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*\* A Message From the CEO \**

# Summer's End Means Travel Reports, ClubFest

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

Happy end of summer, everyone! And that can mean only one thing: ClubFest is around the corner. When you read this, there will just a few days left to purchase tickets. It's the Club's best day of the year, so don't miss out. You'll be disappointed, and so will I, if I don't see you there!

I see by our great *Alive! Around the World* feature that many of you traveled the world this summer ... and brought *Alive!* with you. Good job on your desire to get out there and experience this great planet of ours. (So many of you sent in your photos, that we had to devote two pages to this feature. That's a first for *Alive!*. Keep 'em coming!)

I want to mention another first. The Board of Public Works asked us to help promote the Combined Charitable Campaign for the City. Here's a big shoutout to **Cynthia Ruiz**, President of the Board of Public Works, and **Lauren Skinner**, Public Works, for bringing it to our attention. I never tell people how to spend their hard-earned money, and I won't now. But I will ask you to read the story on page 53 and at least think about it.



Club CEO John Hawkins and *Alive!* columnist Hynda Rudd look over a volume of "The Development of Los Angeles City Government: An Institutional History, 1850-2000" at the Los Angeles City Archives.

Speaking of shoutouts, here's another one to **Hynda Rudd**, Retired City Archivist and writer of our own History Comes *Alive!* column. She is also on the board of the Los Angeles City Historical Society, and that group has just published a two-volume history of the City's government. It's a great achievement, Hynda.

Thanks to **Jenny Arzate**, Rec and Parks, for writing in to tell us that she and her boyfriend took a hike! No, really took a hike ... because of the hike she read about in **Angel Gomez's** *Be Alive!* feature. I encourage more of you to get out there in nature. If you have any hikes that you want us to feature, let us know!

I love the summer and the way it allows us to focus on our families. But, in terms of the City and its happenings, it seems like so much goes on between now and the new year. I know our papers tend to be fullest during the fall. So here at *Alive!*, we're gearin' up to bring you all the happenings.

Well, that's it for me. Keep sending us your great news and photos, so we can do what we love to do: Celebrate the Lives of City Employees.

**JOHN**

(jhawkins@cityemployeesclub.com)



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# LETTERS To the Editor

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

## LETTER OF THE MONTH

### 'Be Alive' Is All the Push Jenny Needed to Take Hike

After reading your "Be Alive" article about Millard Canyon Falls, my boyfriend and I decided to trek out there for ourselves. It was a great experience! I'm no hiker by any means, but it actually wasn't so bad. There is plenty of shade, and the trail isn't too long. It took us about 30 minutes to walk from the parking lot to the waterfall with intermittent stops for pictures. I brought along my sandals, like you recommended, so I was able to soak my feet in that refreshing waterfall!

It is definitely a great hidden treasure. Only a few people were there when we went on a Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m.

Thanks so much.

— Jenny Arzate, Rec and Parks



### Chef Larios Doesn't Fish for Compliments, But Here's One

I have been meaning to write this for some time now. I just had to extend a hearty thank you to Robert Larios for his continued recipes! This past weekend I again made a batch of fish tacos, and they were great. His recipes are always easy to make (I always seem to have the ingredients on hand), fresh and great tasting. An associate raves about the chili recipe – I'll make that next.

Anyway, thanks, Robert, and *bon appetit!*

— Brett McReynolds, Contract Administration

### Idea of 'Teensurance' Gives Assurance to Mom of Teenagers

The column "Rest Insured" on page 22 [August issue] was interesting to me because I have 17-year-old twin boys who ...well ... I accept all your condolences! Nonetheless, the idea of *teensurance* [insuring your teens – Ed.] really speaks to my concerns about my sons and their safety while on the road. Technology has stepped it up a notch, and in this case it's all for the better. Those national statistics are scary!

— Laura Midas, DWP

### Harbor GM Interview, Photos Really Brought Out Personality

The article about Geraldine Knatz was very good! The photos are amazing, and I also liked the interview. *Alive!* does a really good job of painting an image into the personality as well as the usual reporting and interview techniques of the interviewee.

It looks like Geraldine was busy with the world of print media, since I also read the article in the last *Los Angeles Magazine* on her. All in all, she seems to be the right leader for the job down there at the Port.

— F. Kindrick, LAPD

### Great work...

*Alive!* staff on your latest interview with Geraldine Knatz. I think it's your best interview yet!

— Mark Thompson, DWP

### Picture Is Nearly Perfect for This Fan of Photo Contest

I really liked the photo Neil Rivas sent in for the "Picture Perfect" contest of the boat at the small island in Cambodia. There's something mysterious about it, as well as so much detail that it almost jumps out of the page.

By the way, I really like this contest. I always look for this page first.

— T. McGregory, General Services

### *Alive!* Knows that Our Retired Members Are Anything But Retiring

Hello to the good folks of *Alive!*

First and foremost, please send my thanks to the entire newspaper staff for their continued interest in the retired City Employee community. You are the only publication that I know that spends a little effort to know what we are up to.

Although I can only speak for myself, more often than not, I feel a bit neglected by my former employer, to whom I dedicated over 30 years of my life working in City Hall. I also want to thank the Retired Los Angeles City Employees Association for their efforts in making our lives better. Although I missed the picnic at Grace Simons Lodge this year, many of my friends from the City who attended said it was a nice day and that it was well promoted thanks to partnership of the folks with *Alive!* and Phil Skarin of RLACEI.

— Henry Smith, Retired

### Hard for Reggie to Leave the Limelight, Once He Was In It

Long live Reggie the Alligator!

— Roy Hathaway, Rec and Parks

Roy, we presume you're talking about the news story last month that Reggie the Alligator, who caused all sorts of drama down in San Pedro last year before being captured and deposited at the Zoo, escaped his quarters last month and created more drama while everyone was looking for it. We can tell you confidentially that we are trying to get him an application for Club Membership ... but he keeps slipping through our fingers. We'll let you know if there are any further developments. —Ed.

## 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!

**If you could go back in time and relive a day in your life, what would it be?**

**"Playing the piano from the time I was in elementary school."**

— Gayle Whitehead, Club Member, Ontario Airport Police, 20 years of service.



**"My daughter's birth!"**

— Ean Hargrove, Instrument Mechanic, Bureau of Sanitation, 8 years of service.

**"The day I got married!"**

— Ameer Faquir, Sanitation Wastewater Manager II, Public Works, 22 years of service.

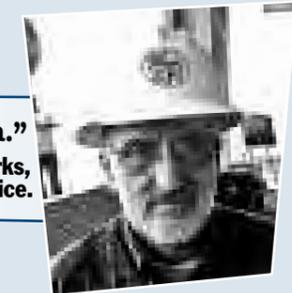


**"The day I met my fiancé."**

— Ollie Veasey, Club Member, Sanitation Manager, Public Works, 21 years of service.

**"When my first child was born."**

— Sean Kenney, Civil Engineer, Public Works, 18 years of service.



**"When I turned 21 years old."**

— Mike Elder, Construction and Maintenance Supervisor, Public Works, 21 years of service.

**"All the days of joy."**

— Mahesh Pujari, Supervisor, Public Works, 16 years of service.



**"The day I got married."**

— Dale Patterson, Club Member, DMO 3, General Services, 7 years of service.



**"My wedding day."**

— Norma Adrade, Housing, 10 years of service.



**"When I was a baby."**

— Trentia Campbell, Club Member, LAPD, 9 years of service.



Watts Towers.

# Watts Towers Tunes Up

## ■ Day of the Drum/Simon Rodia Jazz Fest coming up Sept. 29-30.

**CULTURAL AFFAIRS** — The Watts Towers Art Center's annual two-day music festival – Day of the Drum Festival, and Simon Rodia Watts Towers Jazz Festival – are scheduled for Sept. 29 and 30.

Both events are free.

The 26th annual Day of the Drum Festival is a daylong celebration featuring international percussion: Latin, Japanese, African, jazz, Native American and other drummers. Ongoing tours of the Watts Towers are available. The music is planned for 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The 31st Annual Simon Rodia Watts Towers Jazz Festival, the City's first jazz festival, features



Linda Hopkins

performances from both established and emerging musicians from the area. The festival pays tribute to the roots of jazz in Gospel and blues, and takes it to the *avant garde* and the Latin Jazz scene. Ongoing tours of the Watts Towers are available. The music is planned for 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Information: (213) 847-4646, or [www.wattstowers.net](http://www.wattstowers.net)



Francisco Aguabella



Cuahtemoc Mexican Dance Group

### 26th Annual Watts Towers Day of the Drum Festival

Saturday, September 29, 2007

Masters of Ceremonies:

**Ndugu Chanler and James Janisse**

- 11:00 a.m. Cuahtemoc Mexica Dance Group
- 12:00 p.m. Kodama Taiko
- 1:00 p.m. High School Drumlines  
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- 2:00 p.m. Sepadilla
- 3:00 p.m. Francisco Aguabella and his Afro Cuban Group with the Orisha Dancers
- 4:00 p.m. Derf Reklaw Drum Ensemble
- 5:00 p.m. The Drum Master Summit  
featuring Clayton Cameron,  
Marvin "Smitty" Smith, Teddy Campbell,  
and Tony Royette, Jr.

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### 31st Annual Simon Rodia Watts Towers Jazz Festival

Sunday, September 30, 2007

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- 12:00 p.m. Greg Clayborn
- 1:00 p.m. Larry Nash
- 1:45 p.m. Welcome:  
Olga Garay, General Manager, DCA
- Presentations:**
  - Francisco Aguabella "LIVING MUSEUM AWARD"
  - Imani Taltier "Poet Laureate"
  - Annual Charles Mingus Awards presented by Watts Towers Community Action Council
- 2:15 p.m. Francisco Aguabella and his Latin Jazz Ensemble
- 3:00 p.m. Linda Hopkins
- 4:15 p.m. The Pan African People's Orchestra

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Publishing Services welcomed Alvin Blain, General Manager, General Services, Club Member.



Welcome to the open house.



From left: Abby Truong, Customer Service Representative; Michael Leighton, Director of Publishing Services, Club Board Member; Zeni Agustine, Accountant II; and Amy Lloyd, Sr. Accountant II.

# Publishing Open House



## ■ Publishing Services hosts its annual open house.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

**GENERAL SERVICES** — Publishing Services held its annual open house June 21 in its facilities in Piper Tech.

The staff welcomed visitors and demonstrated many of the services that the office can provide to City departments.

"We take our commitment to our customers very seriously," said Michael Leighton, Director of Publishing Services and Club Board Member. "Publishing Services offers you the quality and

service you can expect at the most sophisticated print shop with the low cost obtainable through a not-for-profit operation."

Publishing Services offers job planning, graphic design, printing, copying, binding services, electronic forms design, inventoried forms, and on-demand programs at its headquarters in Piper Technical Center, 555 Ramirez St., Space 200. Hours of operation for manufacturing are 6 a.m. to midnight. Customer service and clerical functions operate from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"We strongly encourage our customers to contact us before starting their publishing projects to plan their job," Leighton said. "We do not charge for this service, and we are confident that a little time spent planning your job will increase your overall satisfaction with the project."



Walter Griffin, Printing Press Operator I, Club Member, sets ink for LAX's annual report.



From left: Eric Ly, Graphic Designer III, LAX, Club Member; Diane Imori, Graphic Supervisor, LAX; and Paul Sierra, Graphic Designer II.



Jose Vanegas, Bindery Equipment Operator I, with the Mueller Stitcher, which stitches the books together. The machine can process 10,000 stitches in an hour.



Aaron Bird, Graphic Designer.



From left: Ricardo Rivera, Assistant III, Transportation; Mary Maher, Tax Compliance Officer III, Office of Finance; Ken White, Sr. Management I, Officer of Finance; and Tracy Vu, System Analyst II.



From left: Andrew Palacios, Council Aide to Councilman Bernard Parks, with Louis Gascone, Production Planner.



From left: Del Capalla, CEDT, Transportation, Club Member; and Jesus Escamilla, Transportation Engineering Associate, Transportation.



From left: Susan Juatco, SMS Payment Clerk, General Services; Solie Nicodemus, SMS Payment Clerk, General Services; Verna Chiu, SMS Payment Clerk, General Services; Vivien Santos, SMS Payment Clerk, General Services; and Mildred Jacla, SMS Payment Clerk, General Services.



Jeff Eilman, Bindery Equipment Operator, prepares a poster for lamination.



From left: Steve O'Keefe, Sales Manager, Spicers Paper, which supplies paper to the City; and Myrna Pilkington, Accountant.



From left: Georgia Fleischer, Payment Clerk; Griselda Jimenez, Payment Clerk, Club Member; and Puri Talaro, Sr. Clerk Typist.



From left: Stepan Nalbantian, Pressroom Supervisor, Club Member, shows business cards prior to printing them to Louisa Ranick, Graphic Designer, City Planning; and Luis Quinones, Graphic Designer, City Planning, Club Member.

# Harbor Perfect Attendance

## ■ Harbor Dept. recognizes its employees who have perfect attendance records.

Story by Martin Chavez, Human Resources Development Officer, Harbor; Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

**HARBOR** — On June 12, aboard the sailing ship *Spirit*, the Harbor Department recognized 96 employees who achieved Perfect Attendance during the 2006 calendar year. Executive Director Geraldine Knatz shared her appreciation to the employees for their outstanding attendance record and pride in doing their job allowing the Port of Los Angeles to continue as the nation's premier port. The *Spirit* shoved off and those employees aboard enjoyed a beautiful day relaxing, enjoying a catered lunch, and easy conversation with their fellow employees under the soft San Pedro sun cruising the Los Angeles Harbor.

Two employees were recognized for accomplishing 10 consecutive years of perfect attendance: Shaun Shahrestani from Construction, and Sgt. Rosa Reynoso of the Port Police. Shaun and Rosa will receive a Port Logo jacket, which only those who have achieved this feat are given.

Western Medical Group donated three pairs of field level baseball seats. The winners, selected by Dr. Paz Eliat, were: Michael Barnes, Marketing; Richard Manz, Construction; and Chris Bobo, City Attorney. Additionally, Western Medical also provided a fully equipped picnic basket, garnered by Elmo Madawala, Wharfinger.

The City Employees Club brought along four City logo watches, and Club Counselor Arlene Herrero pulled the following names: Yolanda Brown, Executive Offices; Michael DiBernardo, Marketing; Charles Smith, Construction and Maintenance(C&M); and Martin Chavez, Human Resources Development Officer. Arlene surprised the audience by adding four sets of four movie tickets to the prize drawings. Those lucky winners were: Joannie Mukai, Benjamin Small, Melvin Jones and Frank Scognamillo, all from C&M.

The highlight of the event was the drawing by Geraldine Knatz for eight \$500 prizes. To qualify for the drawing, an employee could not have been absent from work more than 18 hours during the 2006 calendar year. One-hundred and seventy employees qualified for the drawing won by Peter Ouk, Construction; Anthony Santich, Marketing; Abe Rashid, Accounting; Frank Albers, Sal Gutierrez, Rene Rodriguez from C&M; and Port Police Sergeants Alfred Guerrero and Kenneth Huerta.

Everyone had a great time relaxing on a great day for a stress-relieving sailing adventure.



Welcome aboard the *Spirit* sailing ship.



From left: Ben Small, Heavy Equipment Mechanic; Melvin Jones, Gardner, Club Member; Jim Bozarth, Roofer; Dagoberto Samaniego, Painter, and Frank Scognamillo, Painter.



From left: Heather Burns, Deputy City Attorney; Debbie Scanlon, Legal Secretary, Club Member; and Christopher Bobo, Assistant City Attorney, Club Member.



From left: Faye Jones, Personnel Analyst, Club Member; and Yolanda Brown, Executive Admin. Assistance III.



From left: Alan Mayse, Equipment Repair Supervisor, Club Member; and Shou-Yu Shao, Materials Testing Engineering Associate.



From left: Holly Carlson, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member; Enoch Samuel, Carpenter, Club Member; Kenneth Henderson, Street Maintenance Worker, Club Member; and Frank Rendon, Equipment Operator, Club Member.



From left: Bill Stel, Container Crane Mechanic; Chris Brincat, Port Police Officer; and William Yocham, Port Police Officer, Club Member.



From left: Chuck Smith, Mechanical Repair General Supervisor, Club Member; Teresa Henkhaus, Principal Construction Inspector, Club Member; and Leo Cabrera, Equipment Operator.



From left: Mark Weisenberger, Storekeeper; Ed Little, Sr. Roofer, Club Member; and James Bozarth, Roofer.



From left: S. Gutierrez; Frank Albers, Sr. Management Analyst II, Club Member; and Geraldine Knatz, Executive Director, Port of Los Angeles.



From left: Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor, hands the winning number to Alex Carbajal, Club Member.



Martin Chavez, Human Resources Development Manager, Club Member, makes an announcement for the drawing.



Dr. Paz Eliat with the winners, who received prizes donated by Western Medical.



Joannie Mukai, Director of Construction and Maintenance, Club Board Member; and Frank Albers, Sr. Management Analyst II, Club Member.



Club Counselor Arlene Herrero with the prizes donated by City Employees Club of Los Angeles.



### Here are the names of those with perfect attendance:

#### 24 Years

Norman Arikawa, Club Member

#### 17 Years

Jo Ann Esparza  
Dora McClendon, Club Member  
Alberto Rosario, Club Member

#### 13 Years

Masa Morimoto, Club Member  
Julia Nagano, Club Member  
Rocki Walker

#### 12 Years

Dolores Canez, Club Member  
Martin D. Chavez, Club Member  
Ebrahim Khalvati  
Shou Yu Shao

#### 10 Years

Rosa Reynoso  
Shaun Shahrestani

#### 9 Years

Dagoberto Samaniego

#### 8 Years

Chris Bobo, Club Member  
Bent Christiansen

#### 7 Years

Holly Carlson, Club Member  
Rickey Kirk, Club Member  
Michael Rubino, Club Member  
Linda Vigil, Club Member  
Hak Ning Wong

#### 6 Years

Kenneth Huerta  
Glen Little, Club Member  
Marion Mayse, Club Member  
Charles Smith, Club Member

#### 5 Years

Tom Estrada, Club Member  
Regina Grant, Club Member  
Lajuan Kennedy  
John Kostrencich  
Barry O'Connor  
Frank Rendon, Club Member  
Enoch Samuel, Club Member  
Mark Weisenberger  
William Yocham, Club Member

#### 4 Years

Eric Caris  
Christopher Chase  
Michael DiBernardo  
Teresa Henkhaus, Club Member  
James Morgan  
Joannie Mukai, Club Member  
Barry O'Conner  
Steven Otera, Club Member  
Thomas Russell, Club Member

#### 3 Years

Frank Albers, Club Member  
Jack Clay  
Paul Johansen  
Robert Myers  
Jaime Navarro, Club Member  
Carlos Rodriguez, Club Member  
Marcel Van Dijk  
Harry Wilson, Club Member

#### 2 Years

Kurt Arend, Club Member  
Ron Boyd, Club Member  
James Bozarth  
Leo Cabrera  
Anthony DiTucci  
Kenneth Henderson, Club Member  
James MacLellan  
Steve Mangold, Club Member  
Enedina Rodriguez  
Rene Rodriguez  
J. Michael Russell  
Frank Scognamillo  
John Short, Club Member  
Philip Tondreault, Club Member

#### 1 Year

Michael Barnes, Club Member  
David Bickel,  
Diane Boskovich, Club Member  
Yolanda Brown  
Heather Burns  
Molly Campbell  
Michael Canlas  
Michael Capodanno  
Alejandro Castillo, Club Member  
Maria Contreras  
Arthur Diaz, Club Member  
Julie DiTucci  
Danny Domingo  
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Salvador Gutierrez  
William Houser  
Oscar Insong  
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Melvin Jones  
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Lonnie Tang  
Anthony Vann  
Tom Yamamoto

# Checking for Bad Vehicles

■ **Several agencies sweep LAX and remove commercial vehicles for alleged safety issues.**

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

**AIRPORTS** — A multi-agency law enforcement operation conducted July 19 at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) resulted in seven commercial ground transportation vehicles removed from service and 72 citations issued to drivers for mechanical, misdemeanor and administrative violations.

The goal of the operation was to enhance the personal safety of the general public who use commercial ground transportation services. Travelers at airports, such as LAX, are significant audiences for commercial ground transportation providers.

Nearly 54 representatives from the Los Angeles Airport Police, California Highway Patrol (CHP), California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and Los Angeles World



The Inspection Group checks a commercial shuttle van.

Airports Landside Operations conducted their inspections at the airport's limousine holding lot. A total of 289 limousines, buses, door-to-door shuttle vans and long-distance vans were inspected during the three and a half-hour operation.

The multi-agency team focused on proper driver and vehicle licensing, PUC and airport operating permits and other law enforcement-related issues. CHP officers and inspectors concentrated on mechanical equipment, including braking systems, passenger restraints, headlights, suspension and other safety systems that are required to be in good working order.

Of the 289 vehicles inspected, seven were issued misdemeanor violations for operating with a suspended/revoked PUC permit and were removed from service. One driver was cited for driving with an out-of-class license. The vehicles and driver are prohibited from further operation at LAX until violations of the airport's ground transportation operating permit program are corrected.

The team removed three additional vehicles from service for serious mechanical problems with brakes, vehicle suspension and other mechanical issues. Faulty transponders (devices attached to commercial vehicles to monitor the number of times they enter the airport's Central Terminal Area roadways) were confiscated from several vehicles. Seven drivers were issued Personal Service Citations for misdemeanor violations, including driving out-of-class and or without valid PUC permits. Fines for these citations vary, and the drivers must show proof of correction before they can resume for-hire operation.



Commercial vehicles in line for inspections at a Vehicle Inspection site.



■ **Emergency Preparedness Fairs scheduled in September.**

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS** — On Saturday, Sept. 8, the City will kick off its 16th annual Emergency Preparedness Fair. This year's theme is "Dare to Prepare," and it will be held on four days, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The dates and locations are:

- Sat., Sept. 8: Dr. Martin L. King Jr. Shopping Center, 1671 E. 103rd St., Los Angeles;
- Sat., Sept. 15: Westfield Fashion Square, 14006 Riverside Dr., Sherman Oaks;
- Thurs., Sept. 20: Seventh Street and Figueroa Plaza, 725 S Figueroa St, Los Angeles; and
- Sat., Sept. 29: Westchester Park, 7000 W. Manchester Ave. Westchester.

Under the leadership of the Los Angeles Emergency Preparedness Department, represen-

# Dare to Prepare

tatives will be present from Fire, Police, DWP, Airports, Transportation, Animal Services, Rec and Parks, Building and Safety, Department on Disabilities, Los Angeles Unified School District, American Red Cross and others who play a significant role in helping people during and after earthquakes, fires, floods, landslides and other natural or man-made disasters.

The Emergency Preparedness Department provides Citywide emergency management program leadership, continuity, and direction to enable the City and its partners to respond to, recover from, and mitigate the impact of natural, manmade or technological disasters upon its people or property.

During an actual disaster, all television media outlets are strongly urged to follow FCC regulations. This will ensure that all verbal information is closed captioned and provided visually for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. Additionally, any visual information, e.g., "crawlers" will be verbalized for the benefit of the blind and visually impaired community.

## CLUB PHOTO FEATURE



Manuel Orantes, U.S. Air Force, and Ernesto Orantes, U.S. Marines, are in the military and sons of Maria Orantes, Airports.

## The Club in the Armed Forces

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# Chief Barry Made Permanent



■ **Interim Fire Chief Douglas Barry to lead the LAFD permanently.**

**FIRE DEPT.** — After a national search for a new, permanent fire chief, Fire Chief Douglas Barry had the “interim” removed from his title at a press conference Aug. 21, in which Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa announced that Barry would become the department’s head permanently.

Fire Chief Douglas L. Barry is a 31-year veteran of the Los Angeles Fire Department who has distinguished himself through his exemplary record as a Firefighter, Engineer, Captain, Battalion Chief, Chief of Staff, and Assistant Chief, and most recently as the Interim LAFD Fire Chief.

Chief Barry joined the LAFD as a Firefighter in 1975 and quickly excelled through the ranks, being promoted to Apparatus Operator in 1979 and Engineer in 1980, followed by promotions to Captain I and Captain II in 1986 and 1989 respectively.

In 1993, Chief Barry assumed command of Battalion 13, where he supervised the daily operations of five Fire Stations in the South Los Angeles area. As head of Battalion 13, Chief Barry fostered strong relationships with Neighborhood Councils, Community Groups, Local Churches, and the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and Los Angeles County Fire Department.

In 1995, Chief Barry took command of the LAFD’s Operations Office, where he was responsible for overseeing the management of

Department discipline, Worker’s Compensation, and Wellness and Risk management programs. Chief Barry also served as liaison to the City Attorney’s Office and the LAPD.

In 1996, Fire Chief William Bamattre appointed Chief Barry to serve as his Chief of Staff, where he served as the principal liaison to the City Council and Mayor’s Office. Chief Barry also provided leadership and oversight to the Fire Chief’s Planning Section, Employee Relations Office, and Community Relations Office.

In 1997, Chief Barry assumed command of LAFD’s Battalion 11, covering six Fire Stations in the Wilshire Corridor. As head of the

Battalion, Chief Barry maintained strong relationships with chambers of commerce and a number of diverse community groups.

In 2000, Chief Barry took command of Battalion 6, in the Harbor area, overseeing operations at nine Fire Stations responsible for fire protecting the Port of Los Angeles. Chief Barry also served as liaison to the U. S. Coast Guard, Port Authorities, the Chambers of Commerce and the Los Angeles County and Long Beach Fire Departments.

In 2004, Chief Barry was appointed to Assistant Chief and assigned to command Division II, which incorporates all of South Los Angeles, including the Los Angeles International Airport and Port of Los Angeles.

Before assuming the position of Interim Fire Chief, Chief Barry served as the Assistant Fire Marshal, managing the day-to-day operations of the Fire Prevention Bureau, including inspections of high-rise and commercial occupancies, brush and hazardous materials processors.

Chief Barry was born and raised in the South Bay, attending Narbonne High School, L.A. Harbor College, and California State University, Long Beach. Chief Barry is married and has three adult daughters. Chief Barry has earned the respect and support of his fellow Firefighters and community, where he serves as Treasurer/Trustee and Deacon of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church in San Pedro.

Congratulations, Chief Barry!



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The Plumbing Shop presented Steve Joyce a Colts jacket.



From left: Steve Joyce, Retiree, Club Member, with Phil Sandoval, Painter.



Steve Joyce, Sr. Plumber, Retiree, Club Member, accepts the golden wrench shield from the Harbor Department.



Cake!



Dave Chrisman, Club Member, presents a gift to Steve Joyce.



Holly Carlson, Club Member, presents a check on behalf of Harbor Department Employees Club.



From left: Chuck Smith, Club Member, presents a shield with a gold pipe wrench to Steve Joyce.



The cake was designed by Carlos Rodriguez and Cherie Lofing's son, Brian.

# Steve Joyce Retires

■ Steve Joyce, Sr. Plumber, Club Member, retires after 35 years of City service.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Member; Photos courtesy of Chuck Smith

HARBOR — Friends, family and coworkers gathered to wish Steve Joyce, Sr. Plumber, Harbor, a great retirement.

He retires after 35 years of City service. The luncheon was held March 14.

The Club thanks Chuck Smith for his assistance.

Congratulations, Steve, and enjoy your retirement.



From left: Steve Joyce, Retiree, Club Member, with Leo Gallegos, Inspector, Club Member.



Kurt Anderson, Sheet Metal Worker, signs the card.



Cherie Lofing, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member, prepares the cake.



Richard Williams, Warehouse Worker II, Club Member.



From left: Carlos Rodriguez, Plumber, Club Member, with Steve Karsten, Plumber.



Chuck Smith, Mechanical Repair General Supervisor, Club Member, samples some of the good food on hand.



From left: Mike DeLang, Electrician, Club Member; Patty Miranda, Retiree, Club Member; Holly Carlson, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member; Emma Gonzalez, Retiree, Club Member; and Leo Cabrera, Equipment Operator.



From left: Mike Christensen, Assistant Executive Director, Club Member, presents a light house and proclamation.

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From left: Mona Curry, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator; and Eric Robles, Special Services Manager.



Back, from left: Stephanie Magnien, Deputy, Council District 9; and Mona Curry, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. Front: Jennifer Cruz, City Council; and Edwardo Hewitt, City Council District 6.

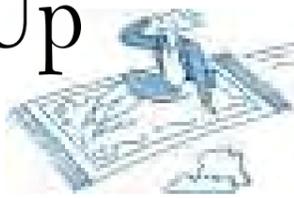
# Mona Movin' Up

■ Coworkers say goodbye as Mona Curry is promoted to EPD.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

GENERAL SERVICES — July 19, friends and colleagues came to wish Mona Curry goodbye, as she was leaving General Services to take her next post as a Coordinator in Emergency Preparedness.

Congratulations, Mona!



From left: Avak Sarafian, Management Analyst II; Mona Curry, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator; and Jon Sims, Management Analyst II, LAPD.



From left: Lorraine Green, Executive Assistant, Office of the Mayor; Mona Curry, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator; Rafael Gonzalez, Associate Director, Mayor's Office; and Lori Estrada, Mayor's Office.



From left: Moniquea Roberson, Executive Assistant, Council District 8; Avak Keotahian, Legislative Analyst; Mona Curry, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator; and Victoire Vappie-Prothro, Community Affair Manager, KTLA.



From left: Noel Cabrera, Event Coordinator, Club Member; Emily Mayeda, Management Analyst; Rose Karagezian, Sr. Management Analyst; Mona Curry, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator; and Juan Benitez, Principal Supervisor, Rec and Parks, Club Member.



From left: John Tan, Diesel Mechanic, Metro; Mona Curry, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator; Akiko Adachi, guest; and Pierre Riotoc, Procurement Analyst.

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# Alive! Feature

Looking out from the crane aboard the LAFD's Warner L. Lawrence.



Alive! photo by Angel Gomez

# One INCREDIBLE Boat

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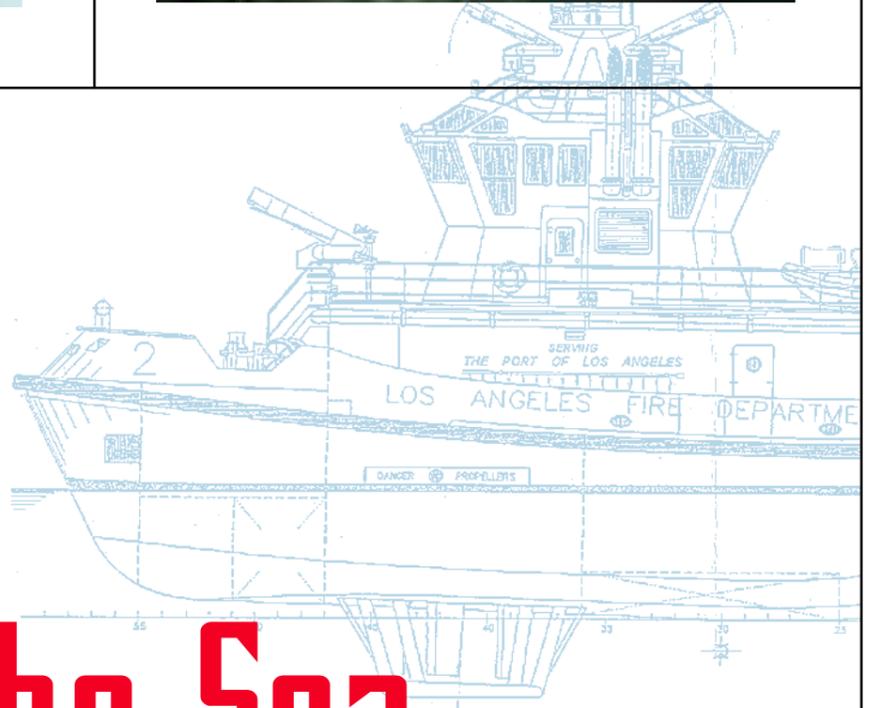


# One Incredible Boat

Alive! Feature



Tied down at Fire Station 112, its home base, the *Warner L. Lawrence* is poised and ready to go on a moment's notice.



## Alive! Interview

# Star of the Sea

### ■ LAFD Capt. Gilbert Reyna and Pilot Ralph Enderle talk about the *Warner L. Lawrence*.

FIRE DEPT. — When people walk right past Will Smith so they can look at the world's most powerful fireboat, the LAFD's *Warner L. Lawrence*, and buy a T-shirt with the boat on the front, that's real star power.

On Aug. 8, Club Director of Marketing and Communications Robert Larios interviewed Capt. Gilbert Reyna, 30 years of service with the LAFD, and Pilot Ralph Enderle, 19 years of service, in Fire Station 112 to talk about the amazing *Warner L. Lawrence*. The interview took place just prior to boarding the *Warner L. Lawrence* and going on an operational cruise.

The *Warner L. Lawrence* replaced the *Ralph J. Scott*, which sits in dry dock near Fire Station 112. *The Ralph J. Scott* entered service in 1925 and was decommissioned in 2003, when the *Warner L. Lawrence* entered service.



Capt. Gilbert Reyna and Pilot Ralph Enderle discuss the *Warner L. Lawrence* with Robert Larios, the Club's Director of Marketing and Communications. Behind them is the boat itself.

**Alive!:** How long have you been stationed here at Station 112?

**Gilbert:** Six days. I'm not kidding, six days. I'm brand new, not to the Fire Department. I come from Wilshire Boulevard, downtown Los Angeles. It's a big career change for me.

And how about you, sir?

**Ralph:** I've been here since '99.

You've been the pilot since ...

**Ralph:** I was promoted to mate and came here in '99, and then I was just promoted to pilot on the 12th of May, so I'm brand new as the pilot.

### Heck of a Boat

Give us the overall specs about the water pumping ability.

**Ralph:** It has a pumping capacity of 38,000 gallons per minute. It's hard to fathom 38,000 gallons.

How far can it throw?

**Ralph:** Our turret, which does 11,000 gallons per minute, will throw it 600 feet, and the pilothouse turrets, which are 5,500 gallons apiece, do 420.

**Gilbert:** They're incredible numbers.

We could sit in the center of the channel and hit both sides?

**Ralph:** Yes.

At the same time.

**Ralph:** Yes.

I presume it was designed to do that.

**Ralph:** It wasn't really designed for that. The design was for all the hazards in the Harbor Dept. first, and then they built the fire boats to hit all the hazards.

They figured out what you needed it to do and then you built it to do that.

**Ralph:** Yes.

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# One Incredible Boat

Alive! Feature

## Los Angeles Fire Dept. Fireboat 2 *Warner L. Lawrence*

Length:	105 feet
Height (from water line):	43 feet
Maximum speed:	13 knots
Pumping capacity:	38,000 gallons per minute
Fuel tanks:	16,230 gallons
Fresh water tank:	500 gallons
Firefighting foam tank:	6,000 gallons
Operating crew:	8
Firefighters:	12
Retractable diving platform:	8 feet by 3 feet, one foot below waterline when deployed
Rescue boat:	12-foot rigid inflatable
Capstans:	Two, each 5,000 pounds at 30 to 60 feet per minute
Towline:	500 feet of 1-inch-diameter cable
Engines:	Two Detroit Diesel (1,800 horsepower at 1,800 rpm each)
Pump engines:	Two Detroit Diesel (1,555 horsepower ant 2,000 rpm each)
Crane/boom:	50 feet long (basket can lift 750 pounds)
Wheelhouse:	All-around visibility; overhead windows; forward and aft propulsion and firefight- ing control stations

Equipment room:	Storage for hoses and equipment, plus workbench, tools, air and power out- lets
Medical room:	Treatment room, medical equipment storage, computer workstation, table and seating, patient recovery bunks, seating, hypothermia treatment shower and lavatory



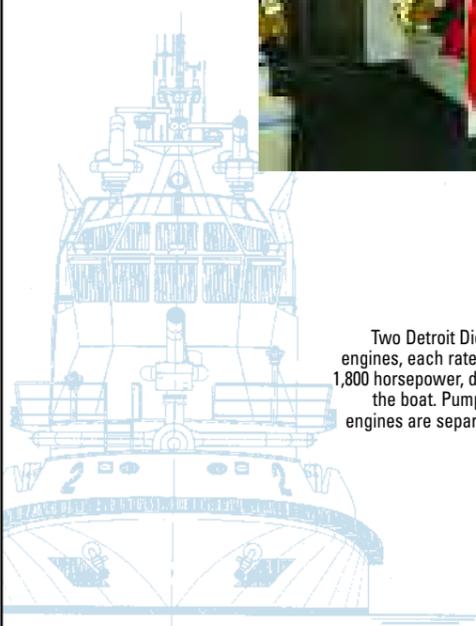
# The most POWERFUL



The Warner L. Lawrence features plenty of storage space for firefighting equipment.



Fire Station 112 shelters the boat while docked.



BOW VIEW

Two Detroit Diesel engines, each rated at 1,800 horsepower, drive the boat. Pumping engines are separate.



One of the boat's water pumps. In total, the Warner L. Lawrence can pump 38,000 gallons per minute, to fight fires.





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How much better is this boat in comparison to the *Ralph J. Scott*?

**Ralph:** Everything, everything about it. You have all the electronics, the pumping capacity, the foam capability. For example, it carries 6,000 gallons of foam, compared to the old boat, which had a 50-gallon tank.

**Gilbert:** And the medical services component. That first level actually has a gurney. We can get down in the water and get people on board much easier.

We could probably do the whole interview on the improvements of this boat. But you've got to remember, *The Ralph J. Scott*, in its day in the early 1900s, it was the big dog. But technology has moved quickly, and that's what we've captured here.

Do you expect this boat to last as long as the *Ralph J. Scott* did, from 1925 to 2003?

**Ralph:** We're hoping, yes. The lives of fireboats are quite long.

The boat can navigate back and forth, not only front and back, but side to side?

**Gilbert:** Yes.

**Ralph:** It's very maneuverable.

**Gilbert:** Ralph's had me doing circles, actually sitting in place, just spinning around.

The new boat must be more powerful than the *Ralph J. Scott*, too. There's talk that the *Warner L. Lawrence* is the most powerful fireboat in the world.

**Ralph:** Correct.

**Gilbert:** And it is.

Does that mean the size of the engines? The pumping capacity?

**Ralph:** Pumping capacity. Us pumping the 38,000 gallons per minute makes it, right now, the largest fireboat. And I believe, that boats are going to try to surpass this one.

Is there a contest on to see if someone can surpass it?

**Ralph:** I know New York is building one right now.

The only incident I've had with it was when a young man had just picked up his boat from a boat shop and was on his way back to his boat slip. It was about a 35-foot fiberglass boat and it was banging off the pillars next to the place across the street, and he was trying to cross the bay. We pulled up to it with this big old fireboat, gently grabbed his line, pulled him away and got him to safety. Because of the maneuverability of our boat, we were able to do that. If we had some other equipment, we'd have to find a smaller boat to help him. He was really happy that we were there.

**The Bigger Picture**

What does this boat allow the Fire Department to do, typically? What is the general use for this particular boat? What was the intent in building a boat like this?

**Ralph:** It was part of a whole project. We built three small boats at the same time, so we got three 39-foot boats that do 30 knots that are intended for quick response. Fire Boat 2 has a larger, greater pumping capacity. It carries a lot of foam and has a com-

Does the boat ever go on just regular patrol, or is it always an emergency response vehicle and sometimes for PR use?

**Gilbert:** We have tanker inspections. Big tankers come in. Fire Department personnel go out and meet the supertankers when they come in and barge or offload or load fuel. We walk the boats, and there's many items that we have to inspect and say okay.

But just to go out and patrol? No, I don't think so, unless we start hearing a lot of chatter on the marine radios about the weather turning bad. Maybe we'll say, "Okay, let's go out. There's too much going on. We're going to be out there anyway." It takes a little longer to get this thing out of quarters than a fire truck. It's a lot bigger. It's tied up. It's a distance. So we might take it out then.

How much does it patrol? How many square miles?

**Gilbert:** If we were in the water during [the fires on] Catalina, I heard we would have gone there with the L.A. County crews. But we were out of the water, being fixed up, cleaned up.

You were in dry dock?

**Gilbert:** In dry dock.

But think about LAX. If a plane runs off the end of LAX, that's the City. That's where we would go, both this big boat and the smaller ones. We'd go all the way around. It might take us a while to get there.

Would you have to refuel?

**Ralph:** It carries 16,230 gallons of fuel. We're capable of filling all of our boats from the big boat's tanks, if we had to.

**Gilbert:** They came all the way from Washington [upon initial delivery of the boat from the construction yard] on one tank of gas.

**Ralph:** We burned about 5,000 gallons from Washington home.

And it carries three times that amount.

**Ralph:** Yes, basically. They designed it to run 24 hours max with all the systems running.

With all pumps going full blast?

**Ralph:** Right. 38,000 gallons per minute, pumping ability. So if we have to run to LAX and then stay there for at least one or two days, we could do it.

**Gilbert:** And we can fill our small boats. We actually have a fueling station that we can hook up. The small boats' fuel tanks are not as big as ours, but we can actually fill them up while they're working.

# fireboat in the world.



Pilot Ralph Enderle is one of three in current rotation to pilot the *Warner L. Lawrence*.

**Gilbert:** They want to have a little bigger one.

**Ralph:** Of course.

**Experiences**

What are some stories about this boat in action?

**Ralph:** We haven't had any significant incident yet. But the "Mega Machine" TV show [on the Discovery Channel] came here, and they put a van on the dock. We used our cannon that pumps 11,000 gallons per minute, and hit the van with it. When the water hit it, it tumbled it down the dock.

**Gilbert:** Hundreds of feet.

**Ralph:** We weren't even able to see it the first time it hit. They had to film it again, because when the water hit it, there was just so much water. As soon as we moved the turret, the van was all dented in, and it tumbled down. It was at the other end of the wharf.

**Gilbert:** The people filming it said it looked like a toy being tossed around.

mand post. We're a lot slower, but we have a whole navy, LAFD's navy, that together forms one force.

What is a typical day for this boat?

**Ralph:** We do a lot of training and drilling. We do PR work, too, where we take out a lot of people. We do a lot of water displays for different city government agencies.

**Gilbert:** And cruise lines. The first time a big ship comes in, we'll go out and do a water display for them,

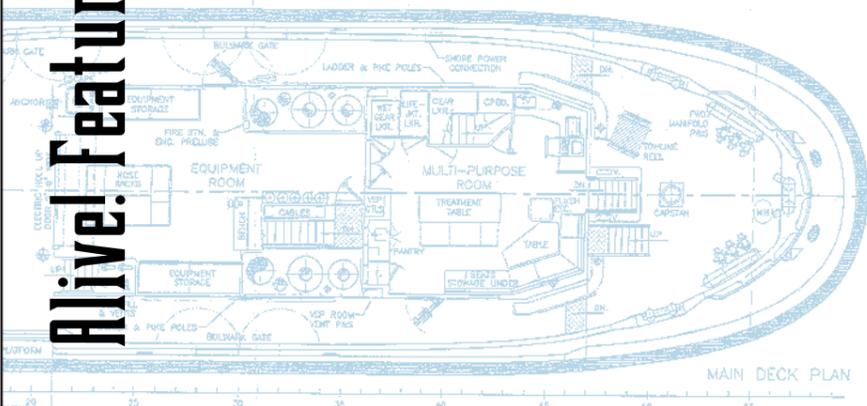
We get a lot of kids here. We're inundated so much with them, that a lot of times we have to say, "We're sorry. We're not available this week." Our days book up months in advance for the kids and the tours.

Those windows over there [that let people from the dock see the boat], people walk in and look in, because it's pretty amazing.

My first night here, we were out for a ride. We went by the Ports O Call Restaurant, and I saw all the flashes going off. I started looking around and thought, "Hmm... there must be somebody famous." They were taking a picture of our boat. They don't get to see it very often.

# One Incredible Boat

Alive! Feature



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How many people are a part of the regular crew, and how many pilots are there?

**Ralph:** We have a crew of eight. We have a Captain II and a pilot who operates it. The Captain is in charge of the whole operation. Then we have a mate who runs the deck, two engineers who run all the fire-fighting and all the pumps and engines, and then we have three firefighters who run all the different deck operations underneath the mate.

**Gilbert:** And one of those firefighters is a paramedic, so that when we go out, if somebody falls off their jet ski, or runs into the breakwater or gets trapped out on the breakwater, we have somebody who can treat them.

Just to clarify, there is an actual engine company [in Fire Station 112] that is trained in the boat, but they operate the ground equipment and respond to calls like the Ports O Call or a traffic accident. It would look bad if there were a fire station here and there was a traffic accident, and there's eight firefighters sitting here, saying, "Sorry, we can't take the boat over there." So they put an engine company here, just to make sure that if something happens, we're right there.

We also have paramedics. If a call came in right now for the breakwater, I would take them all and put them on the boat, because it would just give us that much more manpower and it gives us all those

paramedics. Once you're out there, you're on your own. It's not like where I came from in Wilshire. I pick up the radio and say, "Give me three more ambulances," and in four or five minutes, they're there. With the boat, I'm out there. I can't get that help that quickly.

### Who was Warner Lawrence?

**Ralph:** He was a Captain II, assigned here to this station and the old Boat Two. He was influential with the re-powering of old Boat Two, *The Ralph J. Scott*, when it went to a hydraulic system. They were looking at getting rid of Boat Two at that time, and he came up with the plan to make it hydraulic and save it. He actually saved *The Ralph J. Scott*.

### An Honor

Is there a sense of honor to be part of this boat?

**Gilbert:** I have 30 years with the Fire Department. I made Captain in 1986. I've been a captain for 21 years, and I just now got the seniority to get in here, just to give you an idea how long I waited.

So, ever since your appointment as Captain, in 1986, you've been interested in coming here.



Pilot Ralph Enderle (left) and Capt. Gilbert Reyna explain the inner workings in the belly of the ship.

**Gilbert:** Absolutely. This is where I wanted to go.

Do you like boats? Is that the reason?

**Gilbert:** I like boats. I like the whole mystique.

It's been a career change for me. I've been in a busy firehouse downtown for 20-some years. This being the twilight of my career, the last eight years, I looked at it and thought, you know what, it's really something to look forward to. It's a change, a different atmosphere, different guys, different equipment, different challenges. I'm sitting there watching TV as you were a couple of days ago and saw the bridge go down in Minneapolis, and now I look at that in a whole different way. I think okay, now I've got divers. I've got divers on the small boat. I've got a medical platform. And I'm thinking completely differently than I was a month ago. Once you add the water element to it, it's a different world. We can't breathe in it. It just doesn't work that way. It is a whole other atmosphere for me.

I'm sure there's a lot of debate about this being the most impressive piece of equipment that the City owns.

**Gilbert:** I did some work out at the airport, where we had our helicopters, and I remember the operators talking. I think it was in 1992 or 1993. They were just ecstatic, saying, "Oh look at this thing! It's beautiful! It's got two engines!" And you go downstairs [on Fire Boat 2] and you see those four engines, you're thinking, okay, those helicopters have nothing on this.

**Ralph:** Nothing compares.

**Gilbert:** Just in sheer mass. And when you look at this piece of machinery, there's nothing little about it. Every bolt, every weld is big. I was commenting on it earlier. I'd say, "Look at this piece of tubing." And you're thinking, well, okay, don't get all thrilled about tubing. But you look at this piece of pipe and you think it took a guy probably a week to put this together. You just can't pick up this piece of pipe and weld it. You had to have a crane hold it and set it up, and then cut the other piece so it fits. It's impressive. And, being inside the hull of the ship, you forget how massive everything is.

The technology ... when you start looking at all the little computers, there's just all this stuff. I was just saying this morning, "Who's the poor guy who had to wire this?" It's just amazing stuff.

There are fans of this boat all over the world, right? I was doing some research on Google for this interview, and I read that people took their whole vacations just to see this boat. That's unbelievable.

**Gilbert:** Every day. Every day two or three people come to our door and say, "I'm sorry. I'm visiting from Minnesota," or wherever. "Can I just take a look? If I get a picture of it, the guys won't believe it!" And we say, "Okay, come on in." We'll stop our whole



Club Member Services Manager Angel Gomez tries on some of the boat's safety equipment.

day, but you get used to it. They are happy to see it. They buy us out of T-shirts.

Columbia Pictures was filming right out in front of the station recently, and here's Will Smith. You know he's a big-time actor and he's filming. People are walking right by him to come buy T-shirts from us. I mean, it's that funny. Here's this big-time star, and all his crew, and they cleaned us out of T-shirts. They bought every darned T-shirt we had. I'm like, "You're working with Will Smith. Come on!"

The boat is like a star, too, but it's a functional star. It's there for a purpose and it can serve other purposes, too. But you remember its main purpose is to save lives.

**Gilbert:** Absolutely.

The boat's responsibility is 100 percent the Port of L.A.?

**Gilbert:** Correct. We'll go all the way out to the breakwater, and even past the breakwater, if there's a distress call. Sometimes we'll meet the cruise ships that are coming back in who have a heart attack victim, or they just left and a guy was so excited, he drank too much and maybe got his heart going where he hadn't had it going before, and all of the sudden, he's feeling chest pains. We'll actually go catch the cruise ship, take him back to shore, and then bring him back.

You're a fire truck, ambulance, boat and pumper, all in one.

**Gilbert:** Yes, a little bit of everything. We're here to protect human life and then property. Remember that guy whose boat was banging up against the dock? Rescuing him took 30 minutes out of our time. And he was so happy.

Thanks, gentlemen!

**Ralph:** Thank you.

**Gilbert:** Thank you! Now, let's get you out on the water.

**Alive!:** Sounds good!



Standing aboard the Warner L. Lawrence are some of its crew.



The 2006 MVP Winners.

# General Services MVPs

*Congratulations!*



■ **Three individuals and two teams are named**

## General Services Most Valued Performers.

**GENERAL SERVICES** — General Services has many employees who, day in and day out, perform their duties in an outstanding manner and set an example for others to follow. They do more than is required while maintaining a high level of work quality.

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The MVP winners have their names engraved on a perpetual award, kept on display in the lobby of City Hall South, and they are presented with a beautifully designed commendation.

The MVP Winners for 2006 are:

### Individual Award Winners:

**Ron Patitucci, Equipment Specialist II (Fleet Services Division):** 38 years of City Service and a Career Service Award Nominee. Mr. Patitucci's forward thinking approach to the design and purchase of refuse collection vehicles has resulted in the development of new specs for refuse vehicles, resulting in the development and purchase of environmentally friendly equipment for the City.



Alvin Blain, General Manager, General Services, and Ron Patitucci, MVP Winner.

**Jesus Tiznado, Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic (Fleet Services Division):** 34 years of City Service and a Career Service Award Nominee. During the storms of 2006, Mr. Tiznado spent two full days on Mt. Lee monitoring and maintaining an emergency generator serving the Mt. Lee Communications Array, which provides communications capability to the Los Angeles Police and Fire Departments.



Alvin Blain, General Manager, General Services, and Jesus Tiznado, MVP Winner.

**Carlos Rivas, Senior Custodian II (Custodial Services Division):** Since taking over custodial operations for the Van Nuys Jail almost three years ago, the Los Angeles County Health Department and the Prison and Welfare Board have passed it on every inspection. This service improvement has saved the City fines and untold liability in lawsuits.



Alvin Blain, General Manager, General Services, and Carlos Rivas, MVP Winner.

### Team Award Winners:

**Budget and Finance Division:** Victor Yee, Senior Management Analyst II; Rose Karagezian, Senior Management Analyst I; Lisa Gabriel, Management Analyst II; Ronn Encarnacion, Management Analyst II; Dwight Craft, Management Analyst II; Pierre Riotoc, Procurement Analyst I; and Emily Mayeda, Management Assistant. This group produces and maintains the Department's budget in the midst of a constantly changing financial and operational environment; coordinates internal hearings for the executive staff and the General Manager; and routinely meets with individual divisions to assist them in resolving their budget-related problems.



Alvin Blain, General Manager, General Services, and MVP Team Winner (Supply Chain Services): Gary Kim, Armando Rojas, William Bartling, Arturo Leyva, Karl Guder and Troy Lee.

**Supply Chain Services:** Karl Guder, Principal Storekeeper; Troy Lee, Principal Storekeeper; Arturo Leyva, Senior Storekeeper; Armando Rojas, Storekeeper II; Sylvia Perez, Storekeeper II; William Bartling, Storekeeper II; and Gary Kim, Warehouse and Toolroom Worker I. Within one year, this team moved six warehouses and seven repair facilities from Rec and Parks to General Services; revamped and reconfigured the warehouses, implemented an automated material locator system, eliminated wasteful practices, and implemented a more efficient and cost effective purchasing and delivery system. With the reestablishment of the Small Equipment Parts Distribution Center and the reconfiguring of the six outlying stores, Supply Chain Services has reduced dormant/salvage stock from more than \$126,000 to practically zero. Their reconfiguration of six warehouses resulted in an annual savings in staff hours of approximately \$92,000.



Alvin Blain, General Manager, General Services, and MVP Team Winner (Budget and Finance): Victor Yee, Dwight Craft, Emily Mayeda, Pierre Riotoc, Ronn Encarnacion, and Rose Karagezian. (Missing: Lisa Gabriel.)



Cake for the retirement party.



Shari and Bill Hill, Retirees



Many employees came to wish Bill and Shari a happy retirement.

## Goodbye to Bill and Shari



■ **Bill and Shari Hill retire from Harbor. Together they have 54 years of service.**

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor;  
Photos courtesy Chuck Smith

HARBOR — Bill and Shari Hill, husband and wife and both Harbor employees, are retiring together. An event was held for them March 12.

Shari is retiring as a Sr. Management Analyst with 35 years of service, while Bill retires with 19 years of service.

Thanks to Chuck Smith for his assistance.

Congratulations to Bill and Shari, and best of luck for happy retirements.



Chuck Smith, Club Member, was the Master of Ceremonies for Shari and Bill's Retirement get-together.



From left: Mike Christensen, Assistant Executive Director, Club Member, presents Shari with her 35-year service pin.



Juan Benitez, Procurement Supervisor, Club Member, was also on hand to congratulate Bill and Shari Hill.



Welcome to the retirement event.



More cake for the retirement party.

# REST INSURED

by JEFF GELINEAU

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



## Be Sure to Insure Investment Property

One of the great opportunities in this marketplace is investing in a condo or a single-family home to provide a rental income. While this type of investment is often a great idea, it's important that you properly protect your investment with the right insurance coverage. Before you give the keys to your first tenant, make sure that you have properly addressed your insurance. Having a homeowner's policy for the rental property will not be sufficient. A landlord's policy will probably be more expensive than your homeowner's policy, because it takes into account the fact that tenants are not careful with the property as the owner.

When it comes to insurance for rental properties, one common mistake people make is to carry only fire insurance. While this is a minimum, you really should consider carrying broader coverage. More comprehensive policies cover the contents of the building, including the furnace, air conditioning, tools and landscaping. The majority of policies do not cover tenant's possessions. If you rent the house unfurnished, this can reduce your insurance policy, since it doesn't need to cover the costs of the furnishings.

Often, policies do not cover the appliances that are installed at your rental property. Check to make sure that your policy does. If it doesn't, inquire about a separate appliance policy if the appliances are valuable. Don't forget about earthquake coverage, also. If you are depending on this income to supplement your retirement, you will want to ensure that it is protected against any calamity.

For rental properties, another major consideration is liability insurance. This includes accidents on your property and protection against being sued. Be sure that your policy includes full liability coverage. This type of coverage is extremely important, since it covers your legal costs if you are sued in a personal injury lawsuit. Landlords are especially vulnerable to these types of lawsuits, since tenants can ultimately blame them for anything that goes wrong on the property, from a loose step that causes a fall, to a faulty hot water heater that scalds someone in the shower. In addition to personal injury, your liability policy should also cover claims of libel, slander, discrimination, invasion of privacy and unlawful eviction.

Remember that liability policies cover the legal costs only, not any monies awarded to the injured party in a lawsuit. But legal defense costs (generally attorney's fees) are often more expensive than the final award for damages. You should buy as much liability insurance as possible, so that even if your policy is limited to \$500,000, talk to your agent about additional limits available through an umbrella liability policy.

One more item of concern is loss of rents coverage. If your rental property is damaged so severely that it is uninhabitable, you cannot collect rent until it is repaired and reoccupied. Make sure that your policy includes loss of rents coverage sufficient to provide you the full amount that you would normally collect for monthly rent. You should plan on having at least 12 to 18 months worth of coverage, as rebuilding can take a while. Generally, most policies provide 10 percent of the insurance coverage on the building as a limit for loss of rents. (For example, if you were insuring the house for \$400,000, then you would receive \$40,000 for loss of rents.) If the house rents for \$2,500 a month, then \$40,000 would provide enough coverage for 16 months. Sometimes a house could take two years to be rebuilt, so be sure that you have purchased enough coverage.

Feel free to call our agency if you have any questions about these items, or would like to do a complete insurance review with us. Call us if you would like to get a quote for your home or auto policy through us, or would like a question answered on any type of insurance.

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Celebrating Kimyen Le's promotion were, from left: Kimyen Le, Adriana Valles, Elsa de Anda, Luis Aguilar (standing), Brad Atwell, Greg Lissow (standing), Heddy Guinto, Julia Lizarde, Brandie Woods and Brian Gonzalez.

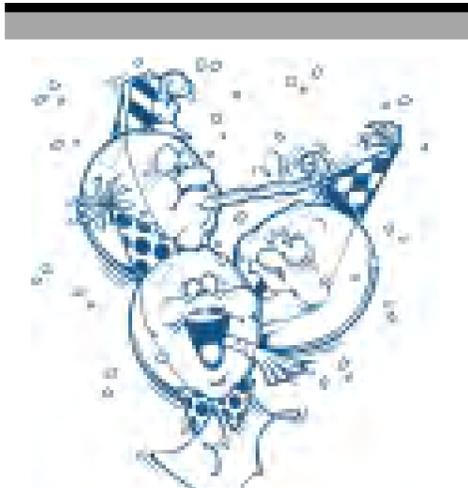
## Kimyen Moves Up

■ **Colleagues say goodbye to Kimyen Le, Club Member, as she's promoted to the Mayor's office.**

*Photo and text courtesy Luis Aguilar, Convention Center*

CONVENTION CENTER — After five great years serving the Facility Division of the Convention Center as an Accounting Clerk, Club Member Kimyen Le has been promoted to Accountant in the Mayor's office. Her co-workers held a celebration July 12 to wish her well in her new endeavor.

Congratulations, Kimyen, and good luck in the Mayor's office!



LT. Tommy Villareal, Valley Transportation, presented Harris Yoneoka his 30-year pin and his very own street sign.



Harris Yoneoka and his daughter, Jolene.



Harris Yoneoka and his wife, Diane.

## All Hail Harris

■ **Harris Yoneoka retires from Transportation after 36 years of City service.**

*Story and photos by Ken Kochakji, Retired Traffic Officer, Club Member*

TRANSPORTATION — Traffic Officer Harris Yoneoka enjoyed a retirement celebration July 27, after 36 years of service. The event was held at the Sportsman's Lodge in Studio City. The party theme was Hawaiian.

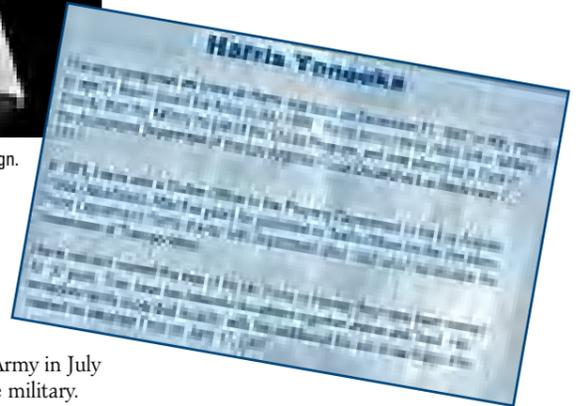
He was born Sept. 17, 1947, in Hilo,

Hawaii. At age 21 Harris joined the Army in July 1968. Harris served three years in the military.

In 1974, Harris was a Station Officer in the Property Department of the Los Angeles Police Department. After five years he was promoted to Traffic officer for the Van Nuys Police Department. Harris stayed with LAPD until 1985, when the Traffic Officers joined the Department of Transportation.

Harris met and married the love of his life, Diane, in Hawaii; they have been married for 37 years. They have two beautiful daughters, Jolene and Traci.

Congratulations from the Club, Harris!



From left: Retired Traffic Officer John Latemer; Diane Harris; and retired Traffic Officer Ken Kochakji and his wife Ann (seated) man in back is unidentified.



From left: Retired Sgt. Roger Gornick; retired former supervisor Sherry Phipps; and retired Traffic Officer Ken Kochakji and his wife, Ann.



From left: Retired Sgt. Roger Gornick, who performed a magic show; Harris Yoneoka; and Traffic Officer Gwen Battles.



Harris Yoneoka is awarded "The order of parking meter."



From left: Mary Rich, Diane Harris, retired Traffic Officer Cliff Rich, Harris Yoneoka and retired Sgt. Birdie Westmoreland.



At left is the event host, Rodney Lucas.



# Airport Police's Grads

■ Ten new officers join the ranks of the Airport Police.

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

**AIRPORTS** — Ten 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 July 20.

**The new officers are:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Naim Al-Amin
- \_\_\_\_\_ James So
- \_\_\_\_\_ Santiago Sanchez
- \_\_\_\_\_ Henry Ta
- \_\_\_\_\_ Adrian Bean
- \_\_\_\_\_ Damien Andrews
- \_\_\_\_\_ Adela Lopez
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ka Man Fan
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bartolo Castro
- \_\_\_\_\_ Porchia King

Los Angeles Airport Police Acting Chief Brian

A. Walker attended the graduation exercises, along with Assistant Chiefs Errol Southers, George Centeno, William Thompson, Frank Fabrega and a host of other Airport Police personnel.

Graduate Damien Andrews was selected as class president by his academy peers and delivered the class speech. All the officers excelled in the academy, with three being recognized as high achievers. Officer Andrews was the proud recipient of the Humanitarian award. Officer Ta received the award for the Most Improved Recruit, and Officer King was the recipient of the "Top" Report Writing Award in her academy class.

The new officers were sworn in by Airport Police Acting Chief Brian A. Walker after the graduation ceremony.

Congratulations to the new officers!



From left: Airport Police Assistant Chiefs William Thompson and Erroll Southers; Airport Police Officers Naim Al-Amin; James So; Santiago Sanchez; Henry Ta; Adrian Bean; Airport Police Acting Chief Brian A. Walker; Officers Damien Andrews; Adela Lopez; Ka Man Fan; Bartolo Castro; Porchia King; and Airport Police Assistant Chiefs George Centeno and Frank Fabrega, after the academy graduation ceremony.

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# Ontario Officers Honored

■ **Safety Officers at LA Ontario recognized by Mayor, Fire Chief for saving a life, managing defibrillator program.**

Story by Harold Johnson, Principal Public Relations Officer, LA Ontario; Photos courtesy Airports

AIRPORTS — LA Ontario Public Safety Officers Charles Bruno, Eric Foehner, Michael Rasmussen, Raul Rodriguez and Captain Wendell “Woody” Callaway were honored June 7 by then-Interim Fire Chief Douglas Barry, and



LA/Ontario International Airport Safety Officers recognized by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Los Angeles Fire Department then-Interim Chief Douglas Barry are (from left) Eric Foehner, Raul Rodriguez, Dave Secord, Dan Mier, Charles Bruno, Capt. Wendell “Woody” Callaway and Michael Rasmussen.



Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa by video link, for helping to save the life of a 24-year-old man under cardiac arrest.

In addition, Capt. Delbert Patschull and Safety Officer Dan Meier received Support Staff Awards for their management of the LA Ontario Automated External Defibrillators (AED) program. Safety Officer Ryan Clark received a Support Staff Award for efforts as emergency medical technician instructor on the LA Ontario AED Program. Chief Dan Lindsay and Capt. Greg Star received an award for the LA Ontario Safety Department.

The ceremony took place in Council Chambers June 7. Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa congratulated to the group via videotape due to

an engagement at LA/Palmdale Regional Airport

Airports began installing Automated External Defibrillators (AED) in 2003 as part of the Los Angeles Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) Program. Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa and Interim Fire Chief Douglas L. Barry held an award ceremony June 7 at the Los Angeles City Council Chambers to raise awareness of sudden cardiac arrest and defibrillation.

“Because of the swift, professional and heroic response of these officers, lives were saved and families were given more time with their loved ones,” said James T. Butts, Airports Deputy Executive Director of Law Enforcement and Protection Services.



LA/Ontario International Airport Fire Chief Dan Lindsay (right) and Capt. Delbert Patschull hold the commendation awarded by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa to the LA Ontario Airport Rescue and Firefighting Division for outstanding performance in coming to the aid of a victim in cardiac arrest.

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From left: Tommy Ho, Sr. Construction Inspector, 35 years of service; and Rodger Shimatsu, Sr. Labor Compliance Analyst, Team Leader, 7 years of service, are happy to wait for the lunch line to empty out.



From left: PW Commissioner Paula Daniels; Hannah Choi, Contract Compliance Program Manager, 20 years of service; and Dave Sickler, Assistant General Manager, DWP.



Committee Members, from left: Tom Cazares, Principal Construction Inspector; Claire Berriman, Management Analyst II; Maricel Quirante, Management Analyst II; Hannah Choi, Contract Compliance Program Manager I; Rebecca Balbuena, Sr. Clerk Typist; Paola Valencia, Management Assistant; and Melizza Estur, Clerk Typist.



From left: Gary Moore, City Engineer, Bureau of Engineering; Paula Daniels, Public Works Commissioner, 2 years; Dave Sickler, Assistant General Manager, DWP, 3 years of service; standing: Ed Ebrahimian, Director, Bureau of Street Lighting, Public Works, 21 years of service.



From left: Brenda Arroyo, Management Assistant, 1.5 years of service; and Claudia Rojo, Clerk Typist, 3 years of service.

# International Friends



## Contract Administration hosts a luncheon to celebrate the ethnicities of their coworkers.

Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Marketing and Communications, and Stephanie Interiano, Board of Public Works Public Affairs

**PUBLIC WORKS** — Contract Administration held a luncheon July 11 to celebrate one-year anniversary in the South Broadway Public Works Building and showcase cuisines from all over the world, the native cuisines of many of the people working in the department.

Dishes included those from the Philippines, China, Mexico and throughout Central and South America, to name just a few. The food was served buffet-style.

Many employees brought cooked dishes to share. Several Public Works Commissioners attended as well. The luncheon also featured several non-alcoholic beverages and desserts that represented some of the featured countries.

A committee of Contract Administration employees was formed to coordinate the event. Although this is the first International Friendship Luncheon at the Broadway Public Works Building, this was technically the second time they had this event. The first one was put together at their previous location, 600 Spring St. in Downtown Los Angeles.

Special thanks to Sharon Reddit and Maricel Quirante for their assistance.



Vas Singh, Senior Clerk Typist, sampled a little of everything.



Becky Balbuena, Sr. Clerk Typist, 7 years of service.



From left: Sharon Reddit, Executive Assistant, 35 years of service; Agnes Cabrera, Systems Analyst, 6 years of service; Zi Ye, Sr. Systems Analyst, 17 years of service; Irma Aranda, Executive Assistant II, 33 years of service; Alvinia Williams, Sr. Clerk Typist, 7 years of service; and Marianne Gomez, Payroll Supervisor, 28 years of service.



From left: Alem Khasay, Management Analyst II, 21 years of service; Dale Kanegawa, Labor Compliance Analyst, 2 years of service; Kelly Kim, Certification Analyst; John Pattison, Management Analyst I, 6 years of service; Leah Chu, Management Assistant, 2 years of service; Yono Hong, Management Assistant, 7 months; and Rodger Shimatsu, Sr. Labor Compliance Analyst, Team Leader, 7 years of service.



From left: Michelle Micksell, Management Analyst, 2 years of service; Mary Taylor, Principal Clerk, 11 years of service; and Shin Chau, Systems Analyst, 2 months of service.



Tom Cazares, Principal Construction Inspector, 19 years of service, carves the pork for serving.



From left: Claudia Rojo, Clerk Typist, 3 years of service; Ripsime Ter-Galstyan, Management Assistant, 5 months of service; and Paola Valencia, Management Assistant, 9 years of service, like many other employees, were very interested in trying out the flavors of the world.



Bret Reynolds, Principal Construction Inspector, 16 years of service, prepared the barbecue ribs for the event.



From left: Marcel Quirante, Management Analyst II, 9 years of service, and Catherine O'Connell, Sr. Management Analyst, 13 years.

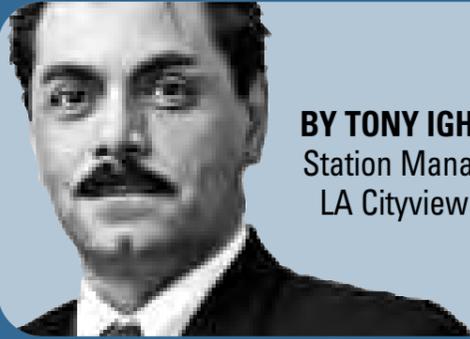


From left: Walter Bradley, Assistant Director, 19 years of service; and Russ Strazzella, Chief Construction Inspector, 17.5 years of service.



From left: David Tang, Principal Construction Inspector, 19 years of service, and Ted Galsim, Principal Construction Inspector, 24 years of service.

# Tuned In



**BY TONY IGHANI**  
Station Manager,  
LA Cityview 35



## Fall Means Lots of Good Programming

We are so excited about the variety of new shows premiering this month that we shouldn't take up any more space and go right to them.

So here are our programming highlights for September. Remember, if you have any questions, make sure to drop me a line!

### Programming Highlights in September:

#### Aging in LA

A very important episode that seniors and caregivers alike shouldn't miss – *Crime Prevention for Seniors* – will impart important information about how to be safe in your own home and how to avoid being a victim of *distraction robberies*.

#### Domestic Violence PSA

According to a 2002 article in *Color Lines* magazine, one out of four women will become a victim of domestic violence during their lifetime. Domestic Violence / Intimate Partner Violence is a national problem that affects people regardless of age, economic level, educational status, sexual orientation or culture. It is a pattern of behavior that includes physical, sexual, verbal, emotional and psychological abuse.

Due to the City's Domestic Violence Task Force, established in 1994, domestic violence is always the topic of discussion. The Task Force is comprised of representatives from domestic violence community-based organizations and representative from City entities, including the Mayor's office, the City Attorney's office, and the Community Development Dept.

In 2006, Task Force Members requested funding from *LA Cityview 35* to produce a Domestic Violence Public Service Announcement. The funding was granted, and with the PSA recently completed, it will begin airing this month.

The goal of the PSA is to raise awareness about domestic violence and to educate the constituents within the City about this very urgent issue. If you are in an abusive relationship, there is help out there, and the most important lesson to know is that you are not alone.

#### Inside the LAPD

Premiering this month are three new episodes of "Inside the LAPD," hosted by Mary Grady, Public Information Director

for the Los Angeles Police Department. They are:

#### "Women Inside the LAPD"

Meet two high-ranking female members of the LAPD Command Staff, commanders Debra McCarthy and Sandy Jo MacArthur. In this episode, we see the human side of these dynamic women as we learn about their careers and see modern day law enforcement through their eyes.

#### "Veterans of the LAPD"

Meet three different veterans of the Department with more than 140 years of service between them. Deputy Chief Michael Hillmann describes his early days as a rookie as well as his current assignment creating the new Critical Incident Management Bureau. Sgt. Donald Harris offers his unique perspective on a career spent with the Department, and the many roles he has played. Civilian employee Marlene Greenfield, with more than 50 years on the job, has a story like no other and defines the word "veteran."

#### "What Happens When You Call 911?"

Follow the steps of a 911 call from beginning to resolution. We meet some of the hard-working personnel of the LAPD Communications Division, take a tour of their new state-of-the-art facility and then go on a ride-along with officers who chase 911 calls in their division.

#### L.A. Roundtable

Three new episode of "L.A. Roundtable" make their *LA Cityview 35* debut this month.

#### "Presidential Politics in California"

Scholars and political consultants look at the impact of our earlier-than-ever pri-

maries on the upcoming presidential election, both inside and outside of California.

#### "Equal Justice for All?"

Recent celebrity cases have again raised the question of whether well-connected, famous and wealthy defendants get special treatment from the police, from attorneys, from the courts, and even while they are in jail.

#### "LA International Airport – No Longer World Class"

LAX has become a dinosaur among world airports, according to some. Critics say the terminals look old, there's no shopping mall, restaurants are small, and runways are outdated. Yet LAX continues to operate much as it has for the last 40 years, even as studies and plans for modernization come, and go. What's to be done?

#### Safety Valet

The City is known for its traffic congestion. This creates a hazardous environment for children around schools, especially during drop-off and pickup times. With parents trying to get in and out of the congestion as quickly as possible, they are often unaware of children crossing the street to school, resulting in a high rate of vehicle-pedestrian collisions.

The City's Commission for Children, Youth and Their Families and the LAPD have partnered to resolve this issue. Funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety, *Safety Valet* is a volunteer-based program that seeks to create a safer environment for children around schools.

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

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# Newsbrief

## WESTSIDE GRIDLOCK:

Moving forward with his Westside Anti-Gridlock Plan, Councilmember Bill Rosendahl in August won unanimous support from his colleagues to fund traffic relief efforts in the southern half of his coastal district.

Following an earlier council approval to fund transportation projects in the northern part of the district, the Los Angeles City Council voted to approve the allocation of \$3.2 million for the Coastal Traffic Improvement Project, a project that will serve the southern half of the 11th district.

The actions are a major fulfillment of the Rosendahl pledge to provide traffic relief to the congested Westside.

The Coastal Traffic Improvement Project, which will include transportation improvements near LAX and the ocean, will provide new left turn signals, equipment upgrades, and intersection capacity improvements throughout parts of the coastal district.

"Our gridlock is past intolerable," Rosendahl said. "It is a real problem and calls for immediate action. We are moving in the right direction, but this is only the beginning. We must do more."

Specifically, the project includes:

- Replacement of existing traffic signal controllers with state-of-the-art controllers at 160 intersections.

- Installation of 10 new left-turn phases at three intersections.

- Implementation of department modification improvements at 11 intersections.

- Installation of communication interconnect along Imperial Highway.

- Installation of electronic vehicle detectors at 12 intersections to provide Adaptive Traffic Control System (ATCS) technology, which will automatically adjust signal timing for optimum traffic flow.

"When it comes to fighting traffic gridlock, we need a coordinated, comprehensive strategy that addresses transportation issues in specific communities," Rosendahl said. "We can no longer have a piecemeal approach to traffic congestion."

The approval complements other traffic relief measures that Rosendahl has pushed forward. Also in August, Councilmembers Bill Rosendahl and Jack Weiss won support to fund the West Los Angeles Traffic Improvement Project. The project will provide similar transportation improvements to the West Los Angeles area.

Last December, Rosendahl unveiled a comprehensive anti-gridlock plan that included short- and long-term projects to relieve traffic congestion and promote mass transit on the Westside. The expenditures, all on the Westside, total more than \$11 million and require formal council

approval. The Coastal Traffic Improvement Project and the West Los Angeles Traffic Improvement Project are two of many within his spending proposal.

## SEEING THE LIGHTS IN WILMINGTON:

The Wilmington Business Improvement District will receive a new and improved lighting system, following a contract award by the Board of Public Works Commissioners, Board President Cynthia Ruiz said.

Located in Council District 15, the project is located on Avalon Boulevard from G Street to Opp Street and Anaheim Street from Marine Avenue to Broad Avenue. The \$344,416.51 contract was awarded to C.T. & F Inc.

Twenty-seven units on existing concrete electroliers with 200-watts high-pressure sodium lamps will be replaced with new decorative arms and teardrop luminaires. There will also be 14 units converted from series high voltage to multiple low voltage.

"We worked with the community on this project to give the area a unique lighting system to celebrate the City's diversity, while providing a safer environment for the residents and businesses," said Ed Ebrahimi, Bureau of Street Lighting Director.

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## 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.

# ClubFest 2007 Is Almost Here!

■ **ClubFest could sell out any minute. Now's the time to get your tickets!**

THE CLUB — Music, food, raffles, fun ... the best ClubFest ever is right around the corner, and it's selling well. So get your tickets now!

ClubFest is set for Sunday, Oct. 7, at Calamigos Ranch, in the hills above Malibu.

ClubFest 2007 once again includes party bands with a City employee connection: all three of the bands from 2006. We saw you dancing ... and so we're bringing them back.

Attendance is limited to just 1,500, assuring attendees a relaxed and comfortable day. But that means tickets are limited, so don't miss out.

ClubFest is co-sponsored by AIG and Office Depot. Prizes co-sponsored by Universal Studios.

Tickets are \$20 for all adults, free for children under four. For adults, that's a savings of more than \$25 off the actual cost of the ticket.

Three bands are scheduled to play almost continuously from start to finish, one at a time. Check out the related story for information on the bands.

Tickets are now on sale. Get them through the Club Website (login required), by using the application in this issue of *Alive!*, at Club headquarters, or through your Club Counselor. ClubFest tickets are limited to nine tickets per each Club member. Tickets are available only to Club members and their families.

The new features and the new feel of ClubFest 2007 are in addition to the usual great ClubFest features:

- great food, including ribs (new for 2007!), chicken, beans, corn, salad, potato salad, and all the trimmings
- hot dog carts and unlimited ice cream treats and soft drinks
- fun booths, including a dunk tank, a moon bounce, a water slide, etc.
- the return of the Ferris wheel!
- raffles
- bingo
- pony rides and hayrides
- face painting

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All tickets will be \$20 for adults; free for children under four.

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**1** **Kauai**

"Aloha, *Alive!* This picture was taken by my wife, Sharon, DWP, of my daughter, Tamara, and I at Hanalei Bay on the east coast of the Hawaiian island of Kauai. It was our first vacation to Kauai, and we will definitely be returning; we were blown away by the breathtaking beauty of the island and the friendly, easygoing nature of all the native people of Kauai."

- Alfred Sosa, DWP

**4** **Egypt**

Former Club staffer **Michelle Moreno** ("Michelle on the Move") in Egypt.

**2** **Louisiana**

"This is a picture of me in June in Plain Dealing, located in the beautiful state of Louisiana. I was told that the town received its name because, years ago, one could pass through and get a plain ole deal."

- Beverly Pitts

**5** **Alaska**

"Hello, *Alive!* I just came back from a trip to Alaska. I took photos in downtown Anchorage ... at the Denali National Park train station ... and in North Pole, Alaska, just outside of Fairbanks. It is great to stay in touch, no matter where I travel."

- Erik Jacobsen, DWP

**3** **Alaska**

"I just got back from a spectacular two weeks in Alaska, volunteering for Habitat for Humanity. We were a group of 21 volunteers, helping to build 12 condos for some low-income families. When we weren't busy constructing, we had the opportunity to experience the beauty and splendor of the last frontier state."

- Rodney Bernaldo, Management Analyst II, Public Works Sanitation

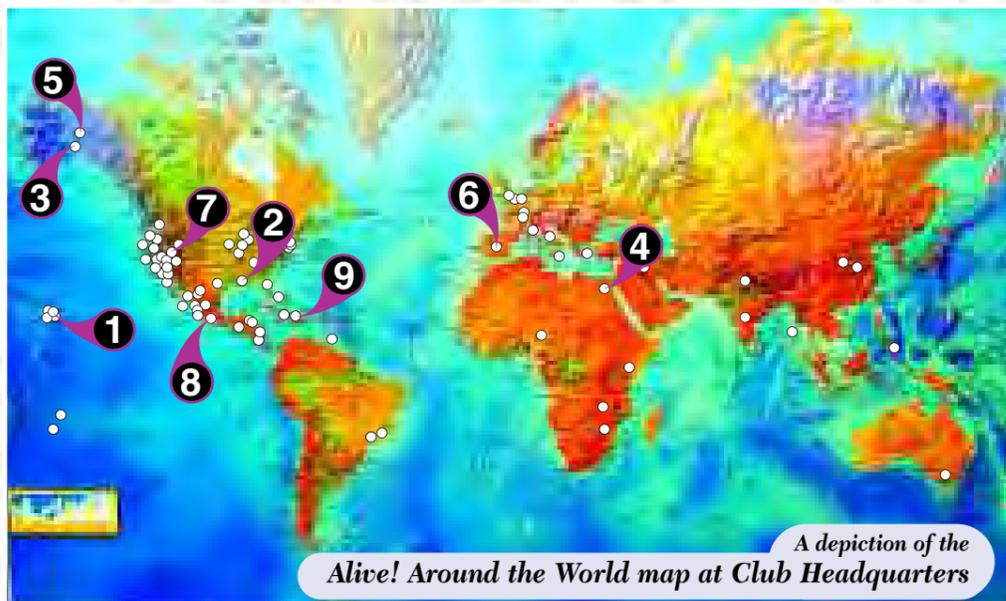
# Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



## 6 Spain



"Hello! Here is my picture in Madrid, Spain! Hope you are having a great day!"  
- **Adrienne Fedrick, Civil Engineering Associate II, Harbor**



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

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## 7 Utah



"Here's is a photo from my recent vacation, with my wife, Lindsay, to Salt Lake City, Utah. The photo was taken on Antelope Island, which is a Utah State Park in the middle of the Great Salt Lake."  
- **Bob Hill, DWP**

## 8 Mexico



Here's **Monti Ramorino**, representing Universal Studios Hollywood and provider of the Club's Universal Studios Theme Park tickets, in San Blas, Mexico.

## 9 Grand Cayman



"From June 28 through July 5, I traveled to Grand Cayman, British West Indies, on vacation and brought a copy of Alive! with me. Alive! went to the famous and awesomely beautiful Seven Mile Beach, as well as the site of the Wreck of the Ten Sails, which took place in 1784. Two hundred years later, Queen Elizabeth visited the same spot on her goodwill visit to one of the islands within the British Commonwealth, Grand Cayman. The shipwreck site is on the East End of the island. I noticed that the issue I brought was Volume 6, Number 6 and for the sixth month, so I also thought it would be a great idea to 'go to Hell' with Alive! Vacationing in Hell, Grand Cayman, toward the West End of the island, was steamy hot, but terrific."

- **Christal Foster, Utility Administrator, DWP**



# History Comes Alive!

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



Tales From the City Archives

## THE RANCHOS:

### LA's Original Landowners

The term *ranch* means "landed property granted by Spanish and Mexican colonial authorities to encourage civilian settlement, reduce the influence of the missions, and reward soldiers for military service." These granted lands most often referred to as Spanish Ranchos were in reality granted during the Mexican era after 1836. The *rancheros* (the title applicants) sought land close to water and Indian laborers.

More than 50 grants were issued in Los Angeles [County], 11 before 1822 and 39 between 1823 and 1848. (Remember that there was no City of Los Angeles prior to 1850.) The grant giving increased rapidly after the mission secularization of 1835. The earlier development of the mission system, under the Spanish, was to civilize the natives and assist them to understand formalized government. Land size of the *ranchos* were from the smallest of 1,000 acres to the largest estates of 48,000 acres. This did not include larger land grants comparable to community or citywide sizes.

At this time, these properties did not always fit within the parameters of the City of Los Angeles. Oftentimes, some of the *ranchos* were partially in our beloved City, while other parts of the same granted land remained within the County. For example, the Rafael Rancho (1784 and 1789) consisted of land of the future cities of Glendale and La Cañada that belonged to the County, while Eagle Rock would eventually become a community within the City of Los Angeles.

It must also be noted that there were many other *ranchos* not described in this article because they do not fit into the topic, but they often touched each other, in a contiguous manner, very much like our own United States paradigm.

The oldest land grant *ranch* in Los Angeles is known by various names, but officially it was named *La Reina de Los Angeles sobre El Rio y Valle de Nuestra Señora de Los Angeles de Porciúncula* (the Queen of Angels on the banks of the River and Valley of Our Lady of the Angels of the Porciúncula) by the Spanish Governor Felipe de Neve in 1781. Presently, it covers downtown Los Angeles. When originally given, it was around the land of the Plaza for a distance of three miles in each direction or 36 square miles. Acreage varies by different sources. One calculation is 17,172 acres, while another states 23,040 acres.

The second oldest *ranch* within the City limits of Los Angeles was issued in 1784 and called the San Pedro Rancho (originally called Dominquez), consisting of today's community of Wilmington and other modern cities in the County. The 43,119 acres was given to Juan Jose Dominquez, the applicant landholder. His story gives the reader one of the best examples of what the life of a *ranchero* was like.

Juan Jose Dominquez was a 65-year-old retired land-hungry veteran of the Gaspar de Portola expedition from Baja California to the north in 1769. Dominquez, and others like him, experienced fighting Indians, hard work, poor food and scurvy. He had fought under their commander and colonial Gov. Pedro Fages, who gave Dominquez and others permission to place their cattle on land of their own choosing. He drove his 200 head of cattle and herd of horses from San Diego to an area near the mouth of the Los Angeles River. At that point, on the slope of a hill, he had



A map of the original ranchos. Used with permission.

several huts built with corrals and established what was to eventually be known as Rancho San Pedro. In the early years, this rancho even included the 31,000 acres of the Rancho Palos Verdes.

The third *ranch*, the San Rafael (originally called *La Zanja*, the ditch) also became granted property in 1794 and again in 1798. The recipient of the 36,403 acres was Corporal Jose Maria Verdugo. According to authors Leonard and Dale Pitt in their most useful volume, *Los*

*Angeles A to Z: An Encyclopedia of the City and County*, the original family name was spelled *Berdugo*. As stated above, Eagle Rock became a community within the City of Los Angeles. This property was on the left bank of the Los Angeles River and extended to the Arroyo Seco (dry riverbed or creek, but in the Los Angeles area it refers to the bed that originates in the San Gabriel Mountains and eventually into the Los Angeles River).

The fourth *ranch*, the Los Feliz, was granted in 1796,



Pio Pico, the last governor of California during the Mexican period, 1836-46.

covering the Griffith Park area and containing 6,647 acres. The land holder was Corporal Jose Vicente Feliz. He was one of the original Spanish settlers in the Los Angeles area in 1781.

The fifth land grant *rancho* within the City of Los Angeles, San Antonio, was granted in 1810. The 29,513 acres covering south and east of the City was granted to Corporal Antonio Maria Lugo. He was considered a patriarch in the local community. Lugo was considered the quintessential *Californio*. That term refers to Mexicans born or living in California during rule of Spain and Mexico.

The sixth *rancho*, given in 1821, was named Los Palos Verdes and had 13,629 acres that included San Pedro and Palos Verdes. The titled applicant was Jose Dolores Sepulveda. This property sat northwesterly of San Pedro while bounded on three sides by the Pacific Ocean.

The seventh *rancho* within today's City limits was named La Brea (originally called Las Animas) in 1828. The property was the Hancock Park district of Los Angeles that had 4,439 acres. Antonio Rocha was the land grantee. Between this *rancho* and the City limits of Los Angeles was considerable property owned by the United States Government, acquired under the preemption and homestead laws.

The eighth *rancho* given in 1828, the San Vicente y Santa Monica, had 30,260 acres that covered today's West Los Angeles area. The land grantee was Francisco Sepulveda. He had been a Spanish officer, and founded a family branch in the El Pueblo area.

The ninth *rancho* was Cienega o Paso de la Tijera, granted in 1843. The acreage of 4,481 includes the Crenshaw district of Los Angeles. Vincente Sanchez became the landholder. In the 1860s, when Los Angeles had become an official city, the Common Council opened Sanchez Street, named for the family. It was opposite the northern section of Arcadia Block, passed through properties of esteemed pioneers including Vincente Sanchez, Pio Pico, Ignacio Coronel and others, ending at the Plaza.

The 10th *rancho*, *El Encino* (originally the Reyes), was granted in 1845. It is today's Encino and had 4,461 acres. This property was entirely within the San Fernando Valley. Vincente de la Osa was the grantee. Fifteen years after the purchase of the property, de la Osa advertised that he would accommodate travelers by way of his El Encino ranch, but visitors must pay as one goes, acting on the good old rule.

The 11th *rancho* was Ex-Mission San Fernando, granted in 1846. It covered 116,858 acres and was granted to Eulogio de Celis. The property was in the San Fernando Valley and was sold during the Mexican War by Pio Pico, California's last Mexican Governor.

Understanding the *rancho period* is complex. There are a number of reasons for this. First, different sources quote different acreage for the *ranchos*. Second, the Mexican period, starting in 1836, attempted to secularize the preceding Spanish period, 1781-1835, which used religious reasoning for its development and recordkeeping. This revisionism causes problems for the archivist.

Also, our local and federal governments worked with the *rancho* owners, often second, third and sometimes fourth generation-owners of the property. Many of these original ranchos were sold or sub divided, etc.

The information I've put together here is only the very beginning of this very important subject. I heartily invite you, if so desired, to search further for additional information. Material on some of the land grants can be found in the City Archives. Good luck in your pursuit.

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The statue of Spanish Governor Felipe de Neve, in the Olvera Street Plaza.

## For L.A. History Buffs

### ■ Comprehensive history of L.A. City government is completed and published. Producer is *Alive!* columnist Hynda Rudd.

An ambitious nine-year project that documents the development of the Los Angeles City government will be published Sept. 4, the birthday of the City of Los Angeles, when the 24 chapters, prologue, epilogue and appendices comprising two volumes will be presented to Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and the City Council.

This massive study, *The Development of Los Angeles City Government: An Institutional History, 1850-2000*, is intended to fill a gap in the historical record of urban development in the United States created by the absence of such a review of the nation's second largest city. The work provides specific reasons for creation of the great variety of councils and commissions, departments and divisions, that came into being over a time span of 150 years, as well as profiles of the leaders who made them succeed or fail.



Sponsored by the Los Angeles City Historical Society with the writing/editing component funded by the John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation, the work examines all aspects of the city government: its structures, constitution, administration, finances, courts, public safety, health, education, recreation, parks, libraries and cultural activities, harbors and airports, and water supply. Additionally, it examines planning enterprises dealing with development, transportation, housing and human services. Unique aspects are inclusion of chapters on population changes, ethnicity, intergovernmental relations and global influences on the City's government.

Senior editor Tom Sitton, retired historian at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, reports that this collection of essays is the work of more than 30 authors, all prominent scholars of the several aspects of Los Angeles governance, and associate editors. The prologue and epilogue were written, respectively, by Dr. Doyce B. Nunis Jr., longtime editor of the *Southern California Quarterly*, and Dr. Raphael Sonenshein, distinguished California State University Fullerton political scientist, and Executive Director of the

Los Angeles City Neighborhood Council Review Commission.

The project director and moving force behind the endeavor is Hynda L. Rudd, first and retired Los Angeles City Archivist, and *Alive!* columnist. Realizing that the City's archives hold a valuable and colorful treasure trove of information, including every minute book and index since the City was incorporated in 1850, she set about arranging they be made accessible to all members of the community.

Hynda won support for the project from the Los Angeles City Historical Society, and proceeded to organize a board of editors and an advisory board of several local scholars. Authors were selected from among a rich array of established historians, political scientists, educators and governmental administrators who are experts in the various aspects of the city's governance.

Information, Hynda Rudd, (818) 242-0826.

### A Note on Last Month's Column

In last month's article, I noted my sadness and disappointment that the City did not fund a position for either Archivist or Assistant Archivist. In 1991, the Assistant Archivist position was lost due to a budget cut, and in 1995 another budget cut felled the Archivist position. I continue to be saddened to have to report this to the readers.

—Hynda Rudd

# Newsbrief

## SOUTH L.A. STORM DRAINS:

The Board of Public Works July 20 awarded a contract for storm drain construction at Menlo Avenue and Vermont Avenue in the Vermont Knolls neighborhood of South Los Angeles. The commission gave Vasilj, Inc. dba Ivanko the green light to build storm drain channels that will alleviate flooding in the area.

Construction work will occur along Menlo Avenue between 69th and 70th streets, and on 70th Street between Vermont Avenue and the alley to its west. Catch basins, lateral pipes, maintenance holes, and transition/junction structures will be constructed as part of the new stormwater runoff system.

The project will continue through spring 2008. Working crews will be on site Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. through 3:30 p.m. along Vermont Avenue, and 7 a.m. through 4 p.m. on Menlo Avenue and 70th Street. At least one traffic lane in each direction will be open at all times, and excavations and open trenches will be steel-plated during nonworking hours.

For more information about the Menlo Avenue-Vermont Avenue storm drain, please see the project information report on [www.eng.lacity.org](http://www.eng.lacity.org), or call Francisco Rangel, Bureau of Engineering Construction Manager, at (213) 485-4584. To learn more about the Department

of Public Works and its programs and services, contact the Public Affairs Office by calling (213) 978-0333, sending an e-mail to [pao@lacity.org](mailto:pao@lacity.org), or by visiting [www.lacity.org/BPW/bpwhome.htm](http://www.lacity.org/BPW/bpwhome.htm).

## WESTCHESTER BEAUTIFICATION:

Officials of the City, led by Councilmember Bill Rosendahl, 11th District, hosted a ceremonial groundbreaking to officially kick off the Sepulveda Boulevard improvement project July 26. City engineer Gary Lee Moore, Transportation

General Manager Gloria J. Jeff, and community members were to attend the event at the intersection of Sepulveda Boulevard and 92nd Street in Westchester.

"I am pleased to see us move forward on this important project," Councilmember Rosendahl said. "This project will not only improve traffic flow and beautify the Sepulveda corridor, but also improve the overall quality of life for residents, business owners and commuters."

City engineer Moore said, "The \$11.6-million street improvement will stretch along Sepulveda Boulevard from Howard Hughes Parkway on the north to Lincoln Boulevard on the south. It will involve sidewalk work, median installation and

landscaping, installation of right turn lanes at strategic locations, and tree plantings. Work will begin this summer and will continue through summer 2009."

"Transportation is pleased to be one of the Westchester community's partners in addressing traffic solutions on Sepulveda Boulevard," said Transportation General Manager Jeff. "This project will help to keep 'moving Los Angeles forward'."

Today, Sepulveda Boulevard has six traffic lanes that are reduced to four in the business district where street parking is available. The Bureau of Engineering's plans for the new Sepulveda corridor will result in three full time traffic lanes in each direction while maintaining metered street parking in the business area. Medians and turn lanes will also be installed at strategic parts of the boulevard to enhance pedestrian and motorist safety.

Construction will transpire from Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. through 4 p.m., except during the holiday season, when a holiday moratorium will be enforced.

For more information about the Sepulveda Boulevard Improvement, as well as other projects, programs and services provided by Public Works, call the Public Affairs Office at (213) 978-0333, e-mail: [pao@lacity.org](mailto:pao@lacity.org), or visit [www.lacity.org/DPW/dpwhome.htm](http://www.lacity.org/DPW/dpwhome.htm).

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At last year's Lobster Festival.

## Lobster Fest: Good Cracking Fun

■ Harbor's annual popular Lobster Festival, featuring seafood, music, fun and other kinds of food, too, is set for Sept. 14-16.

HARBOR — The Harbor Dept.'s annual Lobster Festival is set to crawl back onto the San Pedro waterfront Sept. 14-16.

Admission for the Festival, which the department says is the world's largest, features discount Maine lobster meals, live entertainment, tall sips, rides, pet parades, street performers, arts and crafts, and non-seafood meals from neighborhood eateries, is \$8. Kids 12 and under are free. A discount ticket is available online at [www.lobsterfest.com](http://www.lobsterfest.com). Admission does not include a lobster meal.



Ambrosia.

Information: [www.lobsterfest.com](http://www.lobsterfest.com)

At 7:30 a.m. Sept. 14, the Port of Los Angeles Lobster Festival kicks off with a rumble on the waterfront at the third annual Lobster Breakfast. The 110-member "Cranberry Tarts of San Pedro" go up against Lomita's "Dames of Whinin' Roses" for the second time in a lobster hat throwdown to see whose hat will become the King of Crustaceans' Official Crown - and earn a donation for the winner's charity. The Cranberry Tarts will be defending their title this year. The 2006 Lobster Breakfast received television coverage in more than 17 states.

Bands include the Binges, Duress and the Valley Dolls on Friday; seven bands on Saturday, including Great Northern and Scissors for Lefty; and six bands on Sunday, including

## Remaking Palmdale

■ Airport workers united to get the Palmdale facility ready for flight services.

Story by Harold Johnson, Principal Public Relations Rep, LA Ontario; Photos courtesy Airports

AIRPORTS — Air service at LA/Palmdale Regional Airport (PMD) resumed June 7 with two daily flights to San Francisco International Airport. Employees at Los Angeles World Airports were instrumental in the startup.

After a department-wide effort, Palmdale reopened May 8 with an open house to showcase the facility to residents of the Antelope Valley. Employees worked on various aspects of business and aviation to assist in the renovation of the airport, for the open house events and the start of flight service on June 7.

"Los Angeles World Airports has shown its commitment to this air service startup by refurbishing the terminal, adding staff including an

airport manager, operations, construction and maintenance, police and community and public relations personnel," said Robert "Bob" Gluck, Airport Manager, LA/Palmdale. "These employees have worked tirelessly for the past few months to prepare Palmdale for flight operations."

Divisions contributing included: Airfield Operations, Airport Police, Community and Public Relations, Concessions, Construction and Maintenance, Information Technology, Engineering and Project Management Division, Project Planning and Development Division, and Property Division.

After a competitive interviewing process, department management hired Gluck as PMD's first airport manager.

To prepare Palmdale for passenger service, Gluck, a former Airport Maintenance Superintendent, led the department-wide effort by leading a crew of construction, maintenance and technicians to completely rework the terminal installing new asphalt, plaster, paint, electrical wiring and lighting, counters, signs, data lines and public address systems. Passengers entering the property now see a totally refurbished facility.



Carpenter Sergio Rojo prepares building materials in the terminal.



Communications Cable Worker Trien Nguyen of Information Technology, Airports, inspects a telephone connection that will allow passengers to call taxis, hotels and rental car companies from the terminal baggage claims area.



Painter Nester Mediano mixes a building compound for use while renovating the terminal.



Airport Information Specialist Sue Sokolowski (left) and Public Relations Director Maria Tesoro-Fermin discuss publicity plans and events with Deputy Executive Director Paul Haney, who managed the entire operation to restart air service at Palmdale.



Airports employees planning the Palmdale open house activities meet in the tarmac area. Representatives from Airport Management, Airport Operations, Construction and Maintenance, Information Technology and Community and Public Relations, give advice for a successful ceremony.



Air Conditioning Mechanic Supervisor Tyrone Jessamy talks to Palmdale workers preparing the terminal. Jessamy, who assisted LA Palmdale Airport Manager Bob Gluck while the terminal was being readied for passenger service, is now a manager for all maintenance employees at PMD.



Senior Painter Larry Hartnett prepares building materials in the terminal.



Electrician Rick Miles installs a conduit inside the terminal ticket counter area.



Palmdale Airport Manager Robert "Bob" Gluck (left) demonstrates the use of a drill to Carpenter Eugene Johnston while installing signs in the terminal.



Workers from the LA Ontario Construction and Maintenance Paint shop apply a fresh coat to the Palmdale Administration Building. From right are Brian Heah, Larry Hartnett, Nester Mediano and Ricardo Mediano.

### The Word on the Street



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— Mark Monez, May 2007

Cecilia is "one of the best. My family and I really appreciate your thoughtfulness. You took the time to send us your deepest sympathy. That was a warm memory from you. What a beautiful story [The Fall of Freddie the Leaf] from the beginning to the end. God bless all of you. Thank you."

— Betty Madison, May 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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Far right: PSR II Miguel Estrada, Club Member, with his family.



Front, from left: With Snoopy and Charlie Brown is Austin, 4, son of Yolanda Bunn, and nephew, Derek, 6.



Welcome to Knott's Berry Farm Picnic Center.



Far right: Capt. Anita Ortega, Commanding Officer of LAPD Communications, and her family.



Welcome, LAPD Communications.



This is where the fun began.



From left: Breanna, 18 months; Jennifer Lindstrom, PSR III, Club Member, with her husband, Bentley, and daughter, Katelyn, 4; Matthew Farrell, 4, with Corey Farrell, Police Officer III, and Sarah Farrell, PSR III, Club Member.



How far can you toss the water balloon without bursting it?



From left: Robert Briseno, guest; and Maribel Madariaga, PSR III, Club Member, with her daughters, Alexa and Ruby.



# Communications Picnic

## ■ LAPD Communications hosts annual employee/family picnic.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; Photos by Daniel Wang, Club photographer



Face painting was one of the activities on hand.



With balloon on her head, PSR II Lourdes Varas, Club Member, enjoys the picnic with her family.



Back: Sandra McDowell, PSR II, Club Member. Front, from left: niece, Timera, and daughters, Thailiya, 7, and Mica, 8.



**POLICE DEPT.** — LAPD Communications held its annual picnic Aug. 5 at Knott's Berry Farm.

There was lots of food, with the famous Knott's Berry Farm fried chicken and pie. Plenty of refreshments kept everyone hydrated. Snoopy and Charlie Brown made special appearances.

Congratulations to the picnic committee for a job well done: Yolanda Bunn, Lt. Vic Dennis, Barbara Marin, Iris Dawson, Steve McKehan, Sgt. Benson Min, Mahdi Parnell, Maisha Parnell, Susana Reynoso and Naima Tobias.

Thanks to Lt. Stan Ludwig, Lt. Vic Dennis and Jean Sarfaty for their assistance.



From left: Naima Tobias, PSR II, Club Member; Yolanda Bunn, PSR III, Club Member; Suzanna Reynoso, PSR II, Club Member; and Steve McKehan, PSR II.



From left: Dallas, 10, son of Berta Ugas; Maurice, guest; Berta Ugas, Sr. PSR I, Club Member; daughter, Tiffany, 4, and Barbie, niece.



Between Snoopy and Charlie Brown is Stephanie Burkhart, PSR III, Club Member, with her son, Joseph, 10 months.



Carlos Mejia, PSR II, Club Member, with daughter, Bianca, and son, Carlos.



Lt. Vic Dennis thanks everyone for coming.



Hold on to your hula hoops!



Congratulations to the LAPD Communications Picnic Committee for a job well done



Back, from left: Ira Williams, guest of Paulette Stanton; Tyler Allen, daughter of Leslie Allen; Shavontae Simpson, guest; Veronica Williams, daughter of Leslie Allen; and John Marshall, guest. Seated: Garry Allen, husband of Leslie Allen; Paulette Stanton, PSR III; and Leslie Allen, PSR III, Club Member.



From left: Charlotte Williams, PSR II, Club Member; and Mercedes Fields, Clerk Typist, DWP.



From left: Jean Sarfaty, PSR II, Club Member, and her husband, Ron.



From left: Sgt. Benson Min and his wife, Sharon. Benson holds his son Connor, 16 months. Front: Daughter Kathryn, 4.



Middle: Raul Recio, PSR II, with Taneshia Guillory, PSR II, Club Member, with their families.



From left: Cathy Mears, niece of Cathy Sotos; Cathy Sotos, Sr. PSR I, Club Member; Deby Herdrich, PSR II, Club Member; Melissa Galario, niece of Deby Herdrich; and Marlos Galario, nephew of Deby Herdrich.



For Retired Club Members



# The Best Years

## City Retiree Associations:

### DWP Retirees Association



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



**Ed Harding, RLACEI President**  
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Contact him: (800) 678-4145 Ext. 703  
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### 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:

- Oct. 1:** Poetry Contest deadline. Send entries to Phil Skarin
- Oct. 11:** Annual Meeting and Elections at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center
- Dec. 6:** Christmas Party at the Grace E. Simons Lodge, at 11:30 a.m.

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

## RLACEI:

# As 2008 Approaches, Time to Look at Co-Pays



By Phil Skarin,  
RLACEI Publicity Chair

### President Ed Harding reports:



Ed Harding

"I just returned from our picnic. I wish to thank all those who called and made reservations. We had a great crowd. LACERS donated 20 \$10 gift certificates for door prizes, and the City Employees Club donated four City shirts and four watches. All together, we had 49 prizes.

Tom Moutes, Assistant General Manager, LACERS, introduced the

following members of his staff: Mark Blunk, Retirement Services; Alex Rabrenovich, Sarah Hill, Joe Salazar and Jennifer Wase, all of Health Benefits; and Linda Aparicio of Communications. Most gave a short talk, which we all enjoyed.

"I also wish to thank: Paul Joseph from the Credit Union; Robert Larios of the City Employees Club and Lori Koslowski of El Pueblo, who each took pictures for their paper; Americo and Ella Garza for putting on this great picnic; Independent Taxi for furnishing

us a cab; and Ron Black, DJ, who played and sang, along with Ivan Forbes."

Our Annual Corporation Meeting and Election of Directors will be Thurs., Oct. 11 at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center at 5056 Van Nuys Blvd., Sherman Oaks. A free lunch will be served at Noon, only if you have called one of the officers for reservations a week ahead. The meeting is at 1 p.m. If you want to be considered for nomination for Director, now or in the future, contact the Nominations Chair, Neil Ricci.

### Legislative Update:



Ken Spiker

Ken Spiker, our elected Commissioner to the LACERS Board of Directors, reports that the LACERS has earned a 19.4 percent investment return on its \$11.1 billion in assets for the fiscal year ended June 30, the highest annual return in its 70-year history. The fund returned 12.4 percent in fiscal 2006 and 10 percent in fiscal 2005.

The portfolio is divided among U.S. and non-U.S. stocks and bonds, real estate and private equity. This asset mix serves to diversify the portfolio and minimizes portfolio volatility. The portfolio contributes to the overwhelming majority of the money that is used to fund retirement and post-employment health benefits.

LACERS is responsible for the administration of the City's pension plan to more than 28,000 active employees and 15,000 retirees and beneficiaries.

Health Plan Renewal: The LACERS Benefits Committee and the Board of

Directors have approved, unanimously, the retention of current medical insurance and benefit design for the 2008 calendar year. Contracts for current dental and vision insurance carriers were also authorized for renewal.

Competitive proposals from other carriers did not favorably compare with current carriers, and the disruption of service to our members resulting from changing carriers would not justify the relatively minor potential in savings.

LACERS will experience a medical rate increase of approximately 5.9 percent from last year, which compares favorably to our six-year trend rate of about 9 percent. Our overall health plan rate increase (including dental and vision plans) for 2008 is estimated to be 5.7 percent, compared to 12 percent for 2007.

At the time of this writing, the health care subsidy for 2008 has not yet been determined. I plan, where permitted by ordinance, to favor those retirees most impacted by any premium increase.

Maintaining Current Co-Pays: LACERS, like many plan sponsors, continues to pursue strategies to contain health

care cost increases in order to provide our members affordability, choice and access to quality health care. Medical cost inflation continues at the double-digit level, yet the LACERS plans have been aggressively managed to keep cost in check over the years. LACERS' medical cost trend over the last seven years is only 9.1 percent. Through LACERS' medical plan bid conducted this year, the overall increase in premiums for 2008 is much lower than comparable public sector organizations and this has been accomplished without rising co-payments for services.

Holding 2008 co-payments at their current levels can be viewed as a benefit improvement. Increases in LACERS' medical costs for 2008 translate into increases in the cost of medical services (such as office visits or prescription drugs). However, LACERS will not be passing down these additional costs to Members by increasing co-payments. In other words, Members will be paying less of the costs for their medical services because the value of each dollar of their co-payments has increased.

### 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.



### Poetry Contest Deadline!

The Annual Retirees Poetry contest deadline is Oct. 1. Send typed copies to Phil Skarin at 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411. There will be separate categories for members and spouses. You may write on any style or subject; everyone wins. Start writing, and send 'em in!

# The Best Years

## ADVENTURES with HAL!



The entrance to Legoland.



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**

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- Americo Garza, Holiday Party and Installation
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- Neil Ricci, Nominating
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- Neil Ricci



## Legoland and the Midway

■ Hal puts the pieces together at Legoland, and visits the *USS Midway* in San Diego.



The U.S. Capital, made out of Legos.

Southern California is a great place to live. We have great weather most of the time, and if you draw a 300-mile circle from the Los Angeles City Hall, the area would contain more activities that you could do in a lifetime. While everyone knows about Disneyland, Universal City and Magic Mountain, there are a number of smaller attractions that are well worth visiting.

Over the past six months, I have had a chance to visit two of them: Legoland in Carlsbad and the *USS Midway* in San Diego.

In May I visited Legoland with my grandchildren, Maddie, 10; Isabelle, 8; and Coco, 6. Legoland is on One Legoland Drive, just off Interstate 5, in Carlsbad. It is about 30 minutes north of San Diego and about one and half hours from Los Angeles. The park Website [www.legoland.com](http://www.legoland.com) has information on park hours and ticket prices. Currently, the one-day admission is \$57 for an adult (13-59) and \$44 for child/senior (3-12)/ (60-plus). Check with the Ticket Guy at the City Employees Club for current discounts. The park does sell multi-day tickets, but in most cases you can see the park in one day.

Like most theme parks, Legoland is laid out by grouping like attractions together. Starting from the entrance, we walked to the right in the Imagination Zone and then on to Castle Hill. The Imagination Zone has two

very good rides: the Aqua Zone wave rider and Lego Technic Coaster. Castle Hill had two good rides: the Dragon coaster and the

Royal Joust. The kids also enjoyed the Hideaway, which was like a big tree house and slide area for kids. It took us about two hours to see the two areas, and it was time for lunch and we ate at the Garden Restaurant, which offered a nice selection of sandwiches and pizza. The prices were on par with other theme parks, but I felt the service inside the park was not up to the standards of Disneyland.

After lunch was Pirate Shores, the park's newest attraction. Be prepared to get wet. "Splash Battle" is a boat ride with water guns with which you can squirt the other boats. There is also Treasure Falls, a large water slide area where you get really wet. I passed on these rides, but the kids liked them. Next on the agenda was Fun Town. We saw the show at the Fun Town Fire Academy, which was also another chance to get wet and fun for the kids. The kids really enjoyed the Volvo Driving School, which let them drive cars around a city layout. This area has the Lego clubhouse, showing how Legos are made, and there was a large Lego play area and a retail store.

One of the more interesting areas is Miniland USA, which has large Lego displays



The fire show at Legoland.



of American cities, which included Las Vegas, Washington, D.C., and New Orleans (pre-Katrina), to name a few. Very impressive.

Our last stop was Explore Village, where we took the Safari Trek.

I did enjoy my visit, but I would not have come if it weren't for my grandkids. This park is basically for children 4 to 12 years old, with a few attractions for adults. For me it was a one-time event.

A couple of weeks later, I went to San Diego for a day with Evelyn. While she attended a meeting, I decided to visit the USS Midway, an aircraft carrier that opened as a museum in 2004.

Over the years I have visited a number of decommissioned navel ships, both in this country and overseas. Some are presented better than others, and I was very impressed with the USS Midway.

The USS Midway was commissioned in 1945 and was the largest ship in the world for the next 10 years. It served 47 years from the end of World War II until the liberation of Kuwait in 1991. No other aircraft carrier served America as long as the USS Midway.

The USS Midway Museum (www.midway.org) is located alongside the Navy Pier on the Embarcadero in downtown San Diego. The ship is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the exception of Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors (62-plus) and \$8 for children (6-17). Children five and under and active-duty in uniform are free.

The price of admission includes an audio tour, which, if you follow, will take about three-and-a-half to four hours to see the complete ship.

The tour starts on the hangar deck and forecandle and then proceeds to the lower decks of the ship, and you complete the tour

on the flight deck.

The first part of the tour provides a history of the ship and has a number of exhibits about the operation of the aircraft. There are a number of aircraft stationed on the hangar deck. Not included in the tour are flight simulators, which you can test your flight skills for a fee.



A plane aboard the USS Midway.

On the lower decks you see the operation of the ship, including crew quarters, dining halls, kitchen, laundry and all the areas that help support the ship's activities.

The flight deck had about 25 aircraft, which, at one time or another, flew from the ship. You can also visit the flight operations area in the ship's operations island and see the admiral and captain quarters.

At the rear of the hangar deck is a small café and a gift shop.

The only other aircraft carrier that I have visited is the USS Intrepid in New York City (currently undergoing a renovation). The tour of the USS Midway was far better, and I think it gave a very good view of how life was aboard one of our premier warships.

I highly recommend a visit the next time you're in the San Diego area.



Officer's Quarters aboard the USS Midway.

## RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

**Ralph and Blanche Brookins** celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary June 7th;

**Victor and Pat Aprea** celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary Aug. 10.

**Ralph Brookins** has written a book about Amelia Earhart titled, *Golden Goddess* (she disappeared in her world record-setting flight in 1937 in the Pacific). He visited many islands in the Pacific in research for his book. It is available for \$12.95 through Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble and others.

**Bob Okuda** has been awarded a complimentary lifetime membership in the L.A. City Employees Golf Club. They also have an annual competition named the Bob Okuda Cup.

**Kenneth Pierce** has raised money by recycling trash, which he donates to the West Valley Eagles, a track team.

**Sylvia and Heber Cunliffe** have been very active in their retirement. I wrote them asking for some info, and Sylvia sent me a 10-page letter. Here's chapter one: "I suggested a T.V. sitcom based on some of my experiences, CBS and J.J.M. bought the idea, and the result was a TV series that included Valerie Harper, Estelle Getty, Zsa Zsa Gabor and a host of other stars. Working on the series was fun and interesting."

These kind folks have all expressed their thanks for this column: **George Weiss, Kenneth Pierce, Ralph Brookins, Yvonne Camen, John Lane and Bill Haley**. I appreciate their comments.

**The LACERS Office** is at 360 E. Second St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. Phone (213) 473-7200 or (800) 779-8328. Call them for questions about you health plans, retirement check 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 an S.A.S.E.

Visit [www.rlacei.com](http://www.rlacei.com) to find out the latest retirement news.

**If you have news** about yourself or other retirees, send it to Phil Skarin at 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411.



### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

#### *Faults and Feelings*

*Often in telling people about their faults,  
we don't consider their feelings.*

*This isn't about right or wrong. It's about sensitivity  
to their feelings. Being honest serves no purpose,  
if the intent is to hurt.*

*Compassion and tact will help to prevent ill will.  
Apologize if what you said hurt feelings. We know  
you don't intend hurt your friends, so when in doubt, keep quiet.*

— Phil Skarin

## Medicare Easy Pay

Upon turning age 65, LACERS requires that you and your dependents enroll in all parts Medicare that you are eligible for (Parts A and B, or Part B only) to remain enrolled in a LACERS medical plan and receive a LACERS medical subsidy.

Most LACERS members pay their Medicare Part B premium in one of two ways: 1) Medicare bills you for your Medicare Part B every three months and you mail your payment by check; or 2) you receive a monthly Social Security benefit check and your Medicare Part B premium is deducted from it. Every month, LACERS is notified that retired members and/or their dependents have lost their Medicare coverage due to nonpayment of premiums. Usually the affected members are those who pay their Medicare premiums by check (payment method #1 above).

LACERS staff identified the *Medicare Easy*

*Pay* program as a way to help members avoid losing their Medicare coverage due to late or lost premium payments.

*Medicare Easy Pay* is an electronic payment option that allows you to have your Medicare premiums automatically deducted from either your savings or checking account free each month. In July, LACERS mailed information about *Medicare Easy Pay* to its members.

This information was sent to all Medicare-eligible members because LACERS has no way of knowing how individuals pay for their Part B coverage and wanted to assist as many eligible members as possible. In fact, LACERS sent this information only to assist members in maintaining their coverage and LACERS medical subsidy. For more information, please contact LACERS at (213) 473-7200 or call Medicare (800) 633-4227.



## 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



John Gomez, Rec and Parks, Retired in 1998, with his wife, Carmen.



From left: Sharon Sloan, Retired, Rec and Parks, 31 years of service; and Jason Sloan, Retired, Rec and Parks, 27 years of service.



From left: Chig Arima, Retired, Planning, 26 years of service; and George Binder, Retired, Planning, 37 years of service.



Cathy and Ralph Burquist, Retired, General Services, 13 years of service.



From left: Bill Turner, Retired, Street Services, 39.5 years of service; with guest Jennie Smith.



From left: Cleone Vrabel, Retired, LAPD, 26 years of service, with her husband, Michael.



From left: Bill Lillenberg, Retired, Planning, 38 years of service; and Reginald Foster, Retired, Planning, 40 years of service.

## RLACEI Picnic



■ Retirees Association gets together for summer fun.

Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Marketing and Communications

RLACEI — The Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. association held its annual summer picnic Aug. 9 at the Grace E. Simons Lodge near Dodger Stadium.

Thanks to Ed Harding, Phil Skarin and the other directors for inviting the Club.



From left: Frances Amrozch, Retired, Mayor's Office, 30 years; and Helen Salgado, Retired, Housing, 35 years of service.



From left: Xena and Fred Coleman, Retired, LAPD/DOT, 33 years of service.



John Mora, Retired, Department of Pensions, 32 years of service.



RLACEI President Ed Harding.



Arlene Tom, Retired, Planning.

## LACERS Gives Away An iPod



From left: LACERS Commissioners Rick Rogers and Eric Holoman, Jean Childs, Commissioner Shelly Smith, General Services Public Safety Deputy Chief David Aguirre, and Commissioners Steve Uranga and Ken Spiker celebrate Jean Childs, who won an iPod from the Retirement System.

■ Jean Childs, Sr. Security Officer, General Services, wins an iPod for taking an interest in her retirement.

LACERS — City Employee Jean Childs was presented with an iPod by the Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System Board of Administration at their Board meeting July 10. Childs won the MP3 player after visiting the LACERS booth at the Public Service Awareness showcase at the Los Angeles Mall held May 23 and 24.

At the showcase event, Childs, a 32-year City employee planning to retire within the next few years, approached the LACERS

booth to sign up for the "Planning for Retirement" seminar. LACERS staff assisted her in signing up for a seminar and calculating her LACERS retirement benefit. That is when Childs learned about the drawing for the iPod.

Childs is a Senior Security Officer for the Department of General Services Office of Public Safety, holding the rank of Sergeant. She is a recipient of the "Uncommon Jobs for Women" award, presented to her by former Mayor Tom Bradley. Childs' commanding officer, Deputy Chief David Aguirre, joined her at the Board presentation and said, "This only cements my pledge to make sure all officers under my command keep LACERS up to date with their personal information."

Congratulations, Jean!

## New LACERS Officers

■ LACERS Board elects new officers.

LACERS — On Aug. 14, the Board of Administration of the Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System (LACERS) elected the board officers for the 2007-08 fiscal year.

Commissioner Eric Holoman was reelected to President with a unanimous vote by fellow board members. He is President of Johnson Development Corporation, one of the nation's leading urban development companies, chaired by basketball legend and entrepreneur Earvin "Magic" Johnson. Prior to joining Johnson Development Corp., Holoman served as President of Holoman Food Services, Inc., overseeing the operation of multiunit fast food franchises in innercity Los Angeles. Appointed to the LACERS Board of Administration by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Holoman's term expires in 2012.

Commissioner Shelley I. Smith, an elected trustee of the system for more than 13 years, was elected to Vice President with a unanimous vote by fellow board members. Smith,

an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Los Angeles, is President of the Los Angeles City Attorneys Association. Smith is a member of the Board of Directors of the Council of Institutional Investors and Treasurer of the Pacific Pension Institute, and serves on the Executive Committee of the Labor and Employment Law Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association. Elected to the LACERS Board of Administration by Active plan members, her current term expires in 2009.

LACERS is responsible for the administration of the City's pension plan to more than 28,000 active employees and 15,000 retirees and beneficiaries. LACERS has \$11.1 billion in assets.



Eric Holoman



Shelley Smith

## Medical Plan Rates Okayed

LACERS — On July 24, the Board of Administration of the Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System (LACERS) approved the medical insurance rates for its 2008 plan year, holding the total rate increase to only 5.9 percent while maintaining its comprehensive medical benefits package. Over the last six years, the cost for LACERS to provide medical benefits for its retirees increased at an average rate of 9.7 percent.

A Request for Proposal for medical insurance plan carriers released earlier this year opened the competitive bidding process. LACERS staff, along with health and welfare specialists Deloitte Consulting, LLP, conducted interviews with the finalists and visited some of the finalists' office facilities.

After negotiating premium rates and per-

formance standards, which resulted in a \$1,814,000 savings from the initial premium quotes, LACERS and Deloitte staff presented their recommendations to the Board's Benefits Administration Committee July 9, who made their recommendations to the Board.

"Our staff and Deloitte did an outstanding job negotiating these rates, considering that medical costs continue to increase at double-digit levels," said Eric L. Holoman, President of LACERS Board of Administration.

"This is really good news for our retired Members and for the organization. Our negotiations kept cost increases to a minimum, without impacting the high quality medical services our Members expect," said LACERS General Manager Robert Agualló Jr.



# Leaders in The Making

## ■ LAPD's West Point Leadership Program graduates 29.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

**POLICE DEPT.** — The LAPD graduated 29 safety officers from its West Point Leadership Training Program.

Ten of the graduates came from the LAPD. Three from the LAFD and one from the Airport Police. The commencement speaker was Kent McCord, who played an LAPD officer in the TV series, *Adam-12*.

The principal aim of the West Point Leadership Program is to teach individuals how to think more systematically about leadership, challenges and situations. The course teaches 27 behavioral science and adult education theories compiled from top universities in the nation. The course requires students to solve realistic law enforcement leadership problems using the WPLP theories, during three different exam settings.

In 1992, Police Commissioner Jesse A. Brewer, a Colonel in the US Army Reserve, identified the most effective leadership training institution, the United States Military Academy at West Point. He coordinated with the Academy's Department of Behavioral Science and Leadership to develop quality leadership training for the Los Angeles Police Department.

In 1994, five members of the LAPD participated in a program hosted by West Point faculty, officially known as the West Point Leadership and Command Program. In January 1996, LAPD trained 30 employees assigned to various supervisory and executive positions to be West Point Leadership Program (WPLP) Instructors. The program is a 136-hour, four-week course, approved by the Commission of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST). The program is also accredited with California State University Los Angeles for Bachelor and Master's degree credits.

### The June West Point Leadership Program graduates were:

- Lt. Tim Anderson (Los Angeles School Police Dept.);
- Batt. Chief Randy Beaty (LAFD);
- Cmdr. Lacey Burt (Menlo Park Police Dept.);
- Capt. Patrick Carver (Denver PD);
- Sgt. II Warner Castillo (LAPD);
- Management Analyst II Ronald Code (LAPD);
- Det. III Vic Davalos (LAPD);
- Sr. Management Analyst III Roger DiMaano (LAPD);
- Lt. Bruce Dow (Bell Gardens PD);
- Cmdr. Paul Gonzalves (Santa Ana PD);
- Sgt. II Joseph Hernandez (LAPD);
- Maj. Glen Howie (United States Army Reserve);
- Capt. Sean Hughes (LAFD);
- Sgt. II David Hwang (LAPD);
- Lt. Norm James (Seattle PD);
- Sgt. II Sonia Monico (LAPD);
- Lt. Roderick Norris (East Palo Alto PD);
- Lt. Michael Oreb (LAPD);
- Special Investigator II Brian Pellis (Office of Inspector General, LAPD);
- Inspector Jessbir Ram (Vancouver PD);
- Lt. Ken Raya (Riverside PD);
- Lt. Bob Risedorph (Elk Grove PD);
- Lt. Hector Rodriguez (Los Angeles School PD);
- Cmdr. Carlos Rojas (Santa Ana PD);
- Capt. II Charles Ruddell (LAFD);
- Sgt. II Amalia Sanchez (LAPD);
- Capt. Trisha Sanchez (San Mateo County Sheriff's Office);
- Sgt. II Charles Slater (LAPD); and
- Lt. Curtis Thompson (Airport PD).

Congratulations to the graduates! Thanks to Ofcr. Annette Olivas (West Point Leadership Program staff) and Sgt. Mike Sayre (West Point Leadership Program staff, Club Member) for their assistance, and Sgt. Sayre for the invitation.



Lt. Tim Anderson, Los Angeles School Police Department.



Sgt. II Joseph Hernandez, LAPD.



Lt. Ken Raya, Riverside PD.



Batt. Chief Randy Beaty, Los Angeles Fire Department.



Maj. Glen Howie, United States Army Reserves.



Lt. Bob Risedorph, Elk Grove PD.



Cmdr. Lacey Burt, Menlo Park Police Department.



Capt. Sean Hughes, LAFD.



Lt. Hector Rodriguez, Los Angeles School PD.



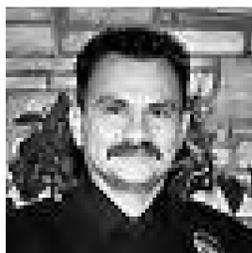
Capt. Patrick Carver, Denver Police Department.



Sgt. II David Hwang, LAPD, Club Member



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Management Analyst II Ronald Code, LAPD, Club Member.



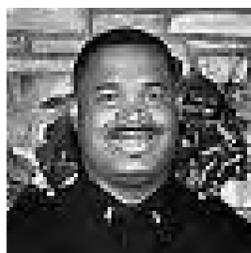
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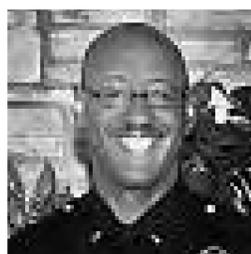
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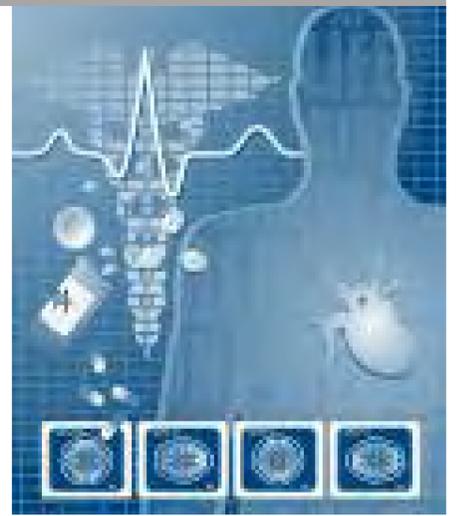
After running the 5K race, from left: Clayton Hoppes, Carpenter, 6.5 years of service; Don Durahm, MCH, two years of service; James Santiago, Cabinet Maker, 18 years of service; and Sean Kenney, Civil Engineer, 18 years of service.



Anthony Brown, Instrument Mechanic, seven years of service.



From left: Randyn Calvo, Benefits Analyst, one year of service; and Samantha Hanzy, Benefits Analyst, one year.



From left: Behrooz Amini, Operator, six months of service; and Hansong Lee, Environmental Engineer, 22 years of service.



From left: Derrick Lee, Sanitation Engineering Associate I, two years of service; and Robert Hollingsworth, Civil Engineering Draft Technician, 17 years of service.



From left: Robert Jones, Wasterwater Electrician, two years of service; and Hugo Rujales, Wasterwater Electrician, two years of service.

# Health at Hyperion

## Sanitation hosts Health Expo at Hyperion Treatment Plant.

Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Marketing and Communications

**PUBLIC WORKS** — Sanitation held a Health Expo for its employees at the Hyperion Treatment Plant.

The expo, held Aug. 15, promoted employee health and fitness, and provided an opportunity for various City departments and agencies to

establish awareness and network with Sanitation employees.

City Departments including LACERS as well as businesses and organizations had the opportunity to set up a station with information and handouts related to employees' personal or workplace health and wellness. Many of the booths had information and material regarding blood-pressure screening, nutritional options and ergonomic and safety guidelines. Lunch was provided.

Thanks to Sescillie Berry, Personnel Analyst, Sanitation, for her assistance.



From left: Mike Elder, Construction and Maintenance Supervisor, 21 years of service; and Jeff Crane, Sr. Carpenter, 24 years of service.



From left: Ollie Veasey, Sanitation Manager, 21 years of service; and Ameer Faquir, Sanitation Wasterwater Manager II, 22 years of service.



From left: Sal Ruiz, Mechanical Helper, one year of service; Earl Mallet, Mechanical Helper, 17 years of service; and Vince Ruiz, Wasterwater Treatment Mechanic, six years of service.



From left: Harold Gies, Manager, 19 years of service; and Ken O'Guinn, Sr. Plumber, 16 years of service.

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Mark Pineda (760) 701-1417 cell or (760) 868-5131 home



The big AN-124 at LAX, ready for its next assignment.

# The Russians Keep Coming

## Unusual Soviet-era plane makes frequent stops at LAX and Ontario.

Photos by Alive! staff and Harold Johnson, Principal Public Relations Representative, LA Ontario.

**AIRPORTS** — Flight enthusiasts enjoy the semi-frequent visits of a relic of the Soviet era, the AN-124, to LAX and LA Ontario Airports.

The plane, designed by the Antonov aviation bureau during the waning days of the Cold War and the largest mass-produced plane in the world when it first entered service, is now used to haul really large cargo all over the world. It was the largest mass-produced plane in the world until it was surpassed by the Airbus 380, which has yet to begin certified regular service.

The AN-124 recently delivered satellite equipment to LAX, and equipment for a chemical factory and gas turbines to Ontario. The front of the plane lifts up completely to accept cargo more easily.

There are approximately 26 of the craft still flying, although five remain on order. The plane is now operated mostly by Russian cargo companies.



The AN-124, ready to take off at Ontario.



# CENTRAL CITY POLICE BOOSTERS

## 10th Annual Fundraiser Golf Tournament





**MONTEBELLO COUNTRY CLUB**  
901 Via San Clemente • Montebello, California 90640

**Wednesday, September 26, 2007**

The Central City Police Boosters have been proud supporters of the men and women at the Central Community Police Station for over 35 years. They have focused their support on the crime prevention and youth programs administered by the Los Angeles Police Department, Central Area, Community Relations Office.

This golf tournament is one of the major fund-raising events of the year to gather the money necessary to fund these important programs.

We ask for your support by participating in this fun-filled day of golf. We would also like to extend to you the opportunity to become a year-round member of the Boosters organization. Please take the time to fill out the Booster membership application and help support the crime prevention and youth programs in Central Area.

**Tee Times / Longest Drive / Closest To The Pin / All Par 3s / Trophies 1st Thru 5th**

**FOUR-MAN SCRAMBLE FORMAT**

Maximum of 168 Golfers • Soft Spikes or Spikeless Shoes Required

**- SCHEDULE -**

11:00 am - Registration / Lunch • 1:00 pm (Sharp) - Shotgun Start  
6:00 pm - Awards Dinner • Banquet dinner at Quiet Cannon

RSVP golf reservations by **September 20, 2007**  
Forward company keys no later than September 17, 2007 to ensure display of tee numbers

- **DIAMOND TEE SPONSOR \$1,000+**  
Invitation for Four Players • Tee-Marker and Plaque • One 1-year Booster Membership
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Golfers Entered	Number of Golfers	Amount Paid
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Please make checks payable to:  
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Post Office Box 552041  
Los Angeles, California 90053

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Contact Officer Maria Kandiban  
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Contributions to the Central City Police Boosters are Tax Deductible

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From left: Donato Campos, Club Member; Miguel Gonzalez, Club Member; Felipe Ortega; Miguel Tejapa, Club Member; and Damir Tomas.



From left: Erin Nunez and Ravea Barrow.



From left: Asha Adkins, Club Member; and DeKonda Russell, Club Member.



From left: Kendra Williams and Peter Trance, Club Member.

## LAX Appreciates Its Employees



### ■ Airport hosts appreciation day, with burgers.

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

**AIRPORTS** — LAX held its annual Employee Appreciation In-N-Out Day June 7 to honor its employees. The Association of Airport Employees organized the event, and welcomed the Club to participate. AAE spent months to plan the event, which included casino tables, sponsor booths, raffle prizes and lots of food all at no charge to the airport employees.



From left: Jesus Hernandez, Taizo Oga and Ruben Serrano, Club Member.



From left: Armando Gutierrez, Brian Anderson, Andrea Mercier and Timothy Reviczky, Club Member.



From left: Karen Lee; Alfred Tong, Club Member; Charlynn Rachell; and Angelica Wright.



From left: Maria Abdellah, Club Member; Berena Melana; and Cecilia Cano, Club Member.



From left: Evelyn Brooks, Club Member; Ofelia Serevo, Club Member; Alka Kaur; and Angelia Simpson, Club Member.



From left: Sabas Valencia, Club Member; Refugio Cecena, Club Member; and Karen Daniels, Club Member.

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# Angel's Be Alive!



Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager



Follow the arrow ...



You're almost there! Keep going; just follow the road.

## WILL ROGERS STATE

### ■ The Inspiration Point Loop Trail

Photos by Alive! Staff

First, thanks to everyone who has taken the time to explore our wonderful natural surroundings. Some of you have followed my footsteps, while others are just enjoying the Be Alive! stories. Either way, that's wonderful!

Please feel free to email any feedback and/or other trails you would recommend that I cover. I am always looking for new exciting trails and adventures.

This month's adventure takes us to Will Rogers State Historic Park, a 180-acre retreat in the hills above Santa Monica.

Let's begin at Will Rogers' home (built in 1928) next to the visitor center. In this area, you will find picnic grounds, horse-riding stables and daily tours of Will Rogers' 31-room ranch home. Ranch house tours are offered Tuesday through Sunday at 11 a.m. and 1 and 2 pm. Call (310) 454-8212, ext. 103, for more information.

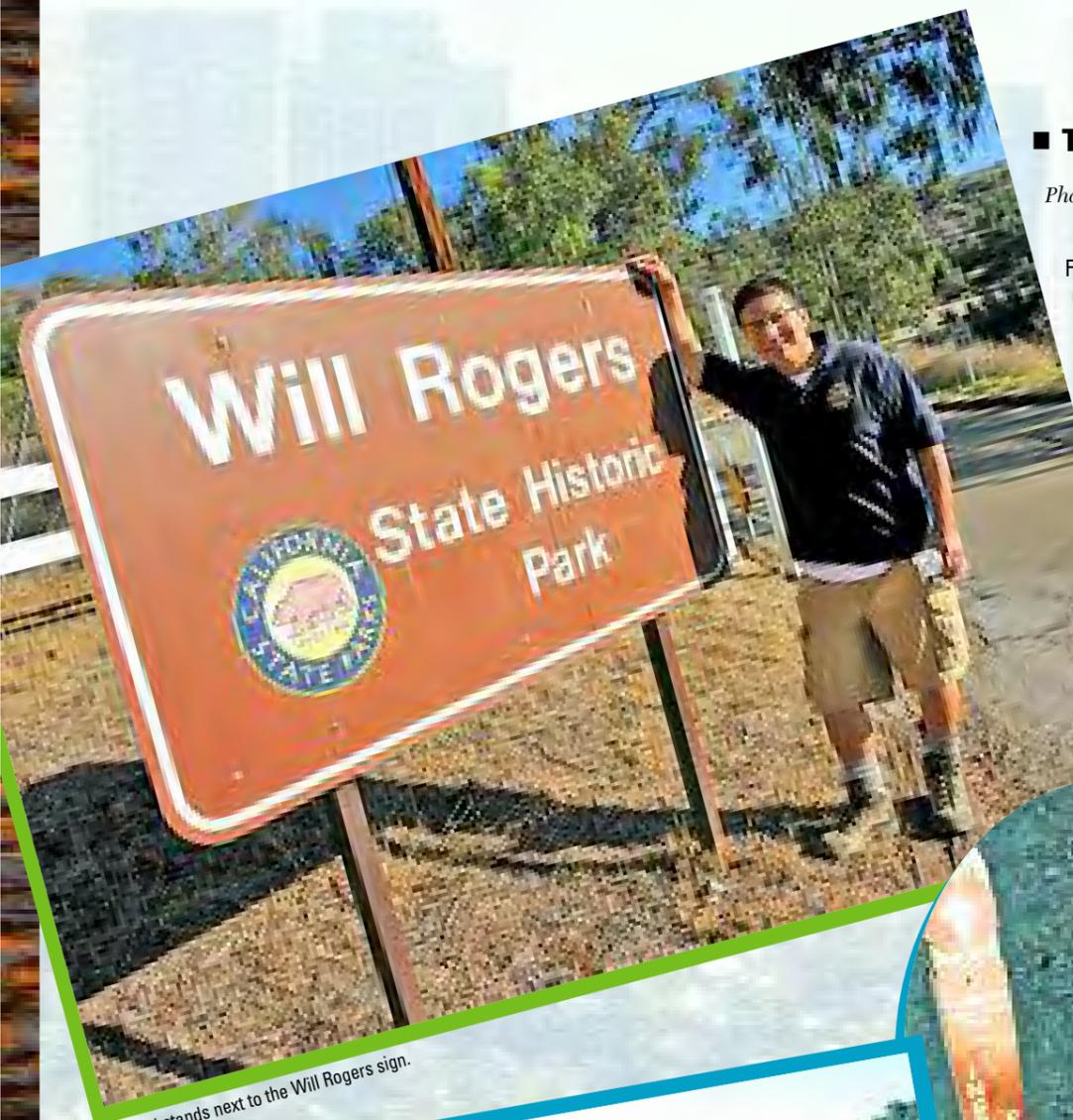
For hikers, start by going left past the tennis courts to the fire road; you'll see the Inspirational Point Loop Trail. Take the fire road to the right and climb the ridge, heading north above Rivas Canyon. Continue climbing and make a right to the overlook on the flat knoll. At this point you can stop and enjoy the views from downtown Los Angeles to Santa Monica and across Santa Monica Bay to Palos Verdes.

The trail, designed by Will Rogers himself, will also connect you with the eastern terminus of the Backbone Trail (see information kiosk), which crosses the spine of the Santa Monica Mountains for 64 miles to Point Mugu State Park. The trail features great views, photo opportunities and historic features, and it's child friendly.

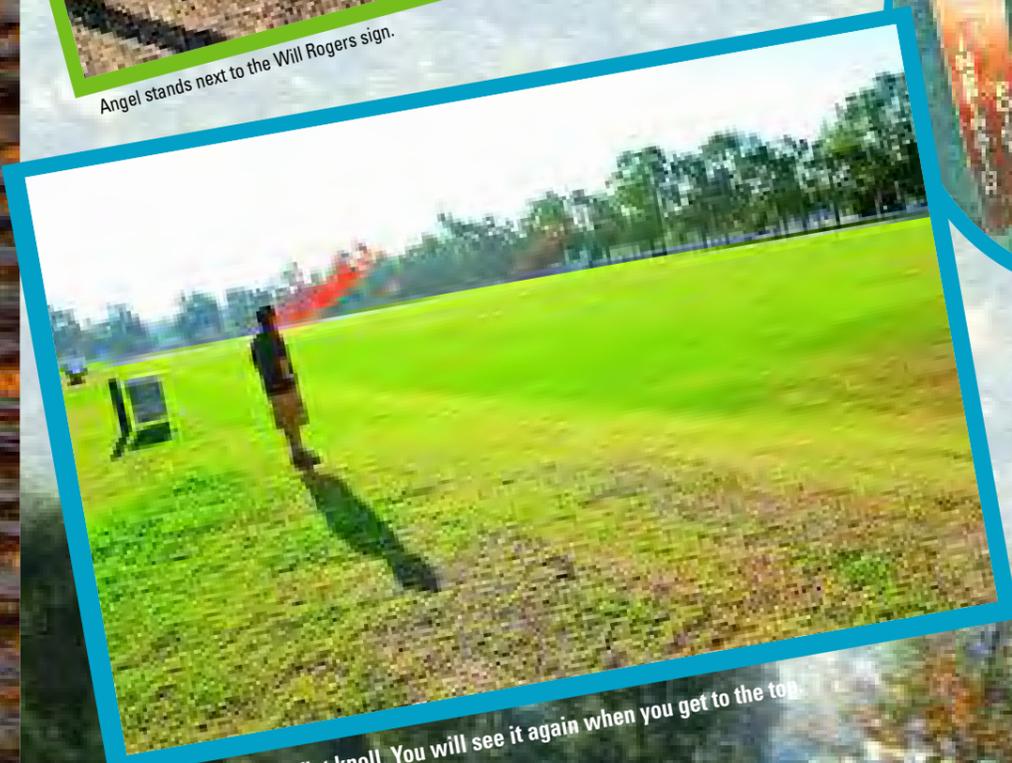
Lastly, for all you dog owners, the trail is also dog friendly, so enjoy. Remember always to bring water and snacks for the trail.

See you next month!

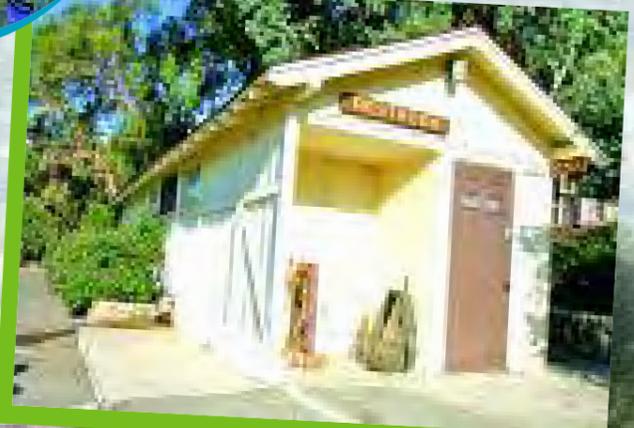
Follow the signs to Inspirational Point (0.7 miles ahead).



Angel stands next to the Will Rogers sign.

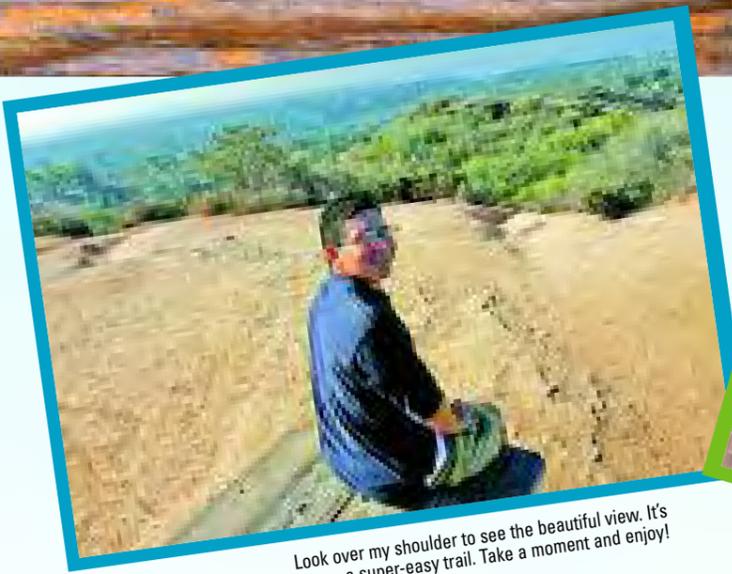


Take a look at the flat knoll. You will see it again when you get to the top.

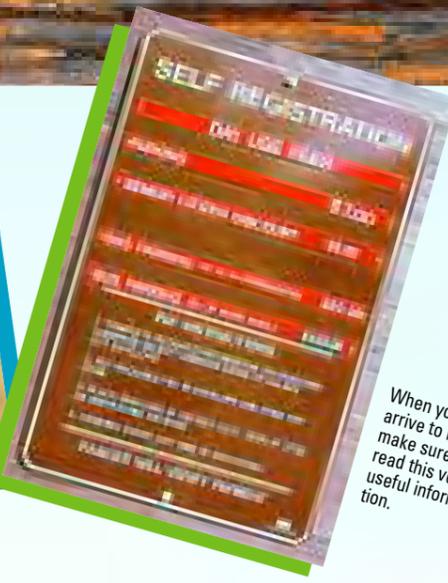


Restrooms are available as you walk past the parking lot. They were very clean.

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Look over my shoulder to see the beautiful view. It's a super-easy trail. Take a moment and enjoy!

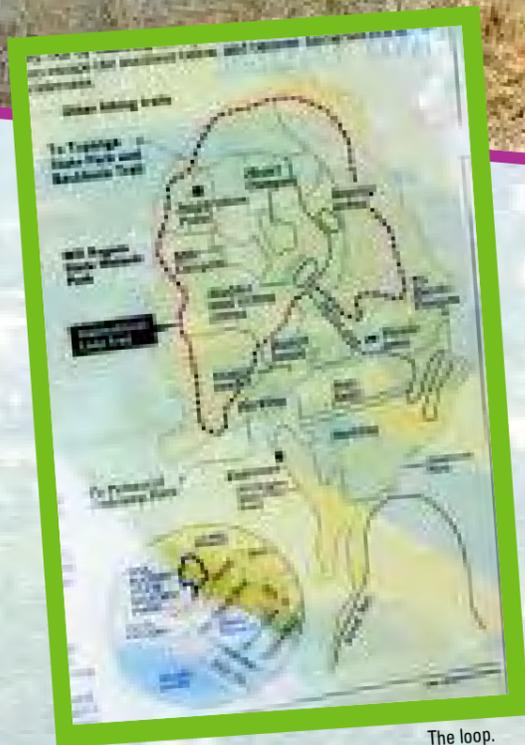


When you arrive to hike, make sure to read this very useful information.

# HISTORIC PARK



This is the midway point to the top. You can already see the spectacular view from here.



The loop.



Saying goodbye, you can go back the way you came up, or go to your right and down the other side of the hill.



## September Events

### 26th Annual Watts Towers Day of the Drum Festival/ 31st Annual Simon Rodia Watts Towers Jazz Festival

Great, international drums and jazz at the Watts Towers Arts Center: drums on the first day, and jazz on the second. Tours of the Watts Towers are available. Free.

**When:** Sept. 29-30, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**Where:** Watts Towers Art Center Amphitheater, 1727 E. 107th St., Watts

**Sponsor:** Cultural Affairs and Watts Towers Arts Center

**Information:** (213) 847-4646, www.wattstowers.net

### M\*A\*S\*H at the Library

Join actors Alan Alda (Hawkeye Pierce) and Mike Farrell (B.J. Honeycutt) at the Central Library as they discuss their recent memoirs art, activism, family, money and fame in a lecture called "Two Actors, Two Authors, Two Lives."

**When:** Sept. 18, 7 p.m.

**Where:** Central Library Downtown

**Cost:** Free

**Sponsor:** Los Angeles Library

**Information:** www.lapl.org

### L.A. Greek Fest

The yearly L.A. Greek Fest is held on the Grand Plaza of the St. Sophia Cathedral in the Byzantine Latino Quarter of Los Angeles. This event is L.A.'s premier Greek festival, featuring the best of Greek foods, pastries, music and folk dancing, along with exotic gifts and arts and craft booths.

**When:** Sept. 7 - 9

**Where:** 1324 S. Normandie Ave. and Pico Boulevard, Los Angeles

**Cost:** (admission): \$5

**Information:** (323) 737-2424, www.LAGreekFest.com

### Port of Los Angeles Lobster Festival

Enjoy a weekend of fun and fine food on the waterfront in historic San Pedro. The Port of Los Angeles Lobster Festival features world-famous discount lobster meals, rides, games, arts and crafts shopping, and nonstop entertainment. Sponsored by the Port of L.A.

**When:** Sept. 14 - 16,

**Where:** Seaside Lagoon, 200 Portofino Way, San Pedro

**Cost:** \$8 general

**Sponsor:** Harbor Dept.

**Information:** (800) 831-PORT, www.portoflosangeles.org

## Ticket Guy Recommends:

### L.A. County Fair, Sept. 7-30, Fairplex Pomona.

For a good change of pace, head to the L.A. County Fair, with rides, games, concerts, exhibits, attractions, competitions and, according to Ticket Guy, unusual food. "Try the fried apple fries and the funnel cake. Or how about a pork chop on a stick? An onion blossom? And you have to try the deep fried Snickers bar!"

Buy your tickets with a Club discount on the Club Website (login required), or turn to page 61 and use the ticket order form.

**Information:** www.lacountyfair.com

### Information

Will Rogers State Historic Park  
1501 Will Rogers Park Rd.  
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272  
(310) 454-8212

**Hiking Distance:** Two-mile loop

**Hiking Time:** one hour

**Elevation gain:** 300 feet

**Open:** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

**GPS coordinates:** N 34°03.189',  
W 118°30.845'

### How to get there:

The park entrance is on the north side of Sunset Boulevard, midway between Chautauqua Boulevard and Amalfi Drive in Pacific Palisades.

### Parking:

There is a parking fee of \$7. Limited street parking is available; it adds a half-mile to your hike.





# Congratulations to the WINNERS!

of our Club Coloring Contest!

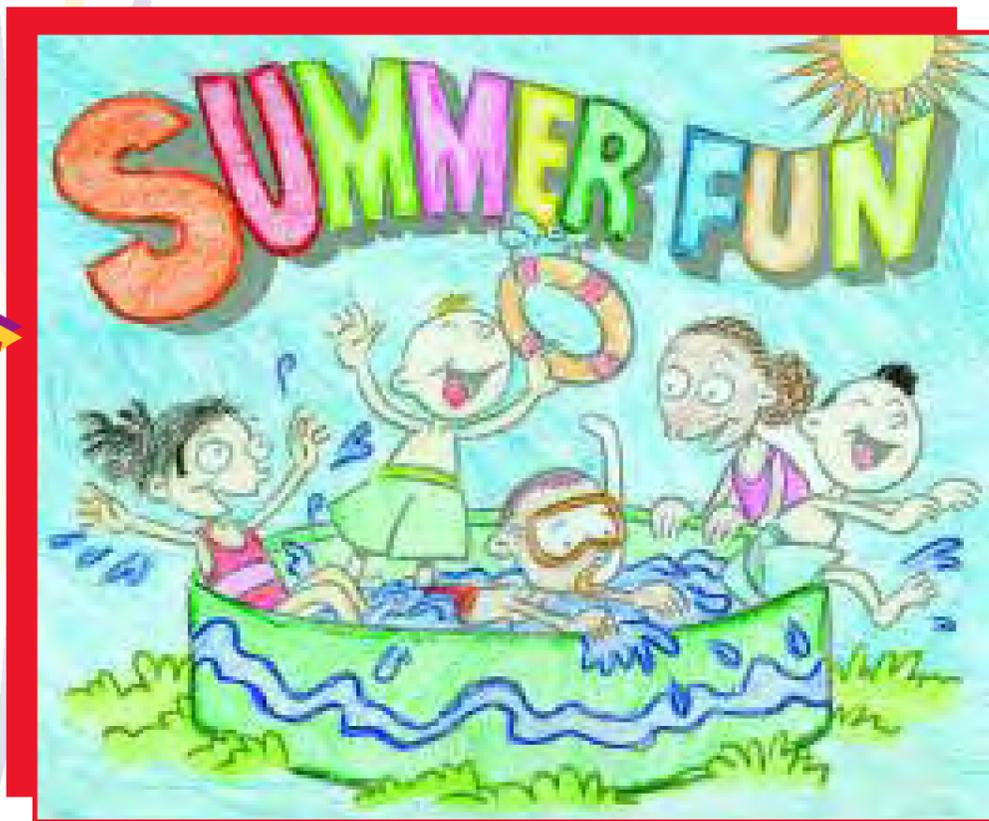
Congratulations to the winners of *Alive!*'s last coloring contest. Everyone who turned in a design is a winner in our opinion! But our top four participants Win 4 Free Tickets to the Amusement Park of your Choice!

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



## Autumn Hicks, 5

- FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Sweet Life of Zach and Cody"
- FAVORITE SNACK: Hot Dogs
- BEST FRIEND: Nina
- PARENT: Marcette Henry, Rec & Parks
- WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: Disney and I want to see Mickey Mouse



## Kaitlyn Lee, 7

- FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Brady Bunch"
- FAVORITE SNACK: Gogurt
- BEST FRIEND: Maya
- PARENT: Jimmy Lee, Sys. Analyst
- WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: Disneyland, I love the Disney princesses. They are in the parade

## Honorable Mention

CHILD	AGE	PARENT/GUARDIAN	DEPT
Hannah Lee	(4)	Jimmy Lee	Sys. Analyst
Katelyn L	(4)	Jennifer Linstrom	LAPD
Zuri Q	(4)	Jennifer Quatterman	Rec & Parks
Mia Brown	(5)	Daren Hohaly	Library
Gerick C.	(5)	Sharon Tatel	Mgmt. Analyst
Erika C.	(5)	Kemia Thomas	Finance
Kristen C.	(5)	Manuel Cudiamat	Analyst II
Tyler Gonzales	(5)	Kathleen Solano	Sanitation
Emily Hibma	(5)	Dan Hibma	LAFD
Jaya Jacob	(5)	Melanie Jacob	Harbor
Hendrix Lopez	(5)	Belandia Nieves	City
Jade Loveto	(5)	Frank Loreto	DWP
Amaya Molina	(5)	Clemente Mendez	General Services
Arely Navarro	(5)	Julio Navarro	Forestry
Richard N. Jr.	(5)	Richard Nunez	DWP
David Ramirez	(5)	Bertha Cuevas	Rec & Parks
Alexa Rosales	(5)	Alexander Rosales	C.S. Rep
Soliana Samson	(5)	Samsom Shewalema	SSSI
Lucy May Aki	(6)	Joseph Aki	Retiree
Viviana A.	(6)	Jaime Arradondo	Airports
Zhariya Frances	(6)	LuJeena Ennis	C. Guard
Erica Consebido	(6)	Cecille Consebido	Sanitation
Rory Godinez	(6)	Rosa Ronquillo	LAFD
Jashua Ghartey	(6)	Jacqueline Ghartey	DWP
Bryan Le	(6)	Chuong Le	Harbor
Julia Llovera	(6)	Felicitas Barajas	Transportation
Destiny Mares	(6)	Patricia Mares	Library
Alexandra Ozuna	(6)	Lynda Ozuna	Finance
Arturo Peralta	(6)	Eddie Pree	Maint.
Adam Romero	(6)	Manny Romero	SSD
Samantha Ruelas	(6)	Julio Ruelas	Sanitation
Daniela Tapia	(6)	Daniel Tapia	DWP
Isaac Troung	(6)	Richard Troung City	Clerk
Karen Yip	(6)	Daisy Cheung	DWP
Adam Chacon	(7)	Hugo Chacon	LAFD
Christopher C.	(7)	Caherine Cordero	LAPD
Angelica Hall	(7)	Sean Hall	General Services
Julianne Jimenez	(7)	Valente Jimenez	A. C. Mech
Hannah Johnson	(7)	Barbara Johnson	LAFD
Glorybeth Juarez	(7)	Abigael Juarez	Rec & Parks
Jershaun King	(7)	Lashaun Mccloud	Personnel
Nathan Lam	(7)	Peter Lam	Retire
Vanessa Lucero	(7)	Christopher Lucero	Public Works
Andres M.	(7)	Noe Maldonado	General Services
Marcelino M.	(7)	Alfredo Mendo	DWP
Cecilia Merlos	(7)	Espe De	La Carda Retired
Miranda Nunez	(7)	Richard Nunez	DWP
Riana Sellers	(7)	Gary Sellers	LAPD
Valerie Trungo	(7)	Richard Truong	City Clerk
Angel Varela	(7)	Daniel Varela	W.W.C.
Amber Aponte	(8)	Karen Aponte	LAPD
Michelle B.	(8)	Stephanie Bankhead	DW
Heather Brown	(8)	Bonnie Berry	Retire
Araly Cruz	(8)	Mardoquero Cruz	Truck Op
Mario DeLeon	(8)	Michael DeLeon	DWP
Jessica DeLoera	(8)	Jorge De Loera	Rec & Parks
Abegail Diaz	(8)	Myrna C. Diaz	Harbor
Jacklyn Espinoza	(8)	Debra Espinoza	Cultural Affairs
Matthew Foster	(8)	Sandy Foster	DWP
Joseph Funches	(8)	Gloria Funches	LAP
Kimberly Garcia	(8)	Ruben Garcia	DWP
Sienna Garcia	(8)	Carlos Garcia	DWP
Jake Hibma	(8)	Dan Hibma	LAFD
Susan Le	(8)	Chuong Le	Harbo
Kaviah Jalali	(8)	Mahmoud Jalali	DWP
Amanda Ozuna	(8)	Lynda Ozuna	Finance
Serene Parra	(8)	Charles Parra	Transportation
Ariyan Prothro	(8)	Michi Slaughter	LAPD
Mary Reynosa	(8)	Lisa Palmer	Eng. Tran.
Kyssandra S.	(8)	Robert Stefanovich	Airports
Dominique W.	(8)	Hope Wright	LAPD
Marisa W.	(8)	Rowena Workman	CDI
Gabriela A.	(9)	Alberto Alvarado	Rec & Parks
Leslie Espinoza	(9)	Sergio Espinoza	DWP
Emily Faircloth	(9)	Cecil Faircloth Jr.	Housing
Adriana Garcia	(9)	Gilbert Garcia	Const. Equip.
Jonathan Garcia	(9)	Michell Garcia	CA
Carolina Gonzalez	(9)	Marcela Casio	DWP
Melissa Lava	(9)	Amy Lava	ITA
Dylan Lee	(9)	Jimmy Lee	CDD
Juan Lopez	(9)	Victoria Lopez	Rec and Parks
Aaron Loriso	(9)	Richard Loriso	DWP
Rebeca Moreno	(9)	Deborah Moreno	LAFD
Melissa Rainbird	(9)	William Rainbird	Aqueduct
Cameron A. T.	(9)	Paul Thomas	Building & Safety
Jessica Wren	(9)	Lily Wren	Sr. Analyst
Cuauhtli Arenaza	(10)	Barbara Arenaza	Retired
Mykale Bankhead	(10)	Stephanie Bankhead	DWP
Taylor Brown	(10)	Dawn Davis	LAX
Janine Carpena	(10)	Janelle Carpena	DWP
Clarrisa Estevane	(10)	Gabriel Estevane	Public Works
Cody Gallegos	(10)	Leonard Gallegos	Building & Safety
Jefferson Ing	(10)	Evelyn	DWP
Azelia Romero	(10)	Manny Romero	General Services
Katelyn So	(10)	Evan So	Airports
Jessica Sousa	(10)	John Sousa	Airports
Falyshta S.	(10)	Robert Stefanovich	Airports
April Vega	(10)	Maria Conchas	Airports
Kate Sousa	(11)	John R. Sousa	Airports
Charles Abbott	(12)	Delicia Moore	C. Guard



## Aeryka Jackson, 8

- FAVORITE TV SHOW: "That's So Raven"
- FAVORITE SNACK: Fruit
- BEST FRIEND: Alexys
- PARENT: Sergio Espinoza, Harbor
- WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: I want to go to Disneyland and it is my favorite place.



Compiled by Lupe Medina





# John's Picture Perfect Contest



## Winner for September



"While taking a walk, I came across this loving couple on the sidewalk. I guess there is a very thin line between love and hate. Photo taken with a Canon Power Shot A710. @1/160 sec., f 4.0, ISO 100."  
**- Carlos Ojeda.**

**John's comments:** Now this is a true "picture perfect!" If only we humans could be so accepting. Thanks, Carlos!

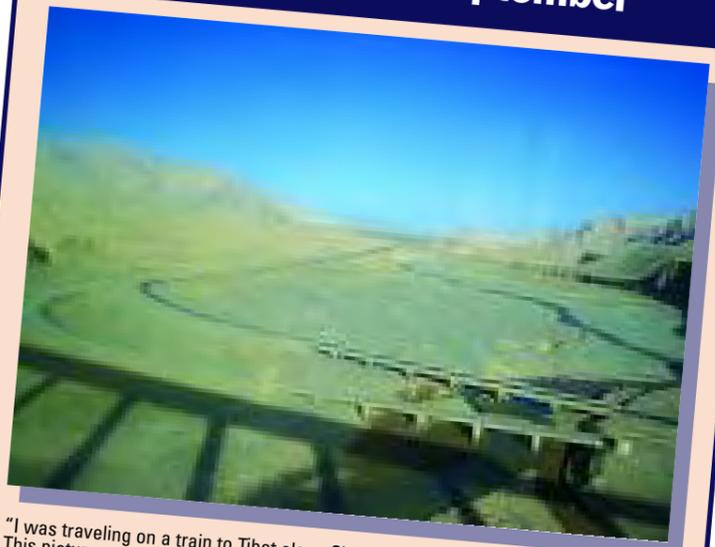
## For September, we have four winners!

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

**WIN FOUR PRIZES**  
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**NEXT DEADLINE: October 15**  
 Happy Snapping!

## Winner for September



"I was traveling on a train to Tibet along China's newly-built Qinghai-Tibet Railroad. This picture was taken at the Hoh Xil Wilderness, one of the world's largest uninhabited lands with elevations above 16,000 feet, through a window on the train. A two-lane highway, which also goes from Qinghai to Tibet, can be clearly seen in the vast wilderness. On the bottom of the picture, there is a shadow of my train on a high bridge."  
**- Peter Wei, DWP.**

**John's comments:** Now, this is what I call "no man's land," 16,000 feet above sea level on the way to Tibet. Completely amazing. Thanks, Peter, for sharing a rare glimpse of the earth that most of us will never see.

## Winner for September



"My husband and I went on a bear-viewing excursion in Alaska. This is just one of the grizzlies we were able to 'capture.' Beneath him are the salmon remains that have been left behind by the bears, whose stomachs are too full to eat the whole thing. It was an amazing experience."  
**- Antoinette Barrios, Bureau of Engineering, Architectural Division, Public Works.**

**John's comments:** Just looking at this picture gives me goose bumps! Thanks as always, Antoinette, for your wildlife shots!

## Winner for September



"I took this picture while waiting in line for the elevator to take me to the top of the Eiffel Tower (in Paris). I don't know where I got the idea to take a picture like this, but I am sure the red wine I had played a part in it. The thing I find humorous is that other people in line witnessed me doing this, and soon it seemed like everyone was taking this same picture. Hope you like it!"  
**- Everett Bennett, Assistant Construction Inspector, Bureau of Contract Administration, Public Works.**

**John's comments:** Red wine or not, this is one of the most unusually beautiful pictures I've seen in a long time. Who would have thought that the rivets on the Eiffel Tower could be so intriguing? Thanks, Everett!

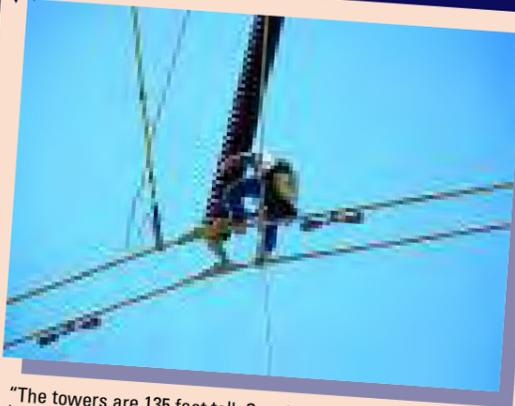
### Runners Up:

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Irene Valido,</b><br>Rec and Parks | <b>Jacob Haik</b><br>George Cormany | <b>Anna Lucas</b><br>Margo Kennedy | <b>Mike O'Connell,</b><br>LAPD |
| <b>Neda Daneshmand</b>                | <b>Annie Ramos</b>                  | <b>Leticia Lopez</b>               |                                |

### 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](mailto: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.

**Honorable Mention**



"The towers are 135 feet tall. Cooning the bells means climbing down the insulators to the wire, then you put the cart on. The spans are a quarter-mile long."

**- Ron Angst, DWP.**

**John's comments:** This is simply crazy; these guys should get an award for doing this job. I guess that's where the expression "nerves of steel" comes from! Thanks, Ron.

**Honorable Mention**

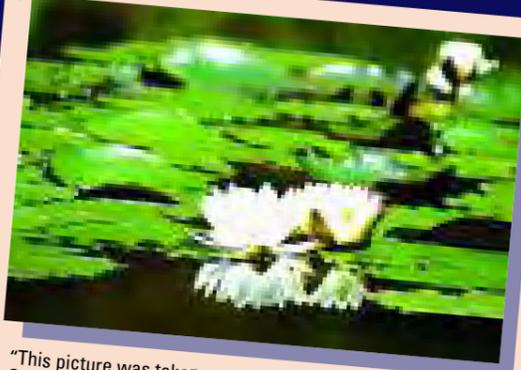


"I shot (photographically) this Southern white rhino in Kruger National Park (South Africa) July 5. In this particular photo, the rhino was about 15 feet from the tour bus. I had the 70-200mm lens with 1.4X tele-extender on my Canon 30D (the 70mm short end is equivalent to 157mm for 35mm format), and the rhino literally filled the frame because it was so close. It is as massive and impressive in real life as in the photo. Unfortunately, they are not invincible to poaching and habitat destruction."

**- Cong Nguyen, ITA.**

**John's comments:** A truly majestic beast caught with such great detail. Thank you, Cong!

**Honorable Mention**



"This picture was taken on a solo getaway to the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden earlier this year."

**- Jenny Arzate.**

**John's comments:** Jenny, this might be the most beautiful picture of a lily I've ever seen. You captured the depth of field with precision, and the contrasting colors and the reflection are wonderful. Nice work!



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# 'Give to L.A.' Campaign Kicks Off; Consider Giving



Cynthia M. Ruiz, President, Board of Public Works

■ **"Give to L.A." – the City's Combined Charitable Campaign – kicks off Sept. 18. Proceeds go to ten umbrella agencies. Choose your cause, and consider giving.**

**PUBLIC WORKS** — The City's Combined Charitable Campaign 2007 kicks off Sept. 18 with a volunteer training event. The campaign lasts through the end of October. Last year, the Combined Charitable Campaign raised more than \$605,000.

For more than 16 years, the City's Combined Charitable Campaign has pooled the efforts of many of the most respected and successful charitable agencies in Los Angeles into a single City employee fundraising endeavor. The goal is to improve the quality of life for all people in all communities of this great city.

The ten charitable agencies chosen for this year's Give to LA campaign distribute funds to more than 400 member charities that offer a variety of programs assisting everyone from the newborn to the elderly. Those member charities fund needed social services and health care and environmental programs, and provide scholarships. Those charities and their programs affect your communities, your neighbors and perhaps you and your family.

Every year City employees have the opportunity to contribute to making Los Angeles and the surrounding communities a better place for everyone. The Give to LA Combined Charitable Campaign provides a convenient and efficient opportunity for City employees to give to the charity of their choice through one-time gifts or payroll deduction.

### About the Charities

Support from City Employees helps to fund the charitable causes you choose, from the following umbrella agencies:

- *The United Negro College Fund* is the nation's oldest and most successful minority higher education assistance fund. It funds college educations for deserving students here in California and nationwide.
- *The United Latino Fund* provides funding for the development and training for 29 Latino social service organizations serving the needs of the underserved residents of Los Angeles County.
- *Earth Share of California* supports member groups that promote vital programs for an environmentally sustainable lifestyle for all residents of greater Los Angeles.
- *The Brotherhood Crusade* provides necessary resources, supportive services and a voice of advocacy to traditionally underserved communities. It supports families and individuals by

promoting health and wellness, providing and enhancing educational opportunities, cultivating economic growth, and building community agencies and institutions.

- *The City Dept. of Aging's Meals On Wheels Program* serves more than 3,500 hot meals to low-income, frail, elderly people on a daily basis. These home-delivered meals are the safety net that can mean the difference between staying at home or moving into institutionalized care.
- *The Hispanic Scholarship Fund* provides the Latino community more college scholarships and educational outreach support than any other organization in the country.
- *Community Health Charities of California*, for 35 years, has raised funds for charities that provide patient services, conduct research, educate and inform all the communities of Los Angeles County. Their 43 member charities cover the health needs of everyone from infants to seniors.

- *The Asian Pacific Community Fund* programs include student tutoring, adult education and youth leadership programs. They support more than 28 agencies that serve the Asian and Pacific Islander community.

- *City of Hope* is an internationally recognized innovative biomedical research, treatment and educational institution with physicians/scientists dedicated to the prevention and cure of cancer, HIV/AIDS, diabetes, and other life-threatening diseases.

- *United Way of Greater Los Angeles* is "Creating Pathways out of Poverty" in Los Angeles County by supporting more than 150 local charities that help youth succeed, strengthen families and assist people in need through learning, empowering and caring.



The Give to LA Campaign funds social service programs, scholarships, health care and environmental agencies. Each City Employee has the choice to give to any or all of the ten charities, and the programs they fund.

### Chairperson's Statement

"Thanks to the generous donations of our City Employees, the 2006 City of Los Angeles Combined Charitable Campaign exceeded our goal and raised more than \$605,000!

Last year I was honored to serve as chair of the campaign and am delighted to do so again for the 2007 'Give to LA' campaign. Our new slogan is what this campaign is all about—giving to those who are less fortunate than we are. As City Employees, we are very lucky to have good jobs, and we are fortunate to be able to give back to all the diverse communities of greater Los Angeles.

Our 'Give to LA' campaign includes ten respected and effective charitable umbrella agencies that raise funds for more than 400 different charities, so there is definitely something for everyone!

"You can participate with a one-time gift, or you can choose the convenience of payroll giving. Thank you for your past donations, and please join us in making this year's campaign another major success!"

Respectfully,

Cynthia M. Ruiz, President  
Board of Public Works

## Newsbrief

### CARDENAS COLLECTS CARTS:

According to the City's Bureau of Sanitation, Councilmember Tony Cardenas' first-of-its-kind Abandoned Shopping Cart Program has collected more than 5,300 shopping carts from Valley streets since the launch of the program, setting the tone for a vital initiative to address the problem Citywide.

The six-month pilot program, beginning in January of this year, was the first to pledge a 48-hour turnaround for residents calling to report stray carts in Council District Six. About 5,340 carts were found strewn in streets, alleys, and sidewalks. Cardenas was to introduce a new motion instructing officials to find ways to implement a similar program Citywide.

"If more than 5,300 carts were found in my district alone, we can only imagine how many carts are out there throughout the City causing major road hazards and putting our families at risk," said Cardenas. "This is about public safety and community pride. These carts constantly roll out into our streets and cause blight in our neighborhoods."

Cardenas went on to explain how stray carts are repulsive eyesores that become magnets for other neglectful activity including loitering and illegal dumping. Officials of the City's Bureau of Sanitation said the problem could easily be remedied with the help of store owners installing mechanisms to prevent carts from being taken from their respective properties. Some have already installed wheel-locking devices.

"Public Works' Bureau of Sanitation feels confident that a practical solution to the blight caused by abandoned shopping carts is not only essential but very feasible," said Enrique C. Zaldivar, Executive Officer, Bureau of Sanitation.

Cardenas has asked representatives of the California Grocer's Association, as well as some of the store owners in his district, to meet on Sept. 13th to discuss preventative measures to keep carts from being stolen. Economic loss for these retailers can be overwhelming since some carts cost up to \$100. One retailer had over 900 carts collected during the program. If, for example, the carts cost \$100 each, that could have been a potential loss of \$90,000 if the carts had not been returned.

Some of the biggest collections were from El Super with a total of 911 carts and Vallarta with a total of 493. Food For Less carts came in at 350 and Ralph's had a total of 321. Target totaled about 275. Other numbers are detailed on the graph attached.

"This affects all of us. We want to work with the business community to find a solution that benefits both store owners and our neighborhoods," Cardenas said. "We urge the business community to step forward and join us in ensuring a safer and cleaner Los Angeles."

Cardenas' motion calls for the City to find potential revenue sources to help fund the Citywide cart retrieving initiative. Cardenas' original pilot program for his district was funded by the Street Furniture Account for his district, in the amount of \$55,000.

The Bureau of Sanitation will report on how effective the pilot program was after summer council recess.

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### Weddings

Iris and Mike Dawson, married April 6, pictured in the Rock Garden at the LAPD Academy. Iris is with LAPD Communications.



Gabriel Boyd and Latrice Jones, married June 23 in Lakewood. Gabriel works for Airports (LAX) and Latrice works for the LAPD.



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### Promotions



Five promoted in Public Works Sanitation, from left: Brian McCormick, promoted to Sanitation Wastewater Manager I at Wastewater Collections Division; Harold Gies, promoted to Sanitation Wastewater Manager I at Hyperion; and Ollie Veasey Sanitation Wastewater Manager I at Water Reclamation Division. Not pictured: Bahram Roshanian, promoted to Sanitation Wastewater Manager II at Hyperion; and Doug Bohlman, promoted to Sanitation Wastewater Manager III at Terminal Island Treatment Plant.

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DWP  
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**Beverly Andrade**  
Sr. Mgmt. Analyst,  
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**Esther Aviles**  
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**Robert Belmonte**  
DWP  
**Thomas Berry**  
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Public Works, 16  
**Jon Billesbach**  
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**Nancy Body**  
DWP

**Michael Boynton**  
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**Lloyd Bradbury**  
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**Lionel Caines**  
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Wastewater Tmt.,  
Public Works, 28  
**Raymond Carr**  
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Works, 13

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**Jose Corpin**  
DWP  
**Richard Ramos Cota**  
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**James DeSmet\***  
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DWP  
**Arthur Dixon**  
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Traffic Officer,  
Transportation, 36  
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DWP  
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DWP  
**Sukari Flournoy\***  
DWP  
**William Fong**  
DWP  
**Dianne Forrester**  
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**Roger Fritch**  
DWP  
**Judith Fuentes\***  
DWP

**Irene Galvan**  
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**Barbara Gervasi Moya**  
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**Tommy Gibbs**  
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**Cesar Giron**  
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Assoc., Public  
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Sign Post,  
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**Steve Kawashima**  
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Permit, Finance, 35  
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**Renato Mayuyu**  
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Building Mech.  
Inspector, Building  
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Finance, 21  
**Othella Seavers\***  
DWP  
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Council, 10  
**Frederick Smith**  
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**Faye Tazawa**  
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DWP  
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**James Wilson\***  
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**Lansing Wong**  
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DWP  
**William Yeary\***  
DWP  
**William Yeung**  
DWP  
**Stanley Yon**  
Sr. Real Estate  
Officer, Airports,  
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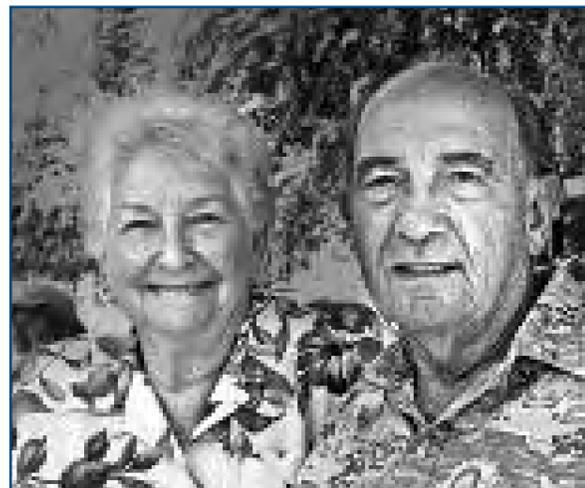
### In Memoriam

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

<b>Active</b>	<b>Jack Chesley</b> Airports, 13	<b>Michael Maverakis</b> General Services, 30	<b>Al Schur</b> Public Works, 8
<b>Remedios Lanon</b> CDD, 19	<b>Robert Clark</b> Public Utilities, 28	<b>Aaron McCullough</b> Treasurer, 23	<b>Harry Smith</b> LAPD, 12
<b>Howard Saito</b> Rec and Parks, 2	<b>Darryl Davis</b> Public Works, 22	<b>Herman McDonald</b> Harbor, 35	<b>Earnest Taplin</b> Public Works, 30
<b>Alex Villasenor</b> General Services, 19	<b>N. Dominique</b> Rec and Parks, 28	<b>B.F. Nishimura</b> Transportation, 19	<b>Ruth Tibbetts</b> Public Works, 25
<b>Retired</b>	<b>Janet Duben</b> City Clerk, 15	<b>Katherine Parkins</b> Library, 18	<b>William Van Camp</b> Public Works, 18
<b>James Asato</b> Public Works, 30	<b>Nathaniel Ensley</b> Public Works, 25	<b>J.W. Peterson</b> Harbor, 37	<b>Eugene Webster</b> Public Works, 30
<b>Willie Brooks</b> Public Works, 20	<b>Matthew Haughton</b> Rec and Parks, 25	<b>Matyas Prag</b> Public Works, 26	<b>William Willis</b> Public Works, 28
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### Special Achievements



**Happy Anniversary!**  
Congratulations to Pat and Vic Aprea, who celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary. Vic retired in 1983 from Transportation after 32 years of service.

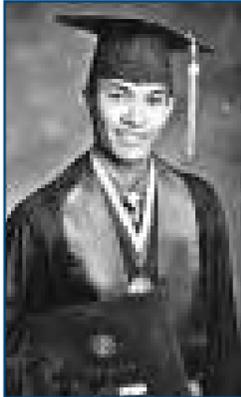
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## Graduations

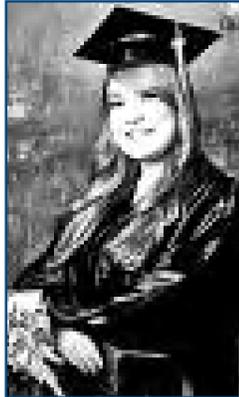
Rita Noemi Casillas graduated with honors from California High School in Whittier and will attend UC Santa Barbara in the fall, where she will major in communication. Rita's father, Vince Casillas, is a senior line-man with the DWP, Lincoln Heights yard. Her uncles, Anthony and Andrew Casillas, are also in electrical distribution with the DWP.



Ronald Ronquillo graduated from the University of California, Irvine in June with a degree in computer engineering. He is the son of Bart Ronquillo, Retired Electrical Station Mechanic, DWP.



Christine Garcia graduated from Everest College in June, receiving her medical assistant certificate. Proud Parent is Molly Munoz of the City Controller's Office/Paymaster's Office.



Emily Anne Hibma, 5, graduated from pre-school in June. Her dad is Dan Hibma, LAFD Fire Station 6.

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## New Members

### Welcome New Members!

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

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Mike Bolanos  
George Dorsey Jr.  
Beverly Johnson  
Ana Miranda  
Damion Perez  
Timothy Riser  
Omar Vasquez  
Stephen Williams

#### Animal Services

Erica Washington

#### Building and Safety

Heather Harris  
Thang Lam  
Eboni Nichols  
Bidyut Rath

#### City Attorney

Gabriela Castillo  
Kahn Watson

#### City Clerk

Henrietta Bovitch

#### Personnel

Claudia Guevara  
TreQuita Smith

#### City Council

Albert Dib  
Margarita Estrada  
Melissa Garcia  
Consuelo Gomez

#### Convention Center

Jadine Azzam

#### Fire

John Hicks  
Kevin Lillenber  
Chris Stine  
Deresa Teller

#### Harbor

Derek Pittman  
Allen Thomas

#### General Services

Alfonso Gurrola  
Beverly Pleasant

#### Library

Jesus Barragan  
Tiffany Coleman  
Shellie Cooke  
Marlon Obando

#### Housing

Maria Arroyo  
Yekma Baydalimova  
Barbara Brown  
Mary Bustos  
Sandra Castillo  
Dora Cisneros  
Eduardo De La Rosa  
Maria Diaz  
Adrienna Dymally  
Dario Godinez  
Lakia Jones  
Dalila Luna  
Elizabeth Moran-Cayer  
Xanat Rosas  
Terrance Strouse  
Silvia Viramontes  
Rudy Yanes  
Pilar Yeung

#### Police

Norma Franco-Hernandez  
Paulina Gonzalez  
Teresa Gutierrez  
Kirk Nishimura  
Alex Povolotsky

#### Maricela Price

Tiffany Soliz  
James Sumbi  
Jeoffery Tachibana  
Alan Warner

#### Public Works

#### Management Employee Services

Angela Torres

#### Sanitation

Antonio Cardenas  
Thomas Eatmon  
Malikka Gist  
Jose Rosas

#### Street Maintenance

Anthony Daily  
Jason Gatfield  
Derek Meekins  
Andrew Perez  
Timothy Sheehan  
Judy Shum  
Leonard Sosa  
Dalene White

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Michelle Alvarez  
John Brown  
John Contreras  
Sharnashia Dixon  
Marlene Esquivias  
Alson Garry  
Sunshine Hubbard  
Emily Lau  
Chara Moore  
Anthony Ray  
Maria Sandoval  
Xiaoning Sun

#### Transportation

Damon Bergeron  
Jonathan Diego  
Dennis McCarthy

#### Finance

Jeanette Santoni

#### Zoo

Stephen Murphy

#### DWP

Leon Butler  
Michael Chaffin

#### Carlos Chaidez

Pete Freese  
Douglas Gomez  
Elmer Harlan  
Antonio Hernandez  
Phyllis Hollier  
Cynthia Jaquez  
Paul Ju  
David Miranda  
James Muraoka  
Ismail Nanabawa  
Fredericka Santee  
Nicholas Staves  
Liliana Villarreal  
Lisa Wiley

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Lavelle Bruton  
Clarence Carson  
Alan Conn  
Ernestine McDonald  
Janet Ruzek

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Liz Montes

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## MOVIE REVIEWS



### *La Vie en Rose* Rated R My Score: 4 (out of 5)

*La Vie en Rose* is harrowing, wonderful, entertaining and heartbreaking, all at the same time. Edith Piaf was a singer, a French cultural icon and international superstar who died well before her time in 1963, at the age of 47. This subtitled film stars Marion Cotillard as the young/old Piaf in a role reminiscent of Judy Garland, who sings and self-destructs right before the camera.

As a child of ne'er-do-well artists, she learned her craft on the streets of Paris, and becomes successful with that same spirit. It's her success that leads to her eventual downfall.

— Louis Loomis, Rec and Parks



### *I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry* Rated PG-13 My Score: 3 (out of 5)

This movie stars Adam Sandler as Chuck Levine and Kevin James as Larry Valentine, two firefighters in New York who are best friends and willing to do

anything for each other.

Larry is a lonely widower who's still grieving over his wife's death and doesn't want to deal with anything with his wife's name on it. Somehow through bureaucratic red tape, he's unable to change his life insurance beneficiaries to his kids. This part didn't make too much sense to me; anyway that's when the idea of domestic partnership comes into play. Larry convinces Chuck into becoming his domestic partner to ensure his kids are properly taken care of should anything happen to him. All that Chuck has to do is claim to be Larry's domestic partner on some city forms. Nobody has to ever know -- that is until a spot-checking, overzealous city worker tries to prove this union is a fraud. Let the laughs begin when the two have to prove this union is legit or face going to jail.

There are a number of one-liners from Sandler that make this movie worth seeing. This movie also shows that friends sticking together in their time of need is what truly makes a family. I don't recommend this movie for young children due to some of the crude sexual content, nudity and language references, or for homophobics.

— Gwen Lew, DWP

### *I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry* My Score: 3.5 (out of 5)

This very funny comedy stars Adam Sandler as Chuck and Kevin James (*King of Queens*) as Larry. They are two NY firefighters who started at the same time and became very close friends. Because of some red tape, Larry asks playboy Chuck to become his "domestic partner" so his children would be in good hands in case of his death. Chuck reluctantly agrees and the fun begins.

If you are in the mood to laugh, this is a good movie to go see. Both Adam and Kevin are perfect in their roles.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP



### *Knocked Up* Rated R My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Katherine Heigl (*Grey's Anatomy*) stars as an entertainment reporter who celebrates her promotion by getting drunk and having a one-night stand. Eight weeks later, she discovers she is pregnant and

contacts Seth Rogen, the

father-to-be.

These two characters make a very unlikely couple, but they do try for the sake of the baby. This is a good movie with a lot of laughs. I thought Katherine Heigl was excellent in this role and I hope to see more of her in the movie theater.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP



### *Hairspray* Rated PG My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Although I enjoyed this musical, I was disappointed that two favorite songs from the stage show were not included. *Hairspray* is a combination of the original movie, the stage production and new numbers. The entire cast was great, especially newcomer Nikki Blonsky as Tracy. She has a fantastic voice.

Sung by Ricki Lake (Tracy in the original movie), Marissa Janet Winokur (Tracy in the Broadway production) and Nikki Blonsky, "Mama, I'm a Big Girl Now" plays during the credits. It could have only been better if they showed the stars while singing the song. I do recommend this wonderful movie!

— Gail Seltzer, DWP



### *The Bourne Ultimatum* Rated R My Score: 5 (out of 5)

I just love this movie! Matt Damon's back as Jason Bourne, still looking for his real identity while outmaneuvering everyone who's out to eliminate him.

The plot is real thin, but this movie is so gripping and so fast-paced that I think this is the best action-packed movie ever. It has the coolest chases and escapes that I would watch this movie again and again. Some viewers might not like this movie because the camera jerks around a lot, so if you're prone to motion sickness, take Dramamine.

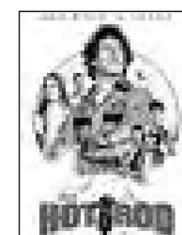
— Marilou Romney, LAPD

### *The Bourne Ultimatum* My Score: 4.5 (out of 5)

Matt Damon again stars as Jason Bourne. Bourne still has amnesia and is still trying to find out who he is. He finds out that a journalist may have some information about his past. Of course the CIA does not want Bourne alive and goes to

great lengths to kill him. Bourne of course out-smarts and out-maneuvers them all. The ending leaves you wondering will there be a next movie and what will they call it. The movie is action-packed. There are great fight scenes and car crashes. I highly recommend seeing it.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD



### *Hot Rod* Rated PG-13 My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Hot Rod is about an amateur stuntman, Rod Kimble, (Andy Samberg of *Saturday Night Live* fame) and his adventures in trying to accomplish the ultimate jump on his moped.

Rod tries to accomplish this great feat while trying to raise money for his father Frank, (Ian McShane), to pay for his heart surgery.

Rod and his other friends, Dave (Samberg's SNL cast member, Bill Hader) and Barry (another former SNL cast member, Chris Parnell) help Rod to accomplish jumping over 15 buses to beat Evel Knievel's jump.

— Linda Rorex, Personnel



### *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* Rated PG-13 My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix is fabulous. It's probably difficult to follow if you haven't read the books -- but great for those of us

who have! It is truly too complicated to explain. I could try, but it would take too long. There's lots of action and a darker theme -- difficult times for Harry and crew in fighting the evil forces of Lord Voldemort, while staying true to the virtues to overcome the negative. I think this is one of the best films so far. Read it, and then see it; the film is very satisfying!

— Barbara Johnson, LAFD

## Book Reviews



### *White Sister* Stephen J. Cannell St. Martin 352 pages My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Emmy-award-winning writer (The Rockford Files) Stephen J. Cannell's latest novel, *White Sister*, is about the continuing saga of LAPD Detective Shane Scully. A crime victim is found dead in the car of Alexa Scully, Shane's wife. Shane gets caught up in the world of gangsta rap music and encounters Stacy Maluga, a beautiful Lady Macbeth-like white woman raised in Compton who's married to a multimillionaire rap mogul and known in the gangsta hip-hop world as the White Sister.

I recommend this novel for all Stephen J. Cannell fans and all book readers.

— Linda Rorex, Personnel



### *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* J.K. Rowling Scholastic 784 pages My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Fabulous! Wonderful! Great. What a ride J.K.

Rowling has given us. She has broken world publishing records -- records that her previous books have set and broken. This gives you some idea of the popularity of the Harry Potter series, but it does not give you any inkling of why. If you've seen the movies you have probably enjoyed them, but you must read the books to fully appreciate what is truly so "magical" about the boy and the story, as well as understand the latter movies that leave out many details too lengthy to include in the films.

Some argue that the book is "bad" and lacking in religion or somehow not good for children. The books have a true "underdog" character and the triumph of good over evil. That love, honesty, integrity, the pursuit of truth, and what is best for

all over the individual is somehow missed by the "they" who criticize.

If reading the books seem daunting, then buy or rent them on CD or tape. I won't give the ending away for those who have not started or finished reading. Suffice to say you will not be disappointed, and the book will leave you wishing it wasn't the seventh book of seven. Relish it!

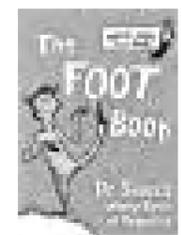
— Barbara Johnson, LAFD



### *The Ear Book* Al Perkins Bright and Early Books 19 pages My Score: 3 (out of 5)

The Ear Book was not that funny. It was mostly just about what our ears hear, like "tic-toc, tic-toc" (that was the clock) and boom, boom, boom, boom (that was the drum). That's why it wasn't too funny. At least the dog that was on the front of the book was good because he was so cute.

— Hannah Johnson, 7, daughter of Barbara Johnson, LAFD



### *The Foot Book* Dr. Seuss Random House Children's 17 pages My Score: 4 (out of 5)

The Foot Book is sort of funny because it uses rhymes and tells "his feet, her feet" and all that. I like it because it says "red feet, black feet" and shows a picture of two funny feet that are red and two feet that are black.

— Hannah Johnson, 7, daughter of Barbara Johnson, LAFD



## DVD Reviews



### Ed Wood (1994)

Rated R

My Score: 3.5 (out of 5)

Based on the strange life of old Hollywood B movie director Ed Wood (Johnny Depp), this stylized comedy (in black and white) is not for cheap laughs, it's for an audience that likes odd-ball humor. You'll enjoy the behind-the-scenes life of Hollywood's Bela Lugosi (Martin Landau, who won an Academy Award for this role). You'll also find yourself hoping that Ed Wood doesn't get crushed by the hand of cruel Hollywood when making his over-the-top bad movies. If it's simple pirate humor you're looking for, abandon ship and set anchors in a different movie aisle.

— Robert Garcia, Airports



### Shooter (2007)

Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Mark Wahlberg plays a former Marine scout sniper who is pressed into service to stop an assassination attempt on the President. The action starts when he's double-crossed and framed for the attempt. He's determined to prove his innocence, but every law enforcement agency in the country is after him, and a shadowy organization wants him dead. See how he brings justice to those involved.

This is a good thriller action movie.

— Gwen Lew, DWP



### 300 Special Edition (2007)

Rated R

My score: 4 (out of 5)

Directed by Frank Miller (a lover of comics), this movie is stylized in the spirit of a comic book, which is aesthetically pleasing to the eye and highly entertaining. The plot revolves around the battle between the warrior Spartan army of 300 and the Persian "Immortals," who work to conquer their land, women and children. The Spartan King leaves his Queen behind to fight for freedom, and she is left to defend herself against corrupt politicians (I guess times haven't changed!). If you would like insight of the history behind this battle, the special edition features are awesome.

— Robert Garcia, Airports



### Breach (2007)

Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Chris Cooper plays the FBI agent Robert Hanssen, who turned spy for the Soviets in the FBI's worst security breach in history. Ryan Phillippe is the FBI agent sent to bring Hanssen down. In real life, Phillippe's character was only a part of the support staff put into the most difficult position he'd ever had—he "retires" afterward because of it. This movie is good as it delves into the discordant life Hanssen was living while he sold the secrets. I don't care for Phillippe as an actor, but he does a good job. I thought Chris Cooper as Hanssen was great. You already know the ending, but it gets you there nicely.

— Barbara Johnson, LAFD



### The Number 23 (2007)

Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

*The Number 23* is short and fast. Jim Carrey stars as a wacky dogcatcher with seemingly no cares in the world. Cut to his birthday when his wife, Virginia Madsen, buys him a book entitled *The Number 23*. Stand by because the movie starts to fly when Carrey begins to read the book about a detective obsessed with the number 23. Of course Carrey becomes obsessed with it, also.

We watch as the detective's story is played out alongside the "real" life Carrey is immersed in at the same time. It is good, and visually stunning. Be warned... many people start to see "coincidences" with the Number 23 in their own lives after seeing the movie!

— Barbara Johnson, LAFD



### Wild Hogs (2007)

Rated PG-13

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Four "almost" over-the-hill guys with nothing going on in their lives set out on a road trip. They ride motorcycles and call themselves "Wild Hogs." The Hogs get one of their bikes stolen from a mean biker gang; one of them steals it back and accidentally blows up the gang's bar. The gang chases them to the town where the Hogs have hidden themselves. It goes on from there.

It has its moments, but it's not great. I wish it were funnier, though there is some humor and good set-ups.

— Barbara Johnson, LAFD



### Blind Spot: Hitler's Secretary (2002)

Rated PG (Documentary)

My Score: 1.5 (out of 5)

I was very disappointed with this movie. I thought there would be more to the movie than just Traudi Junge talking for 95 minutes. Junge served as Adolf Hitler's secretary between 1942 and 1945. She talks about the Third Reich and the days leading up to Hitler's death. I think the movie may have been more enjoyable if it had not been subtitled and there had been some actual live footage added in. I watched the movie three times and it was difficult to follow. If you speak German you may find this movie very enjoyable.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD



### Black Sheep (1996)

Rated PG-13

My Score: 2.5 (out of 5)

This movie has some great stars -- Chris Farley, David Spade, Tim Matheson and Gary Busey. Matheson plays a politician who is running for governor. His brother (Farley) is a total screw-up and is going to ruin Matheson's chance for governor. Spade is hired to watch Farley, and that is a task.

Busey plays a military man who lives up in the mountains and ends up stealing Spade's car. The movie is your typical slapstick-type comedy, and parts are very funny. If you need a good laugh, rent it.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD



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# Cooking with the Club

by our own  
**Robert Larios**



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# Veggies Deserve Grill Time, Too

## DIRECTIONS:



Step 1: Wash your hands, cutting board and utensils. We aren't using meat, but treat your ingredients like they are.



Step 2: Begin preparing your carrots, zucchini and onions by slicing them in long slices.



Step 3: Pour some extra virgin olive oil on the sliced vegetables and then sprinkle the salt and pepper over them.



Step 4: Place your prepared vegetables on the grill or oven.



Step 5: Place a piece of lavash bread over the cutting board and spread the tahini sauce over it.



Step 6: Place the grilled vegetables on the center of the lavash bread.



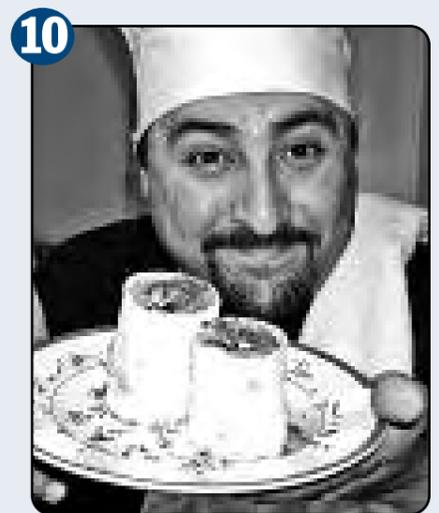
Step 7: Add the shredded cabbage, the sun-dried tomatoes, and the feta cheese.



Step 8: Roll up the lavash bread.



Step 9: You can have just as it is or cut it into smaller pieces for a nice plate presentation.



Serve and enjoy!

So many of us are used to grilling meats such as chicken, steak, hot dogs and hamburgers that grilling vegetables is often overlooked. But grilled vegetables are awesome. After grilling and even roasting, they seem to permeate a roasted/grilled flavor.

A favorite summertime meal for me is a vegetable wrap – it's something like a burrito, except it can be eaten hot or cold. You can use lavash bread, which has a similar texture and taste of a flour tortilla, or you can use a flour tortilla as your outer shell for the yummy grilled vegetables.

Although this recipe doesn't incorporate chicken, beef or seafood (though you can certainly add them), it's essential to maintain a clean cooking environment. Always rinse and dry your vegetables before slicing – it's still possible to contract a food-borne illness and even some sort of chemical poisoning if preventive cleaning measures aren't taken.

Lastly, if you're going to use bell peppers and jalapeños, please roast them until most of their outer surfaces appear burnt, and then quickly place them in a sealed paper bag. Leave them in the bag for about 15 minutes and then remove and begin to peel the outer skin – it's easier to do after they steam in the bag.



## Roasted Vegetable Wrap

Makes approximately 2 servings

### INGREDIENTS:

- Any vegetables you like. I used carrots; zucchini; onions; jalapeño; and green, red and yellow bell peppers
- 1/4 cup sun-dried tomatoes
- 1/4 cup shredded cabbage (add more if you like the extra crunch)
- 2 to 4 tablespoons tahini sauce (lightly coat one surface of the lavash bread)

- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 to 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil (enough to lightly coat the vegetables)
- 1 or 2 large pieces of lavash bread
- 1/4 cup feta cheese (but you can add more)





# Club Store

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## L.A. City T-shirts

**LA City "B-Label" T-Shirt**  
 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**



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

Available Colors:  
 Front: Black, Navy Blue  
 Back: Black, Navy Blue

ITEM: #LAC5000

**Long Sleeve "Classic" T-shirt**  
 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**

Available Colors:  
 White, Sport Gray, Indigo Blue

Member Price: **\$15**  
 per shirt\*

\*Plus tax and shipping

Size: **XXXL**  
 Available Colors:  
 Sport Gray, Indigo Blue

Member Price: **\$16**



ITEM: #T1500

## DWP T-shirts

**DWP "Bold" T-Shirt**  
 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**



Member Price: **\$12**  
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Available Colors:  
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ITEM: #T3000VP

**DWP "Classic" Long Sleeve T-Shirt**  
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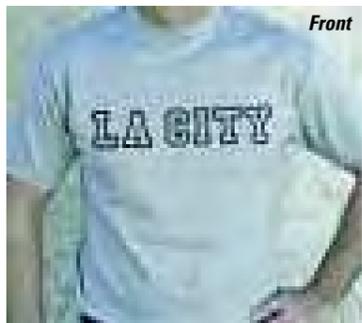
Member Price: **\$15**  
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\*Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:  
 Gray

ITEM: #T2500VP

**LA City "P.T." T-shirt**  
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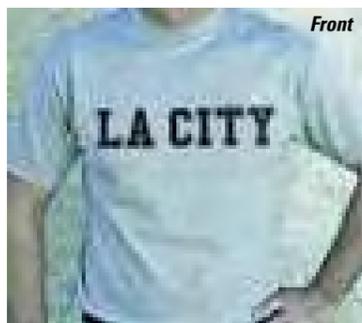


Member Price: **\$8**  
 per shirt\*

Available Colors:  
 Gray, Black, Navy Blue

ITEM: #LAC-1000

**LA City "Alma Mater" T-shirt**  
 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**



Member Price: **\$8**  
 per shirt\*

Available Colors:  
 Gray, Black, Navy Blue

ITEM: #LAC-2000

**LA City T-shirt**  
 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**



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

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\*

Available Colors:  
 Black, Navy Blue

ITEM: #LAC-4000

**Short Sleeve "Classic" T-shirt**  
 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL (all colors)**

Available Colors:  
 Texas Orange, Sport Gray, White\*, Leaf Green, Indigo Blue, Light Pink, Maroon, Blue Dusk, Orange, Olive

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

Non-Member Price: **\$25** per shirt  
 \*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\*

Available Colors:

White, Black, Navy Blue, Pink

ITEM: #PS1000

Close-up of Embroidery

## City Girl "Classic" T-shirt



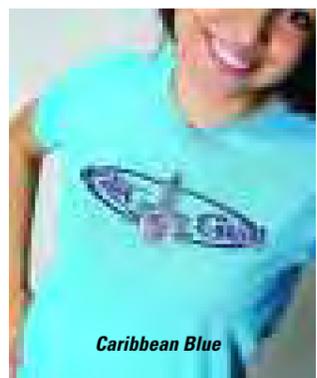
Sizes: **S M L XL**

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**

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: Blue Dusk, Charcoal

Member Price: **\$13**

ITEM: #T2000WP

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**Men's Watch, Silver**  
 ITEM: #WVSM3000  
 PRICE: \$50.00\*

**Men's Watch, Two-tone gold and silver**  
 ITEM: #WVSM1000  
 PRICE: \$60.00\*

**Ladies Watch, Two-tone gold and silver**  
 ITEM: #WVSW1000  
 PRICE: \$50.00\*

**Mens Large Seal, Stainless Steel Band**  
 ITEM: #WS2500  
 PRICE: \$55.00\*

**Mens Large Seal, Leather Band**  
 ITEM: #WL2600  
 PRICE: \$45.00\*

**Mens Small Seal, Stainless Steel Band**  
 ITEM: #WS2501  
 PRICE: \$55.00\*

**Mens Small Seal, Leather Band**  
 ITEM: #WL2601  
 PRICE: \$45.00\*

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## City Seal Hats with Script

High quality embroidered ball caps!

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



**Seal w/Script**  
 BLACK: #H1613  
 PRICE: \$10.00



Member Price: **\$10** per hat\*

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



**Seal w/Script**  
 ORANGE: #H1990  
 PRICE: \$10.00



\*Plus tax and shipping

## DWP Decal



**DWP Decal**  
 3" Diameter  
 ITEM: #DECWV1000  
 PRICE: \$2.50\*

\*Tax included

## City Seal Lapel Pins



**DWP Enamel Lapel Pin**  
 3/4" Diameter  
 ITEM: #LP4  
 PRICE: \$10.00



**"The Classic" Enamel Lapel Pin**  
 3/4" Diameter  
 ITEM: #LP3  
 PRICE: \$10.00\*



**Gold Embossed Lapel Pin**  
 3/4" Diameter  
 ITEM: #LP2  
 PRICE: \$5.00\*



**Full-Color Silkscreened Lapel Pin**  
 3/4" Diameter  
 ITEM: #LP1  
 PRICE: \$5.00\*



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 ITEM: #LPB-1

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



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



**Orange County**  
 Views of the Past & Present  
 ITEM: #B1544



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 Views of the Past & Present  
 ITEM: #B1659

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Size: **10" high.**  
**Stand not included.**

Member Price: **\$20** per doll\*

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**Department of Transportation**  
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 ITEM #BGSD



**Sanitation Department**  
 ITEM #BBOS



**DWP**  
 ITEM #BDWP

## City Seal Clock

**\$15** Each\*



ITEM: #C8003

**Size: 10" Diameter**  
**Battery operated (AA)**

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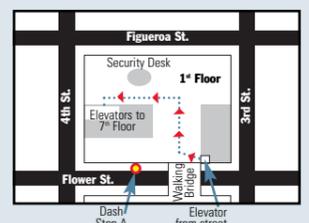
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