt the wooden deck and railing, repaved the approach, and finally repainted the bridge. At the urging of

the Echo Park Historical Society, several layers of red paint were peeled away from the steel structure to expose four or more layers of green, last seen more than 14 years ago before the bridge was unfortunately painted red. The green bridge can also be appreciated in the 1974 film classic, Chinatown.

It is anticipated that a new decorative, artist-designed and -fabricated gate will replace the steel bars that restrict access to the bridge and that the island might be made accessible for special events or possibly during daylight hours.

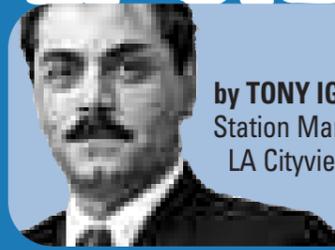
Special thanks to Council President Eric Garcetti and District Director Mitch O'Farrel for facilitating the discussions between Rec and Parks and the Echo Park Historical Society that resulted in a historically sensitive reconstruction of this Echo Park Landmark.

Additional thanks to the Rec and Parks construction crew: Head Carpenter Louis A. Suarez; Carpenters Omar Vegas and James Shakir; Apprentice Carpenter Bryan Kelly; and Helper Jose Ramos.



From left: Apprentice Carpenter Bryan Kelly, Carpenter Omar Vargas, Helper Jose Ramos and Head Carpenter Louis A. Suarez, Club Member.

Tuned



by TONY IGHANI
Station Manager,
LA Cityview 35



Get Ready for Chick Talk

Have you ever wondered how programs get produced by Channel 35? It all starts with the Municipal Access Policy Board, or MAPB. This volunteer three-member board is the body responsible for making programming decisions every quarter when they convene and review various project requests submitted to Channel 35 from City departments and elected officials. The MAPB also is authorized to initiate programming through ITA, which manages LA Cityview 35. The MAPB strives to create programming that represents all City entities and helps increase the diversity of all voices. The MAPB also is responsible to advise the Council on policy issues affecting Channel 35. The MAPB is chaired by longtime member Tracy Westen and co-chaired by John Lippman. The Council President recently appointed Andrew Glazier, who fills the vacancy created by Morrie Goldman's recent resignation. We congratulate the MAPB for its guidance, leadership and more than a decade of award-winning programming it helped to produce.

November Highlights:

Chick Talk, hosted by Laura Chick

Nowadays there is no shortage of topics for intelligent people to talk about – politics, religion, wars, peace, culture, elections, show business – the list is endless. But most serious talk shows are hosted by men, and the majority of talk show hosts are men, too.

So Los Angeles City Controller Laura Chick (who already moderates a regular women's forum at City Hall) decided to create a monthly program featuring intelligent women. It's called *Chick Talk*, and it promises to deliver an exciting hour-long discussion on critical topics from a woman's perspective, only here on LA Cityview 35.

The Community Redevelopment Agency Presents

The Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles is a public agency established to attract private investment in depressed areas; eliminate slums and blight; revitalize neighborhoods; build affordable housing; and encourage job creation and economic development while seeking the broadest possible community participation in its activities. Currently, the Redevelopment Agency operates in seven regions throughout Los Angeles. Over the next several months, Channel 35 will create episodes of a new half-hour show that will highlight the tremendous progress these areas have made, thanks to the pioneering public/private partnerships between the Agency and the business community along with grassroots leaders. The premiere episode, *The Community Redevelopment Agency Presents: Hollywood*, will focus on the stunning successes in the Hollywood and Central regions of Los Angeles. Don't miss this opportunity to see the impact the Community Redevelopment Agency has on your community.

Home Shopping Petwork

Tune in for a new episode of Home Shopping Petwork, with more fun-loving animals being showcased by Animal Services for adoption. This program was added to the weekly lineup last April and has been wildly successful in placing animals in loving homes. Where else can you shop from your armchair and have your life enhanced by a faithful companion? Don't miss this golden opportunity to save an animal's life.

CityWorks

Hosted by TV anchor Phil Shuman, *CityWorks* this month takes a look at the projects of the City's hard-working employees in Public Works. From their library building projects to potholes to tree-trimming, tune in to learn how you can get these vital services easily accessed through a variety of resources. *CityWorks* packs in multiple exciting stories filled with interesting and informative facts.

Neighborhood Café

A host of topics will be covered in this new series of *Neighborhood Cafés*. From neighborhood councils' involvement in developing leadership to neighborhood beautification endeavors, these six new episodes scan the gambit of projects enriching the local communities of Los Angeles.

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



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History Comes Alive!

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



Tales From the City Archives

A Modern Boyle Heights

■ Hynda Rudd concludes her three-part history of Boyle Heights.

In conclusion of the history of Boyle Heights, this chapter is the most difficult to write, because it deals often with the here and now. Granted that it has been 60 years since World War II, but there has not been enough time to savor all the complexities that have occurred within this topic itself. Therefore, this treatise becomes more like reporting rather than historytelling.

A number of items come from the City's General Plan, produced through the Planning Department. This plan includes 35 individual Community Plans, one being Boyle Heights, mandated Nov. 10, 1998. The purpose of these plans, for Boyle Heights as for the other communities, is to provide a general guide to the development of the community.

Boyle Heights today is surrounded by the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles to the east, Lincoln Heights and El Sereno to the north, Vernon to the south and the Los Angeles River and downtown to the west. The Heights is about six square miles, or 3,807 acres, inhabited mostly by Mexican immigrants and second-generation Mexican-Americans.

Within the publication, Los Angeles' Boyle Heights produced by the Japanese American Museum, is a discussion of what happened in that area during World War II.

"Boyle Heights was particularly vulnerable to wartime racial and political scapegoating because it was home to many labor activists, communists, socialists, racial minorities and non-citizen 'aliens.'" Many young men from the area served in the armed forces, while others were conscientious objectors. As mentioned in the previous article, the Japanese-Americans of Boyle Heights were forced to leave the neighborhood for internment camps. Also, the war changed women's roles in the workplace, while other minority residents were able to advance to previously unavailable positions in the workplace.

Property, Freeways and Government Intervention



The Wyvernwood Housing Project.

The housing in Boyle Heights, according to the Nov. 10, 1998, Community Plan, was very old. Many subdivisions were built back in the 1920s. "During ...this period the physical environment of Boyle Heights evolved as the industries located on the Westside of the Los Angeles River expanded into the northern, western and southern edges of the Boyle Heights Community."

During the 1950s, four public housing proj-

ects were built. Eventually, two were enlarged. But what really changed the infrastructure of the community was the construction of four major freeways within its confines. Two were built in the 1940s, the other two in the 1960s. As a result, Boyle Heights became segmented into four small areas, with one larger neighborhood. This division of land had an impact of poor services to some of these segments. Also, with the building of the freeways, property values dropped considerably, while many local residents moved elsewhere out of Boyle Heights.

A number of government agencies worked



The Sleepy Lagoon Investigation's Citizens Committee.

to provide assistance to the community. Those mentioned in the 1998 City Plan report are: the Metro Rail Red Line extensions; the Housing Authority redevelopment of the Aliso Village public housing project; the Community Redevelopment Agency, evaluating industrial and commercial issues via a feasibility study; a state-sponsored Enterprise Zone, acknowledging that Boyle Heights be designated a High Density Unemployment Area (HDUA); the Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI) project; and the expansion of the Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center. At this time, this author does not know the outcome of these projects. But information could be found within the City Archives.

World War II

Boyle Heights was the center of some difficult racial strife in Los Angeles during World War II. Two incidents stand out: the Sleepy Lagoon murder investigation, and the Zoot Suit Riots in June 1943.

The riots made national news. But the precursor to those riots began a year earlier, when anti-Mexican sentiment escalated during the investigation of the Sleepy Lagoon Murder. This homicide, which involved the death of a teenaged boy near a swimming hole near Atlantic and Slauson Boulevards in August 1942, had

great impact on all young Mexican-Americans.

During the investigation, 300 Mexican-American youths were rounded up, of which 23 were arrested on murder charges. It was never proven that the teenager was even murdered. The press featured the incident on the front pages for months. A quotation from the volume Los Angeles A to Z was that a member of the Sheriff's office "testified that

Mexicans committed cruel crimes because they were Indians."

The "Zoot Suit Riots" hit Los Angeles the next year, between June 3 and June 13, 1943. The confrontations were racist in nature, resulting in part from the Sleepy Lagoon case. The riots involved 11 American servicemen stationed in the City, who claimed they had been attacked by a gang of young Mexican Americans. So the servicemen started a series of riots against Mexican-American – and at times African-American and Filipino-American – youths who wore the ornate, dazzling, drape-shouldered outfits. Police arrested nine servicemen (eight of whom were released; one had to pay a fine) and more than 600 Mexican-Americans.

The rampage was felt in all neighborhoods of downtown Los Angeles, including Boyle Heights. A Sleepy Lagoon Defense Committee was formed, headed by attorney and author Carey McWilliams. While 17 of the 23 Mexican-American defendants were convicted of murder and assault, the U.S. District Court overturned the convictions in October 1944.

This past confrontation was considered a gang-related offense. The residents today in Boyle Heights continue to struggle with gang infiltration that has many, many roots and just as many needed solutions. This past April, there was a report from Council President Eric Garcetti (14th District), stating that there is a "Gang Reduction Program that incorporates a five-pronged strategy in anti-gang strategies." This came about from a \$2.5 million grant to the City from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Important Local Institutions

As with any community, Boyle Heights has had and continues to have its share of institutions that impact the local community and others throughout Los Angeles. The following are some of these organizations: Boyle Heights Learning Collaborative; Breed Street Shul Project; Hollenbeck Home for the Aged; Japanese Tea Garden; Jobs for a Future/Homeboy Industries; Theodore Roosevelt Senior High School; and White Memorial Hospital. Other associations and programs can be found in a Boyle Heights directory at www.eastlosangeles.net/boyle-heights.html.

Notable 20th and 21st Century Residents

Here is just a partial list of some notable people who were either born or raised in Boyle Heights:

- Art Aragon, boxer;
- Edward Avila, civic leader;
- Jackson Browne, musician;
- Willie Davis, former baseball player
- Oscar De La Hoya, boxer;
- Jaime Escalante, educator;
- Mike Garret, 1984 USC Heisman Trophy winner;



Welcome to Boyle Heights.

- Joe Gold, bodybuilder and founder of Gold's Gym;
- Jose Huizar, Councilman;
- Cheech Marin, comedian/actor;
- Edward James Olmos, actor;
- Nick Pacheco, former Councilman;
- Edward Roybal, former Councilman and Congressman;
- Donald Sterling, owner of Los Angeles Clippers;
- Antonio Villaraigosa, Mayor; and
- Zev Yaroslavsky, County Supervisor

A New Direction on a Historic Past

This year, concerned and invigorated residents of Boyle Heights took it upon themselves to start a local historical society. They felt the history of this beloved community must be remembered not only for the future, but for the present as well.

These citizens realize that the presence of this society will not only help to preserve the past, but assist in illuminating and teaching the youths of the community of their rich and proud heritage. The new Boyle Heights Historical Society is looking for interested participants to join them in making this new and important venture a reality! For information, please contact President Diana O. Ybarra at: labh.history@yahoo.com.



Did You Know is provided by Larry Williams, Bureau of Contract Administration.

Local Hero

■ **Pedro Muñiz was named a local hero by two area organizations.**

Story by Shiara M. Dávila, LAPD
Photos courtesy Union Bank of California

POLICE DEPT. — Pedro M. Muñiz, Public Relations Specialist, LAPD, was one of five "Local Heroes" honored at an awards ceremony Sept. 21.

Union Bank of California and KCET select honorees during respective heritage months for Hispanic Americans, Asian/Pacific Americans and African Americans. September marked Hispanic Heritage Month. Award recipients were selected for their commitment and contributions to the arts, business, education, social services, and community activism. Muñiz received the award in the category of social services.

In 2003, the Public Relations Specialist spearheaded a hard-hitting Spanish language media campaign to foster public trust and support. In its third year, Muñiz's groundbreaking approach to community outreach has brought criminals to justice and has strengthened ties between the Spanish-speaking population and the LAPD.

His dynamic leadership and pioneering efforts have achieved maximum exposure for the Department in millions of Spanish-speaking households via such influential organizations as Univision KMEX 34 and Telemundo KVEA 52.

Through his efforts, several suspects have been captured. For instance, a homicide suspect was

apprehended after detectives appeared on Spanish-language television, prompting a flood of calls from the public. Similarly, the Department's Fugitive Warrants Section captured three suspects following a public appeal made on television by a Spanish-speaking officer.

To date, Muñiz continues to coordinate weekly television interviews, monthly public service announcements, and television specials.

He has also expanded the campaign to include radio broadcasts via Univision Radio Los Angeles, Spanish Broadcasting System, and others.

Among his work is Su Seguro Servidor, or Your Trusted Servant, which showcases Spanish-speaking police officers who are subject-matter experts. These officers deliver culturally relevant messages, including What to do

When You Get Pulled Over;

How to Start a Neighborhood Watch Program; Misuse of the 911

Emergency Line; Graffiti Prevention and Elimination; Gang Awareness; Gun Fire Reduction Program; Identity Theft; and Hate Crimes.

In a community often challenged by language barriers and distrust of law enforcement entities, Muñiz's campaign has softened the image of police officers; improved community relations and quality of life; and ultimately reassured residents that police officers are protectors rather than persecutors. Moreover, the campaign has helped officers gain a better understanding and



2006 Local Heroes: Dora Jacildo (Education); Pedro M. Muñiz, LAPD (Social Services); Eddie "Piolin" Sotelo (Community Activism); Sonia Marie De Leon de Vega (Arts); and José Daniel Ocampo (Business).

enhanced appreciation for the diversity of Los Angeles.

Recognizing the impact of his work, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) invited Muñiz to present the details of his campaign in a workshop at the 2005 IACP conference in Miami, attended by law enforcement personnel from around the globe. The workshop was titled, Improving Your Image in the Latino Community: How the LAPD Created Positive Partnerships with the Hispanic Media. Representatives from at least one other major U.S. city approached Muñiz to ask questions about implementing a similar campaign.

Among Muñiz's other noteworthy contributions is the LAPD Essay Contest, which he began in 2004. The annual writing challenge advances education through literacy, prompting nearly 30,000 middle school students to take an analytical look at youth crime and law enforcement.

In collaboration with Univision KMEX 34 and La Opinión, the largest Spanish-language newspaper in Southern California, the initiative encourages contestants to engage in serious discussions with peers, teachers, and parents about issues such as drug use, gang activity and domestic violence.

The LAPD Essay Contest, open to schools in the Los Angeles Unified School District and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, promotes language arts, creativity, and proficiency.

Muñiz has gained support for the essay contest from a cross-section of Los Angeles organizations, including arts, business, and educational entities. Today, his campaign enjoys backing from the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association, the California Science Center, Wells Fargo Bank, and Polaroid, among others.

Muñiz has been with the City of Los Angeles at the Police Department for five years.

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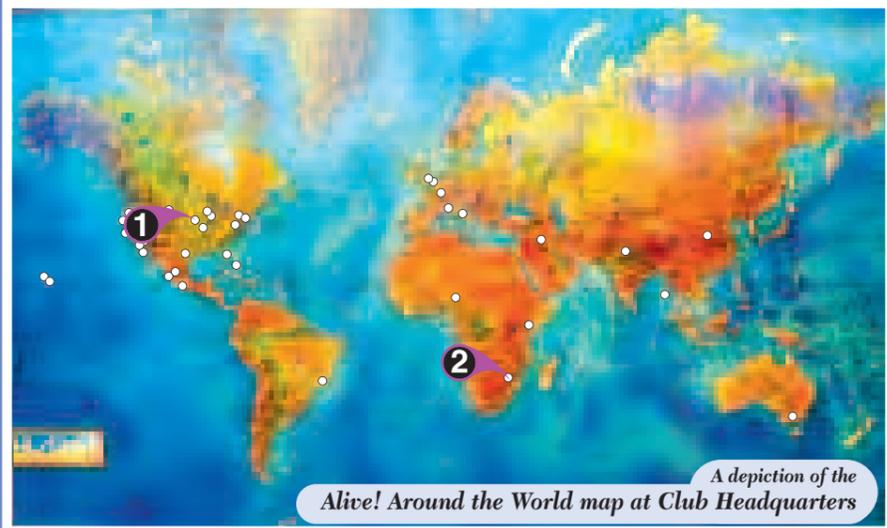


"Here is a photo of me in Chicago's Chinatown with *Alive!*"
— Yvonne Liu, Personnel Analyst, Finance, 6 years; Club Member since 2005

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"Me and my mom, Karen Rodriguez, in Swaziland, Africa, on a safari through South Africa."
— Kevin Rodriguez, Convention Center, Club Member since 2005



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



From left: Sanitation Division Manager II Richard Myles; Sanitation Executive Officer Enrique Zaldivar; Public Works Commissioner Valerie Lynne Shaw; Refuse Collection Truck Operator II David R. Hinkle; Board of Public Works Vice President David Sickler; Refuse Collection Truck Operator II Melford W. Oshon; Refuse Collection Truck Operator II Edward E. Smith; Board of Public Works President Cynthia Ruiz; Board of Public Works Commissioner Yolanda Fuentes; and Board of Public Works Commissioner Paula A. Daniels.

Sanitation's Safest

Sanitation hands out its Safe Driver Awards.

Story by Jackie David, Public Information Director, Board of Public Works
Photos courtesy Public Works

PUBLIC WORKS — On Sept. 29, the Board of Public Works presented Safe Driver Awards to Refuse Collection Truck Operator II's in recognition of 20 years of accident-free service in the performance of their duties.

Awards were presented at a Board of Public Works Meeting at City Hall to Melford W. Oshon, David R. Hinkle and Edward E. Smith. All three awardees work for the Solid Resources Collection Divisions of the Bureau of Sanitation.

Board of Public Works President Cynthia Ruiz credits the reduction of vehicular accidents throughout Public Works to the Safe Driver Awards, saying, "It is quite an accomplishment to be able to drive our large equipment vehicles for 20 years without a single accident. Our drivers are cautious and recognition of their service should be rewarded."



Public Works' Safe Driver Awards are given to Refuse Collection Truck Operators, Truck Operators, Heavy Duty Truck Operators and Motor Sweeper Operators at the end of one, three, five, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of safe driving without any chargeable vehicle accidents.

At the same time, Commissioner Ruiz is appealing to Los Angeles drivers to slow down when a Public Works Service Vehicle is in the area. "Two days ago, we had a worker who was struck in the back by a mirror on a passing vehicle. Our worker was rolling out a container from across the street. The driver who struck our worker was in a hurry and did not notice him. Luckily, aside from minor bruises, our worker did not require medical treatment. We are appealing to drivers in Los Angeles to be aware that the presence of a Public Works Service Vehicle means we have workers in the area providing a service. Drivers should proceed with caution. We all need to help ensure our workers are safe, Ruiz said.



20 years as accident-free: Melford W. Oshon, Refuse Collection Truck Operator II.



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From left: Rico Rafols, Aging, 6 months; Roxanne Bechtold, volunteer; and Helen Lee, Aging, 5 years.

Sea Food

■ City hosts picnic for senior citizens at Point Fermin Park.

Story and photos by Liz Montes, Club Counselor



REC AND PARKS — The City hosted a Picnic by the Sea for senior citizens Sept. 21 at Point Fermin Park.

Rec and Parks, Aging and General Services were among the several City departments that took part in the event. Attendees were treated to lunch, music and information about programs offered to senior citizens.



Phil Orland, Rec and Parks Senior Center



From left: Deanna Montjoy, Rec and Parks, 17 years, Club Member; and Andy Price, Rec and Parks, 22 years.



From left: Sonia Riveros, Rec and Parks, 31 years; Bryan Kochner, Rec and Parks, 12 years; and Lilly Shaw, Rec and Parks, 29 years.

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Club staffers hold cover mockups from each year that *Alive!* has been published: Club CEO John Hawkins holds a mockup of the very first issue, from October 2002. The Ticket Guy holds a mockup from 2003; Club Counselor Arlene Herrero holds a mockup from 2004; Club Tech Guru Summy Lam holds up a cover from 2005; and Member Services Manager Angel Gomez holds a mockup from earlier this year.

Alive! Turns 50



■ **This is the 50th issue of *Alive!* Thanks to you!**

And it's all thanks to you, the Club Member readers. Your contributions, enthusiasm and great feedback have made it possible.

Here's to the next 50 issues!

And, as always, let us know what you think: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

CLUB HEADQUARTERS — You're holding the 50th issue of *Alive!* since the newspaper was recreated in October 2002, when the Club was born.

Club Life Insurance: High Claims Sap Refunds

Refund Checks

Continued from Page 1

should, supporting Club Member Insurance Policyholders who faced an untimely death. Despite shouldering the enormous burden of the high numbers of claims, the program performed just as it should have.

"As much as we all want and enjoy the refund checks, this organization was founded to pay benefits," explained Brian Trent, Club CFO. "We had an unusually high number of deaths this year. Because of that, there is no money left over after our policy premiums to pay any refund back. It's happened three times in our 78-year history. We're fortunate that this has happened only three times in those 78 years."

"Any given year doesn't figure to be a bad year, but there will be bad years. And this was one of them."

Club life insurance is still robust and strong.

"Our life insurance group is still very healthy," Trent continued. "The Club has plenty of reserves. Our first and foremost obligation to our members is to be financial secure and protect the lives of City Employees. The families that received these benefits are very thankful that their loved ones were protected."

"Ultimately, we are here to pay out benefits, and that's what we did."

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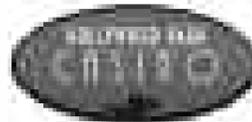
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Front row, from left: Catherine's husband, Eric, her grandson, Isaiah; and her daughter, Erica. Back: Catherine Cornelius, Retiree, and her son, Eric.



Delores Thomas and her family.



From left: Judy Martinez, DWP; Katherine Gallego, Retiree, DWP; Vivyan Johnson, friend; and Antoinette Johnson, DWP.



Front row, from left: TC Richard, DWP; Judy Christian, Retiree, Airports; Catherine Cornelius, Retiree; and Antoinette Morehead, Retiree, DWP. Back: Judy Martinez, DWP; Norma Wright, Retiree, DWP; and Juanita Cullen-Austin, Retiree, DWP.



From left: Marilyn Washington, DWP, with Catherine Cornelius, Retiree.



DWP employees Ruthie Rosales and Neil Barney.



From left: Joan and Anita Cole, friends of the honoree; and Constance Moore, Airports.



Catherine's brother, Larry "Too Tall" Jones, DOT, Retired, with his wife, Bettye, and sister-in-law, Sharon Kilgore.

Catherine Cornelius Retires

■ Catherine Cornelius, Club Member, retires from Neighborhood Empowerment.

Story by Bev Haro, Club Counselor
Photos by Sammy Lam, Club Tech Guru

NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT — Family, friends and coworkers "roasted" and celebrated the career of Catherine Cornelius at a reception Aug. 19 at the Proud Bird Restaurant in Westchester.

The party included friends from the various City departments that Catherine worked for throughout her career. She spent time at DWP and Airports before retiring from Neighborhood Empowerment.

Congratulations, Catherine. Enjoy your retirement.

The Club thanks Marilyn Washington, DWP, who provided information for this story.



Catherine Cornelius, Retiree, and Tony Maxwell, Airports.



From left: Marilyn Hill, Retiree, DWP; Sandra Johnson, LAPD; and Linda Jamentz, Retiree, DWP.



From left: Patricia Carter, Retiree, DWP; Tala Aldrian, Airports; and Linda Jamentz, Retiree, DWP.



Preparation for the parade, which began at the LAFD Fire Museum in Hollywood.

That's a Big 10-4

■ LAPD, CHP host a parade on, what else, Oct. 4 (10-4).

Story and photos courtesy Tim Cruz, LAPD

LAPD—It was "10-4" on Oct. 4 when Councilmember Tom LaBonge, joined by Erik Estrada, star of *ChiPs*; Kent McCord, star of *Adam-12*; honorary Hollywood Mayor Johnny Grant; LAPD Chief William Bratton; the new California Highway Patrol Chief for Los Angeles Gary Dominguez; and County Sheriff Lee Baca commemorated the CHP and LAPD at a special parade and ceremony on Hollywood Boulevard.



Tim Cruz, Club Member.

The event began at the Los Angeles Fire Museum with a parade of classic police cars and ended at the star of Broderick Crawford, who played CHP Chief Dan Mathews in the TV series *Highway Patrol* that ran from 1955-59.

The ending ceremony was hosted by Hollywood Honorary Mayor Johnny Grant and featured remarks by Councilmember Tom LaBonge and others. Special guests included Kelly Crawford, son of Broderick.



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Philip Meyerson, Rehabilitation Construction Specialist III, 24 years.

Philip Says Goodbye

■ Philip Meyerson retires from Housing after 24 years of City service.

Story by Liz Montes, Club Counselor
Photos courtesy Housing Dept.

HOUSING — Philip Meyerson retired from the Housing Department after 24 years of dedicated city service. Family and friends gathered at Luminarias Restaurant in Monterey Park Aug. 17 to wish Philip farewell and best of luck on his retirement.

Congratulations, Philip!



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Club Members are invited to follow the journey of two of the Fire Dept.'s finest, as they hope to box their way to success ... on TV.

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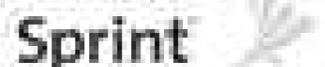
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Martin Chavez, Harbor, with Workplace Professionalism recipients Crebin Bergado, Itzell Carranza, Gabriela Perez and Juan Tafolla.



Global Safety and Security students who worked in the Port Police Division are pictured with Ron Boyd, Port Police Chief; Wendy Lopez, intern; Edgar Echevarria, intern; Cristina Mederos, intern; Stephanie Lopez, intern; Claudia Romero, Port Police; Eloina Gonzalez, Port Police; and Lt. Al Rosario, Port Police.

Harbor Thanks Summer Interns

■ Harbor Dept. bids farewell to graduates of its sixth annual internship program.

Story and photos courtesy Harbor Human Resources Dept.

HARBOR — On Thursday, Aug. 31, the Harbor Department recognized the 38 participants of the sixth Summer Internship Program, which included for the first time students from the Global Safety and Security (GSS) Academy, along with the students from the International Trade Academy (ITA) at Banning High School in Wilmington. The internship program was an inception of the Port of Los Angeles' Human Resources Development Officer and Club Rep, Martin Chavez. This summer, the program employed a college intern who had graduated from Banning in 2002, Brenda Espinosa, a UCLA student double majoring in history and Spanish. She assisted the students in preparing for an internship as well as coordinating the employers and workshop presenters for the summer program.

The students earned an opportunity to interview for jobs with employers by maintaining academic and attendance standards, passing the Test of Adult Basic Education, preparing a personal statement, a resume and the "toughest" interview they ever had administered by Martin Chavez, with assistance from Brenda. The students selected to interview with employers worked from July 5 through Sept. 1. This summer employer-interviewers included California Cartage Company; Conoco-Phillips; Sims Hugo -Neu Proler; Moffatt & Nichols Engineers; Computer Consulting Operations; Spirit Cruises; Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority; U.S. Coast Guard; DCA Civil Engineering; Price Transfer; Tra-Pac; SSA-Marine; Los Angeles Maritime Institute; L.A. Maritime Museum; and Watson

Land Company.

The culmination program was hosted by Martin Chavez, who applauded the interns for their maturity and professionalism during the summer and for setting a high standard for future students to achieve. Dr. Myrna Rivera, Superintendent, Los Angeles Unified School District, District 8, thanked the students for being shining stars and setting the example for the quality that can be achieved by LAUSD students. Dr. Rivera also revealed that Banning High School had achieved the highest test scores of all the District 8 high schools. She also gave admiration to the Port, Brenda and Martin for their work preparing the students and appreciation to the employers for their support of the Banning High School academy students and for providing them with a valuable work experience.

The City Employees Club and Western Medical Group (WGM) sponsored the student awards. The Outstanding Student Award is presented each summer to the student who had exceptional attendance, participated in every workshop, and displayed professionalism throughout the program. This year, it was awarded to Daniel Toledo, who has a 4.2 grade point average. He gave a speech highlighting the standards the students had to achieve to be considered for an internship, the experiences they received, and the future they could expect after having been given a glimpse of what they have to do if they wanted to pursue careers in the diversity of jobs they had this summer. Daniel had an opportunity to work at Moffatt and Nichols with a civil engineer - David Vigil, P.E., also a Banning High alum and a great role model. The Student Leadership Award was presented to Jesse Trujillo, who enjoys a 4.0 grade point average and is a member of the Banning football team. With the awards, Daniel and Jesse were presented each



Martin Chavez, Harbor, with Outstanding Workshop Excellence awardees Jimmy Luna, Lorena Rodriguez and Daniel Toledo.

with two Dodger game tickets by Western Medical Group.

Each Friday workshop, the students were given exams in word analogies, vocabulary, mathematics, reading comprehension, and essay/research assignments. The Workshop Excellence award, sponsored by the Club, which provided Regal movie tickets, was earned by Toledo, Lorena Rodriguez (3.8 gpa) and Jimmy Luna. Workplace Professionalism Awards, for students who displayed proper business etiquette at work and during the workshops, and gained an understanding on how to interact in the workplace, were presented to: Itzell Carranza (3.7 g.p.a.), Juan Tafolla, (3.1 g.p.a.), Crebin Bergado (3.3 g.p.a.), and Gabriela Perez (3.6 g.p.a.), who completed and presented a PowerPoint of her research findings on the Port's Fish Harbor to the Financial Management Division.

The Club congratulates and wishes all the ITA-GSS Interns continued great success in their future. We also applaud the employers and the Harbor Dept. for "Opening the World Today and Preparing for Tomorrow" by giving these outstanding students an opportunity to learn and earn during the summer of 2006.



Jessie Trujillo, intern, with Capt. Jim Morgan, Port Pilots. Jessie received the Outstanding Leadership Certificate.



Martin D. Chavez, Harbor, congratulates the 2006 Outstanding Intern recipient, Daniel Toledo, who worked with Moffatt and Nichols Engineering.



Martin Chavez, Harbor, with Outstanding Personal Development recipients Rafael Juarez, Stephanie Lopez and Marisol Morales.



Dr. Myrna Rivera, District K Superintendent, thanks the employers and parents for allowing the interns to participate in the Summer 2006 Internship Program.



Brenda Espinosa, a Banning High School graduate, shares her experience as a college intern working with the students and their accomplishments.



Gabriela Perez, intern, worked with Tracy Zuliani in the Port's Financial Management Division.



Cristina Mederos shares her summer experience with guests at the Culmination Ceremony.



Patricia Ramirez, intern, worked with the Port's Information Systems Division. She is pictured here with Jane Broadwell and Dora McClendon.



Guests and students enjoy the reception hosted by Pasha Stevedoring following the Culmination Ceremony.



The Summer 2006 International Trade Academy and Global Safety and Security interns.



Wharfingers Division employed two ITA students: LaJuan Kennedy, Wharfingers; Sandy Luna, intern; Yesenia Dominguez, intern; Linda Vigil, Wharfingers; and Laurie Strong, Wharfingers.



Martin D. Chavez, Harbor, welcomes the guests to the sixth Culmination Ceremony of the International Trade Academy and Global Safety and Security Intern Program.

ClubFest 2006

ClubFest Filled With Music, Good Folks, Tasty Food

■ What's a few drops of rain, sprinkled between lots of great fun? Sold-out ClubFest '06 was another big hit. Photo gallery is inside.

Story by Robert Larios, Director of Communications and Marketing, and Bev Haro, Club Counselor; Photos by Club staffers Summy Lam, Angel Gomez and Robert Larios

CLUB HEADQUARTERS — ClubFest 2006, held Sunday, Oct. 1, featured a return of the bands (they were another big hit); lots of great food, foam and fun; activities for everyone; a raffle that gave away hundreds of prizes; and lots of friendly folks wrapped up into one terrific afternoon that only the Club could put together.

And if there were a few raindrops — just a few, really — no one seemed to mind. Because soon after, the sun came out again and the great family party continued.

"Our members told us they liked the bands, and the shade from the big tent last year," Club CEO John Hawkins said. "So we brought them both back. Those features were especially good for the adults, and we were happy to provide them."

ClubFest was co-sponsored by AIG and Office Depot. Prizes were co-sponsored by Universal Studios. ClubFest was held at Calamigos Ranch in the hills high above Malibu.

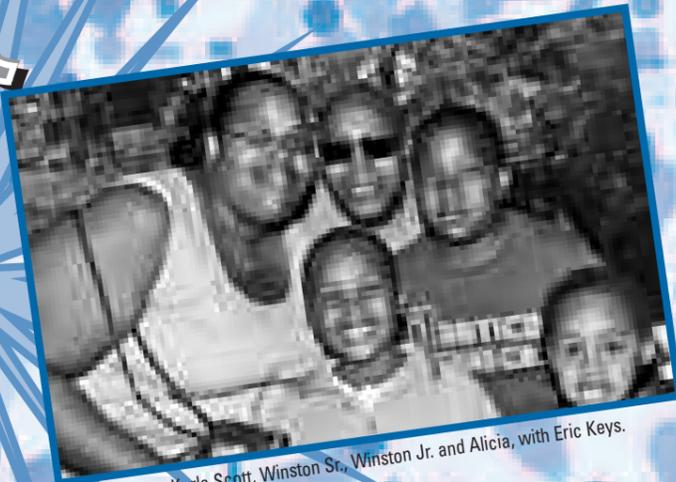
This is the first year that *Alive!*, for your convenience and added fun, is posting photos both in print and on the Web. Go to the Club's Website (www.cityemployeesclub.com) and click on the ClubFest logo.

The bands — the Latin Gents, Jamnesia and Bad Boyz & Company — provided fun rock and roll, Latin and funk all afternoon.

ClubFest 2006 also featured the return of the Amazing Club Race, a contest of physical skill and cleverness, that proved an early-morning highlight. Among other things, contestants had to pin a moustache on a giant photo of none other than the Ticket Guy! See the photo gallery for more information.

More than 2,500 Club Members and their guests enjoyed the beautiful afternoon. The atmosphere was comfortable, social, pleasant and very rewarding.

"We learn more every year about how to serve you better with a great ClubFest," Hawkins said. "They just keep getting better and better. We can't wait until next year!"



The Nolbertos: Karla Scott, Winston Sr., Winston Jr. and Alicia, with Eric Keys.



Torrie Strawn and Kaylee Louzan.



Jamnesia, the first band to perform at ClubFest 2006.



Club CEO John Hawkins.



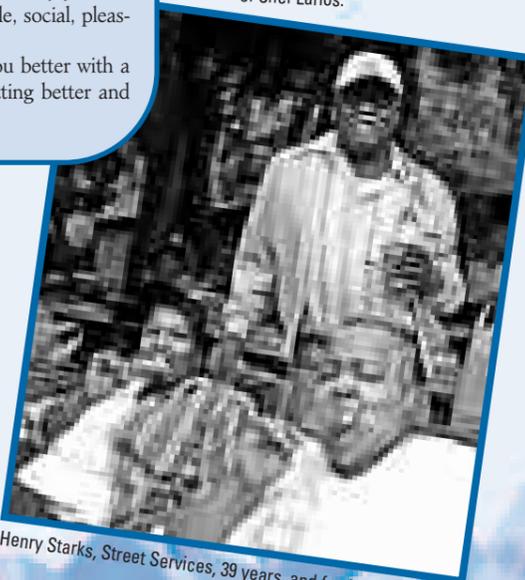
Debra Verin, Management Analyst II, 22 years.



Jessica Segura, Club Merchandise and Ticket Sales Coordinator and Miranda Medina, granddaughter of Lupe Medina, Club Administrative Services Representative.



Rafael Larios, the father of Chef Larios.



Henry Starks, Street Services, 39 years, and family.



Back row, from left: Christopher and Germain Mendoza, Club Member, Housing, Sr. Housing Inspector, 6 years. Front: A.J. Garcia, Germain Mendoza, Stephanie Garcia, Cynthia Mendoza and Joel Mendoza.



From left: Jason Lee and his mom, Jennifer Lee, Club Member, ITA, Communications Operator 2, 3 years.

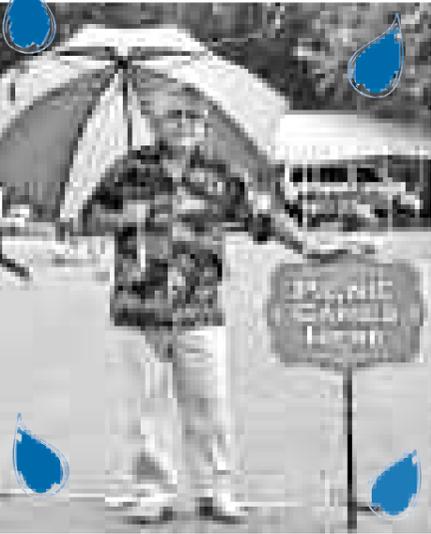
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I'm Singing in the Rain...



Gary Rounds, Roofer, DWP 6 years.



Germain Mendoza, Christopher Mendoza, Stephanie Garcia, Michael Mendoza and Anthony Garcia.



Jovita Pizana and family.



Herb Galvez, Harbor, and Emma Gonzalez, Harbor, boogie down to the excellent tunes at ClubFest.

It's the Electric Slide!



ClubFest dancers boogied the Electric Slide to the tunes of Bad Boyz & Company.



ClubFest 2006 Dance Team



Capt. Calamigos leads the ClubFest 2006 Dance Team.



Durl Ingram, Street Services, and family.



Sheka Stocker, Rec and Parks, 17 years, and her family.



Club CEO John Hawkins (center), with Narinder and Vas Singh, Club Member.



Charvon Tolson, Harbor, with her husband, daughter, and daughter's best friend.

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ClubFest 2006 Faces! Smiling for the Camera! Afternoon of Fun!

ClubFest 2006: Smiles All Around

Afternoon of Fun!
Smiling for the Camera!
ClubFest 2006 Faces!



CJ the DJ, General Services, South District, M & C Helper, 18 years.



The Ticket Guy, Navin Cotton, and City Girl shirt model, Jessica Segura.



From left: Veronica Contreras, Dian Preciado and Club Member Bertha Lopez, LAPD.



Gerald Harris, General Services (Recycling), with Kelvin Moore.



Marvin Portillo with his daughter, Diana.



From left: Tom Stewart, Harbor, Crane Mechanic, 21 years, and his wife, Ramona.



From left: Cynthia Mendoza and Alicia Marquez, DWP and Club Representative.



From left: Gladys and Mario Magana, Harbor Department, Welder, 2 years.



Tad Langlois, husband of Club Member Meighan Langlois.



The Club's Merchandise and Ticket Sales Coordinator Jessica Segura takes a break enjoying her 10th ice cream bar.



Vas and Narinder Singh.



David Muraoka, Club Board Member, Secretary/Treasurer, Principal Detention Officer, Van Nuys Jail, with Mike Dickson, Retired LAPD.



Alicia Marquez.



Dave Chrisman, Port of LA, and Herb Galvez.



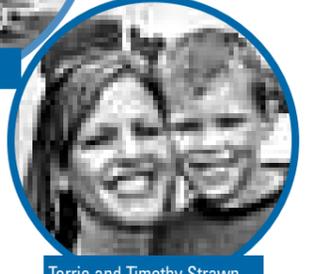
Cortez, Terri, Kayla, Christian, Camryn and Erin Jones.



Reporter, Retired DWP, with child, LAX.



Pepa Esparrago and Allan Esparrago.



Torrie and Timothy Strawn.



Carlos Hernandez.



Art Meza, Animal Services, and his daughter, Lisa.



John Hawkins and his son, Isaiah.



From left: Al Medina, Diana Medina, Club Representative, PW Accounting, 34 years.



Rick Sterner, Building and Safety, Safety Engineer Elevators, 28 years.



Tyan Villamor and Jennifer Gozum.



Mario, Marcos, Gladys and Magana.



Christina Strauss, DWP, Customer Service Representative, 16 years.



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Egg Toss



Marie and Daniel Jamgotchian, part of the JJLA team that designs *Alive!*, participate in the egg toss.



Let's Play A Game!



Aden Gomez smiles for the camera.



Team 5 trying to pop the balloons during the Amazing Club Race.

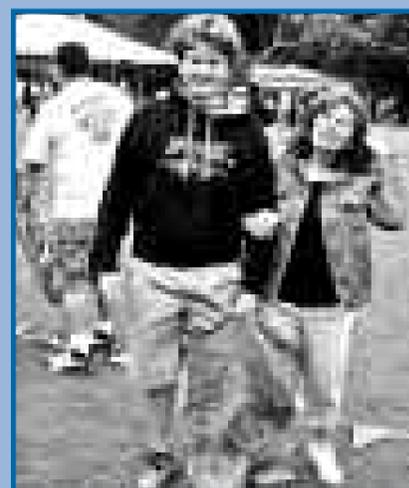


FOAM FUN!

Is There A Winner?



It's raffle time! Club CEO John Hawkins and Event Guru Michelle Moreno keep the numbers coming.



Potato Sack Races...

The three-legged sack race, as attempted by Marie and Daniel Jamgotchian, of JJLA, which designs *Alive!*

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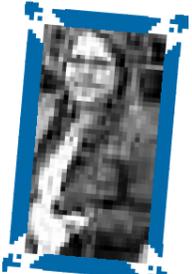
ClubFest Families!



From left: Dave Chrisman, Harbor; Rick Williams, Harbor; Lee Tyiska, lead vocalist of Jamnesia; Herb Valvez, Harbor, 7 years; Vickie Hill, Hyperion-Accounting Clerk, 29 years; Gary McAgnes, Harbor, Hyperion, Painter, 23 years.



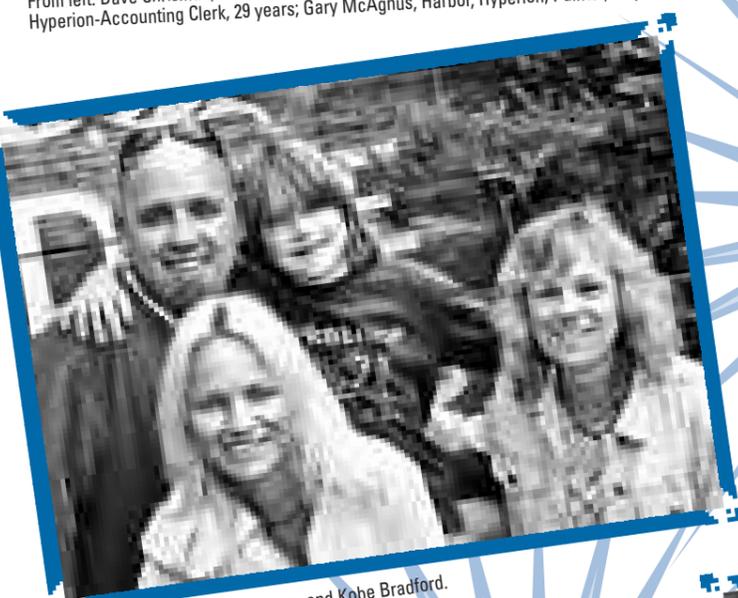
Melissa and Amu Lava.



Elizabeth Beltran, DOT Officer, 1 year.



Daryl and Martin Lovato, with Felisa Cabrera.



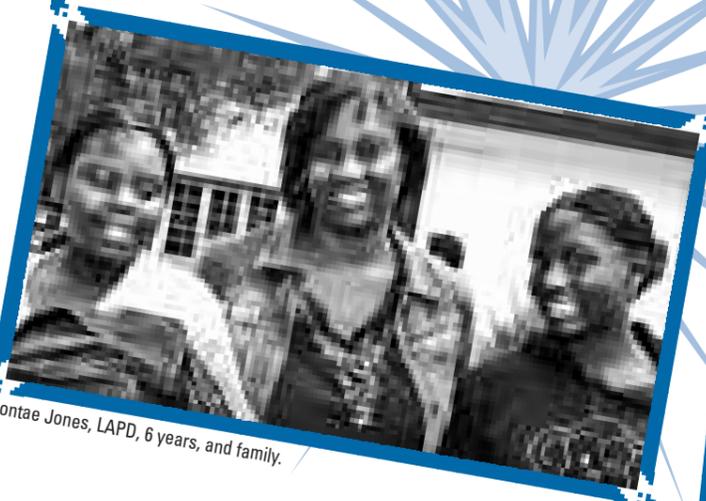
Lynda Johnson, with Shane, Kerry and Kobe Bradford.



From left: Michael Lemestre, DWP, ACH, 1 year, and his wife, Michele.



From left: Damon Davis, Club Member, DWP, Water Utility Supervisor, 18 years, with Sonya and Larry Davis.



Shontae Jones, LAPD, 6 years, and family.



From left: Red Medina, Construction Inspector, Public Works, and Lupe Medina, the Club's Administrative Services Representative.



Torrie Strawn with Kaylee and Christy Louzan.



From left: Joseph, Regina and Martin Chavez, Harbor, and Club Representative.



Rick Sterner, Pat Sterner, Genda Ovanemy and Max Sterner.



Debra Hill, DWP, with family.

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The Height of High Tech, for Youths

■ Boyle Heights' new high-tech youth center opens to much acclaim.

Story courtesy Community Development
Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT — It wasn't just a ribbon cutting, it was a celebration of hope as Mayor Villaraigosa, Councilmember Jose Huizar, CDD General Manager Richard Benbow and community residents hailed the opening Sept. 22 of the Boyle Heights Technology Youth Center.

The 19,000 square foot, \$10.9 million facility in the heart of Boyle Heights is a state-of-the-art full time learning center that features computer-equipped classrooms to prepare students to compete in the global technology revolution. The facility under construction was featured on the cover of *Alive!* in May.

"Every one of our children should dream big and reach for the stars with the best technology and resources that money can buy," Mayor Villaraigosa said. "We want to have our children prepared to bridge the digital divide and compete in a global marketplace."

The Los Angeles Community Development Department (CDD) directs the Los Angeles Youth Opportunity Movement (LAYOM), which will operate programs at the tech center. LAYOM programs promote youth achievement through education, employment and personal development goals. The tech center will complement and expand those programs. "The world of technology is ever changing and expanding," said CDD General Manager Richard Benbow. "We must prepare young people in the communities we serve to use technology as a pathway to higher education, job training, and employment opportunities."

The Boyle Heights Technology Youth Center houses an alternative high school operated by the Los Angeles County Office of Education. Along with a core curriculum, classes in multi-media and graphic design, computer literacy, advanced computer training; various workshops, enrichment opportunities and a tutorial for the high school exit exam will be offered.

This technology center will give area youths, many considered at-risk, an infusion of hope and the opportunity to develop the skills they need to get and keep a job in an increasingly competitive job market.

Funding for construction of the tech center came from a variety of sources, including \$5,741,236 from an Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG); \$4,738,764 from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); \$630,000 in Proposition-12 funds; and \$100,000 in federal EDI Special Project Grant funds.

The Boyle Heights Technology Youth Center is at 1600 East 4th St. For more information on CDD's Youth Opportunity Movement, go to: www.lacity.org/cdd.



Los Angeles Youth Opportunity Movement (LAYOM) students sit next to a new Podcast station.



Guests discuss ideas in one of the new computer rooms.



The front entrance to the New Technology Center.



From left: Councilmember Jose Huizar, Executive Director Jimmy Valenzuela, CDD General Manager Richard Benbow and Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa hold up a plaque.



Los Angeles Youth Opportunity Movement (LAYOM)'s Boyle Heights Executive Director Jimmy Valenzuela leads in the Pledge of Allegiance at the grand opening ceremony.



A group of City employees, including Executive Director Jimmy Valenzuela and Councilmember Jose Huizar, take part in the ribbon cutting.



Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa comments that he grew up in the same area.



Area citizen Thalia Banos speaks to the audience about how program has helped her achieve many of her goals.



Ruth Aleman, alumna of the Los Angeles Youth Opportunity Movement (LAYOM) program.



The Boyle Heights Los Angeles Youth Opportunity Movement (LAYOM) staff.

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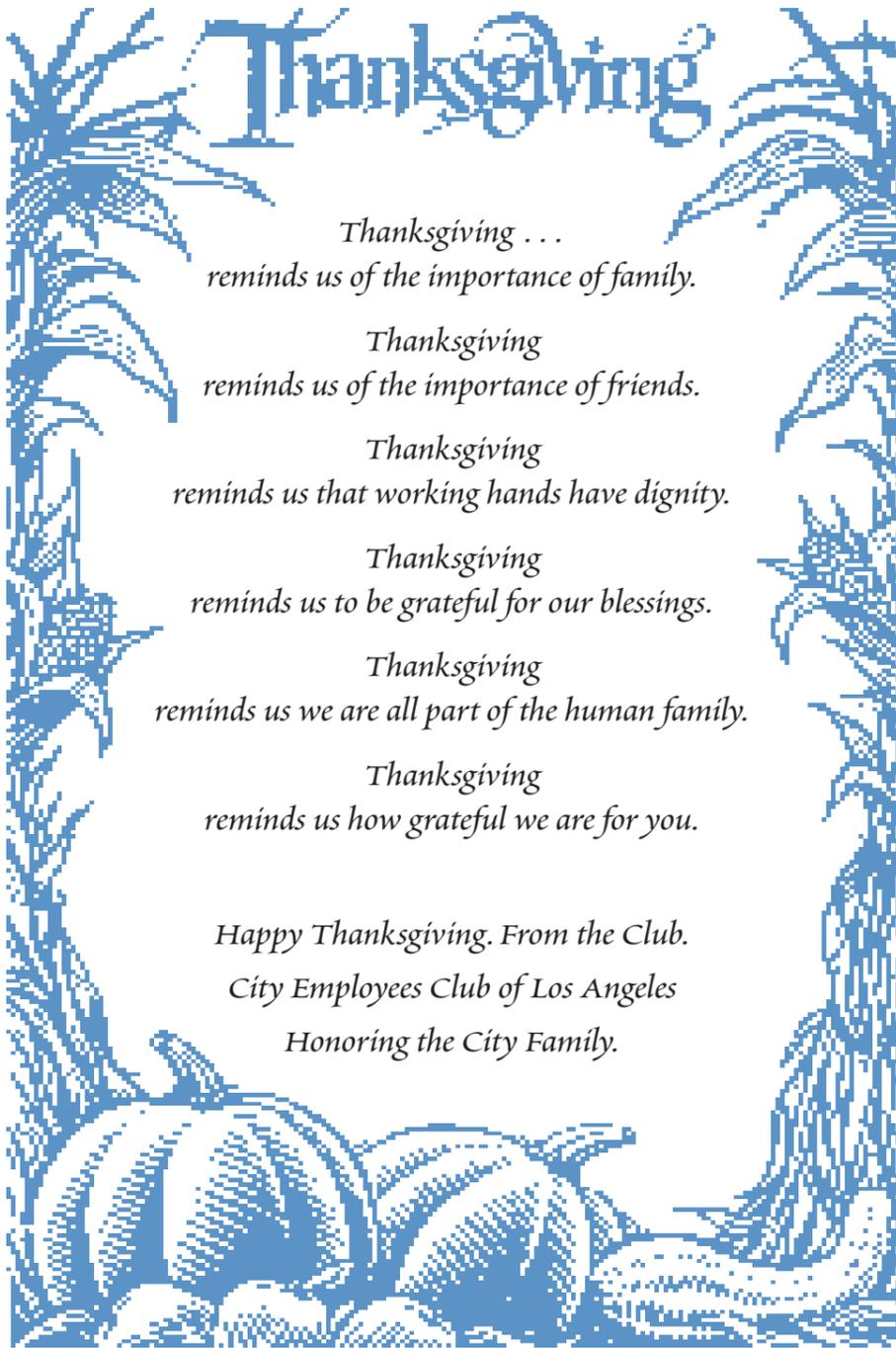
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- Assistance with getting welfare
- Legal assistance (TRO's etc.)
- Medical Services





Thanksgiving . . .
 reminds us of the importance of family.
 Thanksgiving
 reminds us of the importance of friends.
 Thanksgiving
 reminds us that working hands have dignity.
 Thanksgiving
 reminds us to be grateful for our blessings.
 Thanksgiving
 reminds us we are all part of the human family.
 Thanksgiving
 reminds us how grateful we are for you.

Happy Thanksgiving. From the Club.
 City Employees Club of Los Angeles
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Henry Victor, Deferred Compensation, explains the program to an airport employee.

Healthy LAX

■ LAX hosted fourth annual Health Fair.

Story by Liz Montes, Club Counselor
 Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager



Airport employees had the opportunity to meet with representatives from various organizations to review their benefits. Everyone in attendance was given a free lunch and free gifts from LAX Human Resources Division.

The Club was happy to participate in the event.

AIRPORTS — Los Angeles World Airports hosted its fourth annual Benefits Fair Sept. 27 in the LAX Construction and Maintenance lunchroom.



Alfred Tong, new Club Member, completes his application.



From left: Bernie Young; Reinita Villamor, Club Member; and Jose De Leon.



From left: Club Members Kenya Wiley and Erika Carrillo.



Jose Del Rio, Club Member, and Chassy Cruz.



Tony Takau and Ericka Sierra.



From left: Rosa Rodriguez, Club Member; Dawn Hunter, Club Member; and Maria Ramos.



Maribel Gomez, Club Member, and Jocelyn Ferrera.



DWP's Holiday Lights

■ DWP's Light Festival makes its annual return, coupled again this year with Zoo's Reindeer Romp.

DWP, ZOO — Two great City departments — the DWP and the Zoo — are teaming up again in 2006 to usher in the holidays.

The DWP will present its annual Holiday Light Festival from Nov. 22 to Dec. 29. It's open every night from 5 to 10 p.m. This one-mile celebration of twinkling lights and music has become an LA tradition. Visitors can drive through in their own cars, walk the route or take advantage of the warm and



comfortable shuttle service. Shuttle service is available; check the Festival's Website at www.dwplightfestival.com

Don't forget about the Zoo's Reindeer Romp Nov. 23- Jan. 1. There will also be a Reindeer Romp Under the Stars, which coincides with the Holiday Light Festival. Times and dates for the Reindeer Romp Under the Stars are to be announced, so make sure you check out the Zoo's Website (or read *Alive!* next month) for more information: www.lazoo.org

Street Lighting BBQ

■ Street Lighting hosts quarterly barbecue.

Story by Liz Montes, Club Counselor
 Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager



PUBLIC WORKS — The Bureau of Street Lighting hosted its quarterly barbecue Sept. 28 in appreciation of its employees.

Each quarter, staff members volunteer their time to organize the event, and the entire department is invited to come together for the festivities. The barbecue allows the employees to network with their fellow co-workers.

The Club was invited to take part in the event and was happy to donate movie tickets and City of Los Angeles apparel.



Wally Whitney and Evelyn Jones.



From left: Chris Mosman, Division Manager, with James Josephson, Club Member, who won a City of LA shirt, courtesy the Club.



From left: Chris Mosman, Division Manager, with Orlando Usher, Club Member, who won AMC tickets donated by the Club.



From left: Roy Martinez; Thomas Franklin, Club Member; Kristina Briones; and Sandra Ramos, Club Member.

City of Los Angeles Dept. of Recreation & Parks PERSHING SQUARE DOWNTOWN ON ICE



Holiday Concert & Event Schedule

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

Tuesday / Thursday
 Selected Holiday Weekdays
 Nov. 16 - Jan. 15 (12-2:00pm)

GLIDE IN MOVIES

Weds. Nights Dec. - Jan. (7-9pm)

SPACELAND ON ICE

Thurs. Nights Dec. - Jan. (8-10pm)

FREEZE ZONE

Fri. Nights Nov. - Jan. (8-10pm)

YOUTH PROGRAMMING

Sat Nov. - Jan. (2-4pm)

SWING CONCERTS

Sun Nov. - Jan. (2-4pm)

WINTER HOLIDAY FESTIVAL

Dec. 8, 9, 10

Free Entertainment, Tree Decorating,
 Make and Take Children's Crafts
 Fri. Teen Night (7-10pm)
 Sat/Sun (11am-7pm)

- Open 7 days/week, Nov. 16, 2006 - Jan 15, 2007
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 Website: www.laparks.org

South LA Sanitation Picnic

■ **South LA Sanitation Yard hosts annual picnic at Santa Fe Dam.**

Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Communications and Marketing

PUBLIC WORKS — The South LA Sanitation Yard held its annual picnic Sept. 23 at Santa Fe Dam in Irwindale.

It was the fifth annual picnic. The picnic promoted unity in the yard. It was a day to simply have fun for some employees and build relationships and morale.

The Club donated raffle prizes and gift certificates.

Picnic committee members included: Moniquea McKee, host and coordinator, Club Member;

Terrence Barber, Coordinator and Recruiter, Club Member;

Eddie Pruitt, Silent Member, Club Member; Dwight Odom, Member, Club Member; Hubert Williams, Member, Club Member; and Tyrone Reid, Club Member

The Committee and the employees of the South LA Sanitation Yard send a special thanks to the Club for our contributions of raffle tickets and gift certificates.

They also want to give thanks and recognition to a few other people who donated funds to the picnic committee including supervisors Mr. Holloway, Mr. Zamora and Mr. Cruz, and drivers David Owens, Roosevelt Dooley, David Valdez and Donald Holmes.

The Club thanks Moniquea McKee for her assistance.



The picnic was a day filled with great barbecue, friends, laughter and the bicycle cart.



From left: Megan Bell, wife of City Employee Chris Bell, with Joan and Frankie La Court, Truck Operator, 18 years.



Ed Asberry, Truck Operator, 21 years.



LA South Sanitation knows how to barbecue



Keith Williams, Truck Operator, 7 years, Club Member, and his daughter, Katisha.



From left: Eddie Scott, Truck Operator, 33 years, Club Member; Moniquea McKee, Clerk Typist, 8 years, Club Member; and Tyrone Reid, Truck Operator, 17 years,



Back row, from left: John Ingram, Truck Operator, 24 years, and his wife, Nettie. Front: Terra, Tatiana and baby Lana Ingram.



From left: Randy Matlock, Truck Operator, 17 years, with his son, Brandon.



From left: Cherysies Williams, Clerk Typist, 31.5 years, Club Member, and her sister, Courtney Miton.



From left: Darryl Gaines, Carla Gaines Carla Artman and Katherine and Carl Anthony, Truck Operator, 20 years.



From left: Trista Jones, daughter, with Lenore Jones, Supervisor, 29 years.



The twins at the picnic! From left: Herbert Williams, Retired, and Hubert Williams, 20 years, Truck Operator, Club Member.



Danette and Cory Stewart, Truck Operator, 3 years.



From left: Daniel Chavira, Truck Operator, 16 years, Club Member, with his wife, Sylvia, and son, Michael.



From left: Popeye Martinez, Truck Operator, 4 years, with his wife, Pat, and daughter, Vivian.

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John's Picture Perfect Contest

WIN \$25 Shell Gas Card

For November, we have four winners!

Start snapping today, and send us your best results! Four winners will receive a \$50 Walmart gift card.

Four PRIZES

NEXT DEADLINE: November 15

Happy Snapping!



"This picture was taken on a trip to Martha's Vineyard, Mass., in 2004 to visit my brother. We then toured Connecticut where I used to live. This sailing ship is named Alabama and is an original restored antique, which tourists can sail on. The photo held at arms length looks like a watercolor painting."

- John H. Polson, Materials Testing Tech., DWP

John's comments: I really like this photo because there is nothing in the picture that gives away the fact that it was taken in the 21st century. Also, this picture is very indicative of what it's like to visit Martha's Vineyard; I've been there twice and you get a real feel of the old shipping days

"Last September, my daughter and I took a cruise, and one of the ports was Cherbourg, France. We rented a car and drove one hour to Normandy. The photograph is Omaha Beach, where Allied armies landed in Normandy June 6, 1944, to recapture almost 100 miles of the Norman coast occupied by the Germans. We walked the footsteps of those brave men who sacrificed so much and visited the village of Bayeux and Hornfleur. The memorial is dedicated to some 9,000 servicemen and -women. We have seen movies (Saving Private Ryan), read the books and watched television programs. But being there, where it happened 62 years ago, was thrilling and at the same time eerie."

- Gina Enrile-Caguiat, Public Works Engineering.

John's comments: I think what impresses me the most was the determination of Gina and her daughter to see this historically important site, which was so far from her port of call. Thank you so much, Gina, for reminding us of the ultimate sacrifice thousands of our young Americans made in World War II.



"Here's one just in time for Veteran's Day in November. Taken at the USS Missouri and Arizona Memorial in Hawaii."

- Cecille Consebido; Public Works, Sanitation.

John's comments: This is a very nice picture Cecille; the composition of the flag, the memorial and the deep blue Hawaiian sky worked out perfectly. And yes, Cecille, this is just in time for Veterans Day; just like Gina's photo above, it's a great reminder of the sacrifices our soldiers have made for us.



"It's 5:45 a.m. and we just heard a loud boom. What happened? Thanks, DWP for keeping the power on."

- Althea Edwards, Airports

John's comments: I can't tell you how many times I've seen the DWP on the scene of an accident or disaster. They're just about as quick as the emergency vehicles - keep up the good work, Water and Power!

Runners Up:

Jennifer Smith, City Attorney's Office; Christina Paneno; Jean Sarfarty, LAPD; Ronald Angst

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, 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071
- 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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Turn to **Page 51** for a full selection.

Happy Holidays from the Club



Cathy Calls It a Career

■ **Cathy Lozano retires as Assistant Chief Wharfinger at the Harbor.**

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

HARBOR — Friends, family, colleagues and those who conducted business with the Port came to help Catherine Lozano celebrate her retirement as Assistant Chief Wharfinger. The retirement reception took place Aug. 30 on the Harbor Administration Building's patio.

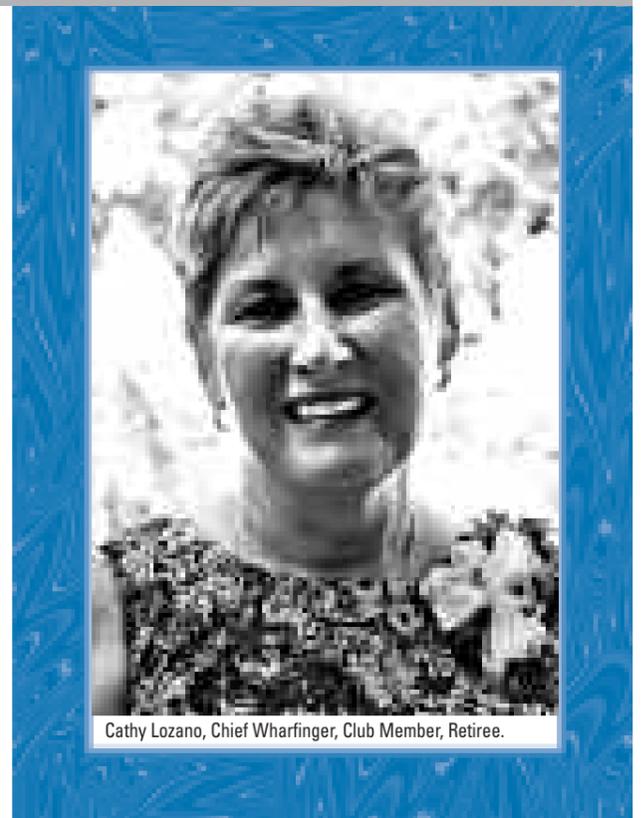
Cathy is retiring after 36 years with the City, 33 years of which were spent at the Port.

Congratulations, Cathy!

Special thanks to Rachel Campbell for her assistance.



Cathy Lozano with her family. From left: her son, Charles Lozano; Cathy Lozano, Chief Wharfinger, Club Member; and her husband, Chuck Lozano.



Cathy Lozano, Chief Wharfinger, Club Member, Retiree.



From left: Anthony Nizetich, San Pedro attorney; Kurt Arend, Assistant Chief Engineer, Club Member; Gary Striker, Park Maintenance Supervisor; and Cathy Lozano, Chief Wharfinger, Club Member.



From left: Ronald J. Boyd, Chief, Los Angeles Port Police, Club Member; and Cathy Lozano, Chief Wharfinger, Club Member.



The longtime friends known as "Earth, Wind and Fire," from left: Linda Vigil, Assistant Chief Wharfinger, Club Member; Cathy Lozano, Chief Wharfinger, Club Member; and Susan Gutierrez, Accounts Payable Supervisor.



From left: Lonnie Tang, Director of Maritime Services; Angie Birkenbach, Retired; Ken Mattfeld, City Attorney; and Andy Birkenbach, Retired.



From left: Cathy Lozano, Chief Wharfinger, Club Member; and Martin Chavez, HR Development Officer, Club Member.



From left: Ruby Christiansen, Retired; Tracienne Allmon, Wharfinger I, Club Member; Cathy Lozano, Chief Wharfinger, Club Member; and Doris Traylor, Wharfinger I, Club Member.



From left: Linda Vigil, Assistant Chief Wharfinger, Club Member; Jake Jacobs, Retired; Sal Zambrano, Chief Harbor Engineer, Club Member; Jeanette Argentin, Wharfinger; and Emma Gonzalez, Secretary, Club Member.



From left: Cathy Lozano, Chief Wharfinger, Club Member; and Linda Vigil, Assistant Chief Wharfinger, Club Member.



From left: John Humphrey, Equipment Operator, Club Member; Linda Jimenez, Wharfinger; and Leo Cabrera, Equipment Operator.



From left: Lisa Roberts, CEA II, Club Member; Demetrios Zaferes, Section Head Architect; and Mimi Gutierrez, CEA II, Club Member.



Standing, from left: Ismael Arriola, Sr. Accountant, Club Member; Wei Chiu, Accountant; and David Lo, Procurement Analyst. Seated: Tam Bui, Accounting Clerk; Amando Parreno, Accounting Clerk; and Melanie Jacob, Accounting Clerk II, Club Member.



From left: Emma Gonzalez, Secretary, Club Member; Bill Christiansen, Retired Sr. Electrician; and Ruby Christiansen, Retired.



From left: Hiroko Yamamoto, representing WBCT, with Cathy Lozano, Chief Wharfinger, Club Member.



From left: Debbie Scanlon, City Attorney, Club Member; Julie DiTucci, Secretary; Mario Almanza, Marketing Manager; and Rose Dworshak, Commission Officer Secretary.



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From left: Norma Dorsey, Caltrans; Jayson Joseph, ITA, Application Programmer, 5 years.

Business Mixer

■ **Transportation hosts an evening outreach to small businesses.**

Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Communications and Marketing

TRANSPORTATION — Transportation hosted a mixer designed to further the Mayor and City Council's interest in expanding outreach efforts to small and local businesses.

More than 300 people attended the mixer, held Sept. 16 at the Caltrans District Building downtown.

Airports, Contract Administration, CDD and Caltrans also participated.

Special thanks to Selwyn Hollins for assisting us.



City Councilwoman Wendy Greuel.



Selwyn Hollins, Chief Management Analyst, Transportation.



Claire Berriman, Contract Administration, 6 years.



Jorge Guzman, Economic Division, Community Development Department, 11 years.



General Manager Gloria J. Jeff.

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Cooking with the Club

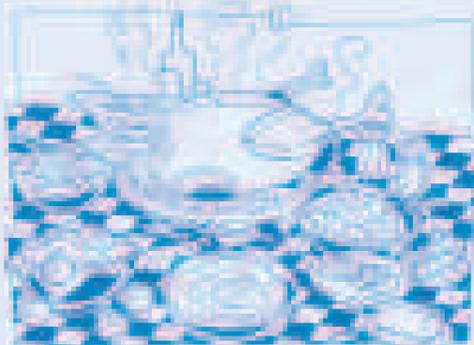
by our own
Robert Larios



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Thankful for Thanksgiving Leftovers



One of the favorite holidays of the year at the Larios palatial estate (little farm house, actually) is Thanksgiving. It's no surprise that the food is what makes it a favorite for me. A stuffed turkey, oven-baked slowly early in the morning and ready to eat for an early dinner is a memory I never forgot.

But the Larios family dinner table had more than turkey. It was filled to the table edges with side dishes like candied yams, green beans, cornbread, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes and gravy ... should I go on? No matter how much we eat, there are always enough leftovers to fill the fridge to its limits.

There are so many ways to prepare these leftovers. You can make yourself a turkey potpie with some leftover turkey, vegetables, and some fresh dough. Or you could make a great version

of the Chinese chicken salad with, of course, turkey. I believe that the Thanksgiving leftover sandwich is best for its versatility. You can use different kinds of breads, cheeses and leafy greens (or not). That's the whole beauty of these sandwiches – you pick how you want it. Notice I left out the quantity and amounts of each ingredient, because that is up to you.

My recipe for November is called Lucy's Leftover Sandwich, given to me by my long time friend, Lucy. And don't miss the great, lowfat Tequila Chicken recipe sent in by Club Member Jean Sarfaty.

And Happy Thanksgiving, everyone.

Lucy's Leftover Sandwich

INGREDIENTS:

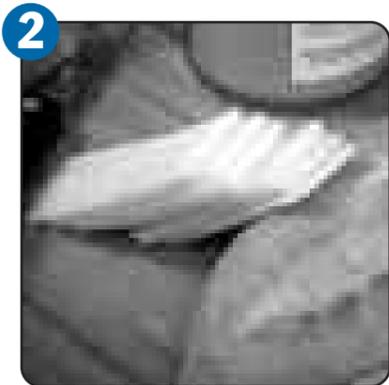
- French bread
- Turkey
- Mayonnaise
- Mustard
- Cranberry sauce
- Candied yams
- Lettuce
- Scallions
- Cheese (I like Muenster)
- Salt and pepper



DIRECTIONS:



1 Choose your favorite bread. I have chosen French bread because I like French bread.



2 Take a few generous slices of cheese.



3 Place the cheese on the sliced bread and put in the oven until the cheese melts at 350 degrees F.



4 Place the turkey on the bread.



5 Add mustard and mayo on the other side of the bread.



6 Take out that leftover cranberry sauce and candied yams and, if you can find them, you can add some micro greens.



7 Serve and enjoy!

Tequila Chicken

Submitted by Jean Sarfaty, Club Member

For extra flavor, top these breasts with shredded Colby jack cheese, sour cream and salsa picante just before serving.

INGREDIENTS:

- One-quarter-cup vegetable oil
- One-quarter-cup finely chopped fresh cilantro
- 1-1/2 ounces tequila
- 1-1/2 tablespoons ground cumin
- 1 tablespoon chopped garlic
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1-1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1-1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breast halves
- 1-1/2 stick butter

DIRECTIONS:

Heat oven 400 degrees F. In a large bowl, combine oil, cilantro, tequila, cumin, garlic, salt, pepper and cayenne. Add chicken and toss to coat. Transfer chicken to a baking sheet. Bake 12 to 14 minutes, or until largest piece is cooked through. Remove from oven and top each breast with a small pat of butter and let melt.

- Servings: 4
- Prep time: Ten minutes
- Bake/cook time: 15 minutes
- Calories: 522
- Fat: 30 grams
- Protein: 53 grams
- Carbohydrates: 2 grams
- Fiber: 1 grams
- Net carbs: 1 gram



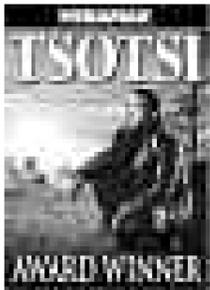
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Reviews by Fellow Club Members

MOVIE REVIEWS

DVD Reviews

A new feature of *Alive!* Send us your DVD reviews. 100 Words or Fewer! If we print your review, we will send you a \$10 coupon for Blockbuster!



Tsotsi
Rated R
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

I thought I would check this movie out since it won the Oscar for best foreign film last year. It is the tale of a young thug with a heart of stone living in the impoverished township of Johannesburg, South Africa. Life dramatically changes for Tsotsi when he carjacks and shoots a woman, not knowing a small infant is strapped in the backseat. While trying to care for this baby, we learn of Tsotsi's own tragic childhood and his pain at losing his mother at an early age. Meantime, Tsotsi begins to rediscover his capacity for love, compassion and self-respect.

In the title role, actor Presley Chweneyagae shines. His portrayal of this tormented boy/man struggling with his inner demons is remarkable. The film utilizes locations well, bringing us into the backyard of modern-day urban South Africa. It's a great story of human redemption. In Afrikaans with English subtitles.

- Dan Basiglio, LAPD



Hollywoodland
Rated R
My Score: 3.5 (out of 5)

This movie centers on the death of actor George Reeves, TV's Superman from the 1950s. Although it was reported as a suicide, many came to believe it was a murder.

There are two overlapping stories in this film; unfortunately only one of them works. Ben Affleck in his best role in years plays the troubled superhero actor with the right touch of humanity. Reeves tries to overcome his perceived indignity of being typecast as Superman and tries to break out on his own after being "kept" by a movie mogul's wife, Diane Lane. Lane is amazing as the controlling lover who fears losing the younger Reeves as much as he fears getting older. What did not work for me was the Adrian Brody character, a down-on-his-luck private eye, trying to unravel the mystery surrounding Reeves' suspicious suicide. The movie gives you different scenarios and motives for what may have happened. That is what kept the story engaging. It's worth seeing on that regard. You'll leave the theater with your own conclusions.

- Dan Basiglio, LAPD



Gridiron Gang
Rated PG
My Score: 4.5 (out of 5)

Yes, another football movie. This movie is about a counselor at Camp Kilpatrick in the Malibu Hills. The "Rock" plays the counselor who wanted to make a difference in the juvenile justice system. He used the game and discipline of football to teach the juvenile delinquents the meaning of teamwork and accomplishment. His methods made a difference in the lives of these juveniles. It's a very good movie, and you can take the kids.

- Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD



The Guardian
Rated PG-13
No Score

The movie is about a veteran employee to the US Coast Guard named Ben Randall (Kevin Costner), who lost his team crew in a rescue accident crash for which he suffered emotionally the loss of his best friend. He was assigned to a school where he taught with methods using his disciplined rescue-swimming and actual dangerous training, which kept the moviegoers in a suspenseful and adventure thrilling mood.

Randall met a rookie swimmer Jake Fischer (Ashton Kutcher), who not only idolized him but learned from him heroism and the value of saving lives.

My heart goes out to these noble men who faces danger every time they go out in the seas when their service is called for. I really enjoyed the action and drama shown in this movie and learned that we should do the best at all times especially if it involves saving lives.

- Leticia G. Yapan, DWP

Flyboys
Rated PG
My Score 4.5 (out of 5)

This was a very good movie. It is about the young men who went to France to learn to fly planes for World War I. Most of the pilots did not make it more than a few weeks before they were shot down. The young men came to France for different reasons. The movie follows each of them and how their lives are changed by the experience. There is a lot of blood, but there is also a love story. I recommend it.



- Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD
Little Miss Sunshine
Rated R
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This movie is a heartwarming, humorous film about a family on a road trip for the daughter to compete in a Little Miss Sunshine beauty

pageant. This family starts out to be one of the most dysfunctional sets of relatives ever to travel on the highways to California (you might even recognize some of your own family!) with some of the funniest scenes you'll ever see. The characters include a nine-step-program-selling father; a suicidal uncle (Steve Carell from The Office) who has just been jilted by his homosexual lover; the son who has taken a nine-month-long vow of silence until he is accepted into the Air Force; a beautiful daughter, the 7-year-old Olive; the foul-mouthed but loving grandfather who got booted out of his retirement facility for snorting cocaine; and the honest mom, who tries to hold everyone together. The ending is very heartwarming and Olive has a big surprise for everyone. I had to convince my husband to see this movie with me, and he had tears in his eyes from laughing so hard! This movie gives no truer meaning to the phrase, "No one gets left behind!"

- Jean Sarfaty, LAPD

Boynton Beach Club
Not Rated
My Score: 3.5 (out of 5)

The trailer tells you this movie is a "romantic comedy about our amazing capacity to rebound and fall in love... at any age." Well, I guess I agree. It was a somewhat odd movie to watch. The demographics are certainly a bit higher than I am currently.

Several seniors meet at a bereavement group, where they are trying to find emotional support to get over their loss. I don't know why I have such a hard time putting my finger on what bothered me about the movie... but this group seems like a singles club more than a bereavement group.

Anyway, the acting is good. I thought Brenda Vaccaro as the girlfriend of Dyan Cannon was the best. Check it out for yourselves; you may appreciate it more than me.

- Barbara Johnson, LAFD



The Black Dahlia
Rated R
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

What a twisted story it tells. A fictionalized version of an actual unsolved murder from 1947, Los Angeles. Betty Short was cut in half, organs removed, blood drained, with her mouth split from cheek to cheek in a

horrible resemblance of a grin.

The story tells of two homicide cops on the case and their personal demons, desires, friendship and death, deaths they create, witness and understand or solve. Alas, the movie gets pretty involved and intricate at some points, but it does move along.

It is okay. I was hoping for something a little better.

- Barbara Johnson, LAFD

Jackass 2
Rated R
My Score 2.5 (out of 5)

My husband wanted to see this movie. I could not believe that so many people brought young children. This movie was not for young children. If you did not see the first one, this movie again stars Johnny Knoxville and his crew. They do some of most hilarious and raunchy stunts you would never think of. I must say the movie made me laugh, and if you need to forget your troubles, go see it. If you need to pay a babysitter, wait until it comes out on DVD.

- Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

The Covenant
Rated PG-13
My Score: 3.5 (out of 5)

The Covenant isn't scary, it isn't really thrilling, but it is sort of fun. It is an afternoon special, a made-for-TV movie. Cute boy warlocks try to hide their powers from the town around them, as one of them prepares to ascend to full powers on his 18th birthday. Meanwhile, another warlock boy, presumed dead, isn't, and this one wants the others' powers.

The movie doesn't require any thinking. It has all the standard clichés, but do check out the car jump; that was fun! Teenagers, and teens at heart, will enjoy it, I am sure.

- Barbara Johnson, LAFD



Theater Reviews

100 Words or Fewer

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- Keep all reviews to 100 words or less (but try to come close; try to write more than a sentence or two)
- 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).
(And not everything is a five!)
- Make sure to give us your name and City department (or retired)
- Have fun!

Shakespeare's Twelfth Night
Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum

At the Will Geer Theatricum Botanicum, you can see a rendition of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night in its outdoor theatre among the trees and plants, that is absolutely delightful! I must say I thoroughly enjoyed myself. Once you acquaint yourself to the speech patterns all will flow smoothly and sweetly.

Twelfth Night is about mistaken identities, unrequited love, twins lost at sea, and other mishaps. It is very funny and reminds us, "Happiness may come about in unexpected ways." Do you remember the J. Geils Band and its song, "Love Stinks?" It says: You love her/and she loves him/and he loves somebody else. That's the premise. Just skip the rest of the song, for all ends well I within the Twelfth Night.

- Barbara Johnson, LAFD

The Marvelous Wonderettes
El Portal Forum Theatre
My Score: 4.5 (out of 5)

You are cordially invited to attend the 1958 Springfield High School Prom. This is one prom you don't want to miss!

The wonderful cast of four will sing songs from the 1950s like "Mr. Sandman," "Lollipop," "It's in His Kiss" and many, many more. It was an excellent show, and I highly recommend it. I might even go again.

- Gail Seltzer, DWP, Club Member since 1994

Anything Goes
Rating 5.0/5.0
Candlelight Pavilion Dinner Theatre
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

There are not too many places that I know of where you go have a gourmet meal and then see a fantastic live show. This is one of the best shows that I have ever seen. The cast is 100 percent professional and 100 percent wonderful, as well as the service. I loved the story and loved the music even more. It is very upbeat and fun. This was one not to miss!

- Gail Seltzer, DWP, Club Member since 1994

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Beautiful Home for Sale, FSBO, LaCrescenta. Fully remodeled, 3bd/2bth, 2 car garage. 1450sq living, 7300sq ft corner lot on cul-de-sac. Mountain view. \$779K. Call (818)749-0725. 9/6

Great condo in Chino, CA. One bedroom one bath upstairs unit, new bathrooms fixtures, balcony, fireplace, great starter home. Call (951) 218-4414 or (951) 739-0419. 9/6

Guest Room for Rent. Harbor City Area. Rent Negotiable. Call (310) 326-3922. 9/6

Apartment for rent. in a triplex: 2bed, 1ba, large Living/Dinning room, newpaint and carpet. 1 1/2 miles from USC, \$1,200 per month. Call (323) 291-1931.

Apartment for rent. Ne-wly remodeled 2bed, 1 1/2 ba for rent by lease for \$1200/mo. Minutes from Downtown, Chinatown, Olvera St and Pasadena. Bamboo hardwood floors, italian floor tiles, floor to ceiling shower tiles, skylights and ceiling fans, marble countertops and designer faucets. Parking and washer/dryer on premise of 3 unit property. Call (323) 919-1163.

BACK HOUSE FOR RENT. Clean 1bed, New: carpet, blinds, cabinets, doors. Close to 110/105 Fwy, Blue & Green line, \$900.00. Utilities included. Call (323) 385-5059.

PASADENA CONDO FOR SALE. Great location, one block east of Lake and two blocks south of Colorado. Walk to Caltech, TJ's, Macy's. Small complex, large unit: 2BR/2BA, 1330 sq ft, not including huge balcony. Some furniture for sale too. New paint, lights and kitchen recently remodeled. \$469,000. Call (626) 622-0043.

House for Rent - View Heights Beauty 2/2 house w/bonus room. Turn-key! Vaulted ceilings, hrwd fl, cent ac, frpl, encl yard-great for entertaining, 2 car direct access garage, \$2100/mo. Call Valerie (310) 850-2113.

Apartment for Rent. North Inglewood 1 bed, 1 ba, \$825 & up. Call Mr. Williams (323) 296-1547.

Paramount Remodeled House - 2/bd, 1bth (Can Be 3bds). Granite counter tops. Call (626) 695-4052.

Household Items

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

Ionic Breeze: Regular \$350, out-the-door for \$300. Alle-germ free your environment. As-Seen-On-TV. Brand new in the box. Call Joe (323) 750-7005 or JEDA3R@hotmail.com

Miscellaneous

Sports Memorabilia - Rookie Cards, all sports, Hall of Famers mostly from 1990's to present. Call Greg (951) 235-3815 9/6

2006 "REESE" 5th Wheel Hitch 16000lb., Black, \$350, OBO. Heavy Duty 5th Wheel Hitch 16000lb. capacity. Like new. Thousand Oaks. Call Steve (805) 258-9666. E-Mail: pool1411@sbcglobal.net 9/6

Inglewood Park Cemetery. Double Space Lawn Crypt - Vault in the ground, Pine View Gardens area, \$5000. Call Barbara (562) 422-8130.

10 men's dress shirts. Size 16, 161/2 - 32/33. Colors are white, blue, stripe & beige. They are very clean and in good condition. They belong to a non smoking attorney. They have always been clean and pressed by professional cleaner. Asking \$50 for all 10 shirts. Call (626) 780-6304 if interested. I work in downtown L.A. and live in the West Covina area.

Westie Puppies. Now available, born June 10, taking deposits. All white breed no larger than 22lbs. West Highland White Terriers, adorable, good personalities, very smart. Call (213) 798-5505

1 table saw - \$75. June Webb (310) 419-0502 or E-mail DrRFWebb@aol.com

Parrot cage - \$200.00 new \$400.00 June Webb (310) 419-0502 or E-mail DrRFWebb@aol.com

Beautiful exotic Hawaiian plumeria plants for sale! White and pink flowers are available! Easy to grow and transplant! Different sizes with varying prices - Call (323) 263-3166.

BOAT FOR SALE. 1977 Mantaray, 17 feet, tri-hull/bowrider. 302/v8, Foerd/OMC. needs exhaust work. Many extras. TRADE or \$500.00. Call Albert (213) 819-7194.

Beautiful Exotic Handmade Hawaiian Leis for sale! ESPECIALLY MEMORABLE FOR GRADUATIONS! Made out of ribbon or yam! Different colors and combinations available! Great for parties, special occasions and Hawaiian luau in the summer! Different textures and materials with varying prices - Call (323) 263-3166.



Bass Boat 4 Sale: 1994 Champion 190DCX, black with blue, 200 h.p. Mercury XRI, low hours, Loran electronics, many extras \$16,000 O.B.O. Call Jim (949) 646-5207.

Misc. Police Security Eq. for Sale: leather gear and nylon gear, all fair to good condition. Also some L.A.S.D. uniforms in fair condition, pants and shirts (most are class A). Asking \$125 or best for all items. Call Nels (818) 781-1747.

Sports / Exercise

Complete Home Gym Elliptical, Air Walker, Timeworks FX. Like New! \$80 each. All \$3 \$210. Call Miguel (818) 497-4149.

Adidas High Top Football Cleats brand new, size 11, "Cormen Blitz" model with replaceable cleats. Paid \$70, Sale for \$60. Call Frank (818) 605-0502 cell.

Exercise Equipment Lateral Thigh Trainer w/video and Nordic Trac Walk Fit Treadmill both for \$100 OBO. Paula (818) 648-4968.

Travel / Timeshare

Las Vegas Grand Desert Timeshare - for sale. Asking \$30,000 with amenities, new 182,000 bonus points. Call (310) 522-0051.

TIMESHARE RESORT RENTAL in Cancun, Mexico. Beautiful Cancun Sunset Club, close to shops, restaurants and nightlife. 7 days \$500.00. Sleeps 4. Call Gina (818) 265-5940 home or (818) 395-3552 cell.

Big Bear Cabin - 2 + 2 minutes from lake, ski, village Sleeps 6, Fireplace, Dishnet, WiFi Website: www.rainbowcabin.com Start at \$85 night. Call Rob (562) 804-1160.



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Green Valley Lake Cabin Rental - 3 bed, 2 ba fully equipped mountain cabin. Between Big Bear and Arrowhead. Quiet, edge of forest, panoramic view. Call (909) 867-3534. Ask for the Fick Cabin, #45.



PALM SPRINGS CONDO FOR RENT Close to the Village & Spa Resort Casino. 1 bed, 1 ba, sleeps 5, gated community with 8 swimming pools & spas, tennis court and shuffleboard court. Call for Weekday & Weekend Rates! (562) 301-2940.

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Time Share: Maui - Kahana Villa Resort, 1 bed, air conditioning, kitchen. Directly across Kahana Beach. Buy for \$7500 OBO. Call Jasmin for more information (213) 580-1183.

Time Share: Palm Springs. Club Trinidad, Deluxe Studio. Will sell for \$900 OBO. Call John (661) 285-1074.

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

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

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

Retired Authentic 1998 Full Set of 12 Teenie Beanie Babies in perfect condition in bags with attached tags for authenticity. This is the second collection and is very RARE for find all 12 together. I recently looked on an updated (2004) price list site for the teenies and this set values for almost \$200.00 so this is a STEAL at \$50.00! The beanies are: 1) Doby the Doberman 2) Bongo the Monkey 3) Twigs the Giraffe 4) Inch the Worm 5) Pinchers The Lobster 6) Happy the Hippo 7) Mel the Koala 8) Scoop the Pelican 9) Bones the Dog 10) Nip the Cat 11) Waddle the Penguin 12) Peanut the Elephant. Call (818) 353-6546



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



Commemorative Coin - Disney's Haunted Mansion. 2005. Still in unopened package, \$20. Call John (213) 620-0388.

Wanted

Jetskis Wanted/Trade: 1-2 Jetskis, with trailer, wanted. Will trade Las Vegas Strip one-week a year time share. Jockey Club - next door to Bellagio. Call (213) 453-4952. 11/6

Wanted: To Rent a Room - Looking to rent from someone a bach, single or a 1 bed apartment or house. (I will and can take care of all cleaning and yard work for owner) Right now I can afford \$450.00 to \$550.00 per month. Call (323) 627-6558 cell or (323) 769-6269. 9/6

Wanted: Roommate - 3 bed, 2 1/2 ba home, \$600/month. 1/2 water bill. In Corona. Call (323) 533-5001.

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

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

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Wanted: Homes/Rental/Land: Looking to buy: 2.5 to 5.0 acres with or without a structure in Morongo Valley, Yucca Valley, or Joshua Tree area. Call Dan (818) 535-6951.

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City Seal Diver Watches

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



Ladies Full Color City Seal, Black Band
ITEM: #2245
PRICE: \$36.00



Mens Large Seal, Stainless Steel Band
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PRICE: \$55.00



Mens Large Seal, Leather Band
ITEM: #VVL2600
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Mens Small Seal, Leather Band
ITEM: #VVL2601
PRICE: \$45.00

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Club Discount Price.....\$25 (\$32.95 Retail)

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



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



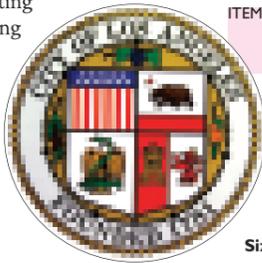
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City Seal Window Decal

Durable full color printing on clear plastic with long lasting adhesive.



ITEM: # _____
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Black ITEM: #C8000
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Size: 12" Diameter
Battery operated (AA)
Price: \$12 Each

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High quality embroidered ball caps!

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BLACK: #H2002
PRICE: \$10.00



Harbor
NAVY: #H2005
BLACK: #H2006
PRICE: \$10.00



General Services
NAVY: #H1999
BLACK: #H2000
PRICE: \$10.00



Transportation
NAVY: #H2003
BLACK: #H2004
PRICE: \$10.00



Water & Power
NAVY: #H1997
BLACK: #H1998
PRICE: \$10.00



Bureau of Sanitation
NAVY: #H1995
BLACK: #H1998
FOREST GREEN: #H1996
PRICE: \$10.00



Retiree
BLACK: #H2007
PRICE: \$10.00



City Seal Hats with Script

Seal w/Script
NAVY: #H1989
PRICE: \$10.00



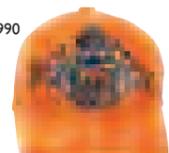
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BLACK: #H1613
PRICE: \$10.00



Seal w/Script
KHAKI: #H1991
PRICE: \$10.00



Seal w/Script
ORANGE: #H1990
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Unisex T-shirts
Sizes: S M L XL XXL



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 - Black
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 - Orange
 - Olive
 - Indigo Blue

City Seal Hats

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PRICE: \$10.00



City Seal
BLACK: #H1987
PRICE: \$10.00



City Seal
KHAKI: #H1988
PRICE: \$10.00



City Seal
ORANGE: #H1661
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Club Hat
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PRICE: \$10.00



Club Hat
KHAKI: #H1479
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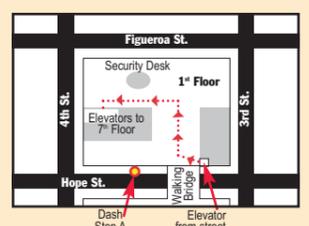
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City Girl "Retro" T-shirts

Sizes: **S M L XL** Item #T-W2000



Hot Pink

Heather Gray



Violet



Black



Fire Engine Red



Key Lime



Caribbean Blue



White



Hot Pink

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Sizes: **S M L XL** Item #T-W1000



Hot Pink

Key Lime



Violet



Black



Cherry



Heather Gray



Caribbean Blue



White



Hot Pink