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QUALITY, PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION — It's no secret that true innovators and quality civic servants work for the City, and once a year the City's Quality and Productivity Commission awards just such excellence.

This year's ceremony, which honored excellence on 22 projects and in 12 departments, was held May 31.



These competitive awards promote professional and effective management practices, recognize and showcase the City's achievements at improving the quality and efficiency of service delivery, all the while reducing public

costs. In total, these projects are estimated to have saved the City \$11.3 million.

Projects that were honored range from physical plans to administrative improvements.

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Putting 'Service' Back Into Club's Legal Service Plan

■ **Club offers legal services benefit to help working families afford good legal counsel.**

CLUB HEADQUARTERS — Think you can't afford a lawyer? You can.

Legal services are becoming even more important these days, with investments, real estate, family matters, auto liability and many other issues increasingly affecting middle-class folks.

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And now, the Club offers the benefit with a new Club Partner: Legal Access Plans, which has roots here in Los Angeles. The company is all about strong customer service, with a staff of more than 50 ready to serve you.

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Inside, read an interview with Bob Heston, President and CEO of Legal Access Plans, and let him tell you how it works.

It's another strong Club benefit, waiting to serve you.

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Getting ready for guests at the Menlo Olympic Pool at EPICC are, from left: Jorge Esparza, Lifeguard, 3 years of service; Wendy Escobar, Aquatic Facility Manager, 14 years of service; and Melissa Mendoza, Lifeguard, 3 years.

Rec and Parks offers hundreds of fun summer activities for your family, at a center near you. Check out our summer programs section, beginning on page 10.

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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 of Death	Amount	Age & Gender	Active/Retired	Cause of Death	Amount
56male	Retiree	Cardiac Arrest	\$140,000.00	87male	Retiree	Renal Failure	\$5,039.45
79male	Retiree	Natural	\$5,000.00	78female	Retiree	Cardiac Arrest	\$5,081.78
76male	Retiree	Heart attack	\$10,000.00			Total Insurance Paid	\$165,121.23

Disability Claims

Age	Condition	Monthly Payment	Age	Condition	Monthly Payment	
35	Motor vehicle injury	\$2,100.00	53	Bone Disease	\$1,148.88	
37	Carpal Tunnel & Foot Injury	\$2,919.26	53	Foot injury	\$3,633.25	
39	Back Surgery	\$3,669.41	53	Knee Injury	\$1,570.99	
39	Back Injury	\$1,676.42	53	Multiple Sclerosis	\$1,347.53	
41	Back Injury	\$1,694.40	54	Mental Condition	\$3,179.28	
45	Disease	\$1,197.17	55	Carpal Tunnel	\$2,000.00	
45	Carpal Tunnel Syndrome	\$1,963.52	55	Bone Condition	\$4,917.24	
46	Vertigo	\$3,549.49	56	Respiratory Disorder	\$1,285.45	
46	Back Disorder	\$2,467.96	56	Upper Body Injury	\$3,187.67	
46	Carpal Tunnel Syndrome	\$1,417.45	57	Leukemia	\$1,341.85	
48	Disability	\$52,437.06	58	Injury: Back	\$4,728.28	
48	Fever	\$1,329.51	58	Heart Condition	\$1,311.78	
48	Heart: Congestive Failure	\$1,305.54	60	Mental Condition	\$4,233.04	
48	Injury: Back	\$3,000.40	60	Cancer - Lung	\$2,555.84	
48	Multiple Sclerosis	\$1,639.25	60	Hand Injury	\$2,281.76	
49	Knee Replacement	\$1,440.98	61	Stroke	\$2,256.43	
49	Neck Injury	\$1,119.42	62	Loss of Hearing	\$1,013.11	
50	Mental Condition	\$1,534.00	63	Back Injury	\$1,555.56	
50	Lower back pain	\$1,813.76			Total Insurance Paid	\$142,190.75
51	Hip & knee replacement	\$3,034.15				
52	Surgery: Knee Injury	\$1,667.49				

TOTALS PAID	Last Month	Year to Date
Life Insurance	\$165,121.23	\$1,338,975.88
Long Term Disability	\$142,190.75	\$606,395.79
Long Term Care	\$14,350.00	\$109,083.25
Cancer Insurance	\$0.00	\$135,000.00
		\$2,189,454.92

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* A Message From the CEO *

July Is for Fun; So Is ClubFest

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



Anthony Aguinaga, Open Water Lifeguard II, Hansen Dam Aquatic Center (right), explains to Club CEO John Hawkins all the different recreation opportunities available at the facility.

Happy Fourth of July, everyone. I hope you are spending time with your family this summer. You spend lots of time with your City family, that you should take advantage of those times in the year when you spend time with your own family, too.

One of the great and affordable ways to have a great summer with your family is to take advantage of the tons of Rec and Parks programs. They work really hard helping you relax and have fun, so you should take advantage. It's all listed in this month's feature, put together by Club Director of Marketing and Communications, Robert Larios; Member Services Manager, Angel Gomez; and *Alive!* editor John Burnes. Special thanks to Harvey Drut, Rec and Parks, who made this feature happen.

I was blown away when I visited the Hansen Dam Aquatic Center in Lake View Terrace. There, Open Water Lifeguard II Anthony Aguinaga gave me a tour of the place. That's Anthony and I talking in the shade, in the photo on this page. He's a great guy, and he wants to be a City Firefighter. What do you say, LAFD?

Anyway, the Hansen Dam Aquatic Center is a great City facility, with a huge swimming pool (surrounded by sand), and a "lake" for fishing and boating. I suggest you check it out, but know that it gets crowded on weekends.

This is also the time of year when the City honors its own, with the Quality and Productivity Awards. Take a look at these projects, which save City taxpayers more than \$11 million. That's excellent.

Also, Personnel hands out its Career Service Awards. The Police Dept. thanks its employees who have 30 or more years of service; the Fire Dept. honors its civilian employees of the year; and it goes on and on. Maybe you recognize some of your fellow City Employees, and maybe you don't. But check 'em out and let them know you appreciate the good job they're doing.

Buy your ClubFest tickets now. ClubFest 2007 is going to be another great afternoon of fun for Club Members. It's so important to buy your tickets early. We don't keep selling tickets until the fantastic Calamigos Ranch is overcrowded; we stop selling at a point where everyone will be comfortable. So tickets are limited, and you don't want to miss out. Plus, the Club always wants to give you the best value we can. If you buy your tickets by the end of August, we make them even more affordable. **But only if you buy them now.** So don't wait. There's no better time to buy than right now. The early bird gets the discount!



Have an awesome and safe July!

JOHN

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Central Jazz Fest Turns 10

■ Landmark jazz festival, sponsored by Councilwoman Jan Perry, Club Member, celebrates its 10th anniversary with July event.

An illustration used to promote this year's Central Avenue Jazz Festival.

COUNCIL — The 10th annual Central Avenue Jazz Festival is scheduled to take place July 28 and 29 at Central Avenue and 42nd Street in South Los Angeles in front of the historic Dunbar Hotel. The Dunbar Hotel played a large role in African American history in Los Angeles. Jazz greats including John Coltrane and Billie Holiday stayed when visiting the City.

The Jazz Festival is a unique cultural event that pays tribute to the significant contributions that African Americans made on Central Avenue, the birthplace of West Coast jazz and was nationally recognized as a jazz hot spot from the 1920s to the 1950s. The jazz festival is dedicated to the preservation and celebration of jazz and African American heritage.

This weekend event is free and open to the public, and will feature live music, crafts and food booths; company-sponsored booths; and government information booths. It promises to be an exciting weekend full of fun and community pride.

Information: (213) 473-2302.



Kicking off last year's jazz festival were, among others, Councilwoman Jan Perry, Club Member, and Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.

The Word on the Street



Cecilia Talbot,
Claims Administrator

"I evaluate your life insurance service as excellent! Everyone has been so helpful. I really appreciated everyone who I had to contact on the phone or in person for all their help concerning the Club. Everyone's cooperation is greatly appreciated. The book [The Fall of Freddie the Leaf] is wonderful. I keep re-reading it and I find comfort again and again. It has eased my grieving some. To all, thank you for your thoughtfulness and [I want] to tell you how very much it meant. May God bless all of you for your kindness."

— Carmen Haro and family,
March 2007

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

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Need help? Find your Counselor

When contacting the Club, ask for the counselor that handles your department.



2003 President's Award Recipient

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2004 President's Award Recipient



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Summy Lam
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LETTERS To the Editor

Tell us what you think! talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

LETTER OF THE MONTH

Chef Larios Fan Wonders How He Gets the Details to Pan Out

Ah ha! Chef Larios has returned to form with his Parmesan recipe. I tried it; it was easy to make, and tasty. The chef knows his stuff. I'm a believer. I have two questions about the photography, though. Who takes the photos at the kitchen? Is this the kitchen at the Club?

— Elena Gomez, Chef Larios fan

Very observant, Elena. When Chef Larios does not have the help of staff or family to take the photographs, he in fact takes them himself. It is a challenge to do this while making sure that the food does not burn. If the Club had a kitchen like those used by the chef, everyone would want to work at the Club. The truth is that he likes to use the kitchen at the Larios family ranch. —Ed.



Support City Employees on The Labor Negotiating Team

Hello fellow Club Members. My name is Brian Hollenbaugh. I am a Detention Officer for the Los Angeles Police Department. I am also a member of the contract negotiation team that will be negotiating our next contract with the City.

This time SEIU has joined with the following unions: AFSCME district council 36, IUOE Local 501, Teamsters local 911, the Los Angeles and Orange Counties Construction trades, and the Laborers local 777. We are known as the Coalition of LA City Unions. By negotiating with all the unions as one, we feel that this will help us against the City of L.A.

Contract negotiations are now under way. I am sure that you are aware of the importance of this contract. I know that I understand the importance of it. I would like to remind everyone, that even though we were elected to do the negotiating, we only get paid if the meetings occur during our scheduled shift. If the meeting goes beyond our scheduled shift, or takes place on our day off, then we are on our own time. The members of this contract negotiation team will be putting in long hours, and we will be sacrificing time with our family and friends. Nonetheless, we are committed to making sure that we bring back a good contract. So, if you happen to work with someone who is on the bargaining team, please thank them for what they are doing. The union has had bumper stickers and buttons made, saying that we are proud to serve L.A. Please place a

sticker on your city vehicle, or wear a button. Show that you are proud to serve L.A.

The City is a good employer, and who knows where we would be without the job that we do.

Thanks. It would mean a lot to us, and we sure appreciate the support.

— Brian Hollenbaugh, Detention Officer, LAPD; Club Member

Griffith Park Fire Story Had This Reader on Fire

The Griffith Park fire story was the kind of reading I could not put down until I finished. I mean this was really good stuff, and the photos were out of sight. I had not a clue that flames could get that large, and I would not be surprised to learn that one of the *Alive!* cameras melted. It was such a sad deal.

Based on your article, it was good to know that all kinds of City Departments helped out to put the fire out and restore order.

— Joe Trevor, Retired

Tom LaBonge's Griffith Actions Make Him a Hero to Mary Rose

Boy oh boy, you fellas really outdid yourselves this time. The pictures of the Griffith Park fire coverage were visually captivating, and the interviews were mentally stimulating. And it was real nice to see my hero, Tommy LaBonge, out there doing whatever he could to protect his beloved park. It really made an old soul like me wish I were back in Los Angeles working for the City again. Keep up

the wonderful work, *Alive!* staff. You make me proud.

— Mary Rose Wilkens, dyed-in-the-wool Club Member, Retired City Employee

Taking Kids to Work Helps To Make Families Stronger

My favorite article in the newspaper was the one about taking the children to work. It was great to see the various departments like DWP, Harbor, Fire, and others dedicate a day to bring the kids to work. I think it's healthy for the children to see where their parents go every day. Sometimes, parents and their children can't spend as much time as they like during the workweek, and a day like this is precious.

— Tina Gertrude, Rec and Parks

A Light Turns On for Jerry To Try to Start Saving Energy

The Forbes house is incredible. I wish more homes were like this. I wish my home were like the Forbes home. Imagine if all the homes everywhere that used electricity were green. If there are people who don't like the idea of going green — why not do it for the reason of saving some green. What I mean is saving money. It looks like you can save a lot of money on utilities if you do anything with solar power. I'm ready to buy some solar panels!

— Jerry Riley, DWP

Can DWP Do More to Make Power With Solar Panels?

After reading your article on the Forbes family and what they did to create free electricity, why doesn't the DWP put thousands of solar panels in all that empty property where the power lines run? It could go right back into the grid! Maybe someone at *Alive!* could present this question to the DWP, as I'm sure you will get a better response than me.

— Brenda Roberts

What a great question! We'll forward this to the Power division of the DWP. Look for an answer soon. — Ed.

Forbes House Story Reminds That We Should All Be Doing It

Loved your story on the family that turned their house into an energy-independent dwelling. We should all be doing this.

— N. Guerra — Public Works

Zine Awards Is Just One Way City Employees Are Honored

The Zine awards story was nice. Honestly, I didn't know this existed. I asked around to see if there was something like this for City

Employees working for other departments, and it looks like the Career Service Awards and the Quality and Productivity Awards do something similar. Have you guys thought of covering those for the newspaper?

— Toby Smith, Airports

*Thanks for the kind words. Everyone involved with the Zine Awards does a stellar job, and it gets bigger and better every year. We were honored to have been invited by Dennis Zine and his staff to cover the event for *Alive!* You may have noticed already that we published articles on both the Career Service Awards and the Quality and Productivity Awards in this issue (as we do most every year). Enjoy! — Ed.*

Nice to Know That Something Like Zine Awards Does Exist

Hey, just wanted to say that I was impressed with Councilman Zine's Z Awards. I never heard about this before until I read it in *Alive!* Thanks for keeping me up-to-date, and it's nice to know that heroes still exist in the City.

— George Zamara, *Alive!* fan

When It Comes to Picture Perfect, Terry and George in Same Boat

The photo that George Cormany took for the Picture Perfect Contest was super cool. It looks like something out of a pirate's movie.

— Terry Milestroh, DWP

He Wonders if City Benefits Are Going to the City Dogs

Last month, I read the article called Training the Dog Trainers. It's nice to see City departments team up to make things happens like the LAPD and the Airport Police in maintaining the dog explosive detection program. I wonder if police dogs like Eno and Lusi have City benefits like City Employees.

— Troy Hillenbrand, Airports

Troy, we aren't sure if City benefits are being afforded to the City dogs, but we would never say you're barking up the wrong tree. Perhaps the Club will consider creating some great Canine benefits to compliment the Club's Pet Insurance. We'll keep you informed. — Ed.

More Nice Words for *Alive!* For Showcasing the City's Best

Thanks Club for always highlighting the best of what us city employees have to offer!

— Paulette Jaccamazzi

NOW'S THE TIME FOR CLUBFEST



Representing Firestation #26, from left: Manny Galvez, Beau Cherry, Brian Willis and Gary Puga.



From left: Tim Wilson, Captain, 34 years of service, and Jane Andratti, Management II, 33 years of service.



Representing Firestation #11, from left: Enrique Borboa, Clint Cadena, Tina Ruiz, Frank Berraza and Randy Offerman



Fire Chief Douglas Barry.

Hope for Firefighters

■ Fire Dept. hosts annual food and fun event downtown, with support of local merchants.

Photos by *Alive!* staff

FIRE DEPT. — City Employees, the LAFD, corporate sponsors and teams and thousands of Angelenos gathered for the 10th annual Hope for Firefighters event June 7 downtown.

The event honors the firefighters who risk their lives to serve and protect us, and raises funds for the Los Angeles Firemen's Relief Association's Widows, Orphans and Disabled Firemen's Fund.

Hope for Firefighters featured live music, delicious meals prepared by more than 25 different

fire stations throughout the City, fire apparatus and demonstrations, LAFD gift merchandise booths, raffle drawings, prizes, trophies and exciting Firefighter "Muster" games, where more than 20 sponsored teams will compete for trophies and prizes in everything from a bucket brigade, a firefighter suit-up to an old-fashioned hose pull contest. Funds are raised through sponsorship, meal ticket sales, raffle items and the sale of LAFD merchandise through the Dalmatian's Store.



Councilwoman Jan Perry, Club Member.



From left: Ray Crawford of Firestation #3, and Bruce Galien, Firestation #98.



Representing Firestation #3, from left: Ray Kokinski and Richard Andrade.



From left: Inspector Oriel and Capt. Duffy.



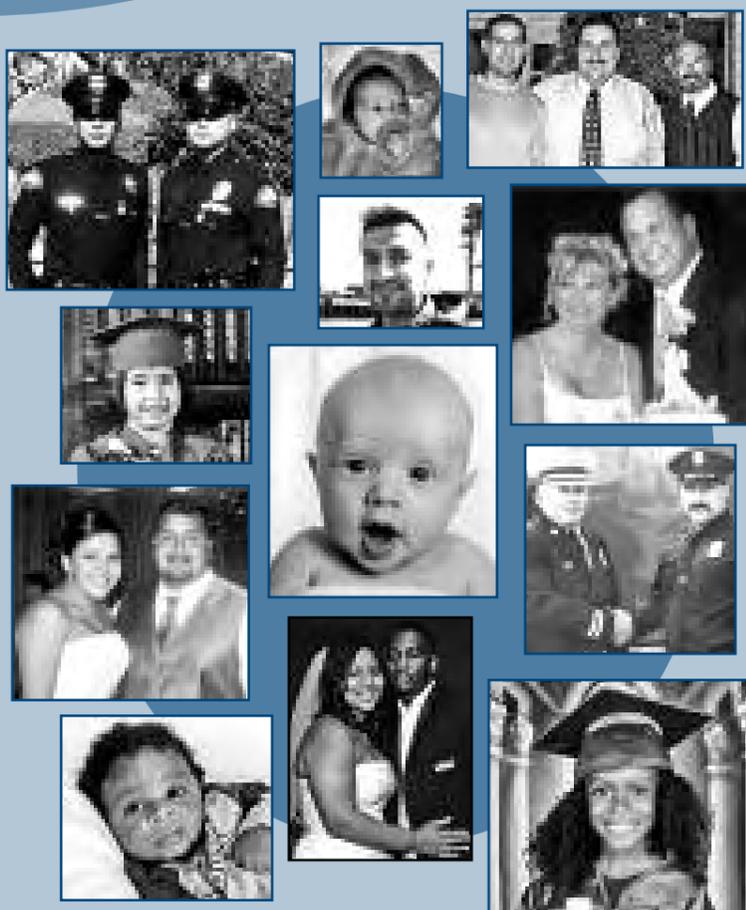
Enjoying the fun and food are, from left: Mark Akahoshi, 27 years of service; and Tom Valdespino, 20 years of service.



From left: The Club's IT Department watching the Hope for Firefighters event during their lunch break (allegedly): Summy Lam, Information Technology Business Analyst; Alan Bound, Information Technology Programmer; and Michael Anderson, Information Technology Manager.

Life's Important Moments

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The talent show contestants gather on stage.

Talents on Parade

■ **Public Works hosts a talent show as part of the national Public Works Week, detailed in last month's *Alive!***

Story by Michelle Vargas, Public Affairs Office, Public Works; Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager



The audience is excited to see the performances.



From left: Councilmember Jan Perry, Club Member, first-place winner Jeffrey Williams, and Board of Public Works President Cynthia M. Ruiz.

City Councilmember Jan Perry, Club Member, announced the winners. Personnel Department General Manager and Club Member Maggie Whelan, and Board of Public Works commissioners Valerie Lynne Shaw and Paula A. Daniels judged. Public Works bureau directors were also present at the employee appreciation activity.

More than 60 Public Works employees were recognized during the event for their significant contributions to the operations of the third largest City department. Certificates were presented to employees from the Offices of the Board of Public Works and the Bureaus of Contact Administration, Engineering, Sanitation, Street Lighting and Street Services, for their work on various department programs.

"Public Works Week is the best time to highlight the work that the 5,800 employees of the Department of Public Works do," said Cynthia M. Ruiz, president of the Board of Public Works. "It is also the perfect chance to give them a big pat on a back, encourage them to share their hidden talents, and engage them in activities that boost their morale. Public Works LIVE! allowed us to do all that."

National Public Works Week is celebrated every third week of May and is designated by the American Public Works Association. It is a public service campaign that aims to increase awareness and appreciation for public works professionals across America.



The "Uncivil Servants" band from the Bureau of Street Services includes Ed Suquett, Art Sweetman, Ivan Cortina, Don Fogg and Dave Zepeda.

PUBLIC WORKS — Public Works held its first-ever employee talent show as part of its National Public Works Week celebrations. The event, billed Public Works LIVE! A Parade of Talents, was held at the AT&T Center Auditorium, across from the Public Works Building in downtown Los Angeles. The show involved six Public Works employees who sang and played instruments during the lunch-hour activity.

All six talented participants were selected from a group of Public Works employees who auditioned in April to participate in the show. Each received awards and were recognized as follows:

- **First place:** Jeffrey Williams, Heavy Duty Truck Operator, Bureau of Sanitation, sang, "If Loving You is Wrong"
- **Second place:** Diana Williams, Executive Assistant, Board of Public Works, sang, "I Am Changing"
- **Third place:** Anthony Ferrara, Management Assistant, Bureau of Contract Administration, played his electric guitar to the tune, "Are You Gonna Go My Way"

Runners up:

- **Aura Cajuiat**, Senior Clerk Typist, Bureau of Street Lighting, sang, "The Phantom of the Opera"
- **Mary Orcutt**, Senior Personnel Analyst, Bureau of Engineering, sang, "Fifty Percent"
- **The "Uncivil Servants"** band from the Bureau of Street Services, included Ed Suquett, Art Sweetman, Ivan Cortina, Don Fogg, and Dave Zepeda, and played "Man in the Box"



Jeffrey Williams, Heavy Duty Truck Operator, Bureau of Sanitation, sang, "If Loving You is Wrong."



Diana Williams, Executive Assistant, Board of Public Works, sang, "I Am Changing."



Aura Cajuiat, Sr. Clerk Typist, Bureau of Street Lighting, sang "The Phantom of the Opera."



Anthony Ferrara, Management Assistant, Bureau of Contract Administration, played his electric guitar.

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!

When you think about the Fourth of July, what comes to mind?

"Celebrating and party time!"
- Joaquin Zamacona, Heavy Duty Truck Operator, DWP, 8 years of service



"Fireworks, cherry bombs ...the usual fun."
- Frank Loreto, Heavy Duty Truck Operator, DWP, one year of service

"It's all about the three Bs: beer, barbecue and blasting fireworks!"
- Brian Cosner, Power Shovel Operator, DWP, 26 years of service



"A day of rest and holiday."
- Efrain Guerra, Power Shovel Operator, DWP, 33 years of service

"Spending time with family and children."
- Robert Saunders, Heavy Equipment Operator, DWP, 21 years of service



"Freedom and the red, white and blue."
- Brian Reed, Heavy Duty Truck Operator, DWP, 3 years of service

"Potato salad and fireworks."
- Jennifer Patrick, friend of new Club member Shana Bostin, Planning Department, 5.5 years of service



"Family and fun!"
- Sergio Amaro, Heavy Duty Truck Operator, DWP, one year of service

"It's a day off, lots of barbecue, fireworks and drinking lemonade."
- Hamlet Hamladjian, Heavy Duty Truck Operator, DWP, 4 years of service



"It's Independence Day - the birth of our great nation!"
- Andrew Castillo, Heavy Duty Truck Operator, DWP, 4 years of service

Detention



Commencement Address was delivered by Councilman Dennis P. Zine, District Three.

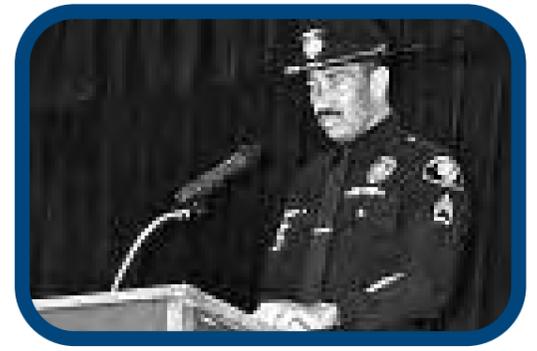
■ Police Dept. graduates new class of detention officers.

Photos by Alive! staff

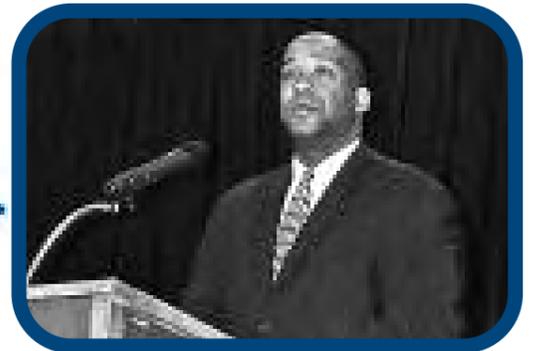
POLICE DEPT. — The Police Dept. graduated its latest class of detention officers June 11.

The ceremony was held at the Police Academy near Dodger Stadium.

Congratulations to the new detention officers!



Principal Detention Officer Michael H. Ellington, Senior Drill Instructor



Keynote Speaker was delivered by Andre L. Birotte, Police Commissioner.

Congratulations, GRADUATES



Marcell Anderson.



Dushon Bursey.



Daniel Cervantes.



Juan Delgado.



Annita Howze.



Sonia Madonado.



Diane Martin



Vardan Oganyan



Angel Alfaro



Brian Austin



Reanna Bratton



Roberto Bravo



Benjamin Cheung



Walter Diaz



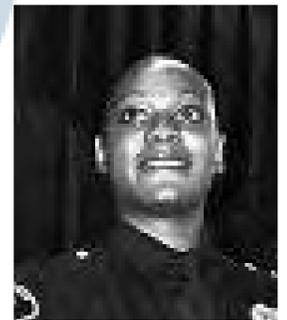
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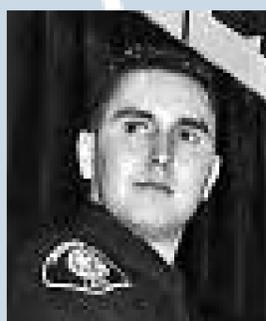
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Rudolph Perez



Justin Phillips

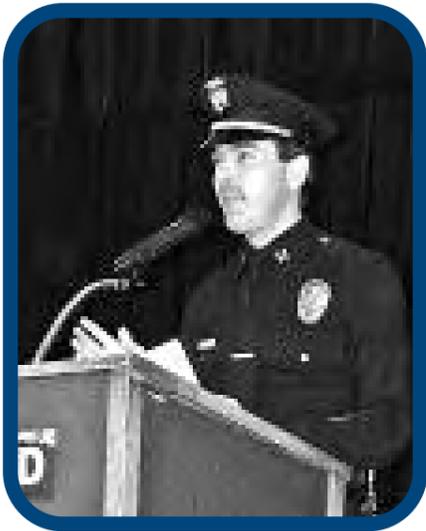


Raul Ramirez



Nilo Remollino

Graduation



Capt. William Murphy, Commanding Officer, Training Group, gave his remarks.



Detention Officer Daniel Cervantes, Class Leader



Detention Officer Justin Phillips, Class Leader



The introductory remarks were conducted by Patrick K. Findley, Commanding Officer, Jail Division.



Andrew Burkot



Alejandro Carbajal



Tarone Cathcart



John Marton



Samuel Meade



Norwin Navas



Robert Reza



Lakeitha Spagner



Jannette Utsey

FIREWORKS ARE ILLEGAL;

Leave It To The Pros



By Jimmy Hill,
Fire Marshal, LAFD



I want you and your family to be safe on the Fourth of July and all holidays. The best ways to do that is by attending approved fireworks shows and know all your local laws.

Here are some things to remember:

- The use or sale of all fireworks have been illegal in the City of Los Angeles since 1942, except at approved shows.
- The Fourth of July is one of the busiest days of the year for emergency services.
- People using illegal fireworks cause most emergency calls for fires and injuries.
- Most firecracker injuries happen to the eyes, hands, head and face.
- The highest numbers of injuries are from firecrackers (26 percent), rockets (21 percent) and sparklers (11 percent).
- Almost half of all people injured were children under the age of 15.
- More bystanders are injured by fireworks displays than by the people who set them off.
- Sparklers can heat up to 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit (hot enough to melt gold).
- Possessing fireworks is a misdemeanor, punishable with a fine of \$1,000 and/or jail.

FIREWORKS SAFETY RULES

Here are some fireworks safety rules.

- If you see a fire, call 911.
- Do not use fireworks.
- Never let anyone touch or pick up a dud firecracker that is lying on the ground. (Contact the proper authority.)
- Animals have very sensitive hearing and can be stressed or frightened due to noise from fireworks. So: Keep your pets indoors with the windows closed and the air conditioner on, and turn on the volume of the television or radio to help block some of the noise.

The goal of the LAFD Anti-Fireworks campaign is to reduce the number of fire and injuries from fireworks; remind citizen that all fireworks are illegal in the City of Los Angeles; and encourage all citizens to attend a public fireworks display.

Play it safe and stay away from fireworks.

For more information, contact your local fire station or www.lafd.org





Swim!

Skate!

Play!

Getting ready for guests at the Glassell Park pool are, back row, from left: Juan Rosas, Pool Manager, 8 years; Joaquin Arias, Pool Manager I, Griffith Region, 3 years; and Brian Rodriguez, Lifeguard, 5 years. Front: Roxana Radillo, Lifeguard 4 years; and Vilma Boda, Aquatic Facility Manager 1, 8 years.

Photo credit: Alive! photo by Angel Gomez



Summer Sizzles in the City

■ Pools overnight camping ... boating summer day camps ... and free lunch for the kids: Rec and Parks offers lots of fun summer activities for adults and for kids this summer. Jump in and have fun!

Photos by Member Services Manager Angel Gomez and JuanCarlos Chan, Photographer, Rec and Parks

REC AND PARKS — Take a dip. Camp out in Griffith Park. Take a cool summer break, and have fun. Rec and Parks makes it easy to do those things this summer.

Along with its hundreds of ongoing programs that it offers year-round, the City's Department of Recreation and Parks really kicks it into gear during the summer, with a variety of programs and services for adults and for children who are just out of school, and looking for big-time fun.

The Department operates 180 recreation centers, 59 swimming pools, nine lakes, seven camps both in and out of town, more than a dozen museums and historic sites, and hundreds of programs for youths, seniors, the physically disabled and volunteers.

Among museums under the jurisdiction of the Department are Cabrillo Marine Aquarium and the Los Angeles Maritime Museum in San Pedro, and the Banning Residence Museum in Wilmington. Others include the Fort MacArthur Military Museum and Drum Barracks Civil War Museum in San Pedro and Travel Town in Griffith Park.

Several mountain facilities for groups and individuals and camps for young people, staffed by trained counselors and directors, are maintained and operated in the Los Angeles area and in the San Bernardino Mountains and High Sierra.

Twenty-nine full-time centers specifically for senior citizens are located in all areas of the City. Also, senior citizen clubs hold meetings and special events at numerous other recreation facilities.

Listed in this story are some of the special programs the department offers you this summer. For a complete listing of all programs, go to: www.laparks.org

Enjoy your summer!

Turn the page
for the full story on what's
happening in the City!



Summer in the City



Dive In!

■ All City pools open during the summer. And the year-round pools feature extended hours. What are you waiting for?



REC AND PARKS — The City's Department of Recreation and Parks opened 33 seasonal pools and the end of June, and its 16 year-round facilities began their summer schedule on the same day, with longer hours at all locations.

For the ninth consecutive year, children ages 17 or younger, seniors ages 65 or older, and the disabled can swim free at all City pools. Children age six or younger must be potty-trained and accompanied by an adult at all times. The charge for adults, ages 18 to 64, will be \$1.50.

Rec and Parks again partners with Kaiser Permanente for

"Operation Splash," through which qualifying children and adults can receive free lessons. The \$1.2 million commitment will result in thousands of people in low-income areas learning how to swim.

Other activities – including lap, recreational, level and adaptive swimming, and water exercise – as well as fees for private, semi-private, and group lessons not covered by Operation Splash; hours; what aquatic programs are offered; and the registration requirements -- vary by location. Seasonal pools will be open daily through Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 3.

Residents can contact their nearest pool, or the Department's Aquatics Division at (323) 906-7953, for more information. Individual pool brochures can be viewed and downloaded at www.laparks.org (Directory of Services, Aquatics, and select year-round or seasonal).

For more information about Aquatics and other Rec and Parks events, activities, programs, services, and facilities, go to www.laparks.org, (Directory of Services, then select Aquatics), or call 1-888-LA-PARKS (527-2757).

Pools

Year-Round

Banning High School, Wilmington
 Celes. King III (indoor), Los Angeles
 Cleveland High School (indoor), Los Angeles
 E.G. Roberts (indoor), Los Angeles
 Fremont High School (indoor), Los Angeles
 Glassell, Los Angeles
 Hansen Dam Swim Lake, Lakeview Terrace
 Hubert Humphrey, Pacoima
 John C. Argue Swim Stadium, Los Angeles
 LACES (indoor), Los Angeles
 Peck Park, San Pedro
 Richard Alatorre (indoor), Los Angeles
 Roosevelt High School, Los Angeles
 Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks, Van Nuys
 Venice High School (indoor), Venice
 Westwood (indoor), Westwood

Seasonal

Algin Sutton, Los Angeles
 Central, Los Angeles
 Cheviot Hills, Cheviot Hills
 Costello, Los Angeles
 Fernangeles, Sun Valley

Granada Hills, Granada Hills
 Green Meadows, Los Angeles
 Griffith, Los Angeles
 Harbor, Wilmington
 Highland, Los Angeles
 Hollywood, Los Angeles
 Lanark, Canoga Park
 Lincoln, Los Angeles
 Mar Vista, Mar Vista
 109th Street, Los Angeles
 North Hollywood, North Hollywood
 Pan Pacific, Los Angeles
 Pecan, Los Angeles
 Reseda, Reseda
 Ritchie Valens, Pacoima
 Ross Snyder, Los Angeles
 Rustic Canyon, Pacific Palisades
 Sepulveda, Panorama City
 South Park, Los Angeles
 Stoner, Los Angeles
 Sun Valley, Sun Valley
 Sylmar, Sylmar
 Valley Plaza, North Hollywood
 Van Ness, Los Angeles

Verdugo Hills, Tujunga
 Westchester, Westchester
 Woodland Hills, Woodland Hills
 Yosemite, Los Angeles
 Open Water Facilities
 Balboa Lake, Van Nuys (paddle boats/small crafts/no swimming)
 Cabrillo Beach, Wilmington/San Pedro (swimming)
 Debs Lake, Los Angeles (no lifeguards)
 Del Rey Lagoon, Playa del Rey (no lifeguards)
 Echo Park Lake, Los Angeles (paddle Boats/no swimming)
 Hansen Dam Lake, Lakeview Terrace (sailing/fishing/small crafts)
 Harbor Lake, Harbor City (no lifeguards)
 Hollenbeck Lake, Los Angeles (fishing/no swimming; no lifeguards)
 Lincoln Park Lake (fishing/no swimming; no lifeguards)
 MacArthur Lake (paddle boats/no swimming; no lifeguards)
 Reseda Park Lake (no lifeguards)
 These pools are closed this summer:
 Downey, Downey
 Echo Indoor (deep and shallow), Los Angeles
 Gaffey, San Pedro
 Harvard, Los Angeles
 Northridge, Northridge

Summer Day Camps

■ Camps for kids are just the ticket for good outdoor fun.



REC AND PARKS — The Department of Recreation and Parks offers Summer Day Camp for children ages 5 to 12 from late June through the week before Labor Day. Activities and programs vary by location and can include sports, arts and crafts, games, swimming, field trips and more, as well as weeks that follow a particular theme.

The cost is determined by the facility, but they try to keep the fees as reasonable as possible, and there are options for attending on a weekly basis, or even daily.

The full-day program generally begins at around 9 a.m. and goes until 6 p.m., with extended care available at some locations beginning at 7 a.m. and at the end of the day until 7 p.m.

For further information, contact the nearest facility through the Recreation and Parks Website, www.laparks.org (go to Directory of Services, then Summer/Day Camps), or by calling the Department's Public Information Office at 1 (888) LA PARKS (527-2757).

Lunch Is on Them

■ Rec and Parks launches free lunch program for kids this summer.

REC AND PARKS — The Department will serve free lunches and snacks this summer to youths at 109 locations throughout the City. The program, which is running now and will end August 24, serves children ages 18 or younger. Serving times will vary. For information, call the number for the nearest lunch site, or go to www.laparks.org/dos/lunchprogram/lunch.htm.



The program is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) through its Summer Food Service Program.

The free lunch program is offered to complement the summer day camp program (see information at

left), and is offered at most (but not all) of the day camp locations. Call the number at left for more information.



Overnight Camping

■ **Adults and children can have a genuine overnight camping experience this summer. Here's how.**

REC AND PARKS — The Department provides a wide variety of residential camping opportunities. The Griffith Park Boys Camp and Hollywoodland Girls Camp programs offer youth camping experiences, presented by professionally trained camp directors and staff. Both of the camp facilities are ACA (American Camping Association) accredited and offer beautiful urban forest environments in the middle of Los Angeles. The camps in Griffith Park are in areas not affected by the recent fires.

For more than 80 years, Rec and Park has been providing quality residential camp programs at their camps nestled in a Griffith Park. Griffith Park Boys Camp and Camp Hollywoodland program provide campers with a safe, well rounded, supervised program. Camp sessions begin with check-in on Monday morning and end Saturday morning. Campers will spend a week doing a variety of programs and activities. Each camp is accredited through the American Camp Association.

Hollywoodland Girls Camp and Griffith Park Boys Camp provide sleepover camping experiences for children ages 6-17.

Griffith Park Boys Camp and Camp Hollywoodland have a limited amount of camperships available for this summer. Applicants must be a resident of the City of Los Angeles and meet the other qualifications.

In addition to youth summer resident camp, there are organized camping opportunities for the young and old. The City is proud to offer WOW (Wonderful Outdoor World). The WOW program introduces inner city youths to camping and outdoor recreation through a safe and controlled experience at local recreation centers.

Also offered are Family Camping Weekends at nearby Camp Seely. Ten weekends are set aside for families and small groups to experience the thrill of nature, with some of the comforts of home. Senior Citizen Outings and Overnights are also available at this beautiful camp.

The City offers year-round group camping opportunities at its out-of-town camps. The fees include rental of individual or dormitory style cabins, depending on the camp, and full use of kitchen and lodges. Groups must provide their own food. Weekend rentals are available from Labor Day through mid-June. During the summer months (mid-June until Labor Day), rentals

are on a week-long basis (usually Sunday through the following Saturday). Camps vary in size and maximum camper occupancy. In-town camps (Griffith Park Boys Camp and Hollywoodland Girls Camp) are available for weekend rentals: September through June. Fees for these camps do not include kitchen use.

Overnight Camps:

Name	Maximum Occupancy
Camp High Sierra, Mammoth Lakes	6 per site
Camp Radford, Angelus Oaks	260
Camp Seely, Crestline	270
Camp Valcrest, La Cañada	60
Decker Canyon Camp, Malibu	150
Griffith Park Boys Camp	175
Hollywoodland Girls Camp, Griffith Park	200

For more information or to make reservations, please call the Camping Section Office at (213) 485-4853 Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Getting Kids to Camp

Rec and Parks proudly announces Getting Kids to Camp, a campership program for low-income children ages 6 to 14 to attend a residential camp program at Griffith Park Boys Camp and Camp Hollywoodland. For a registration fee

of \$25 and the acceptance of Campership application, a child can attend one session of camp this summer. The Getting Kids to Camp programs runs through Aug. 18.



Hansen: One Cool Facility

■ **You might never have seen a water facility as big and diverse as the City's Hansen Dam Aquatic Center in Lake View Terrace.**

REC AND PARKS — How cool is the Hansen Dam Aquatic Center in Lake View Terrace? There's sand surrounding the football-field-sized pool, where a giant three-story dual water slide twists and turns its way down.

And, there's a pool right next door for kayaks and other small crafts, and fishing.

At capacity, the facility hosts more than 2,500 guests. That's big.

Opened in the late 1990s, the Hansen Dam Aquatic Center is a 40-acre water recreation facility on the northwest side of Hansen Dam Recreation Area. The facility consists of a nine-acre recreation lake and a 1.5-acre swimming lake.

The facility has 50 public restrooms, 20 dressing rooms, 25 showers and several picnic areas.

The recreation lake, right next door to the giant swimming pool, is available for fishing, pedal boat rentals and public boating. The facility is open year-round (including holidays), but is subject to closure during severe weather.

Activities available including fishing, boating, picnicking, jogging/walking, bird watching, boat lessons and rentals.

A one-third-mile walkway surrounds the recreation lake and is restricted to foot traffic, except for wheelchairs and baby



Left photo, from left: Anthony Aguinaga, Open Water Lifeguard II, 7 years; Ubina Rothenay, Pool Clerk, 9 years; and Brisa Sandoval, Open Water Lifeguard I, 5 years, await guests at the Hansen Aquatic Center. Middle photo: City resident Brenda Marshall kayaks at Hansen. Right: The giant water slides at Hansen.

strollers. Bicycles, roller skates, scooter, skateboards and other wheel vehicles are strictly prohibited on this walkway.

There are many details and restrictions about the types of craft you can use on the recreation lake and licenses needed to fish, so make sure to check out the center's Website:

<http://www.laparks.org/dos/aquatic/facility/hansendamAQ.htm>

The Hansen Dam Aquatic Center is at 11770 Foothill Blvd. in Lake View Terrace.

There's So Much More

This feature presents only a few of the many hundreds of programs Rec and Parks offers this summer. There's so much more!

Make sure and visit the Department's Website for more information, details and contact numbers: www.laparks.org

Special thanks to Harvey Drut, Public Information Representative, Rec and Parks, for his assistance in producing this article.



Graduates listen to the remarks by Police Commissioner Shelly Freeman.

LAPD Graduates 43



Chief Gary Newton, Office of Public Safety, General Services, at the uniform inspection.



Asst. General Manager Tony Royster, General Services, Club Member, at the uniform inspection.



From left: Officer Jesse Salcido, who will join his brother, Andy Salcido, at Southwest, stand together with their parents.



Officer Jose Reyes with his family.



Officer Cory French with his parents.

■ **Police Dept. graduates 43 new officers from the Academy, of which two are from General Services.**



Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Member; Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Communications and Marketing

POLICE DEPT. — The Police Dept. graduated another class of eager and excellent recruits from the Police Academy. The graduates totaled 43, including two from General Services' Office of Public Safety.

The commencement address and presentation of diplomas were conducted by Dep. Chief Earl Paysinger, who asked the new graduates to "be the difference in order to make the difference. [Be] stars leading now, lead by example, lead in the front, lead from behind." Finally he asked them to live a balance life.

Paysinger, also conducted the uniform inspection, with special guests who joined him. Master of Ceremonies was Principal Detention Officer Michael Ellington. The introduction was delivered by Capt. William A. Murphy. The recruit class speech was given by new graduate Officer Cory French, who is also the Class President. The Police Commission remarks were delivered by Police Commissioner Shelley Freeman.



Officer Luis Carmona with his family.



Officer Jose Aguilera, who will be stationed at Hollywood, with his family.



Graduates wait to be dismissed for the last time.



Officer Maria Canada, Office of Public Safety, General Services, waits for her name to be called to receive her diploma.

Here's a list of the new graduates:

(not all are pictured)

- Perry Silverlake
- Cory French
- Joshua Leon
- Peter Correa
- Di Sun
- Jose Aguilera
- Dennis Argueta
- Gonzalo Bermudez
- Luis Carmona
- Tony Chu
- Matthew Crumlish
- Chris Eilers
- Ali Alarabi
- Randolph Estrada
- Mario Fernandez
- Jose Galvez
- Michael Hernandez
- Miguel Herrera
- Robert Hoebink
- Jason Janata
- Richard Kwon
- David Lemus
- Matthew Matzkin
- Shawn McCoy
- Antonio Mendez
- Robert Ramirez
- Gustavo Resendiz
- Jose Reyes
- Steve Reyes
- Jim Ross
- Hamed Safarloo
- Jesus Salcido Jr.
- Bryan Schilling
- David Swales
- Lance Tabuchi
- Anthony Tate
- Justin Tatlow
- Dion Trimble
- Michael Tuccillo, and
- Daniel Weatherbolt.

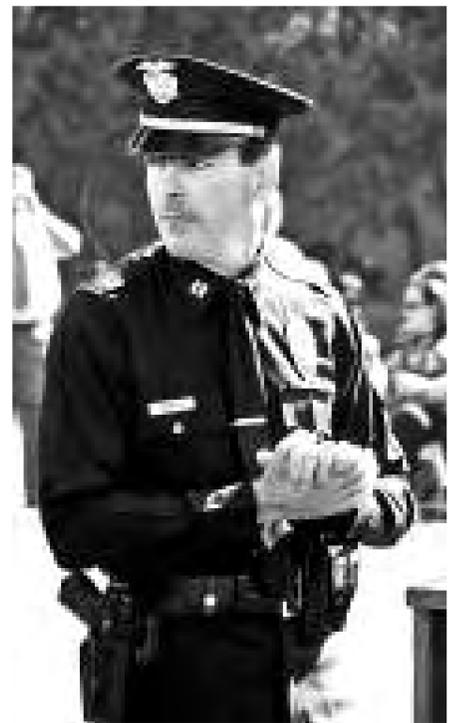
General Services Office of Public Safety Graduates:

- Maria Canada, and
- Monica Ortega.

Honorary awards went to:

- Top Academic Achievement: Jason Janata
- Physical Training: Perry Silverlake
- Self Defense: Jason Janata
- Top Law Student: Jason Janata
- Weapons with Highest Qualifying: Perry Silverlake
- Outstanding Driver: Christopher Eilers
- Technical Tactics Training: Perry Silverlake
- Most Improved Recruit: Maria Canada, General Services
- Overall Excellence Award through the William H. Parker Foundation: Cory French
- Outstanding Instructor Award: Officer Roger Forest
- Human Relations Award: Brian Schilling

The Club congratulates all the new officers, and thanks Capt. William Murphy and Sgt. Richard Laguna for their assistance.



Capt. William A. Murphy, Commanding Officer, Training Division, LAPD, Club Member.



Officer Bryan Schilling with his family.



Officer Richard Kwon, Northeast, with his son, Isaac, 7 months.

Jackie Moves On

■ As Jackie Roberts is promoted and moving to a new department, her friends and coworkers throw a celebratory dinner for her. She had been with the Library Dept. for 32 years.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

LIBRARY — Jackie Roberts was the center of attention at a promotion dinner held in her honor April 28 at Ports O'Call Restaurant in San Pedro.

After 32 years of service with the Library



From left: Jackie Roberts, Club Member; and Jene Brown, Sr. Librarian Harbor Gateway, Club Member.

Dept., she has been promoted to Secretary and will be moving to the Convention Center.

Here is information from her certificate:

The promotion was "in recognition of your 32 years of service to the Los Angeles Public Library, 12 years as a Library Assistant in the Central Southern Area and 20 years as a Clerk Typist at the Mark Twain Branch; for your dedication to training new clerical employees and efforts in support of Library groundbreakings, grand openings, GAB events and the Mark Twain Branch Book Festivals, and your excellent representation of the Library as a volunteer for the March of Dimes and as a Poll Worker for City of Los Angeles: Your hard work, dedication and commitment were a benefit to the Los Angeles Public Library and the entire community." The certificate was signed by Fontayne Holmes, City Librarian.

Congrats, Jackie, and enjoy your new position.

Special thanks to Jene Brown, Sr. Librarian, Club Member.



From left: Grate Shipp, guest; Patty Shipp, guest; Gil Johnson, guest; and Wanda Johnson, Retired Librarian and former Supervisor of Jackie Roberts.



Shirley Jordan, Clerk Typist, Harbor City Branch, checks in the more than 60 guest who attended.



Friends of Jackie, from left: Pat Pennington, Inez McBride and Deedra Fitzpatrick.



From left: Jeffrey Nelson, Clerk Typist; Norma Anders, Retired Librarian, Club Member; and Charlotte Jackson, Retired.



From left: Vince Jones, Clerk Typist; Shemekia Washington, Clerk Typist; Jo Ann Morgan, Sr. Librarian Jefferson Branch; Gaby Jimenez, Messenger Clerk; Sashah Garrett.



From left: Stephanie Roberts, daughter of Jackie Roberts; and Zachary Roberts II, 5, grandson of Jackie Roberts.



Standing, from left: Connie Dosch, Sr. Librarian Vernon Branch; and Stella Mittelbach, Children's Librarian. Seated: David Tulanian, Children's Librarian, Vermont Square.



From left: Kadette Cleveland, Retired, Library; Tracy Mochizuki, Retired, Library; Kei Mochizuki, guest; and Rosalie Preston, Retired, Library.



Certificate of Appreciation



From left: Camille Carter, Sr. Librarian Vermont Square, Club Member; Albert Johnson, Sr. Librarian Central Library; Sasshua Hollomon, Clerk Typist; Vashti Hollomon, daughter.



From left: Jackie Ruben, Substitute Librarian; and Ruby Ruben, spouse.



From left: Connie Melom, Librarian, San Pedro; Jennifer Stapleton, Young Adult Librarian, San Pedro; Celesta Duplechain, guest; Heawon Paick, Branch Manager, J. Serra Branch, Club Member; and Emma Roublow, Young Adult Librarian, San Pedro.



Congratulations, Jackie

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Reggie is alive and well at the Los Angeles Zoo.

ZOO — After two years of eluding capture, an American alligator, internationally known as Reggie, arrived at the Los Angeles Zoo May 24 to begin quarantine after being recovered from Lake Machado in Harbor City. The alligator was apprehended at the Lake May 23 by Ian Recchio, Senior Animal Keeper and reptile caretaker for the Los Angeles Zoo, with assistance from Rec and Parks officials and members of the Fire and Police departments.

"We are proud to have been involved in the safe removal of Reggie from Lake Machado," states Denise Verret, Deputy Director of the Los Angeles Zoo. "We're happy that he was recovered, without harm to anyone."

Now at the Zoo, Reggie is undergoing a minimum 30-days quarantine period at the Gottlieb Animal Health and Conservation Center to assess the state of his health. An initial visual examination indicates that Reggie appears to be

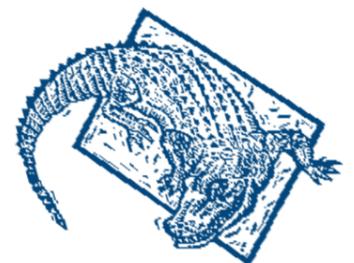
in good shape. The young alligator is estimated to be 6-1/2 feet long and weighs approximately 125 to 150 pounds.

"Reggie has excellent musculature, which suggests he has been eating well," says Dr. Curtis Eng, Chief Veterinarian for the LA Zoo. "He is hydrated, and has no major cuts or lacerations. Overall, he's a very good looking alligator."

A complete physical examination was to be conducted to determine the alligator's exact sex, length and weight, including a full blood workup to test for West Nile Virus and other diseases endemic to alligators. At that time Reggie was to be fitted with a microchip to confirm his identity for future use. While at the Zoo, Reggie's diet will consist of fish, chicken, small rodents and other meat products. This will provide the most balanced diet possible for him. A permanent residence will be determined for Reggie during the quarantine period.

Later, Gator

■ The City's most notorious scofflaw, Reggie the Alligator, is captured and removed from a Harbor lake, and taken to the Zoo.



American alligators are typically found from North Carolina to the Rio Grande in Texas, with freshwater, along slow-moving rivers. They can grow up to 11 feet in length and weigh up to 1,000 pounds at maturity. In the wild, American alligators can live about 50 years. Once on the verge of extinction, the American alligator has made a remarkable recovery. Due to strict conservation measures, they are no longer listed as endangered; however they continue to be listed as threatened on the U.S. Endangered Species List, because it is very similar in appearance to the American crocodile, which is endangered, and hunters are likely to confuse the two species. Hunting is permitted in some states, but is heavily controlled. The American alligator's greatest threat is humans, along with habitat destruction and water pollution.



Geraldine Knatz, Harbor Executive Director

Harbor Chief Is Tops

■ Harbor Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Club Member, named woman executive of the year by business newspaper.

Villaraigosa. "We're fortunate to have someone with her skill and character at the head of one of this City's most significant economic drivers – the Port of Los Angeles."

The full text of her winning nomination is as follows:

"Geraldine Knatz began her career at the Port of Los Angeles in the 1970s as one of the first females in the newly formed Environmental Affairs Division at the Port of Los Angeles. Today, she is the first female to head the Port in its 100-year history. Geraldine simply has a knack for doing it right, and getting there first."

"Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa selected her as executive director for the nation's number one container port in January 2006, and she has been μ things up at the port complex ever since!

"Moving the Port of Los Angeles forward with an agenda that focuses on responsible Port growth and environmental leadership is an aggressive goal that she has tackled from day one. Reducing port emissions, eliminating health risks and expanding capital development programs to accommodate the Port's future growth as a premier Pacific gateway and national economic engine are top priorities at the Port under Geraldine's leadership."

A key to accomplishing these goals is the landmark San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan, approved in November 2006 by the Los Angeles

and Long Beach Harbor Commissions – less than a year after taking the reigns at the Port of Los Angeles. The Clean Air Action Plan provides a comprehensive strategy for reducing air emissions from port operations by nearly 50 percent over a period of five years. Geraldine was instrumental in the creation and implementation of the Clean Air Action Plan. Her efforts facilitated the first joint meeting of the leaders of the two ports since the 1920s and the first-ever public meeting of the two Port Boards on the day the Plan was approved last November.

"With a desire to positively impact the maritime and transportation industries globally, Geraldine serves on the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA) Board of Directors, is the past chair of the Marine Board of the National Academy of Sciences and has been appointed by the Secretary of Commerce to the National Sea Grant College Program Review Panel. A member of the Executive Committee of the International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH), she chairs the organization's Environmental Committee, representing the IAPH at the International Maritime Organization (IMO), part of the United Nations, on international maritime treaties. She also serves on the executive committee for the American Association of Port Authorities and is a past chair of its Harbors and Navigation Committee."

"Truly a woman of amazing stamina and energy, Geraldine is in the office by 6:30 a.m., exercises every day (swimming at lunch is a favorite), bakes with fruit from her own garden for staff

meetings, and routinely outlasts her contemporaries in marathon meeting sessions.

"Geraldine Knatz is truly a woman making a difference – for the Port of Los Angeles, for the City of Los Angeles, and for the nation who rely on the goods coming through the Port for their economies. She sets an impressive example for all of us."

Congratulations to Club Member Geraldine Knatz on this impressive honor.

HARBOR — On May 22, the Los Angeles Business Journal named Harbor Executive Director Geraldine Knatz as its Woman Executive of the Year for 2007.

"I am honored by this award," she said. "This was a field of remarkable women, and I am humbled to be singled out by the Los Angeles Business Journal. Now I'll be spending the entire year trying to live up to the title!"

Knatz was recognized for her role in creating the San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan, a joint plan with the Port of Long Beach to reduce air emissions from port operations by nearly 50 percent during the next five years. Knatz was also cited for her take-charge attitude and her leadership at the Port of Los Angeles in her year-plus at the head of the nation's number one container port.

"Geraldine Knatz is one extraordinary woman," said Los Angeles Mayor Antonio



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From Left: Jim McDonnell, Chief of Staff/First Assistant Chief, Michael Hillman, Deputy Chief, Operations West Bureau, 40 years of service, John Mack, President of LAPD Police Commission, Alan J. Skobin, Vice-President of LAPD Police Commission.

Thanks

■ Police Dept. honors employees with at least 30 years of dept. service.

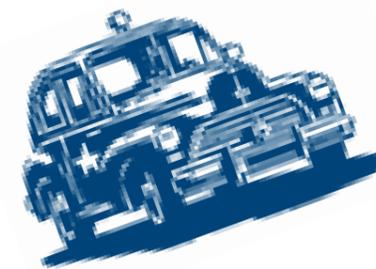


Photos by Alive! staff

POLICE DEPT. — The LAPD awarded special pins to those employees celebrating at least 30 years of departmental service (in five-year increments). More than 39 sworn and civilian employees were honored.

The event was held June 5 in the Parker Center Auditorium.

Here are the winners. Congratulations! (And thanks to Sue Gordon, Commanding Officer, LAPD Personnel Division, and Kathy Sheehan for their assistance.)



William Weber, Operations, West Bureau, 40 years of service.



Randall Becker, Sergeant I, Emergency Service Division, Police Officer III, 40 years of service.



Jerry Szymanski, Commander, Operations, Valley Bureau, 35 years of service.



Alan Green, Sergeant II, Training Division, 30 years of service.



Charles Beck, Deputy Chief, Operations, South Bureau, 30 years of service.



Sergio Diaz, Deputy Chief, Operations, Central Bureau, 30 years of service.



James Miller, Captain III, Van Nuys Area, 30 years of service.



Chris Berglund, Lieutenant II, Information and Communication Services Bureau, 30 years of service.



Kenneth Lew, Sergeant II, Emergency Operations Division, 30 years of service.

Congratulations to these dedicated employees:

45 Years

Jerry Brooks
Detective III
Robbery-Homicide Division

Philip Anderson
Sergeant
Hollywood Area

40 Years

Michael Hillman
Deputy Chief
Operations-West Bureau

John Cooney
Lieutenant II
Newton Area

Pamela Romero
Detective III
North Hollywood Area

William Weber
Sergeant I
Operations-West Bureau

William Robertson
Detective I
Devonshire Area
Senior Police Service

Lori Blackwell
Representative II
Office of Chief of Police

Randall Becker
Police Officer III
Emergency Services

35 Years

Jerry Szymanski
Commander
Operations-Valley Bureau

Paul Pesqueira
Captain I
Harbor Area

Freddie Booker
Lieutenant II
Community Relations Section

Donald Hooper
Commercial Crimes Division

Charles Mealey
Communications Division

Michael Ranshaw
Commercial Crimes Division

Roger Deranian
Lieutenant I
West Los Angeles Area

Emmett Badar
Detective III
Central Area

Peter Bakotich
Gang and Operations Support
Division

Ricardo Bustamante
Narcotics Division

John Cota
Gang and Operations Support
Central Traffic Division

Raymond Gomez
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Kevin Harley
North Hollywood Area

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Commercial Crimes Division

Dan Parks
Commercial Crimes Division

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Gerald Holtz
Detective II
West Valley Area

Michael Gannon
Robbery Homicide Division

James Mann
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Bernard Pulliam
Detective I
Van Nuys Area

Joseph Ramirez
Rampart Area

Gene Strollo
Detective Support and Vice
Division

Floyd Toledo
Hollywood Area

Herman Kaskowitz
Sergeant II
Central Traffic Division

Fredrick Meck
Valley Traffic Division

John Mead
Metropolitan Division

Gerald Shafer
Senior Management Analyst
Risk Management Group

Phillip Jackson
Sergeant I
Harbor Area

Edward Wheelis
Valley Traffic Division

Timothy Cooper
Police Officer III
Emergency Services Division

Robert Gallegos
Metropolitan Division

John Service
Training Division

Gerald Ehrlich
Police Officer II
North Hollywood Area

Bruce Spencer
Operations-Valley Bureau

Patrick Terry
Hollywood Area

Dolores Olivas
Senior Clerk Typist
Narcotics Division

30 Years

Earl Paysinger
Assistant Chief
Office of Operations

Charles Beck
Deputy Chief
Operations-South Bureau

Sergio Diaz
Operations-Central Bureau

Edward Farrell
Captain III
Hollywood Area

Patrick Findley
Jail Division

James Miller
Van Nuys Area

Chris Berglund
Lieutenant II
Information and Communications
Serv. Bureau

John Hone
Personnel Group

James Markloff
Operations-West Bureau

Robert Rooney
Hollenbeck Area

Patricio Hernandez
Lieutenant I
Pacific Area

for Great Dedication



Luis Hernandez, Police Officer III, South Traffic Division, 30 years of service.



Patrick Russell, Sergeant I, North Hollywood Area, 30 years of service.



Anthony Silva, Sergeant II, Hollenbeck Area, 30 years of service.



Steven Cooper, Police Officer III, Emergency Operations Division, 30 years of service.



Floyd Toledo, Detective I, Hollywood Area, 30 years of service.



James Markloff, Lieutenant II, Operations, West Bureau, 30 years of service.



John Bagnall, Detective III, Commercial Crimes Division, 30 years of service.



William Eagleson, Detective III, Hollenbeck Area, 30 years of service.



Michael Fischer, Detective III, West Traffic Division, 30 years of service.



Juan Martinez, Photographer III, Scientific Investigation Division, 30 years of service.



Ronald Ito, Detective III, Robbery – Homicide Division, 30 years of service.



Richard Mc Elroy, Detective III, Detective Support and Vice Division, 30 years of service.



Carey Ricard, Detective III, Hollenbeck Area, 30 years of service.



Daniel Ruiz, Detective III, Major Crimes Division, 30 years of service.



John Vasquez, Sergeant II, Office of Support Services, 30 years of service.



Kenneth Wiseman, Detective III, Rampart Area, 30 years of service.



Wayne Bootow, Detective II, Southwest Area, 30 years of service.



Frank Weber, Detective II, Harbor Area, 30 years of service.



Jose Flores, Sergeant II, Professional Standards Bureau, 30 years of service.



David Young

Northeast Area

John Bagnall

Detective III
Commercial Crimes Division

Paul Bishop

West Los Angeles Area

Michael Coblentz

Van Nuys Area

William Eagleson

Hollenbeck Area

Michael Fischer

West Traffic Division

Randall Fredrickson

West Los Angeles Area

Paula Garcia

Central Area

Jack Gonzalez

Major Crimes Division

Robert Haro

Commercial Crimes Division

Ronald Ito

Robbery-Homicide Division

Dennis Kilcoyne

Robbery-Homicide Division

Charles Markel

Hollenbeck Area

Richard Mc Elroy

Detective Support and Vice Division

Ramon Navarro

Narcotics Division

Victor Pietrantonio

Robbery-Homicide Division

Jose Reyes

Central Area

Carey Ricard

Hollenbeck Area

Daniel Ruiz

Major Crimes Division

John Whipp

Narcotics Division

Kenneth Wiseman

Rampart Area

Wayne Bootow

Detective II
Southeast Area

Andrew Cano

Harbor Area

Michael Calhoun

Wilshire Area

Yoichi Ikuta

Major Crimes Division

Peter Jew

Gang and Operations Support Div.

Stacey Morris

Commercial Crimes Division

Bruno Pabon

West Valley Area

Frank Weber

Harbor Area

Wayne Yoshioka

Major Crimes Division

Jose Flores

Sergeant II
Professional Standard Bureau

Alan Green

Training Division

Glen Hees

Pacific Area

Ellis Imaizumi

Professional Standard Bureau

Kenneth Lew

Emergency Operations Division

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Anthony Silva

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Gerald Tomic

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Burton Armelin

Sergeant I
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Van Nuys Area

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Clancy Maihore

Personnel Group

Jerry Moya

Central Traffic Division

Keith Moreland

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John Onyshko

Air Support Division

Patrick Russell

North Support Division

Larry Taylor

Valley Traffic Division

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Clerk Typist
Devonshire Area

Sheila Waskielis

Training Division

Marisela Zuniga

Clerk Stenographer
Narcotics Division

Ontario Officer Honored

■ **New Ontario Safety Officer James Zinter is honored twice at Riverside Fire Academy.**

Story and photo by Harold Johnson, Principal Public Relations Representative, LA/Ontario



LA/Ontario Safety Officer James Zinter practices with firefighting equipment before going on duty at the LA/Ontario International Airport Safety Base.

AIRPORTS — LA/Ontario International Airport (ONT) Safety Officer James Zinter received two honors May 18 while graduating from the Ben Clark Training Center at the Riverside Community College Fire Academy. With ONT Fire Chief Dan Lindsay and Airport Police

Capt. Greg Staar present at the graduation ceremony, Zinter received the Pablo Cerda Award for perseverance, honor and courage. In addition, Zinter received two scholarships for being number two in academics.

The perseverance award was named for Pablo Cerda, 23, of Fountain Valley, a firefighter who received burns over 90 percent of his body last October. He was the fifth U.S. Forest Service firefighter to die from burns suffered when their engine crew was overrun by a Southern California wildfire blamed on arson.

The scholarship awarded to Zinter can be used for paramedic training and additional fire fighting courses. This award can save about \$5,000 off training fees.

Zinter, a highly decorated officer with the San Diego Harbor Police where he spent seven-and-a-half years while receiving many decorations, transferred to ONT last year.

New Fire Inspectors

■ **Fire Dept. promotes four to Inspectors.**

Story and photos by Tanzi Cole, LAFD

FIRE DEPT. — The Fire Dept. has promoted four Firefighters to Fire Inspectors. They are:

- James E. Jure, promoted from Engineer to Inspector I
- Mario A. Pinel, promoted from Firefighter III to Inspector I

■ Cindy A. Sturck promoted from Firefighter III to Inspector I; and

- David T. Riles, promoted from Firefighter III to Inspector I
- Congratulations to our new Fire Inspectors.



James E. Jure.



Mario A. Pinel.



Cindy A. Sturck.



David T. Riles.

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



Honoring Great Careers



The winners of the 2006 Civilian Career Service Awards, with Councilman Dennis Zine.

■ Personnel hosts annual Career Service Awards to recognize excellence and dedication.

Material gathered and photos by Leopoldo S. Martinez, Training Analyst, Personnel

PERSONNEL — Personnel held its annual Career Service Awards ceremony May 18.

The honors were given for demonstrating outstanding dedication to duty or outstanding leadership qualities.

Thanks to Eduardo Garcia, Personnel, and Maria Aguiniga in Councilman Dennis Zine's office, and especially Leopoldo S. Martinez for their assistance.

Congratulations to the winners. Here are their details.



Mark Butler
Construction and Maintenance Supervisor
Fuel Svcs. and Environmental Compliance
General Services

Mr. Butler is responsible for managing the General Services Alternative Fuels Infrastructure projects, which involve the construction of liquefied and compressed natural gas fueling station, and safety upgrades. Because of his technical expertise, know-how and dedication to duty, he has saved the City more than \$1 million in design and construction efficiencies. The City boasts of having the largest municipally owned medium and heavy-duty alternative fuel fleet, due in no small part to Mark's efforts in the fueling and maintenance infrastructure.



David Diliberto
Director of Field Operations
Field Enforcement Operations
Animal Services

Mr. Diliberto's dedication to duty was tested in the face of protests by animal-rights activists and smear campaigns. He persevered and became an example of steadfastness and professionalism to co-workers and the public, in times of organizational stress. At the same time, he worked on improving the quality of animal care in Los Angeles, resulting in steady reductions in the number of euthanized animals from 2001 to the present.



Robert Jensen
Former Executive Officer
Rec and Parks

Mr. Jensen recently retired from the City after enjoying a distinguished 30-year career that spanned six City departments. His legacy was felt far and wide, both within the City's professional workforce, and with many of the City's employee bargaining units. As the Executive Officer for Rec and Parks, he was instrumental in establishing the department's strategic vision and redefining its basic purpose. He used the same successful approach that he used when he spearheaded the Procurement Reengineering project that resulted in savings to the City in excess of \$200 million. Bob has set the gold standard for public service.



Mildred Owens
Senior Management Analyst II
Assistant Division Head –
Administrative Services Division
Public Works

Ms. Owens shines in her role as the Bureau of Engineering's key resource for Personnel and Human Resource issues, where she guides and leads in delivering projects in a timely, efficient and accomplished manner. She's known as Engineering's Personnel walking encyclopedia! Mildred represents the Bureau on critical Personnel issues with the Office of Management-Employee Services, the CAO and the Personnel Department. As Group Manager of the Training Section, she was instrumental in the development and implementation of the Bureau's training classes, and is the force behind the development and implementation of an on-line orientation program for new employees.



Paul S. Johansen
Assistant Director
Environmental Division
Harbor

Mr. Johansen was given the challenge of leading the development of the Port's air quality program, and he took it on as the Project Manager. As a result of his exemplary work contributions, the Port completed the historic San Pedro Bay Clean Air Action Plan of reducing port pollution by 45 percent in five years and implemented the first-ever Pacific Ports Clean Air Collaborative Conference. These projects have set the standards for all other ports to follow worldwide.



Helene Mochedlover
Principal Librarian
Central Library Services
Library

Ms. Mochedlover has devoted her entire career to building the Library's extraordinary collection of books, materials and special collections in literature and fiction. In the process, she has become the subject specialist in the highly prized and unique collections of the Library on the City's film, theater and television industries. Further, she is responsible for the publication, revision and update of the Library's play index. Through her efforts in these endeavors, she has immensely contributed to the betterment of the Los Angeles Public Library.



Robyn Peshek
Management Analyst II
Branch Library Services
Library

Ms. Peshek is the facilities point person working with staff from 71 branch libraries on issues ranging from maintenance, salvage, custodial and other special services requests. In addition, she is the Library's Relocation maven. She is involved in moving branches, whether into new quarters, temporary quarters, or in and out of bookmobiles and temporary offices. Her unrelenting efforts were integral in the City's Library building program, which was achieved on time and under-budget!



Palisades Maintenance
Pacific Region



Eliseo Gonzales
Park Maintenance Supervisor (not shown)



Wilfredo Gavidia
Senior Lead Gardener



Robert Johnson Bey
Senior Gardener

Steve Ramos
Senior Park Attendant II

Messrs. Gavidia, Johnson Bey, Ramos and Gonzales share a common thread – of living through an incident, and being steadfast in their duty to the City and the residents of Los Angeles. This incident occurred at the Venice Beach Pier, where the rest-

room facility separated from the pier and fell into the ocean! Because of their selfless actions, from securing the facility to evacuating people, no one was injured.

Team West Valley Animal Shelter
(Team Award)
Animal Services Represented by:



Jan Selder
Senior Animal Control Officer II



Troy Boswell
Senior Animal Control Officer



Sergio Rios
Animal Care Technician Supervisor



Rowena Quijote
Senior Clerk Typist

Ms. Selder, Messrs. Boswell and Rios, and Ms. Quijote accepted the 2006 Civilian Career Service Team Award on behalf of the West Valley Animal Shelter. They, along with their co-workers, epitomize a team's strong sense of mission to the City by embracing the goals of excellent quality animal care and animal rescue. In the process, they have united or reunited pets with their owners, while dealing with the challenges of on-going construction, cramped kennel and medical space, a frustrated public, and power failures to name a few. The West Valley Animal Shelter Team has the best record in the number of animals adopted for the past two years. They also had a net decrease in the number of animals euthanized, resulting in West Valley Animal Shelter being rated a star facility.

Here's to the Civilians

■ Fire Dept. honors three civilian employees at annual recognition luncheon.

Photos by Liz Montes, Club Counselor

FIRE DEPT. — The LAFD hosted its annual Civilian Employee Recognition Luncheon June 6 at the Police Academy.

Three civilian employees were honored. Here are their details. Congratulations to the winners, and to all the great civil servants, sworn and otherwise, in the Los Angeles Fire Dept.



From left: J. Scott Hinson and Stephen Baldwin.



Shantel Perez and Julie Beauvais, Los Angeles Firemen's Credit Union.



Fire Chief Douglas Barry.



From left: Michael Trevathan, Mechanical Repairer, Supply and Maintenance Division, and Fire Chief Douglas Barry.



Brent Balich, Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, Supply



From left: Daniel DeLeon, Sr. Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, Supply and Maintenance Division



Sandy Canister, Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, Supply and Maintenance Division



From left: Techkong Thiem, Paul Lawrence, Juan Godinez, Michael Dunbar and Edward Gonzales.



From left: John Stevenson, Jose Baladad and Jingles Hevelin

HONOREE

Caroline M. Decosto
Sr. Clerk Typist
Quality Improvement Section



From left: Fire Chief Douglas Barry and Caroline Decosto, Sr. Clerk Typist, Quality Improvement Section.

Caroline M. Decosto has been employed by the City for 18 years and has faithfully served the citizens and the City in a variety of capacities. Caroline began her City career as a Clerk Typist in Building and Safety, and worked in their commercial building inspection bureau for 10 years and as a customer service representative for two years.

In 2000, Caroline transferred to the Fire Dept. and was promoted to Senior Clerk Typist the following year. With the exception of a nine-month assignment to the public access defibrillator program, Caroline was assigned to the quality improvement section. As the Q.I. Senior Clerk Typist, she was assigned as the secretary to the Q.I. Battalion Chief, who also serves as the department's litigation manager. It was mostly in the litigation area that Caroline's many skills and talents were utilized. She served as the confidential assistant to the litigation manager and developed a strong working relationship with the office of the City Attorney. In this capacity, she developed the litigation database, a deposition-tracking database, a discovery document request database, and a witness list spreadsheet. Working under very tight timelines, she also conducted countless file searches for documents requested by the City Attorney. And, because of the sensitivity of litigation matters, Caroline was required to undertake all of these duties with the highest degree of confidentiality.



Employee of the Year Caroline Decosto with her husband, Noel; daughter, Cassandra; and son, Derek.

In addition to her litigation-related duties, Caroline very capably served the clerical needs of the quality improvement section. In recognition of her consistently high work standards, a few of the honors that Caroline has received during her years of service are:

- 1994: Letter of Commendation from Building and Safety
- 2000: Letter from Chief William Bamattre for her assistance in the Proposition F campaign
- 2001: Letter of Commendation from the Bureau of Human Resources Commander for exemplary work
- 2003: Certificate of special recognition by the civilian employee recognition committee
- 2004: Letter of commendation from the assistant Bureau Commander of Human Resources for her outstanding performance evaluation.

Last month, Caroline was promoted out of the Fire Dept., and is now a secretary with Housing's Code Enforcement Bureau.

HONOREE

Bob Yan
Sr. Systems Analyst II
Management Information Systems Division



From left: Fire Chief Douglas Barry and Bob Yan, Sr. Systems Analyst II, Management Information Systems Division.

Bob Yan, Sr. Systems Analyst II, Management Information Systems Division

Bob Yan began his employment with the City in December 1988 as a student intern with the information systems department, now known as ITA. He was assigned to the technology training unit, where he conducted formal classroom training in database concepts for all City employees.

In September 1989, Bob received a regular appointment as a City Employee. He worked as an application programmer with ITA, performing software development on the General Services material management system, now commonly known as the supply management system. In 1995, at the beginning of the Internet explosion, he decided to expand his abilities and knowledge, and transferred to ITA's local area network support section, where he set up and managed networks and servers, and provided support to all other City departments. After being with technology-focused ITA and providing services to other departments for 10 years, Bob was hungry for more experience and decided to take on the IT challenges of an operating department. He took a demotion to the senior systems analyst classification and transferred to the Fire Dept. in June 1998. Here, he managed a group of systems analysts and systems aides in providing network and help-desk support to all department members.

In January 1999, just six months after being hired by the Fire Dept., Bob was promoted to Senior Systems Analyst II. Over the next few years, he developed the department's intranet Website, establishing operational standards, and eventually took over all the responsibilities of managing the department's network infrastructure, servers and help-desk operations. Working long nights and being on-call became part of Bob's work routine. He is known and respected as someone whom you can count on. He has a good, strong work ethic, and is very responsible.



Employee of the Year Bob Yan with his wife, Yustini Mente, and two sons.

Currently, Bob is spearheading the \$2 million wide-area-network infrastructure upgrade, where old dial-up Internet access will be replaced with broadband Internet access at each of the fire stations to allow faster network access and increase productivity. With more than 4,000 users, 1,200 PCs and printers spread out in 110 work locations, and 300 help-desk service calls each month, Bob and his staff of four-and-a-half people are able to keep the department's network operational, provide critical services such as e-mail, and protect department data from viruses.

HONOREE

Robert Craig Mason
Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic Field Mobile Repair
Supply and Maintenance Division



From left: Fire Chief Douglas Barry and Robert Craig Mason, Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, Supply and Maintenance Division.

Robert Craig Mason, Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic Field Mobile Repair, Supply and Maintenance Division

Robert Craig Mason is a 19-and-a-half-year City employee who has devoted his entire City career to the Fire Dept. Prior to his City service, Craig was involved in the heavy equipment and transportation industry as a heavy truck and equipment mechanic.

While employed as a journey-level mechanic for Freightliner trucks, Craig achieved the prestigious status of Detroit Diesel Service Craftsman Guild Member. In November 1987, Craig accepted a Heavy Duty Equipment

Mechanic position with the LAFD's supply and maintenance division, and is assigned to mobile field repair. In this capacity, Craig is responsible for the apparatus assigned to 16 Fire Stations, including Fire Station 80 at LAX, which houses the department's specialized crash rigs.



Employee of the Year Robert Craig Mason with his family.

Since his arrival back in 1987, Craig has distinguished himself as a dedicated, knowledgeable and dependable member with an extraordinary work ethic. Craig was first recognized for his outstanding service to the department in 1993 as an "Employee of the Quarter" and then in 2000 as an Employee of the Year. This year, Craig is being recognized for the second time as an Employee of the Year. This is the first time this has occurred in the history of the Civilian Employee Recognition program.

Craig is responsible for the inspection, preventive maintenance and repair of apparatus at his 16 assigned Fire Stations. He blends his technical skills with an approachable, conscientious demeanor, and consistently delivers high-quality service. In addition, Craig is an aircraft-rescue -and firefighting-certified mechanic and is one of a few certified mechanics in the entire State of California.

Known and respected as a perfectionist, Craig sees each job through to completion, even if it requires using his own time. He has willingly provided his contact numbers to department personnel, and never hesitates to accept calls on evenings, weekends, even when he is on vacation. It is not uncommon for Craig to drop what he was doing at home during an evening or on a weekend to go in and make a needed repair.

Other than transmission rebuilding, the large airport apparatus normally do not leave the airport grounds for repairs. As a result, all repairs become Craig's responsibility. Whether it is an electronic problem, a complete engine replacement, or another problem in these highly sophisticated vehicles, Craig tackles and completes each one with the skill of a master mechanic.

Craig's knowledge and expertise have not only benefited the Fire Department, but other government agencies, and private sector companies as well. He understands the unique demands of the airports, not only LAX and Van Nuys airports, but is also called upon for his expertise at Ontario Airport, Long Beach Airport and Boeing Aircraft.



Now's The Time For

ClubFest!

October 7, 2007

ClubFest 2007: Schedule of Bands

10:30 a.m. – noon:

Bad Boyz & Company



The Boyz cover rock, Motown, soul, oldies and their own originals. Based in San Pedro, the band has appeared in the Harbor area at Music by the Sea, the Brewing Company and the Warner Grand Theatre, winning the "battle of the bands" at the Taste of San Pedro in 2006. The Bad Boyz have also played

Latitudes in Manhattan Beach and the Brass Elephant in Monrovia and are seen monthly at Taco Beach in Long Beach. Bad Boyz & Company consists of Fernando Magallanes, drums; Byron "Kenny" Cole, bass; Horace Coleman, Traffic Officer, Transportation, lead vocals; Chris "Doc" McCollum, keyboards and vocals; and Mike Bailey, guitar and vocals.

12:30 – 2 p.m.:

Latin Gents

The Latin Gents play a variety of Latin, swing, oldies but goodies, rock and roll and country. They have something for everybody and were a big hit at last year's ClubFest.

They have been playing in the Los Angeles area for about seven years. They originally started out as a trio and over the years added an additional three musicians. All together, there is a pianist, trombonist, saxophonist, guitarist, bassist and a drummer. They all are able to beautifully sing and harmonize together, making the group very versatile.

Leading the Latin Gents is Ralph Ronda, an elevator mechanic for the DWP, and Carlos Montejano. Ralph plays the drums and Carlos plays bass. The other members are Billy Ahlswede on keyboards, Rudy Roman on sax, Hirth Martinez on guitar and Paul Costellanos on trombone.

These men are not just musicians but good friends who enjoy what they do. "Music is a universal language that everybody enjoys, and those who have heard the us always have a great time listening and dancing to tunes they enjoy," Ralph says. Ralph would also like to thank all those at the DWP who have supported them over the years.



2:30 – 4 p.m.:

Jamnesia

Jamnesia, an established rock, blues, funk and R&B band, was formed in the early 1990s by bass player Rick Williams, Warehouse and Tool Worker, Harbor.

Jamnesia also includes: Teri Williams, vocals; Titus Smith, Lieutenant, Port Police, percussion; Lee Tyiska, vocals and percussion; "Big" Walt Fletcher, guitar; Doug Lloyd, keyboards; Hugh Laxenetta, guitar and vocals; and Rick Williams Jr., drums, who wants to grow up and work for the City, just like his dad, Rick Sr.



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ed to nine tickets per each Club member. Tickets may be purchased only by Club members.

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- The Latin Gents
- Jamnesia
- Bad Boyz N Company

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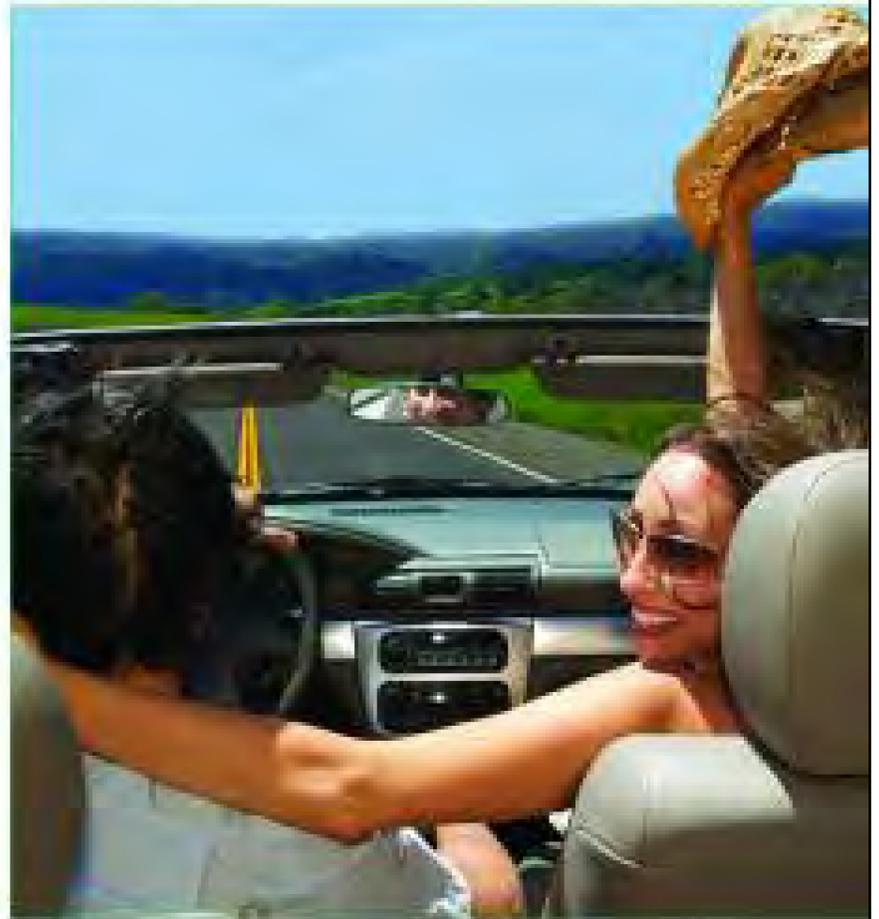
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From left: Van Thompson, Ernie Robleto, Tom Fermilia and Larry Davis.

Airports Tee It Up

■ Airports hosts the 42nd annual All-Airport Golf Tournament.

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

AIRPORTS — The 42nd Annual All-Airport Golf Tournament, benefiting the Travelers Aid Society, took place June 1 at the Westridge Country Club in La Habra. One-hundred-sixty players participated in the tournament.

The Golf Tournament was a big success and the Club was happy to take part.



From left: Moninder Birdi, Jess Romo, Gil Aredas and Dennis Green.



From left: Brad Penir, Pete Zavala, Mike Gonzalez Omar Datar dina.



From left: Lew Winslow, Mario Lafaurie, Ethel Pattison and Leon Nixon.



From left: Scott Susswain, Stuart Susswain, Rica Viola and Dennis Ogren.



From left: Tony Laughlin, Bob Fuhrmann, Cary Buchanan and Bob Werner.



From left: Virgil Magday, Ernie Enriquez, Tommy Garnica and Shane Gallagher.



From left: Ross Lawrence, Judith Gorum, Greg Griffin and Dan Campbell.



From left: Judy Christian, Joan Sewald, Leigh Hatayama and Don Sayrizi.



From left: Brian Ostler, Richard Mah, John Werlich and Chris Lee.



From left: Steve Kunzer, Don Campbell, Gary Shimabukaru and Robert Davila.



From left: Dean Yanagimoto, Shane Fitzgerald, Scott Markle and Jin Kim.



From left: Steve Jimenez, Pedro Fernandez, Calvin Kirkwood and Carl Bursell.



From left: Ernie Cruz, Daniel Cruz, Daniel Romo and Mike Scolaro.



From left: Lloyd Duvernay, Danny Davis, Steve Agdeppa and Fabian Duvernay.



From left: Fred Young, Ray Garcia, Josh Deziel and Craig Patterson.



From left: John Mitchell, Clifford Lemons, Jeff Nichols and Gary Toon.



From left: Jim Rudy, John Morones, Robert Casarez and Ralph Morones.



From left: Gus Olmedo, Oscar Ramirez, Vince Barraza and Larry Esparza.



From left: Gil Sandoval, Clif Wong, Jack Gardner and Richard Allen.



From left: Ed Pomponio, Tom Stolnack, Mike Strouse and Mike Biagi.



From left: James Bow, Mike Woodard, Joe Soloman and John Lopez.



Candidates feel the joy of being pinned with their badge for the first time.



From left: Capt. Muzquiz, Office of Public Safety, General Services, Club Member; Kim Bendimez, Club Member; and Capt. William Murphy, Club Member.



Capt. William A. Murphy, Commanding Officer, Training Division, Club Member, explains the significance of the badge

LAPD Badges 35

■ LAPD hands out badges to 35 graduates, including two from General Services and three from Airport Police.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Communications and Marketing



POLICE DEPT. — The LAPD awarded badges to 35 Police Academy graduates at a ceremony April 27 at the academy. Of the 35, two were part of General Services' Office of Public Safety, and three were from the Airport Police.

The badge presentation ceremony is separate from the actual academy graduation, which comes later.

It takes "six months of hard effort to have earned the right to wear the badge," commented Capt. William Murphy, Commanding Officer of Training Division and Club Member. Graduation comes within two months of receiving their badge. "About 20 percent [of the recruits] who enter the academy do not make it for this day," Capt. Murphy said.

Congratulations to the newly badged.

And thanks to Capt. Murphy, for his assistance in producing this story.



Leonardo Guillen is pinned by a family member.



Capt. Greg Staar, Airport Police, Club Member.



From left: Capt. William Murphy, Club Member, with Ryan Stogner, Class Leader.



From left: Capt. Greg Staar, Club Member; Abel Moreno; and Capt. William Murphy, Club Member.



From left: Capt. Greg Staar, Club Member; Albert Carlos; and Capt. William Murphy, Club Member.



From left: Capt. Muzquiz, Office of Public Safety, General Services, Club Member; Ken Wu; and Capt. William Murphy, Club Member.

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to the Recipients



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Brian Davis.



Matthew Gale.



Leonardo Guillen.



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Manuel Hernandez,
Club Member.



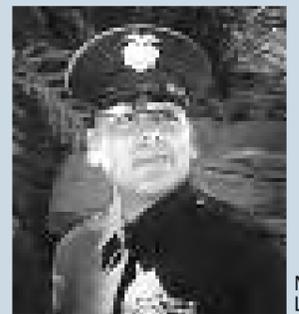
Cory Hogg.



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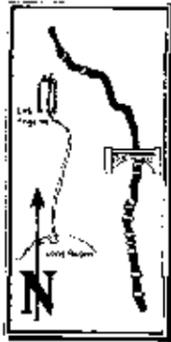
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A rendering of the First Street Viaduct, with the (now under construction) Metro Gold Line extension in the median. There will be only one traffic lane in each direction, not two, as in this rendering.

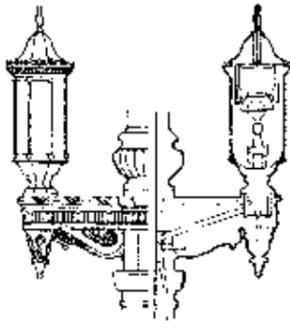
First Street Viaduct: (Almost) Ready for the Future



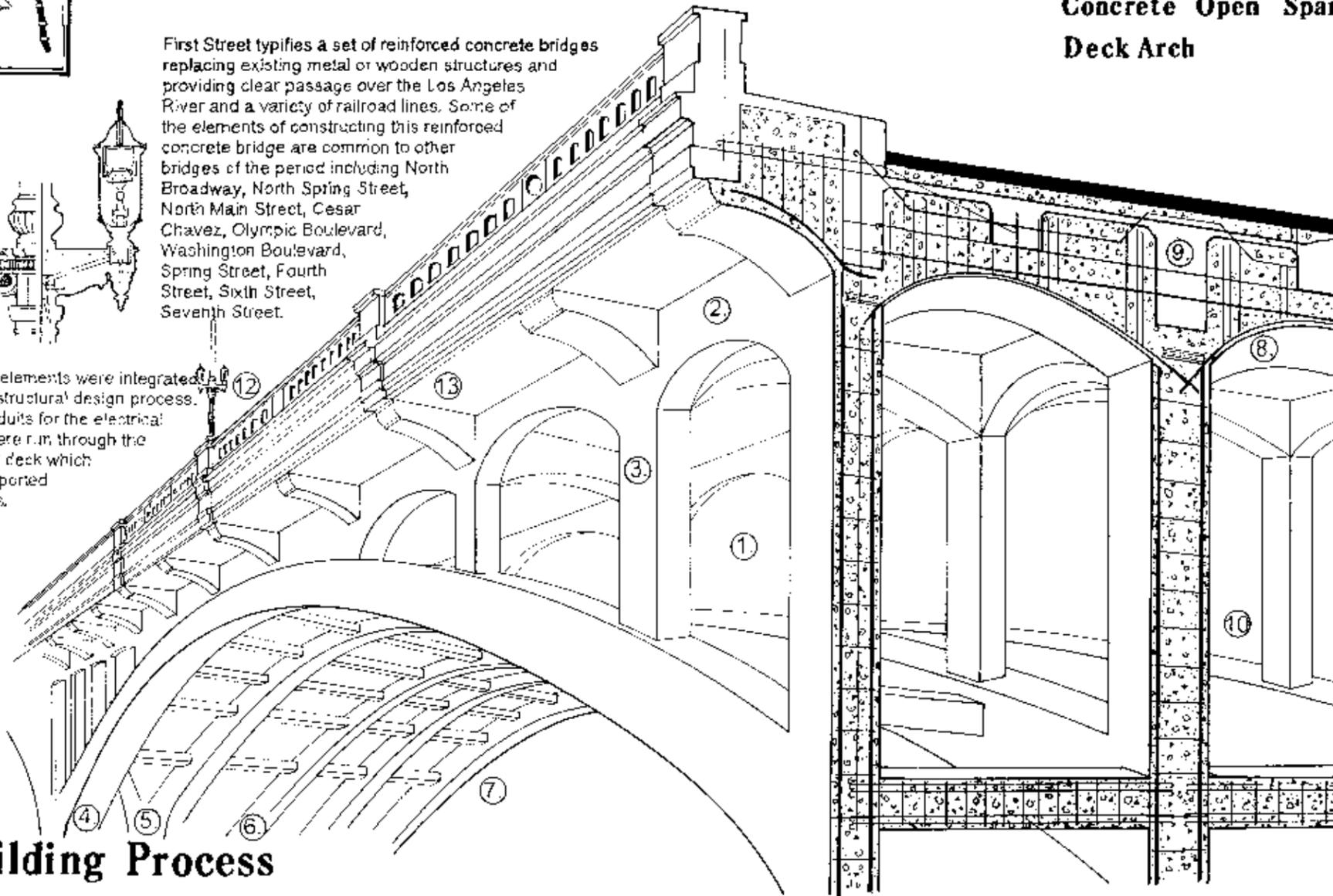
BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION FIRST STREET VIADUCT

A Case Study of a
Concrete Open Span
Deck Arch

First Street typifies a set of reinforced concrete bridges replacing existing metal or wooden structures and providing clear passage over the Los Angeles River and a variety of railroad lines. Some of the elements of constructing this reinforced concrete bridge are common to other bridges of the period including North Broadway, North Spring Street, North Main Street, Cesar Chavez, Olympic Boulevard, Washington Boulevard, Spring Street, Fourth Street, Sixth Street, Seventh Street.



Lighting elements were integrated into the structural design process. The conduits for the electrical wiring were run through the railing or deck which also supported the posts.



Building Process

Analyze Geology and Pour Foundations

The overbed analysis determined the necessary depth of the piles and concrete foundations.

Pour Concrete Arches

Formwork was then erected for the pouring of the continuous arches.

Pour Concrete Columns

The formwork for the supports, or piers, followed after the completion of the arches.

Pour Decking

The roadbed was poured over the completed support structure.

Public Works/Bureau of Engineering produced these wonderful analytical sketches of the First Avenue Bridge, as part of a collection of renderings of many engineering marvels in the City. Sketches courtesy the Los Angeles City Archives. Photos courtesy Public Works/Bureau of Engineering.

History Comes Alive!

Tales From the City Archives

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



■ **The venerable downtown bridge is being retrofitted for better clearances, and for the Metro Gold Line.**

Another in an occasional series on popular Los Angeles bridges and viaducts.

The beautiful First Street Viaduct (bridge), 1,300 feet long and completed in 1929, is at the moment going through a retrofitting, a contemporary maturation to meet modern Los Angeles' needs.

According to Public Works' Bureau of Engineering, "In January 2002, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) received approval for the Los Angeles Eastside Corridor Project ... sometimes called the 'Gold Line Extension.'" This will extend the currently existing Pasadena to Union Station Light Rail Transit to link East Los Angeles and Atlantic Boulevard to the city of Pasadena. A portion of

the Gold Line Extension will include work on the First Street Viaduct from Alameda Street to Indiana Street in Boyle Heights.

There is also a second need for this undertaking. Several of the early bridges have structural deficiencies. Many of the problems with the First Street Viaduct include inadequate bridge width, inadequate vertical and horizontal clearances at the Santa Fe Avenue and Myers Street under crossings. These problems also need retrofitting to protect bridge piers at the same locations. The preliminary schedule for designing the changes was from 2002 through September 2005. The con-

struction began in the fall of 2005, lasting through the fall of 2007, and would be accomplished at the same time as the Gold Line Extension.

The viaduct was widened 26.3 feet with the dual tracks of the Gold Line on the bridge's centerline. There will be only two car lanes, one in each direction. The existing left-turn lanes at both ends of the viaduct will be removed.

I would once again like to thank Clark Robins, Deputy City Engineer, for the wonderful diagrams from Los Angeles River Bridges and City Engineer Dung Tran for assisting me with this fascinating history.

Reinforced Concrete Spandrel

First Street Viaduct
1929
MERRILL BUTLER
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1300 FT. LONG RETROFIT 1998

Reinforced Concrete

The bridge engineers exploited concrete's high compressive strength in their designs. To ensure consistency of strength and other properties specified mix designs were followed. After combining Portland cement, water, and aggregates, the worker would subject the concrete to a slump test. With the mix's consistency confirmed, the concrete was poured and left to cure – the construction process during which the cement chemically bonds with water molecules (hydration) over the course of several days – resulting in the hardened material of bonded aggregates.

Identifications
1. Open Spandrel
2. Spandrel beam
3. Spandrel Column
4. Outer Rib
5. Highway Rib
6. Railway Rib
7. Strut
8. Expansion Joint
9. Shear Key
10. Reinforcement
11. Decking
12. Lighting Standards
13. Cantilevered Sidewalks

Complete Architectural Details

Details such as light fixtures, railings, trolley lines, and ornament were constructed last.



The First Street Viaduct, leading commuters to the gleaming downtown, on a clear Southern California day.



The First Street Viaduct, circa 1930.

Did You Know?

In 1908, the original Phillippe's Restaurant opened.

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

North Central Open House

■ Sanitation's North Central Yard hosts an open house for families and neighbors. Recycling is emphasized.

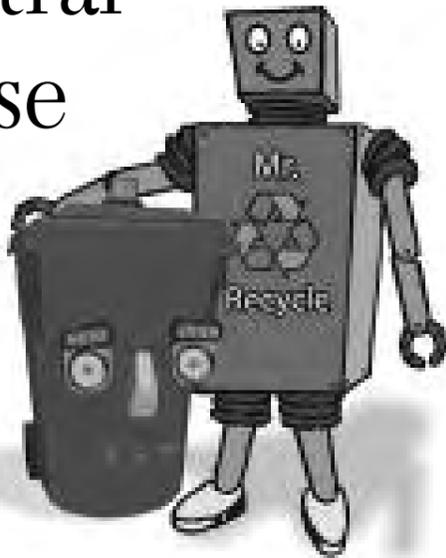
Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Marketing and Communications

PUBLIC WORKS — The North Central District Yard of the Bureau of Sanitation hosted its annual open house June 2. The yard is at 452 San Fernando Road in the San Fernando Valley.

Showcased were the various refuse trucks they use on a daily basis, giving the public a chance to see how the trucks operate.

"We want to show our appreciation to our customers for their cooperation in working with us to ensure efficient and safe collection of their refuse, green waste and recyclables," said Sal Miranda, Solid Resource Manager I who coordinates the open house program, "and to show them what happens to the contents of their containers once we take them away. Our key message is to encourage recycling, and we want to make the open house an educational and fun experience both for adults and children."

The Club thanks Andriana Nunez for assisting us in producing this article.



Mike Solis, Supervisor and coordinator of the open house, 23 years of service.



From left: Roland Gonzalez, Equipment Mechanic, 5 years of service; Jose Gonzalez, Equipment Mechanic, 8 years of service, Club Member since 2004; Rick Pinon, Equipment Mechanic, 2 years of service; Eric Ceballos, Garage Attendant, 7 years of service, Club member since 2005; Miguel De Anda, Garage Attendant, 5 years of service, Club member since 2003; and Marin Hernandez, Equipment Mechanic, 5 years of service, Club member since 2003.



Jose A. Rosas, Refuge Truck Operator II, 6 years of service, is the facility tour guide for the public.



From left: Nanette Tavella, Accounting Clerk, 1.5 years of service; and Herlinda Rodarte, Chief Clerk, 13 years of service.



Mateo Jimenez, Maintenance Laborer, 1 year of service.



From left: Russell Harris, Truck Driver, 20 years of service, Club Member since 1989; and his wife, Laurel.



From left: Sal Miranda, Solid Resource Manager I; and Robert Sosa, supervisor, 17 years of service.



From left: Desmond Gardner, Maintenance Laborer, 7 years of service; and Carlos Rodriguez, Maintenance Laborer, 8.5 years of service.



Kenny Fox, Refuge Truck Operator, 20 years of service, Club Member since 2005.



From left: New Latt, Accounting Clerk, 1.5 years of service; and Cathleen Chavez, Multifamily Residential Recycling Program Manager, 6 months of service.



From left: Matthew Ellis with his dad, Quintin Ellis, Refuge Truck Operator, 17 years of service, Club Member since 1994.



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Abbassi Made Permanent GM

■ Pouria Abbassi becomes full General Manager of Convention Center. Previously he was Interim General Manager.



Pouria Abbassi

CONVENTION CENTER — Pouria Abbassi was appointed as the new General Manager of the Convention Center (LACC) March 19 by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. Mr. Abbassi, who has served as interim general manager of the LACC

since June 2006, was chosen after a three-month national search to fill the post.

“The Los Angeles Convention Center is one of the leading convention centers in the nation and it will play an integral role in our downtown revitalization,” said Mayor Villaraigosa.

“I know that he will continue to serve the department and the City with dedication and professionalism.” Chief among Mr. Abbassi’s immediate goals for the Convention Center is to transition the facility to the DWP’s green power program. As part of the program, the Convention Center will run on 20 percent green-generated power this spring, with a goal of operating with 100 percent green power by the end of the next fiscal year.

“Pouria’s energetic and results-oriented management style makes him the clear choice to lead our convention center. There is no doubt in my mind that Pouria is the right candidate to maximize the potential of this economic engine for our City.”

The Convention Center is also in the process of becoming one of the few national venues to obtain Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification.

Mr. Abbassi has been at the LACC since 2000 and has served as Executive Assistant General Manager and Chief Operating Office of the facility. He has been employed in various departments of the City since 1991. His appointment is subject to City Council approval.

Prior to joining the Convention Center, Mr. Abbassi served as Senior Technology Analyst for the Chief Administrative Officer, conducting cost/benefit analysis and reviewing the budgeting, financing and implementation of over \$100 million of information technology-related projects.

“I am greatly impressed with Mr. Abbassi’s enthusiasm and unique approach to continuing to enhance the many services provided by our

His broad professional experience includes work in project engineering, debt financing and environmental analysis. He played a key role in designing and implementing the City’s Automated Recycling, Refuse and Yard Trimming Curbside Collection programs.

Mr. Abbassi holds advanced degrees in engineering and executive business management from UCLA and is a registered professional mechanical engineer in the State of California. Mr. Abbassi lives in Tarzana with his wife and two children.



Coloring with Lupe!

The *Alive!* Children's Coloring Contest

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

Compiled by Lupe Medina, Administrative Services Representative

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

Your name _____ How old are you? _____

When is your birthday? _____ What is your favorite television show? _____

What is your favorite snack? _____

What is the first name of your best friend? _____

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

For parents/guardian to complete:

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Job title and department with the City: _____

Parent/guardian phone number: _____

Child's address/state/zip: _____

Submit to:

Club Coloring Contest
City Employees Club of Los Angeles
World Trade Center
350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700
Los Angeles, CA 90071

Deadline for submission:
August 13, 2007

The Club will do everything it can to gather all the submissions, but it cannot be responsible for lost or misdirected mail.

Good luck, and have fun!

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An award package will be given for each age group:

- * Ages 5 and under
- * Ages 6 to 7
- * Ages 8 to 10



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It's All About QUALITY

The winners of the 2007 Quality & Productivity Awards.

Strategy Against Violent Environments near Schools – LA SAVES
CITY ATTORNEY; LAPD

Visually Enhanced Crisis Management
CONVENTION CENTER; LAPD; LAFD; EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The Convention Connection
CONVENTION CENTER; AIRPORTS

Neighborhood Preparedness Ambassador Program (NPAP)
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS; NEIGHBORHOOD EMPOWERMENT

Waste Watchers
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City Council Web Video Connection
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SMARTS® - An Innovative and Streamlined Design Approach for Secondary Sewer Renewal Projects (60 Mile Program)
PUBLIC WORKS

Sewer Odor Pressure Monitor – An Innovative Solution
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Assumption of All Street Lighting Maintenance from DWP
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■ **Quality and Productivity Commission honors 22 projects and 12 Departments with its highest award. Projects are estimated to have saved the City \$11.3 million.**

Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager, Garth Pillsbury, Department of Building and Safety, Sheri Mandel, Office of Chief Legislative Analyst

QUALITY, PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION — The City of Los Angeles Quality and Productivity Commission presenting 22 projects and 12 city departments with Quality and Productivity Awards (QP Awards) at a luncheon event May 31 at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel downtown.

The awards recognize City employee teams for their initiative, creativity, teamwork, cost containment efforts and entrepreneurial spirit in providing a higher level of public services.

In total, the projects are estimated to have saved the City — and therefore the public — \$11.3 million.

This competitive award promotes professional and effective management practices, and is designed to recognize and showcase the City's achievements at improving the quality and efficiency of service delivery, while reducing public costs.

The host was consumer activist David Horowitz.

Here, *Alive!* lists the winners and showcases their projects.

Congratulations to all the winners, and thanks to Maria Ramos, Quality and Productivity Commission, for her assistance in producing this feature.



The awards luncheon gave winning projects the chance to present the scope and benefit they brought to the City. Here, the Strategy Against Violent Environments project is highlighted.

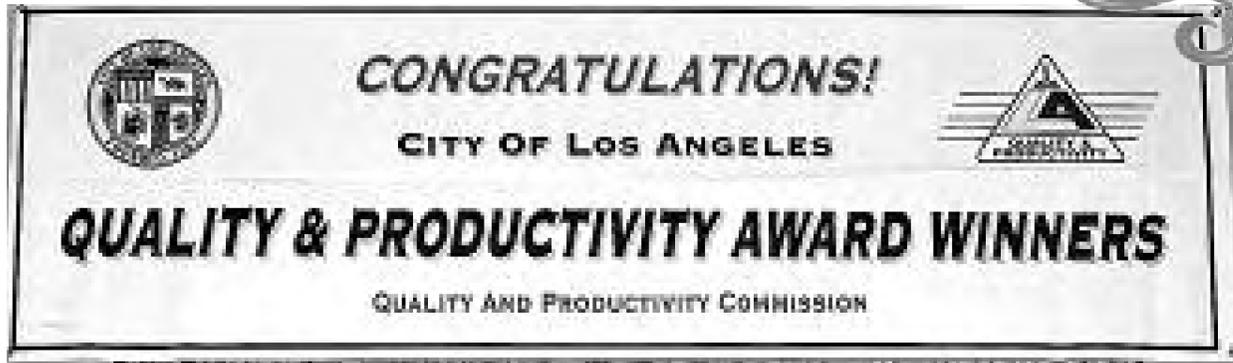


ITA was well represented at the awards luncheon, having won three awards. Here, the Turning Software Into Hard Dollar Savings project is highlighted.



The awards luncheon included entertainment.

Congratulations



Customer Service Awards

PROJECT TITLE:

Convention Connection

DEPARTMENT:

Convention Center Airports



From left: Cyndi Del Poso, Monica Shelton and Agnes Ko. Not pictured: Phillip Hill and Greg Rosicky.

The Convention Connection is a significant "add-on" to traditional coat and bag check services. Once a client checks out a local hotel, they often have several remaining hours of a convention to attend. Historically, the client would check their bags into our coat and baggage check area, and would retrieve the items for transit to LAX. With the Convention

Connection program, these bags are tagged and entered into a TSA-approved system on site at the Los Angeles Convention Center, and are transported securely to LAX and thereafter to the client's destination. Additionally, clients receive their airline boarding pass while on site at the Convention Center.

The Convention Connection program streamlines the airline client baggage movement process, makes airline travel easier and more enjoyable, and reduces congestion at LAX by eliminating the need for clients to conduct airline baggage checks to receive their boarding pass...and it's currently happening in Los Angeles – the only destination of choice for high-value, high-impact conventions!

PROJECT TITLE:

Downloads on Demand! E-Media at the Los Angeles Public Library

DEPARTMENT:

Library



Back row, from left: Jeanne McKay, James Van Gerpen, Ani Boyadjian, Steven Newcomer, Matthew Mattson, Joyce Purcell, Anne Connor and Giovanna Mannino. Front: Peggy Murphy. Not pictured: Kris Morita and Frank Navarro.

The library now offers a growing collection of nearly 1,600 downloadable audio books, 300 videos and 400 music selections that are accessible online at the library's Website (www.lapl.org).

The library has long provided audiobooks, videos and music CDs that can be checked out. Media collections are generally in high demand, with a high turnover rate. In addition, audiobooks on CD or tape may have more than 20 CDs or tapes in a set, which means that the problem of missing or damaged pieces in a set are commonplace among libraries and stressful for patrons who must pay to replace lost or damaged items.

To check out e-media, patrons download the free software onto their personal PC. After browsing the collection and selecting a file, a valid library card is entered to download the title. Patrons can check out up to 10 titles at a time. After three weeks, the files expire and are automatically returned, eliminating any late fees, lost items or the need to return the item to the library.

Staff time is saved, as these are not physical items that need to be processed and shelved in the library. All transactions are automatic and electronic, which saves time for both the staff and patrons.

PROJECT TITLE:

Assumption of All Street Lighting Maintenance From the Department of Water and Power

DEPARTMENT:

Public Works/Street Lighting DWP



Front row, from left: Virginia Bacierto, Norma Isahakian and Carleen Marquez. Back: Ed Ebrahimian, Stan Horwitz, Kerney Marine, Christian Mosman and Kurt Sato. Not pictured: Jeffrey Ziliotto, Arthur Newborn, Greg Black (DWP), Greg Mathis (DWP) and Fred Villa (DWP).

The City's street lighting system consists of more than 220,000 streetlights. The Bureau of Street Lighting (BSL) is responsible for design, construction and maintenance of the City's street lighting system. Historically, normal maintenance (streetlight lamp and/or glassware replacement and cleaning), minor repair (two-person crews that perform temporary or limited repairs to streetlight components), night patrol activities (one-person crew that patrolled and reported streetlight problems), group relamping (two-person crews relamping incandescent systems on a scheduled basis), pole painting (two-person crew repainting streetlight poles) and acceptance tests (one-person crew inspecting completed street light construction performed by private contractors) were assigned to the Department of Water and Power (DWP) since the early 1900s. BSL has compensated DWP for these activities through the monthly billings for maintenance services.

However, maintenance responsibilities shared by two departments proved to be inefficient, ineffective and costly because of duplication of maintenance and repair activities. Communication between both agencies was ineffective and created repair turnaround time delays. Customer service suffered as a result of these inefficiencies. Customers who reported streetlight problems were confronted with dual agency reporting systems. The resulting con-

fusion added to the delay in the repair of the streetlight problem and made for customers dissatisfaction. A high percentage of the reported streetlight outages took from five to ten days to be repaired.

The Bureau of Street Lighting's (BSL) assumption of all streetlight maintenance functions from the DWP has resulted in a more efficient organization, one point of contact for all street lighting related calls, and enhanced customer service. Previously the maintenance duties were split between two entities so customers would be transferred to either the DWP or BSL, depending on the repair, consequently increasing the repair time. In addition, a single streetlight out may result in two departments responding due to a misdiagnosis of the repair needed. This maintenance transfer has resulted in the customer having one point of contact, one responsible party and a decrease in repair time.

PROJECT TITLE:

You've Got Mail! Automated Electronic Automotive Maintenance Management System Notification

DEPARTMENT:

General Services



From left: Regal Cisneros, Lily Cornejo, Paul Mahony, Richard Coulson, Kris Goolsby and Leonard Walker. Not pictured: Joe Mancuso.

The Piper Technical Maintenance facility provides service to 64 different departments within the City by maintaining more than 1519 light trucks and automobiles. An important aspect of this service is an Automotive Preventative Maintenance Program (PM). The previous process of individually scheduling PMs and follow-up was grueling, time consuming and exhausting, which was inefficient and resulted in a backlog of overdue PMs and the increased potential for adversely affecting vehicle safety. The safety issues became even more critical with the addition of hybrid and hydrogen-powered vehicles to our fleet.

To resolve the aforementioned issues, an Electronic PM Scheduling, Notification, and Follow-up System is now utilized to notify customers when PMs are due and to notify when vehicles are ready for pickup. Customer Survey Questionnaires are also provided by automated e-mail five days after the PM or other vehicle service is completed. This has proven to be a useful and effective tool for operational self-analysis in identifying areas for potential improvement in shop operations and customer service. Overdue weekly PM percentages have dropped from weekly highs exceeding 12 percent to far less than the Fleet mandated goal of 5 percent weekly and now frequently fall below 2.5 to 3 percent per week. Vehicle turn around time and time spent contacting customers has been greatly reduced, costly backlogs no longer exist, and an improvement in system efficiency is significant.

Enhancing the Environment Awards

Congratulations

PROJECT TITLE:

Waste Watchers

DEPARTMENT:

**General Services
City Attorney**

Team Members— Front row, from left: Martina White (GSD), Louisa Tan (GSD), Terry Martin-Brown (City Attorney's Office) and Theresa Torres (GSD). Back: Nick Pendor (GSD), Berry Saizon (GSD), Rocky Delgadillo (City Attorney), Bill Older (GSD), Larry Lopez (GSD) and Shane Avilez (GSD). Not pictured: Maria Ramos (GSD) and Marie De Vera Calamba (GSD).

The City plans to divert 70 percent of waste disposal by the year 2020 as a result of the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB939). Through the team work of GSD, Construction Division and the Office of the City Attorney, a "C&D debris" contract was developed and implemented, whereby the Division is presently diverting 100 percent of its debris to a Los Angeles Certified Recycling Center. This has helped the Division to achieve and exceed the City's 70 percent waste disposal goal and contributed to the protection of the Los Angeles community, environment and natural resources.

This project has brought about other benefits to the process of responding to construction site crews' needs of debris disposal. Under the C&D contract, construction delays are minimized because debris disposal service can be done the same day it is requested since service availability and equipment prices have already been agreed upon between the Division and the vendor. With the reduction of construction delays, projects will not have to experience an increase in cost in order to meet construction deadlines. On the other hand, the contract also allows the Division to accurately monitor the tonnage of debris being diverted from the landfills. Invoices are being paid more quickly and accurately, which has resulted in Division/vendor confidence and the opportunity to take advantage of discounts offered under the contract.

PROJECT TITLE:

Blake Avenue and Oros Street Biofiltration Project

DEPARTMENT:

Public Works/Street Services

Bureau of Street Services Team Members, from left: William A. Robertson, Paul Neal, Bob Garcia, Richard Barboza, Dennis W. Weber, Dean Harding, Ronald R. Olive and Nazario E. Saucedo.



Northeast Tree Team Members (Blake and Oros project partners), from left: Tom Dwyer, Carrie Sutkin, Holly Harper, Nidia Garcia, Jason Pelletier, Larry Smith and Pieter Severynen.

This project includes the modification of the intersection of Blake Avenue and Oros Street, the construction of four "Stormwater Gardens" along Oros Street, and a street-end Biofiltration portion at the dead-end of Oros Street. The intersection modification returned the area to its originally designed storm runoff capacity so as not to inundate the stormwater gardens and the streetend biofiltration system.

Each stormwater garden consists of a six-foot deep basin beneath a newly landscaped parkway called a bioretention planter. The streetend biofiltration consists of the installation of two new catch basins connected by PVC pipe to an additional six-foot deep subterranean gallery in Steelhead Park at the dead-end of Oros Street. Additionally, the stormwater gardens and the streetend biofiltration system are interconnected by subterranean PVC piping.

This program was needed so that local municipalities can have viable data on the effects of water runoff. This data can then be applied throughout the City of Los Angeles and surrounding communities to improve the quality of groundwater and stormwater runoff into the Los Angeles River.

PROJECT TITLE:

San Pedro Bay Clean Air Action Plan

DEPARTMENT:

Harbor

Front row, from left: Kevin Maggay, Betsy Foley, Geraldine Knatz, Ralph Appy and Joy Crose. Back: Harold Messinger, Lisa Wunder and Paul Johansen. Not pictured: Christopher Patton, Eric Caris, Teresa Scognamillo and Julie Mean.

The San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP) was developed jointly by the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), California Air Resources Board (CARB) and South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), to define implementation strategies to meet shared air quality improvement goals. The plan includes measures for achieving emission reductions from various port operations over the next five years.

The Ports recognize that their ability to accommodate the projected growth in trade will depend upon their ability to address adverse environmental impacts (and, in particular, air quality impacts) that results from such trade. The San Pedro Bay Ports are committed to expeditiously and constantly reduce the public health risk associated with port-related mobile sources, and implement a program within five years that will achieve this goal.

Cost Savings Award

PROJECT TITLE:

Remeter and Pay Less: Water Remetering Program

DEPARTMENT:

**General Services
DWP**

Front Row, from left: Chris Garcia (GSD); Michelle Moore (DWP); Kathy Fujiki (DWP) and Timothy Marxer (GSD). Back: Peter Inouye (GSD), Gregg Wilkins (GSD), Danny Arriaga (DWP), Ricky Glover (DWP) and Mike Avila (DWP). Not pictured: Ignacio Perez (DWP) and Dave Bennett (DWP).

The purpose of the project is to minimize the cost impact of rate changes instituted by the DWP by separating the domestic and irrigation usage at selected DRP locations to secure the lower, irrigation rate for the majority of the water used at the site. Also, where a facility does not meet the acreage requirement to qualify for the irrigation rate, the rate change impact is/will be mitigated by applying for a Sewer Service Percentage Adjustment on the water billed at Rate 31.

The two most difficult problems addressed were, securing adequate funding and coordinating the work of staff in three City departments.

The meter separation portion of the program is divided into phases to facilitate project management and funding control with limited staffing. Phase one consists of 11 meter separation projects. Phase one has an estimated annual cost savings of \$942,228. Phases two, three and four will accomplish approximately \$1 million in annual savings.

The program consists of 47-meter separation projects at 43 locations. Two locations, Hansen Dam and Hazard Park, require the installation of multiple irrigation meters to fully separate the irrigation usage from the domestic. Sewer Service Percentage Adjustments have been/will be applied for at all sites where the irrigation rate cannot be utilized.

Inter-Agency Collaboration Awards

Congratulations

PROJECT TITLE:

Strategy Against Violent Environments near Schools (LA SAVES)

DEPARTMENT:

**City Attorney
LAPD**



From left: Lt Russ Wong (LAPD), Agent Art Flores (California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation), Xiomara Flores Holguin (LA County Department of Children and Family Services), Tracy Webb (City Attorney's Office), Peter Shutan (City Attorney's Office) and Jack Sims (LA County Probation Department).

LA SAVES prioritizes the targets in and around LAUSD Safe School Zones and provides another level of protection for the children of Los Angeles. LA SAVES starts by identifying the felons on probation in the area around a target school, focusing on those convicted of violent crimes, and/or firearms and sex offenses. A computer search is then run to determine who on this list is currently wanted by the court. Once a target is identified, a strategy for arresting these wanted felons is implemented. By removing felons from our neighborhoods and from around our schools, we make our children safe and we make our community stronger.

In one LA SAVES operation, for example, three targets were arrested on warrants and one was gang member who was charged (in addition to his warrant case) with Possession for Sale of Methamphetamine. An illegally possessed knife was also found in his possession. Another offender was in violation of his probation for felony Spousal Abuse and had a machete and a replica AR-15 Assault Weapon and was arrested across the street from a city elementary school. In addition, two children were living in the house with the Methamphetamine in very unhealthy environments. This is a perfect example of why the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) was included as a partner. Their team is present for all LA SAVES operations and cares for any children and makes arrangements for their immediate placement, if necessary.

PROJECT TITLE:

Visually Enhanced Crisis Management

DEPARTMENT:

**Convention Center
LAFD
LAPD**

Emergency Preparedness



Back row, from left: John Shea, Allen Ward and Tom Fields. Front: Deputy Chief Lee Carter, Brad Atwell and Greg Lissow. Not pictured: Wallace Holcom, Ray Robertson, Ellis Stanley and Terrance Manning.

The Convention Center's "Visually Enhanced Crisis Management" application is a self-contained computer-based technology that provides law enforcement and firefighting personnel the ability to rapidly review detailed archived site information, allowing them to "see through" doors, walls, and around corners. The images displayed by the application are embedded with a significant amount of related tactical information, providing a platform to improve the safety and effectiveness for teams that may need to enter and traverse the Los Angeles Convention Center under emergency conditions. The Convention Center is the first convention center "on the globe" with such technology. The Visually Enhanced Crisis Management application is an effective tool in support of planning, training, emergency deployment and business continuity.



PROJECT TITLE:

Turning Software Into Hard Dollar Savings

DEPARTMENT:

**General Services
ITA**



From left: Rita Khurana-Carwile (ITA), Christina Chang (ITA), Tom Kasowski (GSD), Carmelita Legaspi (GSD) and Maria Dolly Rodriguez (GSD).

The purpose of this project was to realize cost savings by establishing a long-term annual contract for the purchase of Intel-based computer software and related support for general City business applications. The contract would be awarded to a reseller capable of supplying a full range of products and handling all of the City's software volume license master license and maintenance agreements, including all VLMs in place at the time of contract award and any additional VLMs established by the City during the term of the contract. The contract should address all the needs and issues relevant to providing comprehensive Intel-based computer software needs and related support to all City Non-Proprietary Departments. For the past eight years, the City has been utilizing the State of California Contract, a government Alliance Program Agreement, for Intel-based software requirements. The City paid the State a 2.56 percent administrative fee for using this contract.

In 2005, the State of California changed the way it does business by establishing a State Licensing Program (SLP) for major software manufacturers only that were made available on contract. The State Licensing Program (SLP) of the State of California is a vehicle that any city, county or state agency or special district may use. By using SLP, the State has been charging the City an additional cost of at least 2.48 percent for State or administrative fees. This fee is applied to all agencies using the SLP contract including State-owned agencies. The SLP contract is not comprehensive and offers major software manufacturers only. City purchasing has been processing a large amount of one-time purchase requisitions from individual City departments for the non-contacted software products, which is a time-consuming and costly process. This problem was addressed by establishing a joint agency commodity contracting team represented by General Services Purchasing, ITA and the incumbent supplier. Many meetings and workshops were hosted by General Services Purchasing until efficient and effective specifications were developed and end user needs were identified. This information was used to develop and solicit bids through the competitive bidding process. An intensive and rigorous analysis for each bid was made. A comparative analysis of this award was made. The award was benchmarked with the suppliers contract with the County of Los Angeles, County of Fresno, State of California and the previous City of Los Angeles contract. This comparison clearly showed that the City contract offered substantial savings over those negotiated by much larger agencies with estimated future savings of \$3 million to \$4 million over the life of the contract and renewal option. The contract was awarded for five years with another five years of renewal options.

PROJECT TITLE:

LAPD Kitroom Inventory Tracking System (KITS)

DEPARTMENT:

**ITA
LAPD**



From left: Farshid Yazdi, Tony Gonzales, Omar Veloz, Anita McKeown, Jef Leifeste, Tim Riley, Van Horcher and Kamton Joe.

Prior to KITS, check-out/check-in activity was recorded on paper. Inventories were performed manually and also recorded on paper. These processes were slow and prone to error. The process of tracking down officers who failed to return equipment was also burdensome. To compound the problem, kitroom staff tends to be transient. Staff may be changed on a weekly or even daily basis. Comprehensive training is not possible and policies and procedures go unenforced. The end result was that expensive equipment was sometimes lost.

KITS automates all aspects of LAPD kitroom operations.

Kitrooms are secured areas where various types of police equipment are stored. Kitrooms are found in all LAPD stations. There is a check-out/check-in process that occurs when shifts begin and end. Officers typically check-out cars, radios and weapons. Cell phones, cameras, and other miscellaneous items are sometimes checked-out as well. Reports are generated that document the checkouts and check-ins, and are permanently stored. In addition, a daily inventory report must be generated.

Serving Communities Awards

Congratulations

PROJECT TITLE:
Neighborhood Preparedness Ambassador Program (NPAP)

DEPARTMENT:
**Emergency Preparedness
 Neighborhood Empowerment**



From left: Anna M. Burton, Carol P. Parks and Lisa F. Hayes.

The NPAP was developed to meet the goal of the Neighborhood Empowerment Academy, which is committed to empowering communities through subject matter experts and practitioners. The NPAP is one of nine subject matters and plays a significant role in helping to equip communities with the skills and tools needed if faced with a disaster.

Additionally, the NPAP teaches Neighborhood Council stakeholders and board members the importance of being prepared and the techniques needed to establish an effective Council emergency plan.

The NPAP has a citywide reach and the location of the program is varied to address access issues and to provide the opportunity for all Neighborhood Councils to attend. As a train-the-trainer program, the NPAP addresses all hazard (e.g., natural, technological and terrorism-related) preparedness, response, and short and longer-term recovery. Subject matter experts from City government and outside agencies conduct the training and include hands-on exercises to reinforce course material. Program topics cover persons with specific needs (e.g. non-English speaking, disabled, the elderly, persons at risk, children), and pets.

PROJECT TITLE:
Office of Community Beautification Graffiti Abatement Program

DEPARTMENT:
Public Works/Board of Public Works



From left: Rosa Benavides, Morgana Lasco, Anna Ruiz, Esmeralda Ramirez, Maria Sheets, Thomas Corrales, Paul Racs, Virginia Valencia, Michael Espinosa, Gerry Valido, Sal Del Castillo and Robin Woo.

Office of Community Beautification is responsible for management and oversight of graffiti abatement activities and contracts, coordination of volunteer community beautification and clean-up efforts, the Community Beautification Grant (formerly called Neighborhood Matching Fund), educational outreach to elementary schools and various other programs focusing on the beautification of Los Angeles.

Established in 1987 as Operation Clean Sweep and then under the Office of Community Beautification in 2005, OCB utilizes "3-1-1, One Call to City Hall" for its Graffiti Removal Hotline through which residents and businesses can report graffiti. Work orders are referred to community based graffiti removal organizations contracted through the Office of

Community Beautification. Work is performed using paint, chemical solvents and sandblasting. All services are offered at no charge to the public and funded by the City.

In fiscal year 2005-06, with a budget of almost \$7 million in the face of a citywide epidemic, OCB removed an all-time record of 25.9 million square feet of graffiti at more than 489,000 locations. By comparison, a two-foot wide line can be drawn from Los Angeles to New York at a length of more than 2,450 miles with paint to spare.

PROJECT TITLE:
50/50 Sidewalk Reconstruction

DEPARTMENT:
Public Works/Street Services



From left: William A. Robertson, Mark Simon, Steve Ortiz, Bela Gyimesi, Dennis W. Weber, Dean Harding, Ronald R. Olive and Nazario E. Saucedo.

The Bureau of Street Services and Councilmember Wendy Greuel have pioneered a program in which sidewalk repair can be completed within one year if a homeowner requests it and agrees to pay for half the work. Funding only allows for the Special Projects Division to complete a specified amount of miles to be repaired. Under this program, more sidewalks can be repaired, and constituents now have the ability to request sidewalk work within the year as long as they agree to pay for half of the work.

An estimated 4,500 miles of sidewalk require repair citywide, with an average funding level to take care of 64 miles; alternatives and innovations are necessary to do more. This program uses 50 percent of City funds along with 50 percent of private funds to create a partnership for repairing sidewalks at specific locations.

PROJECT TITLE:
Junior Inspectors/Reserve Investigator Program

DEPARTMENT:
Public Works/Street Services



Back row, from left: Tom Caraballo, Ron Jackson, Jerry Weir, Charles Boyd, Frank Martinez, Gary Harris and David Joiner. Front: Dortheney Henry, Timothy Walls and Karen Bowie.

The program was needed so that children can learn to keep their communities clean and reduce the blight that continues to be a lingering problem in the areas where these schools are located.

Each of the participating schools in this program (which runs from September through June) has 20 students for a total of 120 participants. Students report any violations (illegal dumping, illegal posting, etc.) or needs for service in their community (missing street signs, potholes, bulky item pick-up, etc.) write it down on their observations sheet, and then return it to the school coordinator.

For example, Barrett Elementary School in South L.A., is a college preparatory school that participates in an annual neighborhood cleanup. During the cleanup, fourth- and fifth-graders go out in the streets to clean and display pride in their communities by keeping the streets and parkways around their school clean. With much negative publicity that the public schools receive, the majority of the public is unaware of the superior deeds that children exhibit in keeping their neighborhood clean. Investigators routinely praise this school as one of the most positive schools they have ever visited.



Technological Innovations Awards

PROJECT TITLE:

Inventors at Work

DEPARTMENT:

General Services

From left: Ben Baca, Brian Cunningham, Cary Ellsworth, Mike De Leon, Scott Cupp, Gus Vela, Glenn Robertson, Cris Goolsby, Brian Moen and Leonard Walker.

Fleet Services Mechanics saw the need to reduce costs and improve the efficiency in its daily shop operations. As a result of their ingenuity, two machines were designed and built to accomplish this goal.

The Particulate Trap Cleaner

To improve the City's air quality, Fleet Services installed particulate trap filters in 551 of its diesel-powered trucks. These traps remove harmful particulate matter that is released in the exhaust of the diesel. These essentially eliminate the black smoke that is emitted from the trucks exhaust. The filter within the trap must be cleaned annually or every 60,000 miles to keep them at optimal operating condition. The manufacturer recommended cleaning procedures are to remove the center body from the exhaust system. Using compressed dry air on the outlet and a vacuum cleaner on the inlet side of the trap, air is blown through the filter allowing the vacuum cleaner to collect the ash. The blowgun is moved slowly over the filter surface directing air into each individual cell for better results. This process continues for approximately 40 minutes. The Particulate Trap Cleaning System was designed and built to automate this process while eliminating the exposure of airborne particulate matter to the employees.

LNG Tank Vacuum Insulation Restoration

As part of the City's Clean Cities Program to improve air quality, 249 liquefied natural gas (LNG) powered refuse collection vehicles have been placed into service. LNG is a cryogenic, a highly refrigerated liquid at a temperature of -220 F and low pressure. Each LNG truck has an LNG tank to store the fuel. The inner tank is wrapped with multiple layers of insulation, which reflect heat from the tank. An outer tank encloses the wrapped inner tank and a vacuum is drawn between the walls. This combination of multi-layer insulation and vacuum is called super insulation to keep the LNG at cryogenic state. Although the tank is very safe, with age and use the tank can lose the vacuum between the tank walls and lose its insulation effectiveness. This required the tank to be re-vacuumed at an annual basis by the vendor at \$925 per tank. A commercial vacuum unit is available for self-vacuuming the tanks but is expensive. Fleet Mechanics were able to design their own machine at a fraction of the cost and now perform the tank vacuum insulation restorations in-house.

PROJECT TITLE:

Road Warriors: Pioneering Vision With New Technology in Superpave

DEPARTMENT:

General Services**Public Works/Street Services**

Insert: Richard Villacorta. Front row, from left: Tony Duong, Ann Kane, Elaine Lopez, Papkin Hovasapian, Kabew Kassew, Safnat Farag and John Kuo. Back: Ed Figueroa, Alex Chu, Jorge Esparza, Jesus Barajas, Ray Solomon, Leon Vayner and Cenicio Ulit.

The City of Los Angeles is the second largest metropolitan area in the United States, with nearly 12,000 kilometers of streets paved with hot-mix asphalt. Our professional philosophy at the City of Los Angeles is to approach materials engineering problems with a sound scientific approach. Throughout all phases of paving construction, a heavy emphasis is placed upon constant dynamic research, economical and suitable design, accurate testing, quality

of materials, and proper construction. The Standards Division is the materials research and testing agency that serves these purposes. As a result, the City of Los Angeles has benefited from a successful asphalt concrete resurfacing program.

The City of Los Angeles does not depend on outside technology to determine what is the best procedure or specs that protect city interests. As a result, several groups and other government agencies have recognized Standards status as the leading agency and have requested our assistance in helping them get up to date. Recently, the County of Los Angeles has sent their Paving Engineers to our lab for some on site training. Knowledge and quality of work does not mean only saving money but also a better quality of life for our citizens.

PROJECT TITLE:

Step Up to the Plate

DEPARTMENT:

General Services

From left: Richard Malvino, John Griffin, Gonzalo Sarabia, Tracy Vu, Michael Leighton and David Olivas.

"Step Up to the Plate" describes Publishing Services implementation of computer-to-plate (CTP) technology. CTP eliminates steps from the production cycle when preparing a job for printing. Previously we employed a Computer to Film (CTF) workflow, which consisted of five steps between having the copy in digital form to having it imaged on a plate; film imaging, film processing, stripping, contacting, and finally plate processing.

Typically, an order for color printing required an operator to pre-flight a customer file, then send that file to a high resolution film setter to make the required four color separation films needed for plate making. Those 4 films are positioned on clear plastic carriers and then exposed onto light sensitive metal press plates. The last step requires the plate to be processed to remove unexposed emulsion.

In a CTP process four of these steps are fully removed. Each step eliminated from the process reduces the overall time required to get plates to press. Not only were these steps time consuming, they were also very labor intensive. Labor is not only costly but by virtue of the human element, performance of these tasks leads to quality and consistency problems, reducing the steps involved in improved turnaround time and, as a result, lowered costs.

PROJECT TITLE:

Los Angeles City Council Video Connection

DEPARTMENT:

**ITA
City Clerk**

From left: Tony Ighani (ITA), Alina Cummings (ITA), Claudia Dunn (City Clerk), Frank Martinez (City Clerk), Karen Kalfayan (City Clerk), Terry Halberg (ITA), Maryam Abbassi (ITA), John Rago (ITA), Angeles Mojica (ITA) and Rod Villanueva (ITA).

On Nov. 22, 2005, a new service called the Los Angeles City Council Video Connection was launched at the Valley Municipal Center in Van Nuys, 20 miles north of downtown Los Angeles. The service consists of a high speed two-way audio/video link that connects San Fernando Valley residents with the downtown City Council Chambers at City Hall.

When a speaker is testifying from the remote Van Nuys location, they are seen on large video displays in the downtown Council Chambers, and heard over the chamber sound system. At the same time the speakers at Van Nuys can hear and see the Council Chambers on their TV monitors. This video conferencing system is also integrated with the network that broadcasts City Council meetings live on the municipal access cable channel (Channel 35)

and the live Internet Webcast, so that anyone watching the meeting can also see and hear speakers from the Van Nuys location.

While the system links one remote location with City Hall today, plans are under way to provide the Video Connection Service at other locations based on this project's success. Through this innovative project the City can connect its citizens more directly to the governmental processes, all throughout the vast City of Los Angeles.

PROJECT TITLE:

SMARTS® - An Innovative & Streamlined Design Approach for Secondary Sewer Renewal Projects (60 Mile Program)

DEPARTMENT:

Public Works/Engineering

Front row, from left: Yafang Su, Angela Ung, Harshad Shah, Patricia Cheng, Tahir Upshur and Sayed Shah. Back: Majed Harb, Robert Nussbaum, Richard Pedrozo, Desmond Lew, Carla Rinehart, Elena Fuan, Chris Guerrero, Mina Azarnia and Derek Kim.

The SMARTS® application and the streamlined design processes are needed to deliver projects that will rehabilitate 60 miles of sanitary sewers per year for fiscal year 2008-09 through 2013-14. It is estimated to be a \$75 million per year program.

This SMARTS® application utilizes GIS database of the existing sewers, streets, and other infrastructures, organizes plans and maps, and links sewer condition CCTV video tapes so that engineers can perform several research functions without back and forth changing of media. The design processes are dovetailed to the SMARTS® so that steps are streamlined and important factors that may impact the design are reviewed early.

The SMARTS® application was copyrighted by City in October 2005. A presentation of the application at a November 2006 American Public Works Association GIS conference has received positive comments and many inquiries. This office is currently working with the City Attorney's Office to market the application to other agencies.

PROJECT TITLE:

Sewer Odor Pressure Monitor - An Innovative Solution

DEPARTMENT:

Public Works/Sanitation

From left: Rafael Yanez, Vlad Lorenzo, Farah Lavergne, Ahmad Ghanem, Scott Hare, Adel Hagekhalil and Brent Lorscheider. Not pictured: Debbie Pham, Barry Bergren and Carmelo Martinez.

The purpose of having an in-house odor pressure monitor equipment to have a tool to systematically evaluate the current odor control program, to conduct studies in strategic areas throughout the City, to identify causes of odors, and provide recommendations for improvements.

The concept of using the common equipment to measure air pressure as the odor pressure monitor started as the need arises. With a commitment of excellence to the community, through process of concept development and experiment and testing, the team finally developed a new innovative technique to "transform" the regular pressure monitor into the odor pressure monitor that would "survive" under the hostile corrosive environment due to high level of hydrogen sulfide generated from the wastewater.

This Innovative Odor Pressure Monitor product resulted in increasing in productivity and efficiency by reducing staff time in obtaining the contract each time testing is required, savings to the City of over one hundred thousand dollars annually in renting cost, increasing the collaborative team effort between managers and employees, and significantly improving customer services.



From left: Ken Landreaux, retired baseball player, LA Dodgers; Paul Ervin; Gilbert Alonzo, Rampart Area Homicide; and Wolf Larson.



From left: Chad Everett, *Medical Center* actor; Chip Beck; John Stilo; and John Stilo Jr.



From left: Eve Lennon, Sue Blu, Cynthia Songe and Jeff Lyle.



From left: Cristian DeLaFuente, Steve Oh, Lou Johnson and Greg Sappington.



From left: Brandon Molale; Michael Ames, LAPD SID; Gary Reichling, Retired LAPD; and Glen Schneider, LAPD Specialist Reserve.



From left: Frank Kramer, radio personality, 97.1; Bill Sweet; Jose Delgado, LAPD 77th Area; and Bob Bailey.



From left: Carlos Ramirez, actor, *The Run*; Brenda Miller; and Tom and Daniel Ghyczy.



From left: Rogie Vachon, retired hockey player, L.A. Kings; Steve Gottschalk, LAPD Van Nuys Area; Bob Baker, Los Angeles Police Protective League; and Johnny Bradbury.



Fun, Families



From left: Joe Pesci, actor, and Cathy Sotos, LAPD Senior PSR I, Valley Communications.



From left: Jack Nicholson, actor, *Chinatown*, *The Departed*; Steve Whitelaw, West Valley Area; Dr. Jerry Steiner; and Dennis Hathaway.



From left: Christine Devine, KTTV television personality; Thomas Chevolek; Daniel Osborn, FID; and Sean McNabb.



From left: Dennis Franz, actor, *NYPD Blue*; Kerri Potter, LAPD Southeast area; Doug Whitney; and Andy Boston.



From left: Shawn Parr, Go Country radio personality; Mo Smith, retired, Northeast Area; Mike Sanchez; and Jeff Katz.



From left: Gary Hudson; Caron Frenkel, SID; Gold Lee; and David Tsubaki.



Bill Fierro, LAPD Commander; Mitzi Grasso, Foothill Area Sgt.; Steve Smith; and Joe Gunn, former president of the Police Commission.



From left: Stuart Smith, guitarist for the band, Heaven and Earth; Perry Moore, retired, Mission Area; Norma Feder Dong; and Natalie Bopp.



From left: Jack McGee, actor, *Rescue Me*; Curtis McIntyre, Pacific Area; Eric Hermann, Valley Traffic Division; and Jane Repensek.



From left: David Paich, keyboardist from the band, Toto; Jerry Camporeddo, LAPD Air Support; Vera Garrard, Senior PSR I; and Gurbux Singh.



From left: Joe Pesci, actor, the *Lethal Weapon* series, *The Good Shepherd*, *GoodFellas*, *Casino*; Al Zardeneta, Emergency Operations Division; John McMahon; and Ron Del Barrio.



From left: Bobby Edner, actor, *Spy Kids 3-D*, *Veronica Mars*; Sean Kane; Greg Fairchild; and Steve Duran.



From left: Gary Richards, radio personality, Sirius Radio; Dwayne White, LAPD Pacific Area; Shawntrice Watkins; and Jim Vaughn.



From left: Jonathan Banks, actor, *Dark City, Wiseguy, 48 Hours*; Floyd Toledo, Hollywood Area Detectives; Mike Tagami; and Chris Andrews.



From left: Robert Colbert; Mike Bostic, Retired Assistant Chief LAPD; John McBride; and Chris Mezich, LAPD Air Support Division.



From left: Jose Canseco, former baseball player; Gary Hallden, West Valley Area Detectives; and Chris and Pat Weir.



From left: David Carpenter, actor, *Deadwood, Gods and Generals*; Andrew Taylor, Rampart Area; Ron Bucher; and Henry Oviedo.



From left: Ron Masak, actor and annual participant; Sharyn Buck, LAPD North Hollywood Area (Captain III); Ron Quinton, LAPD Harbor Area; and Eddie Fiero.



Alex Hyde-White, actor, *Pretty Woman, Days of Our Lives*; Joe Curreri, LAPD Foothill Area, Don Boon, LAPD Foothill Area; and John Wheatley, Foothill Police reserve.



From left: Mac Davis, singer/songwriter; Lou Cabrera, LAPD Northeast Area; George Lopez, actor/comedian; and John O'Malley.

and the Famous



SR PSR Vera Garrard.



■ LAPD hosts 36th annual Family Fun Day and Celebrity Golf Tournament.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; Photos by Cathy Sotos, Sr. PSR I, Club Member

POLICE DEPT. — The 36th annual Los Angeles Police-Celebrity Golf Tournament was held May 19 at Rancho Park Golf Course. The tournament raises money for the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation.

During the tournament, corporate sponsors are paired with celebrities and officers for a fun-filled day of golf, great food, awards and camaraderie in a festive open house atmosphere that includes 30 Department displays and is attended by 5,000 8,000 spectators.

The Memorial Foundation does not receive any direct taxpayer money. The private and corporate communities of Los Angeles generously support the Memorial Foundation throughout the year and during its annual fundraiser, the Police-Celebrity Golf Tournament.

Each year, more than 30 celebrities from the sports, television and movie industry participate in the tournament.



PSR III Dana Kano, LAPD Valley Communications and a major organizer of the volunteers at the event.



From left: Miguel Ferrer, actor /celebrity host; Jim McDonnell, LAPD Assistant Chief; Tyler Hooper; and Margot Armbruster



From left: Brian Phelps, part of radio's "Mark and Brian Show" on KLOS; Pete Barerra, MCD; John Ruksnaitis; and Steve Smith.



From left: Neal McDonough, actor, *Boomtown, Medical Center Investigation*; Steve Park, West Valley area; Marc Badine; and Bill Prigge.



From left: Bobby Castillo, LA Dodgers; Larry Taylor, LAPD Valley Traffic Division; Tammy Alexander; and Aurelio Monreal.



From left: Paula Trickery, actress, *Pacific Blues*; Clay Winn; Tom Smith; and John Halsted.



From left: Mickey Jones, actor and annual participant; David Purcell; Janell Badar, LAPD Central Area; and Steve Lewis.



From left: C. Thomas Howell, actor, *24, Hidalgo, Soul Man*; Mike Braun, Mission Area Senior Lead Officer; Dan Reedy, Newton Area Senior Lead Officer; and Kyle Chandler, actor, *Friday Night Lights*.



From left: AnneMarie Johnson, actress, *JAG, Hidalgo, In the Heat of the Night*; James Sanchez, Police Relief Assoc.; Keith Lohens, Police Relief Assoc; and Arlett Furrer.



Bob Heston,
President and CEO
of Club Partner
Legal Access Plans

You Can Afford Legal Services

■ Focusing on great service, the Club offers its important legal services benefit to serve Club Members. Here, *Alive!* interviews Bob Heston, President and CEO of Club Partner Legal Access Plans.

Photos by *Alive!* staff

CLUB HEADQUARTERS — The Club wants you to have access to quality legal services. Affordably.

So it is offering its legal services benefit with quality provider Legal Access Plans. Here, *Alive!* talks to President and CEO Bob Heston about why such a plan is good for you, and how his company emphasizes great service.

Alive! Would you tell our readers about Legal Access Plans?

Bob Heston: Sure. Legal Access Plans is a 35-year-old company specializing in nothing but legal plans and then helping with services related to people's legal problems. We're a strictly group company. We have retirees. We have newborns. We have dependents. Essentially, we specialize in helping working Americans handle their legal problems and help them get help so that they can return to work profitably and productively and so that they can return to their families, keep their family assets and protect them.

Alive! How did you begin?

Bob Heston: We began as a Southern California-based company in 1971, and we were located in Los Angeles. [The company is now in Houston, Tex.] People were having a really hard time accessing lawyers back then and it's carried over today, 35 years later. People still don't know the right lawyer to call. They don't get matched up with a good attorney, and we try to give them an ease in accessing attorneys while making sure it's affordable. People are very afraid to use the lawyers, and so one of Legal Access' cornerstones is trying to get them good quality, affordable legal advice where they might not otherwise know where to turn.

Alive! Can you tell us about your background and your relationship with Legal Access Plans?

Bob Heston: Sure. I've been with Legal Access Plans for 25 years. I started out as a consultation call center lawyer. That's when I was hired. I was basically a year or two out of law school, working for one of the largest law firms in the United States. I saw the potential of this business at the same time that I realized that people weren't using attorneys in the right way. We had five lawyers with us when I got there and one or two clients and we felt we could grow this into one that served people in terms of selecting the right attorney.

THE CLUB PLAN

Alive! What is the plan that is being offered with the City Employees Club of Los Angeles?

Bob Heston: The City Employees Club has

probably one of our most comprehensive legal plans. It's called the Family Legal Protection Plan. It's focused on family. It has all the benefits that members need for their spouses, for their dependents. Also, there is an extension in there for anyone who's taking care of their elder parents.

And again there are a number of benefits that cover common reasons why people use legal plans, and we try to price them at special rates. We try to give people immediate and no-cost access to attorneys or at least to get some consultations so they can see exactly where to go and what to do and see what their options really are. Ninety-two percent of the people use the plan for the consultation and guidance and strategy session and don't really need a lot of the other attorney services and don't really need to spend a lot of money, so that's what we feel very good about.

Alive! How does Legal Access Plans focus on helping families?

Bob Heston: Legal Access wants to combine two aspects of this service. It wants to improve the way lawyers actually render the service to working families and it wants to continue to improve the access that working families have to lawyers. We try on every call to match the right attorney to the client need, so it's not just any attorney, but the right attorney.

Notoriously, lawyers have not been service oriented. They've been a little aloof. Some regard themselves as being in an ivory tower. Some regard them as being on the phone while they're talking to you in interviews, and if anybody's ever hired an attorney they may very well have had that experience. Legal Access wants to find that right attorney who understands that they've got to give each person the full attention that that person needs. They've got to appreciate the severity and complexity of the legal problem and, most of all, they've got to appreciate how working families don't understand what to do and are fearful. They are afraid of losing their houses, their cars, their jobs, their families and everything that they've worked really hard for.

A STRONG COMPANY

Alive! How many employees work for Legal Access?

Bob Heston: We have just reached 50. I think in fact we have 51 employees working for us now. When I started with them they had three employees and we have grown steadily over the years.

Alive! What other companies do you work with?

Bob Heston: They range from Fortune 100 companies like Xerox and Litton, to a large number of Fortune 500 clients like Baker Hughes. We represent a portion of Boeing, Lockheed and Hospital Corporation of America, and a number of public entities, like state and local governments. We represent school districts. We represent a number of EAP programs with clients like Horizon Behavioral Health, Life Care and Workplace

Options. Through them we represent the Internal Revenue Service, the Justice Department, Coca-Cola, Delta Airlines, American Airlines and United Airlines. So we have a number of very, very, very large corporations, but we also represent small groups, too.

Alive! Is there a negative stereotype about what the legal services industry is all about?

Bob Heston: There has been for a long time. It stems from the negative impression and the overall negative ideas about what lawyers can do to you. The good thing about the legal plan industry is that, if you have the right legal plan company, you're basically getting service-oriented lawyers who can help reverse that trend. They'll tell you exactly what to expect, whether it's good news and bad news.

We can't do anything about how many laws there are, and most lawyers feel the same way. But we can bring good-quality lawyers. We can analyze the lawyers. We can survey the lawyers. We can blind test the lawyers. We can figure out which ones have good service records so that they can help people.

Lawyers can be extraordinarily helpful. We just created this brand-new plan. It's called the Asset Protection Package. Your members will have access to it sometime in the fall. It teaches you how to use lawyers to create certain documents that yes, they may cost a little bit of money here and there but they can save thousands and even tens of thousands of dollars in terms of keeping your house when it otherwise could be foreclosed on or keeping your car, or all of these types of things that affect people.

GOOD ANYWHERE IN THE U.S.

Alive! The Club's members are active and retired City Employees of the City of Los Angeles, and they live throughout the nation from Hawaii, Nevada, Arizona, Texas, and many other states. Would they have access to the services you provide?

Bob Heston: Absolutely. Legal Access has a nationwide network of attorneys. Worldwide, too, everywhere there is a system similar to an American legal system. Canada, Mexico, Australia, parts of Europe, and Argentina and India are places where we have not only lawyers but actually certain law firms set up to help people get services. As a result, if they need an attorney in Texas and they live in Los Angeles and they have a mother-in-law who they're taking care of who lives in Massachusetts, they'll be able to get an attorney in Los Angeles and in Texas and in Massachusetts. Wherever they live, wherever they have a legal problem, wherever they own property, they'll be able to get legal assistance in that area to help them.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Alive! What should Club Members expect when they join the plan?

Bob Heston: They should expect to have a plan that gives them a place to call whenever they have a legal question, issue or problem. It doesn't have to be major, but we want them to feel like they can call us at the slightest drop of a hat on a legal problem because we want to help them prevent legal problems.

You call in to us, and we talk to you about your problem. You're going to get assigned a personal assistant specialist. That person is a non-lawyer, but they're going to stay with you through your entire legal matter to help you if you have any questions or issues or anything about the way the attorney's working with you. That person will be there to help you. We'll match you. We'll figure out what you need. We'll match you with the right attorney in the network available and then we'll give you the choice of whether to go see that attorney in person or to call the attorney. You're under no obligation to retain that attorney if you have a problem with that attorney or there is a personality issue. Every once in a while someone just doesn't click with their attorney.



Mark Torrison, First Vice-President of Sales, Legal Access Plans.

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GOOD LAWYERS

Alive! Do you have requirements of the attorneys who are aligned with you?

Bob Heston: Yes. We're very careful about the attorneys who we select, and most of the attorneys whom Legal Access has have not been members of another legal plan. That's a requirement of ours. We are looking for an entirely different type of attorney than may be in other legal plans. We're not looking for attorneys who do a lot of advertising. We're looking for established lawyers with at least ten years of experience. We make them sign a credential form under penalty of perjury that says they don't have any disciplinary issues and they haven't had any, and they don't have malpractice judgments against them. We're looking that they conduct their businesses in a very service-oriented manner, in a way in which you'll be able to tell that they have integrity.

Alive! Thank you very much.

Bob Heston: Sure. Thank you.

Contact the Club for more information at 800-464-0452 or cityemployeesclub.com.



Beena Sharma, Personal Access Specialist, Legal Access Plans.



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Adam Majzoub, Matching Specialist, Legal Access Plans.



Some of the good folks at Legal Access Plans to serve you, from left: Kevin Buske, Puja Chopra, Michelle Tran, Henok Asmeron, Beena Sharma, Yanh Nguyen, Melissa Vera, Shannan D'Onofrio, Michael Otegbola, Melony Barran, Andrea Kight, Nihcole Smokoff and Theodore Belzario.

Access to an Attorney for \$12 a Month

■ Here are the details of the Club's legal services benefit plan.

CLUB HEADQUARTERS — Unresolved personal legal issues can cost you hundreds, even thousands of dollars. Now getting fast, sound legal advice is easy and affordable through the Club.

Why do I need a legal plan to protect my family?

92 percent of legal matters are resolved in the initial consultation. Early, effective legal assistance can defuse many issues altogether, and resolve others well before the lawsuit stage.

How does it work?

A legal plan works like a health plan: it protects you from life's legal injuries. As a member, you, your spouse, and your dependents under 23 living in your home or attending school receive:

- Free telephone consultations with an attorney on each new legal matter (\$750 value per matter)
- Free simple will or living will (\$1,000 value).
- One attorney call or letter per matter to anyone with whom you're having a legitimate legal dispute (\$500 to \$750 value).
- Legal document review, up to six pages each (up to \$750 value)
- Small Claims Court advice and assistance (up to \$250 value)

How much does it cost?

Membership is only \$12 a month. Payments can be made via payroll deduction. If for any reason you wish to cancel within the first 30 days, you'll receive a full refund.

What if my problem is more complex?

Most legal problems can be resolved by phone or mail. If yours requires further action, you'll be connected with a provider in the Family Legal Protection Plan network of independent, experienced and established attorneys from firms in your community.

Should you need services over and above your membership privileges, you'll receive a 25 percent discount (or up to 40 percent discount on contingency fees) on the customary hourly fees from attorneys in the network.

Not just an attorney. The right attorney. We carefully screen attorneys on a number of criteria, including expertise, experience in your legal matter, courthouse, and convenience to your location.

Who stands behind the Family Legal Protection Plan?

One of the oldest and largest legal service companies in the United States. Legal Access Plans, LLC has been serving members for three decades. The company handles almost 150,000 first-time system users a year, and has saved members millions in legal fees.

What kinds of legal issues does my membership cover?

The list includes personal issues (accidents, injury, tickets, bankruptcy, civil rights, product dissatisfaction, misdemeanors, felonies and discrimination); home-related matters (evictions, seller misrepresentation, rental disputes, property rights, repair problems); legal documents (wills, trusts, bill of sale, affidavits, contract samples); auto-related issues (warranty problems, lease review, repossession, repair disputes); and family matters (adoption, elder law, divorce, separation, restraining orders, child custody, child and spousal support).

What are the benefits?

Family Legal Protection Plan Benefits*

Preventative Legal Services

- Unlimited free initial half-hour consultations by phone, in person, or online where available
- Legal coverage for the entire family, including all dependents under the age of 23 living at home or away at school, and the parents of both you and your spouse
- Simple wills for all covered members
- Legal document review
- Dispute resolution— phone calls and letters

- Lawsuit/litigation procedural guide
- Guaranteed 25 percent discount on Plan Attorneys' hourly rates when legal representation is needed.
- Small claims court preparation with attorney by phone
- Access to Full Service Online Resource Center and extensive libraries

Exclusive flat fee services:

- Traffic Tickets: \$89
- Bankruptcy Chapter 7: \$250
- Name Change: \$155
- Will With Minor Trust: \$170
- Non-Support (spouse/child): \$239
- Divorce (simple): \$210
- Corporation (regular): \$239
- Non-Commercial Real Estate: \$175

**This is a summary only. Please see plan booklet for a complete description of all benefits. Complete benefits and limitations are contained in the written policy and certificate issued by Combined Specialty Insurance Company. This coverage does not include any dispute against your employer or the City Employees Club of Los Angeles. For more information, contact your City Employees Club counselor at (800) 464-0452.*

Are there additional services?

Yes. Here are optional plan enhancements:

Identity Theft Services: \$8.98 per month

- Toll-free access to a trained counselor who can help you prevent identity theft and act as an advocate if you're victimized.
- Attorney drafting of legal affidavits and review of documents and letters to establish theft, avoid litigation or debt collection and protect your financial standing

Immigration Services: \$4.96 per month

- Access to consultations by local immigration attorneys at guaranteed rates:
- Review of immigrant adoption paperwork
- Preparation of immigration and visa applications
- Representation at INS hearing/dispute



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Airport Police Acting Chief Brian A. Walker; Officers Bryan Colindres; Pablo Ayala; Sergio Barot; Roberto Figueroa; and Airports Deputy Executive Director of Law Enforcement and Protection Services James T. Butts Jr. after the graduation ceremony May 25.

Four New Airport Officers

■ Airport Police graduates four from the LAPD Academy, first time in more than 15 years.

Story by Officer Belinda Nettles, Public Information Officer, Airport Police; Photos courtesy Airport Police

AIRPORTS — Four new Los Angeles Airport Police recruits are joining the ranks of the Los Angeles Airport Police following their graduation from the Los Angeles Police Department Academy at Elysian Park May 25.

The new officers are Sergio Barot, Roberto Figueroa, Pablo Ayala and Bryan Colindres, and they are the first airport police officers to graduate from the LAPD Academy in more than 15 years. The Los Angeles Airport Police Division transitioned its training of new police officers to the LAPD Academy in October 2006.

Airports Deputy Executive Director of Law Enforcement and Protection Services James T.

Butts Jr. and Los Angeles Airport Police Acting Chief Brian A. Walker attended the graduation exercises, along with Assistant Chiefs Errol Southers, Frank Fabrega, George Centeno and a host of other Airport Police personnel.

All four officers excelled in the academy and were recognized as high achievers. Officer Barot was the proud recipient of two honorary awards, being recognized as the "top" academic student and number one in firearms shooting proficiency in his academy class.

Also joining the Airport Police ranks along with the four new graduates are three lateral officers, John Shepherd, Abel Burboa and Salvador Arevalo Jr. All seven officers were sworn in by Los Angeles Airport Police Acting Chief Brian A. Walker at the Airport Police headquarters May 21.

Congratulations to the new officers!



Airport Police Officers John Shepherd; Bryan Colindres; and Roberto Figueroa; Airport Police Acting Chief Brian A. Walker; and Officers Salvador Arevalo Jr.; Sergio Barot; Pablo Ayala; and Abel Burboa.

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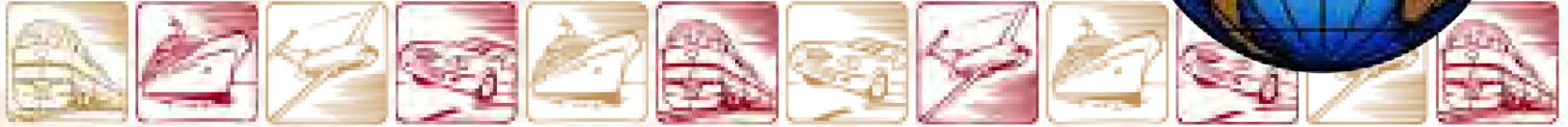
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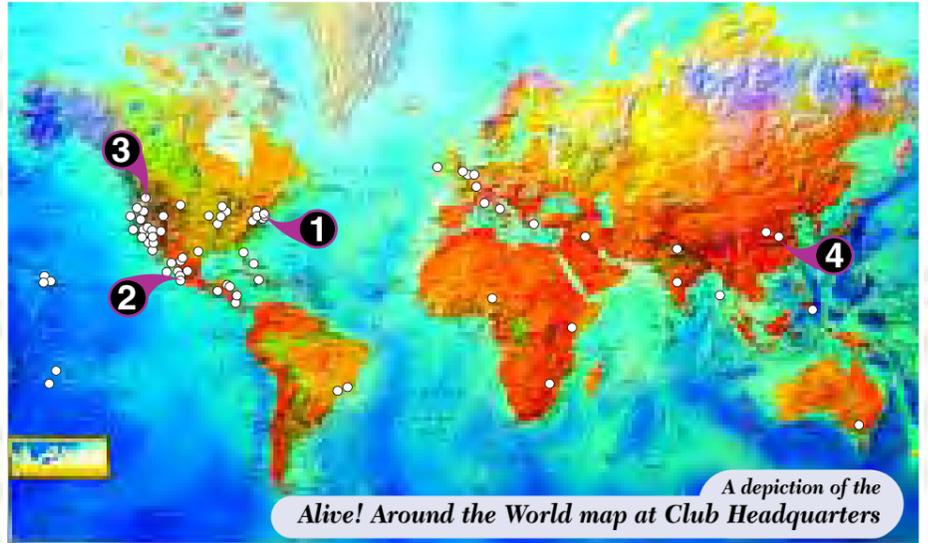


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"This is the Kodak Tower in Rochester, N.Y. It's 360 feet with 19 floors. This building has been called the 'nerve center of photography,' housing the administrative offices of the Eastman Kodak organization. It was designed in a modified French Renaissance style, constructed with a steel skeleton faced with terra cotta. The mansard roof and aluminum tower, built in 1930, rises 106 feet above the 19th floor."

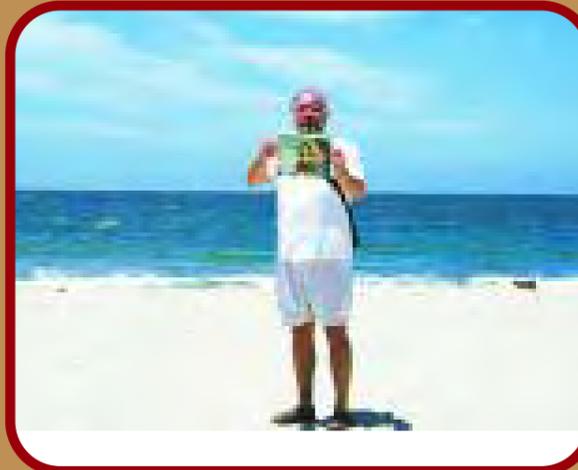
- Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor



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

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

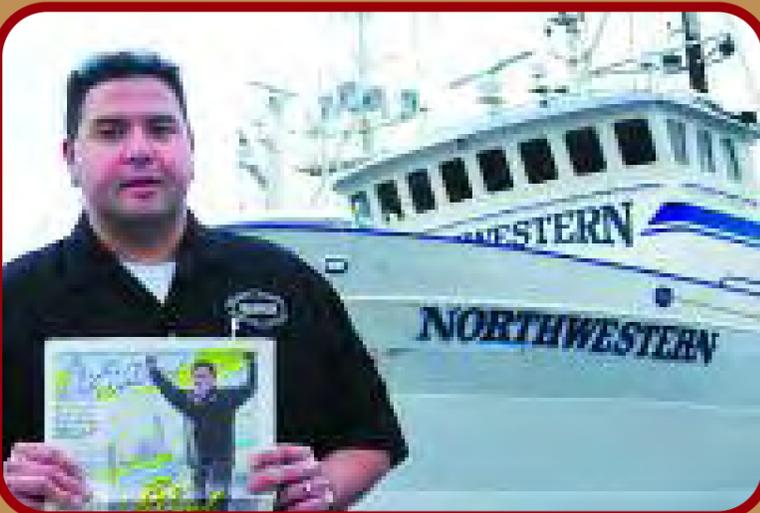
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"This picture is of me on my property in Costa Alegre, Mexico, in April. I go there four times a year just to spend time on the beach. The area is called Playa Chalacatepec and is halfway between Puerto Vallarta and Manzanillo on the Pacific Coast."

- Steven Montoya, LACERS, Club Member

3 Seattle



"Hello, Alive! I recently went on weekend trip to Seattle-Tacoma, Wash., for rare steam train excursion. But I visited the famous fishing vessel Northwestern, from the hit show, Deadliest Catch, on the Discovery Channel. The boat was in the Seattle port, and I got a picture of my Alive! with it."

Thanks for keeping me company on trips. You're a reminder of home when I'm away from home."

- Kurt D. Garcia, LAPD

4 China



"Hello. This is a picture of Linda Jordan, DWP, and Elsie Reiley, retired DWP, taken at the Great Wall of China May 27. Thank you."

- Elsie Reiley

Newsbrief

CELL CAMERAS FOR SAFETY:

Angelenos are closer to being able to use their phonecams to report crimes and accidents. The Los Angeles Police Commission has advanced an initiative sponsored by Council President Eric Garcetti to connect phonecam users to the City's 911 system.

"Los Angeles should be at the cutting edge of using new technologies to improve public safety," Garcetti said. "I'm pleased to see that the Police Commission agrees and wants to harness the increased connectivity of our city to help fight crime or to assist at accident scenes."

Garcetti introduced his motion after



learning of Incident-Linked Media. ILM is software that allows 9-1-1 operators to send cell phone users a text message that, in turn, allows the user to send a phonecam picture to the 9-1-1 system. The photo can then be stored in the incident record or shared with first responders as they approach the scene.

The report from the LAPD concludes, "The LAPD realizes that technology is enabling citizen to be the eyes and ears for emergency responders."



Cora Soriano

Cora Leads Toastmasters

■ CDD employee and Club Member since '04 takes over Toastmasters District 52 Governor.

TOASTMASTERS — Cora Aragon Soriano, Management Analyst, Community Development, was elected Toastmasters International District 52 Governor for 2007-08, at the District Spring Conference May 19, at the Beverly Garland Holiday Inn, North Hollywood.

District 52 is composed of 95 clubs and approximately 1,750 members in Downtown Los Angeles, Hollywood, San Fernando Valley, Santa Clarita Valley, Burbank and Glendale.

The toastmasters clubs in different departments of the City are: LA Sparkplugs (CDD);

Persuasive Speakers (Controllers); Mid-Wilshire Club (Finance); Media Center Club (Sanitation); Public Works Club (Public Works); City of Angeles (City Hall South); and LAPD Code One (LAPD).

For information on how you can benefit from the educational and leadership programs of Toastmasters, please visit a Toastmasters club nearest you. Information about District 52 Toastmasters Clubs can be found on the District 52 Website at <http://www.district52.org>.

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The Best Years

City Retiree Associations:

DWP Retirees Association



Dolores Foley, President
Phone: (626) 445-7376
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Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association



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

Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



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

Change of Address?

If you change your address, notify Helen Salgado, Membership Chair, at (800) 678-4145 Ext. 713, or write to her at 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 (800) 678-4145 Ext. 709.

Upcoming Events:

Aug. 9: Picnic at Grace E. Simons Lodge, Elysian Park, 11:30 am

Oct. 11: Annual Meeting and Elections at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center. Lunch at noon, meeting at 1 p.m.

Dec. 6: Christmas Party at the Grace E. Simons Lodge, Elysian Park, 11:30 a.m.

Please call one of the RLACEI officers for reservations for each event.

RLACEI: Will LACERS, Fire Police Pensions Be Combined Into One Department?

President Ed Harding reports:



Ed Harding

"Our next big event will be our annual picnic at the Grace E. Simons Lodge in Elysian Park Thursday, Aug. 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Chris & Pitts BBQ will again serve a great lunch. Ron Black will provide musical entertainment. But you must call one of the officers on the Retirees Helpline at least a week ahead for reservations. You may bring one guest.

"I have just returned from our 29th annual Golf Tournament June 6 [see the article and photos in this month's Alive! -

Ed.]. Ninety-two retirees and friends, and some still active City Employees, made their way around the beautiful Alhambra Golf Course before adjourning to the Almansor Court banquet room for lunch, awards and drawings for some great prizes. We met a lot of old and new friends and shared memories. Our thanks go to Co-Chairmen Phil Skarin and Tom Stemmok for doing a fabulous job. Americo Garza and Alice Walder checked everyone in very efficiently at 7 a.m., and Bob Okuda, for the 29th year, and his crew came up with all the golf winners using Bob's handicapping system that gave everyone a chance. It was a great team effort!

"Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, by

executive order, created the Public Employee Post-employment Benefits Commission, consisting of 12 members. The governor appointed six members and the leaders of the Senate and Assembly appointed the other six. The purpose of the new Commission is look at retirement and health care benefits, and particularly at unfunded liabilities that exist, and recommend changes. New accounting rules require governmental employers to calculate and disclose their potential liability.

"I will see you all at our great Picnic Aug. 9 at the Grace E. Simons Lodge, at 1025 Elysian Park Drive."



By Phil Skarin,
RLACEI Publicity Chair

Ken Spiker, our elected Commissioner to the LACERS Board of Administration, reports:

"I've been informed, though I have not seen the report, of an audit recommendation to combine the investment functions of the Los Angeles Fire and Police Pensions and the Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System.

"The independent audit conducted for the City Controller recommends eliminating LAFPP and LACERS and creating a new Department of Pensions. The new department would have nine members, five appointed by the Mayor and two members from each of the existing systems. The report estimates and annual savings of approximately \$7.8 million.

"I envision major disadvantages to current and future retirees under such a merger. I will oppose implementation every chance I get. Will keep you informed."

"Our pension fund has reached an all-

time high of more than \$11.1 billion. I give credit to the Board of Administration's investment policies and an outstanding investment staff.

"The board has unanimously approved a program to allow post-retirement purchases of retirement allowance continuances. The program will permit registering a spouse or domestic partner if:

- Their spouse/domestic partner, at the time of retirement, predeceased the member;
- The member divorced their spouse subsequent to retirement; and/or
- The member's retired as single and entered into marriage thereafter

"The selection of the new program will be expensive and will not impact financially on the retirement fund. The program sill requires Mayor/City Council

approval of an Administrative Code change.

"The Board also approved the implementation of the Medicare Easy Pay Program. Members who are now paying for Medicare benefits will receive a notice explaining the program.

"The Mayor and City Council have appointed a new retiree to the Board of Administration. Steven D. Uranga, who retired from Rec and Parks, should take his seat at our next Board meeting. He is a current member of RLACEI and is one of our better golfers. I look forward to serving with him and with his help to improve retiree benefits.

"The Board has allocated more than \$62 million in annual subsidies for 15,000 retirees, beneficiaries and dependents for health benefits."

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 (800) 678-4145 Ext. 707.

Contact LACERS

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

The Best Years

ADVENTURES with HAL!



A view of the ship – and downtown Auckland – from the Sky Tower.



By Hal Danowitz, Secretary, RLACEI

Retiree Hotlines

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

City Employees Retirement System: (213) 473-7200

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

- Edward Harding Ext. 703
- Phil Skarin Ext. 709
- Robert Wilkinson Ext. 704
- Jerry Bardwell Ext. 706
- Harold Danowitz Ext. 707
- Jack Mathews Ext. 712
- Helen Salgado (membership) Ext. 713
- Americo Garza Ext. 710
- Neil Ricci Ext. 714

DWP Retirement Plan Office: (213) 367-1722

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Hello, Auckland; Goodbye, Down Under

■ Hal and Friends say goodbye to Australia and New Zealand after two weeks at sea.

Our travel group, Myrna and Don, Effie and Pierre, and Evelyn and I were aboard Holland America's *MS Statendam*, sailing from Sidney, Australia, to Auckland, New Zealand.

On our 13th day on board, we sailed from Napier to Tauranga, New Zealand, our last port before we ended our cruise in Auckland.

The ship gave its normal disembarkation talk, which spells out the procedures for getting off the ship and settling our account. The usual on-board gratuities are now added to your account at \$10 per day per person and are divided between your cabin steward and dining room waiter. Evelyn and I felt both our cabin steward and dining room waiter had done an excellent job, and we decided to give both of them extra money personally.



Evelyn and Myrna on dockside 5-K walk.

The ship is a sponsor of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, and there was a 5-K walk around the promenade deck, with Evelyn and Myrna participating. I helped out by taking their picture and marking their miles.

That day was also the final day for Bingo; the jackpot was more than \$5,000, and it had to be won that day. Evelyn, Myrna and Effie had been regulars at Bingo, but I play only for the big money. As it was, none of us won. The show that evening was Leo Ward the comedian-magician and Laura Compton the singer. Both were excellent, and we really enjoyed the show.

On the morning of our last full cruise day, we docked in Tauranga, the principal city of the Bay of Plenty, discovered by Capt. Cook in October 1769. The port is one of the largest export ports in New Zealand, and the area enjoys one of the highest proportions of sunny days in New Zealand. It is also the center of the kiwi-growing region.

As we left the ship, there was a number of tour guides waiting for us. After some negotiations we hired Michelle, a school-teacher who spends the summer as a tour guide. She turned out to be excellent.

After a brief drive around Tauranga, we stopped at a kiwi farm and had a chance to see how they are grown. We then headed to Rotorua, a resort and wilderness area built atop an active volcanic area. As we drove around, nearly everything was steaming and gurgling.

We visited the Rotorua Museum, which used to be a health spa, but now tells the history of the area. Rotorua is the heart of the Mori people who settled in the area in the eighth century. Believing the bubbling ground divinely inspired, they used the pools for cooking and bathing. European settlers recognized the region as natural health spa. We stopped at a local park and walked around the various pool and steaming rock piles. I was fairly impressed with the area, which I had not given much thought too.

Our last night on the ship was spent packing and saying goodbye to new friends we had met. In the morning we docked in downtown Auckland, the largest city in New Zealand. Getting off the ship was easy and, after passing through securities check, we hired a taxi to take the short ride to the Hyatt Regency Hotel. We had planned for an overnight stay and wanted to see as much of the area as we could before our plane left the next evening.



A kiwi farm.



Looking at the steaming ground in Rotorua.



The Rotorua Museum.



We had not made any plans, so I decided to see if the hotel tour desk could recommend a city tour. I then got a brilliant idea: Seeing that our flights were in the early evening, maybe we could book a tour for the next day that would then drop us off at the airport. We could then use the rest of today to see the downtown area of Auckland, a five-minute walk from our hotel. It took some doing, but I was able to convince my fellow travelers that taking the tour tomorrow was the best use of our time.

After a short wait we got our rooms. They were on the club floor, which gave us access to the Regency Club Lounge. For some reason Evelyn and I had a nice suite.

Auckland is built on a cluster of extinct volcanoes and is very hilly. It is known as the "City of Sails" for the 70,000 sailing crafts and private powerboats in the greater Auckland region. The streets are filled with pedestrians, cyclists and joggers, as Aucklanders like the outdoors.

We walked down the hill from the hotel and made our first stop at a Starbucks for coffee and to see if Evelyn could find an Auckland mug, which she did.

We wanted to visit the Sky Tower, the tallest tower in the Southern Hemisphere. At 228 meters (more than 1,000 feet), it is taller than the Eiffel Tower and the Skyway Tower in Sydney. The glass floor elevators can transport 225 people to the main observation level every 15 minutes. Below the main level is a café and above it is a revolving restaurant. At the top is the skydeck viewing platform. From there you get a 360-degree view of Auckland landmarks. The more adventurous can sky jump 192 meters to the ground at a speed of 85 kph in approximately 14 seconds. Unlike bungee jumping, you are not upside down and it looked a lot safer, not that any of us would try it.

After lunch we walked around downtown, looking for things to bring home. Before dinner, we all met in the Club Lounge to have a drink and watch our cruise ship sail on its next cruise. We all wanted to have a last lamb chop before we left for home, so we had dinner at Lord Wellington in the downtown area. Each order of rack of lamb had eight chops and was too much for us to eat.

After breakfast, our guide picked us up for our tour of the Auckland area and to drop us off at the airport. We started off by

driving around the harbor area and then stopped at the Dove-Myer Robinson Park, which had a great lookout point. We then stopped at the Auckland Cathedral with its beautiful stained-glass windows. The wives wanted to do some last-minute shopping, so we stopped for lunch in Parnell, which had a lot of shops and art galleries.



The Sky Tower in Auckland.

Our last two stops were at the Auckland Museum and then a trip up Mt. Eden to see the extinct volcano and a wonderful view of the city.

From there it was a short drive to the airport to catch our flight home.

We really enjoyed being in New Zealand, and taking the cruise was a good way to see it. I was a little disappointed that we didn't spend more time in Australia, but maybe we can do that again.



Last chance for shopping, in Auckland.



The Auckland Museum.

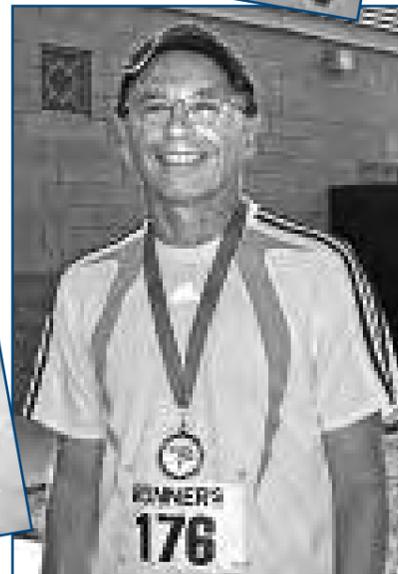
On the Move



Alive! catches up with Retirees who are active, involved ... and Alive!

Ken Keeps Running

We last caught up with Ken Kochakji, Retired, Transportation, in May after he completed the L.A. Marathon. This time, he completed the Gator Run in Ventura to support the Ventura County Fire Department's Fallen Firefighter Memorial Fund. Over 3.1 miles (5-K), he finished in 27 minutes, 43 seconds. Congrats, Ken!



Are you On the Move? Write to us and tell us what you're up to! It's even better if you send us a photo. We'll print what we can! talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

New LACERS Commissioner



■ Steven Uranga named to LACERS Board.

LACERS — The Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System (LACERS) announced the appointment of Steven D. Uranga to its Board of Administration. The appointment, made by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, was confirmed by the City Council June 6.

Steven Uranga named to LACERS Board.

A 31-year employee with the City of Los Angeles, Uranga retired as a Senior Management Analyst II from Rec and Parks, having also worked at Community Development. His professional experience includes managing social service grant programs and capital grant programs including Federal Employment and Training programs designed to serve disadvantaged populations throughout the City. These programs included those for veterans, at-risk youths, seniors, and those on public assistance.

He holds a Bachelor of science degree in business administration from California State University, Los Angeles, and has served in the United States Air Force. In a volunteer capacity, Uranga served on the Citywide Affirmative Action Committee, and the Los Angeles City Employee Chicano Association.

Uranga will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Adolfo Nodal, who resigned from the Board in late March. Nodal left the LACERS Board to serve as Commissioner for the Department of Cultural Affairs.

LACERS is responsible for the administration of the City's pension plan to more than 27,000 active employees and 14,000 retirees. LACERS has \$11 billion in assets.



Dolores Foley, President, and Vince Foley, Chairman, Retirees' Health Care and Benefits Committee.



From left: Hannah Childs, wife of Willie Childs; and Dorothy Lindsey, Retired, DWP, 33 years of service.



From left: Victor Yasuhara, Retired, DWP, 31 years of service; and Art Loya, Retired, DWP, 34 years of service.



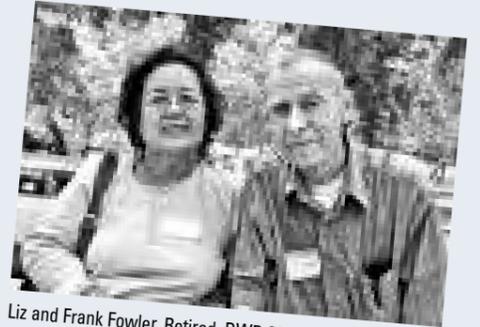
From left: Terry Foreman, Customer Service Representative, San Pedro Branch, 21 years of service; and Tori McNeel, Energy Solutions CCC, 20 years of service.



From left: Mary Claiborne and Louis Carter, Retired, DWP, 27 years of service.



From left: Eva Fresquez, wife of Ramon Fresquez; Beatriz Rodriguez, wife of Herman Rodriguez; and Dolores Mijares, wife of Robert Mijares.



Liz and Frank Fowler, Retired, DWP, 33 years of service.



Ellen Nakamine, Retired, DWP, 25 years of service.



DWP Retiree Picnic

■ DWP Retirees Assn. enjoys the sunshine at annual summer picnic.

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Marketing and Communications

DWP RETIREES ASSN. — The DWP Retirees Association held its 54th annual picnic for retirees, friends and families.

The picnic was held June 2 at the Whittier Narrows at the Meadows.

Big thanks to Vince and Dolores Foley for inviting the Club to the festivities.



Josie Saleapaga, Retired, DWP, 30 years of service, with granddaughters Rebekah and Lorlei.



From left: Rena Stram and Ken Gardner, Retired, DWP, 26 years of service.



Rozella and Alfred Fowler, 31 years of service.



From left: Russ Majors, Retired, DWP, 32 years of service; and Jim Boccignone, Retired, DWP, 31 years of service.



From left: Peg Romano and Dale Litzinger, Retired, DWP.

Retiree Question of the Month

Alive! asked retirees...

What's your favorite Disneyland ride?



"The Matterhorn and Mr. Toad's Wild Ride."
— Fred Hoepfner, retired from Public Works/Engineering in 1996



"The Matterhorn."
— Art Minazzoli, retired from Public Works in 1994



"It's a Small World."
— Ella Garza, wife of Americo Garza.



"Pirates of the Caribbean."
— Cliff Rich, retired from Transportation in 2006



"Pirates of the Caribbean."
— Ken Kochakji, retired from Transportation in 2000



"Autopia."
— Trudy Kaye, retired from City Planning in 1990

The Best Years



From left: Stephen Hill, Retired, Public Works; Oliver Cunningham, Retired, Public Works; Billy Johnson; and George Walker, Retired, General Services.

RLACEI on Par for Fun



From left: Earl Clark, Retired, Harbor; Louis Dolton; Robert Dearborn; and Tom Granstrom.



From left: Joe Nogano, Archie Estrada, Doug Dow and Gary Mattingly.



From left: Harry Yamatsuka, Henry Martinez, Gil Alberio and Andy Hippert.

■ Retirement association hosts annual golf tournament.

Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Marketing and Communications



RLACEI — The Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. association had its 29th annual golf tournament June 6 at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course.



From left: Ray Jantz, Retired, Planning; Jeff Jantz, LAPD; Fred Ige, Retired, Planning; and Ed Lubrin, Retired, DWP.



From left: Adam Birkenbach, Retired, Harbor; Matt Dizda, Retired, Harbor; and Dennis Ogren, Harbor.



From left: Tom Moutes, Assistant General Manager, LACERS; Mark Blunk, LACERS; Linda Aparacio, Public Information Director I, LACERS; and Lita Payne, Chief Benefits Analyst, LACERS.

Here's a list of the winners:

Low Net

Men, Members: Ed Itagaki
Women, Members: Diana Moore
Men, Guests: Ralph Gutierrez

Second Low Net

Men, Members: Charles Blake

Low Gross

Men, Members: Harry Yamatsuka
Women, Open: Trinidad Romano
Men, Open: Jim Goss



From left: Juvencio Aguilar, Retired, Finance; Dan Caballero, Retired, Rec and Parks; Richard Cooper, Retired, Building and Safety; and Guy Leacher, Retired, General Services.



From left: Gail Draper, Retired, ITA/LAPD; Dennis Frady, Retired, ITA; Jim Hamilton, Retired, LAPD; and Dan Koenig, Retired, LAPD.



From left: Richard Telles, Gregg Telles, Ray Reyes and Mike Reyes.

Low Gross, Front 9

(all): Dick Hovious

Low Gross, Back 9

(all): Henry Martinez

Closest to the Pin:

Hole 7: John Leon
Hole 8: Gerald Takaki
Hole 11: Robert Jacques
Hole 13: Oliver Cunningham
Hole 15: Greg Telles



From left: Steven Urang, Retired, Rec and Parks; Ruben Munoz, Retired, Rec and Parks; Hans Markus; and John Leon.



From left: Norm Gottlieb, Retired, CAO; Leon Gottlieb; John Bobo; and Jim Goss.



From left: Charles Blake, Retired, Transportation; Mack Bolden; and Fabian Romano, Retired, Planning, and his wife, Trinidad.

Longest Drive, Hole 2

Men: Kevin Rodriguez
Women: Chris Stemnock

High Gross

Men: Neil Ricci
Women: Linda Apparicio

Congratulations to all the winners, and thanks to Ed Harding, Phil Skarin and the other officers, chairpersons and directors for their invitation.



From left: Bob Rogers; Tom Stemnock, RLACEI Committee Chairperson and Director, and his wife, Chris; and Robert Jacques.



From left: Philip Moore, Retired, Public Works; and Diana Moore, Retired, Public Works.



From left: Kevin Rodriguez, Convention Center; Leroy Plummer, Convention Center; Art Ross; Convention Center; and William Jones, LAPD.



From left: Ed Itagaki, Retired, Public Works; Mason Beasom, Retired, Public Works; Jerry Jesse; and Al Tsuyuki.



From left: Hal Danowitz, *Alive!* columnist ("Adventures With Hal") and RLACEI Officer; Marv Walker; Neil Ricci, RLACEI Director; and Jack Mathews, RLACEI Director.



From left: Dominic Rescineo, Retired, Building and Safety; Tad Brown; Dan Dodd; and Ralph Gutierrez.



From left: Dick Hovious, Retired, Building and Safety; Phil Skarin, RLACEI Committee Chairperson and Director; Gil Garnas, Retired, Planning; and Larry Miller, Retired, Sanitation.



From left: Sam Furuta, Retired, Public Works; Darryl Hans, Retired, Public Works; Kei Uyeda, Retired, Planning; and Gerald Takaki, Retired, Building and Safety.



From left: Robert Gomez, Retired, Transportation; Mike Stawicki, Superintendent I, Transportation; Max Cardenas, Traffic Poster III, Transportation; and Jess Ramirez.



Rob Welborn, Association President.



From left: Barney Boronich, Ben Vandender and Bert Furnald.



Charlie Loust, LAPD.



From left: Jean Monico, Barbara Worden, Christina Armas, Mary Schmidt, Pat Lucke and Pat Lietz.

Retired Fire, Police BBQ

■ The Retired Fire and Police Association hosts annual summer picnic.



Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

RETIRED FIRE, POLICE — The Retired Fire and Police Association hosted its summer picnic June 7 at the Grace E. Simons Lodge in Elysian Park.

The association also held an official membership meeting first.

The Club thanks the association for inviting us to their fun picnic.



From left: R.H. Lucke, Lou Monico, Abel Armas and George Desroche.



From left: Violet Delgado and Maureen Incontro.



The band.



The raffle winner Bill Hall.



From left: Elizabeth R. Downen, Barbara Van Cleave, Art Johnson and James D. Downen.

RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

Andrea Beasley volunteers at the Pasadena Humane Society.

Esco Hollins now lives at 4930 Waverly Ave., Kansas City, KS 66104. Phone: (913) 287-5102. Give him a call.

Ivan Forbes and his wife celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary in June. Ivan was the subject of a big feature in last month's *Alive!*, documenting his solar-powered house.

John and Stella Bogdanoff celebrated their 56th wedding anniversary on Easter Sunday, with their family in Whittier.

David Lessley and Phil Skarin's wife, Miriam, both serve on the Committee on Ministry of the San Fernando Presbytery.

Grady Mullen passed away May 14 in Van Nuys. He had been a frequent winner in our annual poetry contest.

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has kicked off a program to encourage businesses to have their retirees become teachers. There is a need for math science and special education teachers.

The **LACERS Office** is at 360 E. Second, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Phone (213) 473-7200 or (800) 779-8328. Call them for questions about your health plans, retirement checks or tax withholding.

If you move, notify Membership Chair Helen Salgado at 8372 Arnett Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92647. If you need a new green membership card, send her a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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

To find out the latest retirement news, visit www.rlacei.com



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

Healthy Relationships

*In a healthy relationship,
You expect your partner to be
close and supportive when times are rough
But, that isn't enough.*

How do you respond to one another's success?

*Ideally, you respond positively,
with approval, praise and validation.*

Less desirable is to show indifference,

*Rejection or to diminish
an accomplishment's importance.*

What would you want to hear?

How would you want to be treated?

— Phil Skarin

RLACEI's Toll-Free Number

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

The number is: (800) 678-4145

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

Edward Harding x703	Jack Matthews x712	Americo Garza x710
Harold Danowitz x707	Robert Wilkinson x704	Neil Ricci x714
Phil Skarin x709	Jerry Bardwell x706	Helen Salgado x713



Commander Alan G. Hyde receives a gift from his fellow Airport employees.

Hyde Retires

■ **Commander Alan Hyde retires from Airports after 19 years**

Story and photos by Liz Montes, Club Counselor

AIRPORTS — Commanding Officer Alan G. Hyde celebrated his retirement from Los Angeles World Airports after 19 years of service. A surprise barbeque was held at Ontario Airport Command Center May 23.

The celebration began at Commander

Hyde's home, where several of his friends and family arrived early on motorcycles to escort him to Ontario Airport.

Commander Hyde plans to enjoy his retirement with his wife riding his Harley-Davidson and going to Disneyland, through tickets from the City Employees Club.

Happy retirement, Commander Hyde.



Lu Alexih, Club Member, and Lynne Wright, Club Member.



Lu Alexih, Club Member, with Commanding Officer Alan G. Hyde.



From left: Ralph Morones, Airport Manager; Richard Baker, TSA; Commander Alan G. Hyde; Sgt. Dave Hanlon; and Guy Painter.



Commander Alan G. Hyde, with his wife and family.



Commander Alan G. Hyde is presented with a farewell gift from Patricia Jones.



From left: Aprile Benjamin and Gale Howard, Club Member.



From left: Lt. Carolyn Smith, Club Member; Commander Alan G. Hyde; and Latrice Carter, Sr. Clerk, Club Member.



Richard Baker, TSA, presents Commander Alan G. Hyde with a plaque.



Commander Alan G. Hyde and LaPonda Fitchpatrick, Club Member.



From left: Sgt. Nigel Smith, Club Member; Tracy Smith; LaWanna Dobson, Club Member; and Latricia Jones, Club Member.



From left: Gilbert Zambrano, Club Member, and Aprile Benjamin, Club Member.



Sgt. Dave Hanlon presents Commander Hyde with Disneyland tickets, donated by the City Employees Club.

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Newsbrief

LAX SAFETY STUDY:

Councilmember Bill Rosendahl has won unanimous support from the City Council to move forward with a new airport study that will consider safety on the LAX North Airfield and identify alternatives to moving runways north into the communities of Westchester and Playa del Rey.

The City Council voted 11-0 to approve Rosendahl's motion that called for a new airport study to be conducted by an independent firm with community input.

Rosendahl submitted a council motion calling previous safety studies "highly suspect", and requesting Airports to work with a panel of community representatives to select an objective firm to conduct a more comprehensive study that examines alternatives to runway movement.

The study is required to focus only on safety issues, recommend a range of potential solutions to any identified problems, and specifically examine the feasibility of an end-around taxiway system.

Rosendahl has also called for consideration of a "one-runway" option that would eliminate runway incursions by replacing the two existing runways in the north with one, wider, runway capable of seamlessly handling the new large aircraft of the future, like the Airbus A380.

While that would reduce the total number of LAX's runways to three, Rosendahl notes that London Heathrow Airport handles 69 million annual passengers, more than LAX, on only two runways.

The motion calls on the Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners (BOAC) to hire an independent firm or organization to conduct a comprehensive, objective study and analysis of north airfield safety issues, and examine the results of the study before releasing formal proposals for LAX modernization.

The motion says that the new safety study should be shaped by a community advisory group – the North Runway Safety Advisory Committee.

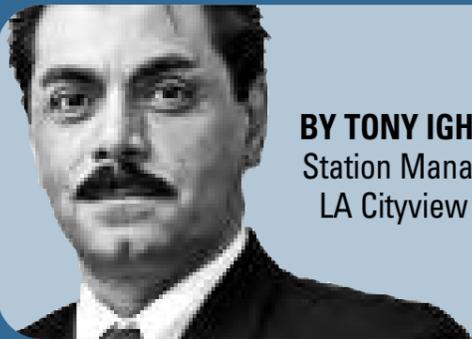
The committee will include:

- representatives of the Alliance for a Regional Solution to Airport Congestion (ARSAC);
- the Neighborhood Council of Westchester-Playa del Rey;
- Council District 11;
- Council District 8; Los Angeles County;
- the City of Inglewood;
- airport area congressional representatives;
- the greater Los Angeles business community; and
- the Airline Airport Affairs Committee.

Last month, Airports released five reports discussing safety and operational efficiency on the LAX North Airfield. Each concluded that the runways be moved at least 340 feet closer to the surrounding community.

Rosendahl condemned the airport-funded studies as "ludicrous, biased and unfounded" and said the studies were conducted by airline industry insiders, and strayed from safety issues to focus more on "operational efficiency", which many consider to be code for "expansion" into neighboring communities.

Tuned In



BY TONY IGHANI
Station Manager,
LA Cityview 35



Summer Brings Look at LA River, CDD, Gangs

Summer is always a particularly busy but fun time for us here at LA Cityview 35. As the hot season gets underway, there are tons of great activities throughout the City. Most of these activities are free for the public, and our goal is to bring as many of them to our viewers as possible. For a complete listing of City events, check out www.lacity.org and click on the Calendar of City Events. Get out and have some fun.

Programming Highlights in July:

CityWorks

NBC4 weathercaster and news personality, Fritz Coleman, returns to host another insightful new episode of "CityWorks," LA Cityview 35's Emmy award-winning series that spotlights key personnel, projects and special programs of the various bureaus and divisions within Public Works.

The first segment focuses on the 20-year blueprint to revitalize the Los Angeles River. With the Bureau of Engineering in the driver's seat, this exciting yet colossal undertaking will transform the concrete-encased river into a continuous 51-mile greenway, providing a host of recreational opportunities and potentially enhancing economic vitality.

Recently, L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Senator Hilary Clinton joined with elected officials, dignitaries, celebrities and thousands of volunteers at a rally at City Hall to kick off Keep America Beautiful's Great American Cleanup. The cleanup activities, spearheaded by Public Works' Office of Community Beautification, resulted in one-day's community improvement actions that saw 9.6 tons of trash picked up; one ton of recyclables picked up; 32,450 square feet of graffiti removed; and 1,129 trees planted. In the second segment of "CityWorks," we get to meet the people at Public Works who are doing their part to Keep Los Angeles Beautiful.

Next we meet the people at the Bureau of Engineering who are tasked with refurbishing and retrofitting L.A.'s bridges. And lastly, we take a look at what the Bureau of Sanitation is doing to stem the tide of ocean pollution due to urban runoff.

Community Development: Services, Resources, and Opportunities

Tax cuts and utility discounts can make a huge difference to an employer's bottom line savings. Those are just some of the benefits for businesses that are located in various areas of the City.

This month we feature programs offered through Community Development's Economic Development Division that are available to help businesses grow and save. Find out how a Hollywood-based Oscar winning production company and a South

Los Angeles grocer took advantage of low interest financing, while an East L.A. baker enjoys utility rate discounts that save him thousands of dollars. These are just some of the successful business owners who know what Community Development does to bolster L.A.'s business community.

Even though summer has just arrived, fall is just around the corner and that means high school seniors and their parents will explore college options and costs. Cash for College makes the price of a higher education possible for anyone.

Learn more about Cash for College and business growth in the fourth installment in a series of programs about the Services, Resources and Opportunities provided by the Community Development Department.

First Thursdays at San Pedro

Premiering exclusively on LA Cityview 35 is a 15-minute promotional spot designed to bring attention to San Pedro's First Thursday art walk and the surrounding arts community. Produced in collaboration with the Community Redevelopment Agency, the objective is to introduce other communities to San Pedro's Arts District and to recognize the many contributions provided by local artists, entertainers, and businesses who've made First Thursday a rousing success throughout its ten year history.

On the first Thursday of each month, San Pedro celebrates the arts with an evening of open galleries, studios, street vendors and live entertainment in its downtown Arts District.

Emmy-winning producer/director, Robert Manciero, and video producer, Linda Grimes, from the San Pedro-based Eighteenth Street Services covered three consecutive First Thursdays over the past few months, shooting more than 20 interviews and just as many gallery shows and events. The end product, seen here, is a remarkable collection of images and personal narratives that showcases and celebrates the lively and creative atmosphere of San Pedro.

Getting Rid of L.A.'s Gangs

Making its LA Cityview 35 debut this

month is a new series that addresses one of the top social issues plaguing Los Angeles: Gangs. The LAPD reports that there are more than 250 gangs in the City, with a combined membership of more than 26,000 individuals. During the last five years, there were more than 23,000 verified violent gang crimes in the City, and sadly, an epidemic of gang youth violence has spread to our suburbs. Thus, gangs are no longer just an inner-city problem; they are everyone's problem.

What can we all do to combat gangs? We can start by protecting our youths from aggressive gang recruitment tactics by building positive relationships and patterns of interactions with young people, by creating positive social environments surrounding young people – community, family, service organizations, and by promoting social and economic policies that support positive youth development.

In "Getting Rid of L.A.'s Gangs," City Councilmember Janice Hahn highlights community programs that offer youths training, activities, and an alternative to gangs.

In the first installment, the focus is on two groups: TopSail and Aztec Rising. The TopSail Youth Sailing Program, offered by the LA Maritime Institute at the Port of Los Angeles, is an education and adventure experience aboard a large sailing vessel. The skills learned include problem solving, decision making, planning, self-reliance and leadership. Aztec Rising works with at-risk young people to teach them how to fight fires, giving them the on-the-job training and skills that they need to become firefighters.

In this program, we learn about two groups: The L.A. Conservation Corps, and Woodside Rangers. The Conservation Corps offers many services for both youths and young adults, including counseling, life skills training, mentoring, job search training, and transitional living. It also employs young people to provide conservation services for government agencies and private sponsors.

Woodcraft Rangers reaches out to more than 13,000 at-risk young people annually through enriching after-school and camping programs, which nurture self-reliance, success in school and leadership abilities.



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

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John's Picture Perfect Contest



Grand Prize Winner for July



"This was taken at the Japanese Gardens in Long Beach. Fifty cents will get you some fish food, and giant koi fish will come out of the water and eat out of your hand; it's kind of unearthly! This was taken when a man accidentally dropped fish food on shore. I didn't think they would come out and get it!"

- Robert Garcia, Airports.

John's comments: Unearthly is right! And a little bit disgusting ... but you really captured the bright colors of these koi fish, which is why I like this picture so much. Nice work, Robert!

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NEXT DEADLINE: August 15
Happy Snapping!

For July, we have three winners!

Start snapping today, and send us your best results!
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Second Place



"I do not remember much about this picture except that it was taken early in the morning sometime around 6 a.m. from the third floor at Piper Tech, using an Olympus UZ 2100. The year and month settings are unknown."

- Tom Robinson.

John's comments: Well, as they say, Tom, "lighting is everything," and at 6 a.m. there is an abundance of rich early morning light with golden reflections. Thanks, Tom!

Third Place



"After having major knee surgery April 12, I'd been having a hard time recovering. A friend of mine decided to take me to the Riviera Shores Resort and Spa for the weekend. It is a resort that's right across the street from Doheny State Beach and down the highway from the Dana Point Harbor. We had an oceanfront view, and it was so peaceful to open up the balcony doors in the morning and hear the waves crashing. I had to capture the moment, so from the balcony I took this picture as a reminder that if you surround yourself with good people, good things will happen in your life. And this trip for me was a good thing and something that I really needed. My attitude towards my recovery has improved, and even my therapist has noticed that I'm really giving it my all. I hope I'll be back at work soon."

- Alicia Marquez, DWP/Club Rep.

John's comments: What makes this photo a winner is the beautiful story behind it. Thanks so much for sharing such an emotional part of your life with us.

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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Angel's Be Alive!



Angel Gomez,
Member Services
Manager



This educational board is for the children on tours and hikers alike.

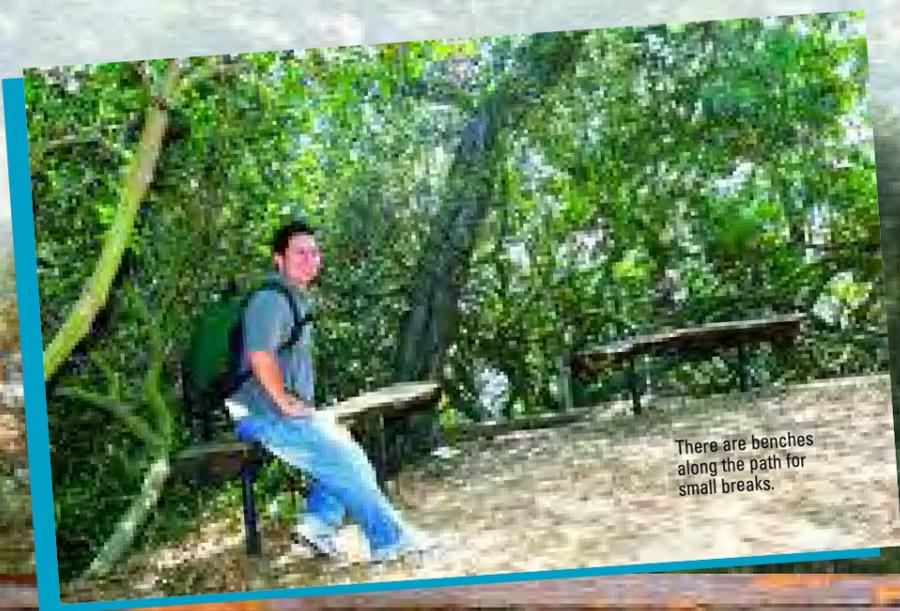
The TreePeople have a lot to do with the success of the park. The TreePeople have a lot to do with the success of the park.



When I reached the end of path to the neighborhood, there was a different name on this side of the path. If you start at this end, you will have to pay a parking fee (\$1).



This path leads to the first uphill. You can see it in the distance.



There are benches along the path for small breaks.

COLDWATER

■ This Rec and Parks facility in the mountains above Beverly Hills is maintained through the assistance of TreePeople.

CLUB HEADQUARTERS — I enjoyed my afternoon in Coldwater Canyon Park, high in the mountains above Beverly Hills. It's a great place. I think you will enjoy hiking here, too.

Coldwater Canyon Park is a wilderness area situated in the middle of a major metropolis. There is shade and greenery with the chaparral covered canyons and panoramic views of the San Fernando Valley.

Coldwater Canyon Park is owned by the City of Los Angeles and is part of a 1,000-acre cross-mountain park that includes Wildacre State Park, Fryman Canyon State Park and Franklin Canyon Park.

Coldwater Park is the home of TreePeople, a nonprofit organization known for planting more than a million trees, educating thousands of school children in environmental responsibility, and training hundreds of volunteer citizen foresters to become community leaders in the care of our City forest.

The trail was about two miles long. You can start from different locations. I started from the main entrance at 12601 Mulholland Dr. Parking is free.

The trail takes about one hour to walk, and many people travel round trip. Everyone was very friendly, and dogs are allowed. The trail is very wide. There is a slight elevation in the terrain, but it's not too bad.

Remember to bring walking shoes and snacks, and don't forget to bring water. In case you do forget, on your way to this trail you will find two gas stations and a supermarket (Coldwater Canyon Avenue and Ventura Boulevard).

Features of the park:

- It's dog friendly (on leash)
- Free parking
- There are picnic tables
- Several short distance trails are ideal for families with small children
- The park also connects with the Betty Dearing Trail to Wilacre Park (Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Fryman Road). One-way distance is 1.3 miles.
- TreePeople staff works from seven all-weather yurts that are open to the public
- Volunteer opportunities occur every month in the park and provide exercise and a way to meet new people and get to know the park better.

If you want more information, you can go to these Websites:

- www.treepeople.org/vfp.dll?OakTree~getPage~&PNPK=46
- www.treepeople.org/vfp.dll?OakTree~getPage~&PNPK=39
- www.treepeople.org/vfp.dll?OakTree~getPage~&PNPK=158

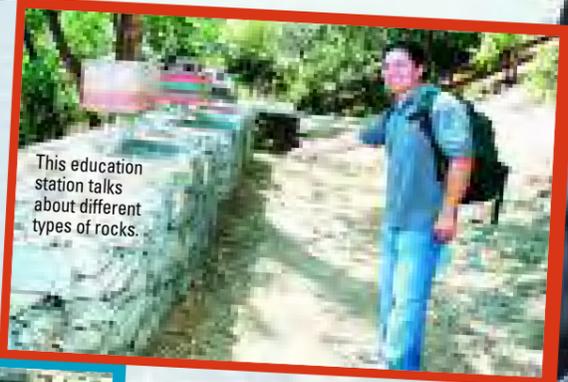
Thanks to Laurie Kaufman of TreePeople for her valuable information

Have fun!

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CANYON PARK

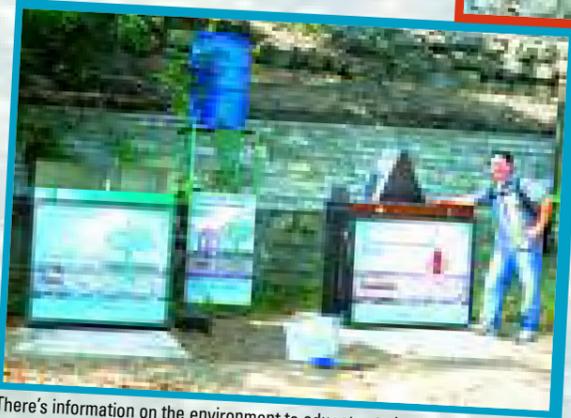
Stay to the left and continue down the path (the trail begins here)



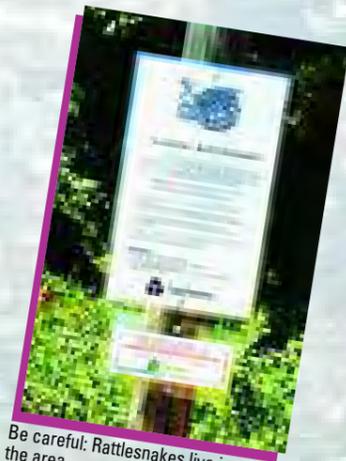
This education station talks about different types of rocks.



Here's more educational information.



There's information on the environment to educate students on eco-tours.



Be careful: Rattlesnakes live in the area.

How to get to Coldwater Canyon Park

How to get there: Take the 101 (Ventura) Freeway to the Coldwater Canyon exit. Then, go south about a mile.



The sign for Willacre Park, on the opposite end of where I started.



July Events

Fort MacArthur Days

The 20th annual Old Fort MacArthur Days and Artillery Show is set for July 7 and 8 in Willmington. For 20 years, this event has brought together a wide variety of reenacting groups from the times of the Roman legions to the Cold War. The groups set up encampments, educational displays and demonstrate the equipment and tactics used in their time period. This is the principal fundraiser for the Fort MacArthur Museum.

Pershing Square Summer Concert Series

The park in downtown continues its annual series of lunchtime concerts, "Swingin' Summer Nights" and Salsa Sundays. Information: www.laparks.org/pershingsquare/pershing.htm

Grunion Run

Head to the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in San Pedro for the viewing of grunions as they land on the beach. Dates in July: Mon., July 2 (10:20 p.m. to 12:20 a.m.) and Monday, July 16 (10:35 p.m. to 12:35 a.m.). Information: www.cabrilloaq.org

Shakespeare by the Sea

Another season of Shakespeare by the Sea arrives at Point Fermin Park in San Pedro. Two great comedies, The Taming of the Shrew and The Merchant of Venice, will be performed Thursdays through Saturday, July 14. Free admission. Information: www.shakespearebythesea.org

Ticket Guy Recommends:

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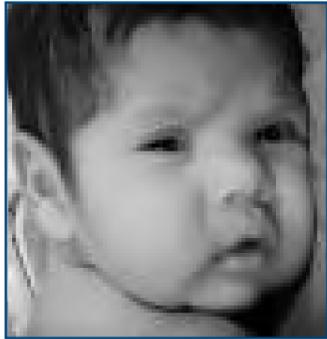
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Births



Brandon Jude Guzman, born March 22. He is the grandson of Debbie Kindred, Executive Administrative Assistant, Board of Public Works Commission Office, 33 years of city service, Club member since 1995.

Alive! is delighted to publish photos of Club members newborn babies. Have a photo of a recent newborn? Send it in to *Alive!* Births, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071.



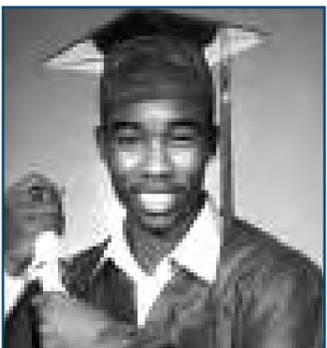
Graduations

Jaime Noel Aburto, 18, graduated from Pacific Lutheran High School and will attend Cal State Dominguez Hills in the fall. His mother, Paz Colon, is a Legal Assistant, City Attorney's Office and a Club Member. His stepfather is Jose Colon, Building Mech. Inspector, Building and Safety.



Alive! is delighted to publish graduation photos of Club members and their children. Have a photo of a recent graduation? Send it in to *Alive!* Graduations, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071.

Aaron D. Jones graduated from Carson High School and will attend Cal State Long Beach in August. Plans to major in social work/psychology. His mother is Diane G. Jones, Sanitary Engineer Associate IV, Public Works/Sanitation, and a Club member since 1997.



Trevor Butanda, 5, graduated from kindergarten at Monterey Park Christian School. He's the son of Kristie Butanda, Secretary, Aging.



Matthew John Ponce de Leon, Loma Vista Elementary School, Whittier, CA Kindergarten Promotion June 2007: Son of PSR III Sophia Ponce de Leon, LAPD, Communications Division, MCDC



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.

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Bertha Calderon

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Larry Cheshier

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Jesse Davis

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Dennis Del Bono*

N/D, DWP, N/D

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Special Achievements



Angela-Andrea J. Colon (Angie), 9, received a Fourth Grade Scholastic Achievement Award from the Gardena Valley Christian School. Congratulations, Angie! Her mom is Paz Colon, Legal Assistant, City Attorney's Office, and her dad is Jose A. Colon, Building Mech. Inspector, Building and Safety.

Have you or your children recently achieved something special? It could be academic, or part of your hobby, or similar. Let us know! Send a photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

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New Members

Welcome New Members!

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- Have fun!

MOVIE REVIEWS



Georgia Rule

Rated R
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Georgia Rule stars Jane Fonda as the grandmother, Felicity Huffman (*Desperate Housewives*) as the daughter and Lindsay Lohan as the granddaughter.

The movie explores the relationship of these three women. There is comedy, although the movie revolves around a mature subject matter.

I really enjoyed the movie, especially because of these three very talented women. Lindsay is also proving she can go from child actor to adult actor. The movie has an R rating and is not for children.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP



Waitress

Rated PG-13
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

I've been waiting all year for a film that is both comic and upbeat, but does not insult. *Waitress* is almost that that film. It is a cleverly dark tale of three waitresses in a small Southern town working in a pie restaurant. Kerri Russell plays the lead as a woman married to an abusive and controlling husband. She plans to leave her husband by winning a pie-baking contest, but soon learns she has become pregnant. Cheryl Hines and film writer/director Adrienne Shelly are the other two waitress, each dealing with their separate issues of marriage and loneliness.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

Waitress

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Actress Keri Russell plays a waitress that is one of the best pie makers. She escapes the thought of her abusive husband, by creating different pies at the diner she works at. Russell ends up pregnant by her husband and is not very happy. She then meets the new gynecologist in town and has an affair with him. Her world then starts to change. Andy Griffin plays the crotchety old man who owns the diner Russell works at and he has a surprise for her. The movie is funny, but also has a message.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD



Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End

Rated PG-13
My Score: 3.75 (out of 5)

Well, if you are a *Pirates* fan, you have to go see it. Actually, you probably have. If you are a so-so fan of the franchise, wait for the rental. Either way,

make sure you are well rested before since you will start to feel the length of the movie dragging on you.

I really liked the story line, it is clever and intelligent -- and yes, there will be a fourth installment and probably more. I only wish the editing cut the length by almost an hour.

Little kids won't follow it all, but will probably like it. Boys will enjoy all the fighting ... but it seems to be becoming a more adult-themed story. There is even one gratuitous nod toward sexuality, though nothing is seen, and only one pirate sees the privates (another sees a different set of privates!). Alas, real pirates were much worse.

— Barbara Johnson, LAFD

Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

I liked *Pirates 3* the best of all of them. It was really good. I think there will be a *Pirates 4* because I do not know where Keira will live, and I don't know what will happen when Will has a day off, and when he will get off the ship.

— Hannah Johnson, 7, daughter of Barbara Johnson, LAFD



Shrek the Third

Rated PG
My Score: 3.5 (out of 5)

Babies, babies, babies. Where are the babies? Oh yeah, probably in *Shrek 4*! That aside, *Shrek the Third* is okay. Not as good as the original for sure. Two was sort of out of sorts anyway,

but number three moralizes without as many clever jokes and laughter.

Donkey and Puss don't do enough in the movie, and the Princess bashing isn't too original or funny. Finding the successor to the throne became a little tedious for me. I wanted to see the funny babies and see what they were going to do with them. I'll stay tuned for the next one, though.

— Barbara Johnson, LAFD

Shrek the Third

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

I didn't like it. I thought it was boring. It was too long to find the king, and not funny. I think there will be a *Shrek 4* to watch the babies grow up.

— Hannah Johnson, 7, daughter of Barbara Johnson, LAFD

Theater Reviews



Jersey Boys

Musical
Ahmanson Theatre
(through August)
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This is the story of The Four Seasons musical group, how they got together and then how Frankie Valli became the

breakout star. The story alone is very interesting, but the music is just outstanding. The whole cast, especially the lead four, is amazing. I hope to see the show again before it leaves.

I highly recommend this one to musical lovers. Before the show I would not even be able to name one song from The Four Seasons, so you don't have to be a fan. But you will become one, once you have seen the show!

— Gail Seltzer, DWP



Rock on Broadway: A Live Musical Rockumentary

Musical
Open Stage West, 14366 Ventura Blvd., Sherman Oaks (closed in June)
My Score: 2 (out of 5)

The show is packed with familiar Broadway tunes and some good dance numbers. The only problem, and this is slightly a big problem, is that out of the six performers, only two were really outstanding. And out of the other four, two were okay singers and two were pretty bad.

Two rows of people left at intermission, but my friend and I stuck it out to the end. This could have been a great show if only they could have found all outstanding singers.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

DVD Review



Pan's Labyrinth (2006)

Rated R
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This is a darker than dark subtitled film that borders on fantasy and reality. In this fable for adults only, Ofelia is trapped in a bloody war-torn Spain, trying to escape the realities of cruel life to an underground world. With an expectant mother and a tyrannical captain stepfather, Ofelia struggles to save them both. There is plenty of graphic extreme violence, so it's not for the meek hearted -- you'll be looking at the foot of your bed hiding from creepy fawns for days. The filmmaking and characters were excellent and all those people who hate subtitles will be missing out.

— Robert Garcia, Airports



Run Lola Run (1998)

Rating: R
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Lola has 20 minutes to get 100,000 *deutschmarks* for her boyfriend before he robs a supermarket. Lola's father works in a bank. Will he help her? What would you do?

You may recognize Franka Potente from her role in *The Bourne Supremacy*. This German thriller makes excellent use of its 80 minutes. Nobody is beautiful in this movie, but everyone has a life that you somehow pity. The colors used in the film makes it look like a comic book story.

— Yvonne Liu, Office of Finance



Tombstone (1993)

Rated R
My score: 5 (out of 5)

If you're used to seeing great cowboy classics, this slightly more modern Western is so good it could even get Clint Eastwood's poncho in a bunch (no disrespect Clint).

Tombstone and the gunfight at the O.K. Corral will never seem more real; Wyatt Earp (Kurt Russell) is everything Wyatt Earp should be; and Doc Holiday (Val Kilmer) meets legendary expectations when he's up against the outlaw cowboys. Keeping the peace was never so explosive in this no-nonsense showdown.

This was not a thoughtless *yeebab* Wild West flick. If I were Ebert and Roeper I would have given it two pistols up!

— Robert Garcia, Airports



Ghost in the Darkness (1996)

Rated R
My Score: 4.5 (out of 5)

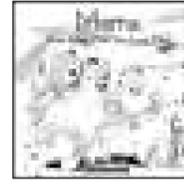
This was a very good movie. I had seen it in the movie theatre, but seeing it again it was even better. The movie is based on a true story about an engineer (Val Kilmer) who goes to colonial Uganda to construct a bridge for the railroad. The construction crew starts getting attacked by lions, so they call in a hunter (Michael Douglas).

Kilmer and Douglas work together to kill the lions, but there are still problems with building the bridge.

It's suspenseful and worth watching.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

Book Reviews



Mama, How Long Will You Love Me?

Anna Pignataro
29 pages
Scholastic Press
Children's literature
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

"In a brambly forest, Sammy asked, 'How long will you be my mother?' 'Always,' said Mama. Underneath a big old elm, Sammy asked, 'Mama, how long will you love me?' 'Always,' Mama smiled. 'How long is always?' 'Miles and miles forever.'

You get the point, and Mama describes in evocative terms what forever means to the mind of a child before Sammy finally asks: "Will there always be a you and me?" 'Miles and miles forever,' whispered Mama."

It's excellent, especially for young children, and maybe a few grownups heading off to college!

— Barbara Johnson, LAFD



Pinduli

Janell Cannon
40 pages
Scholastic Press
Children's literature
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This is another fable for children that is wise and wonderful. The story is charming and clever; at the same time it shows children what and where hurtful comments can sometimes come from. A child hyena named Pinduli in East Africa is our sage teacher while he educates all of the animals around him, including the marabou stork, African lions, zebras and hunting dogs, to name a few. The illustrations by the author are fabulous and truly put the words into the eyes and poses of the animals.

— Barbara Johnson, LAFD



The Three Questions

Jon J. Muth
26 pages
Children's literature
Scholastic Press
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This is a wonderful children's book (for adults too) that's based on Leo Tolstoy's short story of the same title. It is a fable for all of humanity about a small boy with three questions: "When is the best time to do things?" "Who is the most important one?" and "What is the right thing to do?"

A sage turtle named Leo helps the boy, and the story is presented in a way that is charming, simple and deceptively deep at the same time. The youngest of children will not understand the complexity within the telling, but older children may begin to sense the wisdom and profundity in it.

— Barbara Johnson, LAFD



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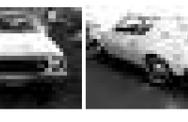
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Duplex for rent. San Bernardino, 1 bed/1bath, new tile & paint. Island/bar, large backyard/Trash/water paid. \$800 + deposit and credit check fee. Contact Sandra @ 310-930-5894. 327



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Household Items

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Set of chrome wheels for sale. \$1,000.00 or best offer. Sorry, no checks please. Call Lillian @ (213) 978-6983. 327

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Sports / Exercise

Dumbbells for sale. Aerobic 8, 10, and 12 lb dumbbells for sale at \$25 a pair. Like new. Contact Rowena at (818) 378-9139. 127

Travel / Timeshare

San Diego timeshare for rent, \$600. Oct. 7 - Oct. 14, 2007, seven nights, 1 bdrm/1 bath, sofa sleeper in LR, CA TV, DVD player, & A/C. Ltd kitchen w/ref, stovetop (2 burner), microwave, toaster, blender & coffeemaker. No oven. No pets. Lv. msg for Terry at (818) 769-3382. 427

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Las Vegas Grand Desert Timeshare - for sale. Asking \$30,000 with amenities, plus 182,000 bonus points. Call (310) 5

Cooking with the Club

by our own
Robert Larios

Photos by Ana Larios



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DIRECTIONS:



1 Wash the potatoes and squash, then pat dry.



2 Peel the potato skins.



3 Dice the potatoes and squash.



4 Dice the chives and parsley.



5 Grate the cheddar cheese.



6 Add all eight eggs in a bowl with the 1/4 cup of milk and salt and pepper. Whisk vigorously.



7 Use cooking spray or the olive oil to coat a large non-stick skillet that can also be used in the intensely high heat of an oven.



8 Add the egg mixture onto the skillet at medium heat and then add the diced potatoes, squash and half of the diced chives and parsley. Use the other half toward the end of cooking. Let cook on the stovetop for about three minutes.



9 Place the cheese on the mixture and place in a 350-degree oven for about 15 minutes until the cheese is melted and bubbling. Then change the oven setting to broil for another five minutes. Add the remainder of the chives and parsley.



10 Take the frittata out of the oven and let cool.

Fritterin' Away the Blues

Here's a recipe for a frittata from my sister, Ana. She's been making this dish for years and has recently perfected it. It's a meal that can be made very quickly.

What's a frittata? All in all it's a giant-sized omelet that has not been folded. You can add a variety of foods to complement the dish, such as cheese, potatoes, bacon, etc. In Ana's version, she has made a vegetarian-style frittata, though she wanted to make sure to point out that anyone who makes this dish is more than welcome to add some bacon or ham – just make sure they're cooked before you add it to the egg mixture just before it goes in the hot oven.

If you're looking for a low fat, low cholesterol version of this recipe, replace the olive oil with cooking spray; replace the cheese with a low fat variety; and use egg whites instead of the whites and yolks.



The main ingredients in a frittata are eggs and, in this case, summer squash and potatoes.

Ana's Frittata

6 to 8 servings

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 squash
- 8 eggs
- 3 small potatoes
- 1/4 cup of chives
- 1/4 cup of fresh parsley
- Salt and pepper

- 8 to 16 ounces extra sharp cheddar cheese
- 1/4 cup of milk
- 2 tablespoons of olive oil (cooking spray works as well)



You may add some chives as I did. Enjoy!

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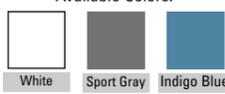
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 per shirt*

Non-Member Price:
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 *Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:
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Long Sleeve "Classic" T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**



Member Price:
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Size: **XXXL**
 Available Colors:
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ITEM: #T1500

DWP T-shirts

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



Member Price:
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 per shirt*

Non-Member Price:
 \$25 per shirt
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Available Colors:
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ITEM: #T3000VVP

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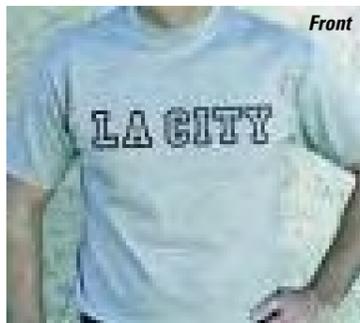
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Available Colors:
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LA City "P.T." T-shirt
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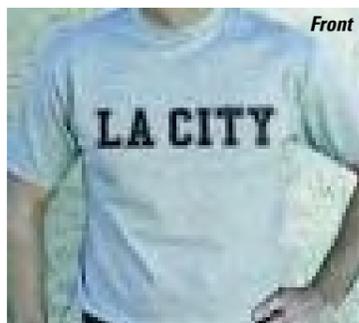
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 per shirt*

Non-Member Price:
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Available Colors:
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ITEM: #LAC-1000

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



Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

Non-Member Price:
 \$25 per shirt
 *Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:
 Gray Black Navy Blue

ITEM: #LAC-2000

LA City T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**



Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

Non-Member Price:
 \$25 per shirt
 *Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue

ITEM: #LAC-3000

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



Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

Non-Member Price:
 \$25 per shirt
 *Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue

ITEM: #LAC-4000

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



Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

Non-Member Price:
 \$25 per shirt
 *Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:
 White Navy Blue

Black Orange

ITEM: #T2002WP

Short Sleeve "Classic" T-shirt
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Non-Member Price:
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 *Plus tax and shipping

*White available with front pocket.

Sizes: **XXXL** **\$13**

Available Colors:
 White Blue Dusk Indigo Blue Sport Gray

Sizes: **XXXL** **\$14**

Available Colors:
 Indigo Blue Sport Gray



ITEM: #T1000

L.A. City Polo Shirt

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



Member Price:
\$18
 per shirt*

Non-Member Price:
 \$32 per shirt
 *Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:



Close-up of Embroidery

ITEM: #PS1000



Available Colors:
 White* Navy Blue

Black Orange

*White available with front pocket.

ITEM: #T2003WP



Available Colors:
 White Navy Blue

Black Orange

ITEM: #T2001WP

City Girl "Classic" T-shirt



Sizes: **S M L XL**

Non-Member Price:
 \$25 per shirt
 *Plus tax and shipping

Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

Available Colors:
 White Key Lime Violet Cherry
 Black Hot Pink Caribbean Blue Heather Gray

ITEM: #T-W1000

City Girl "Retro" T-shirt



Sizes: **S M L XL**

Non-Member Price:
 \$25 per shirt
 *Plus tax and shipping

Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

Available Colors:
 White Key Lime Violet Fire Engine
 Black Hot Pink Caribbean Blue Heather Gray

ITEM: #T-W2000



Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**
 * White available with front pocket.

Available Colors:
 White* Orange
 Blue Dusk Charcoal

Size: **XXXL**
 AVAILABLE COLORS:
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ITEM: #T2000VVP

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ITEM: #WL2600
PRICE: \$45.00*

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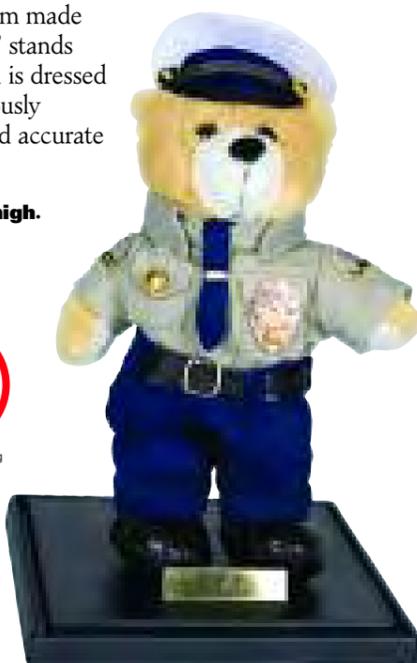
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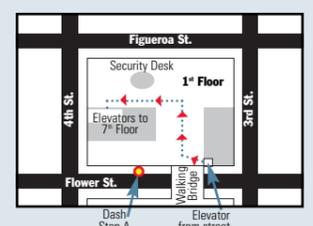
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