



# Alive

## Council Saves Christmas With New City Parade

■ Old Hollywood holiday parade is dead. City starts new 'Santa' parade, set for Sunday, Nov. 25.

COUNCIL — Have no fear: Santa will still be coming to Los Angeles this Christmas.

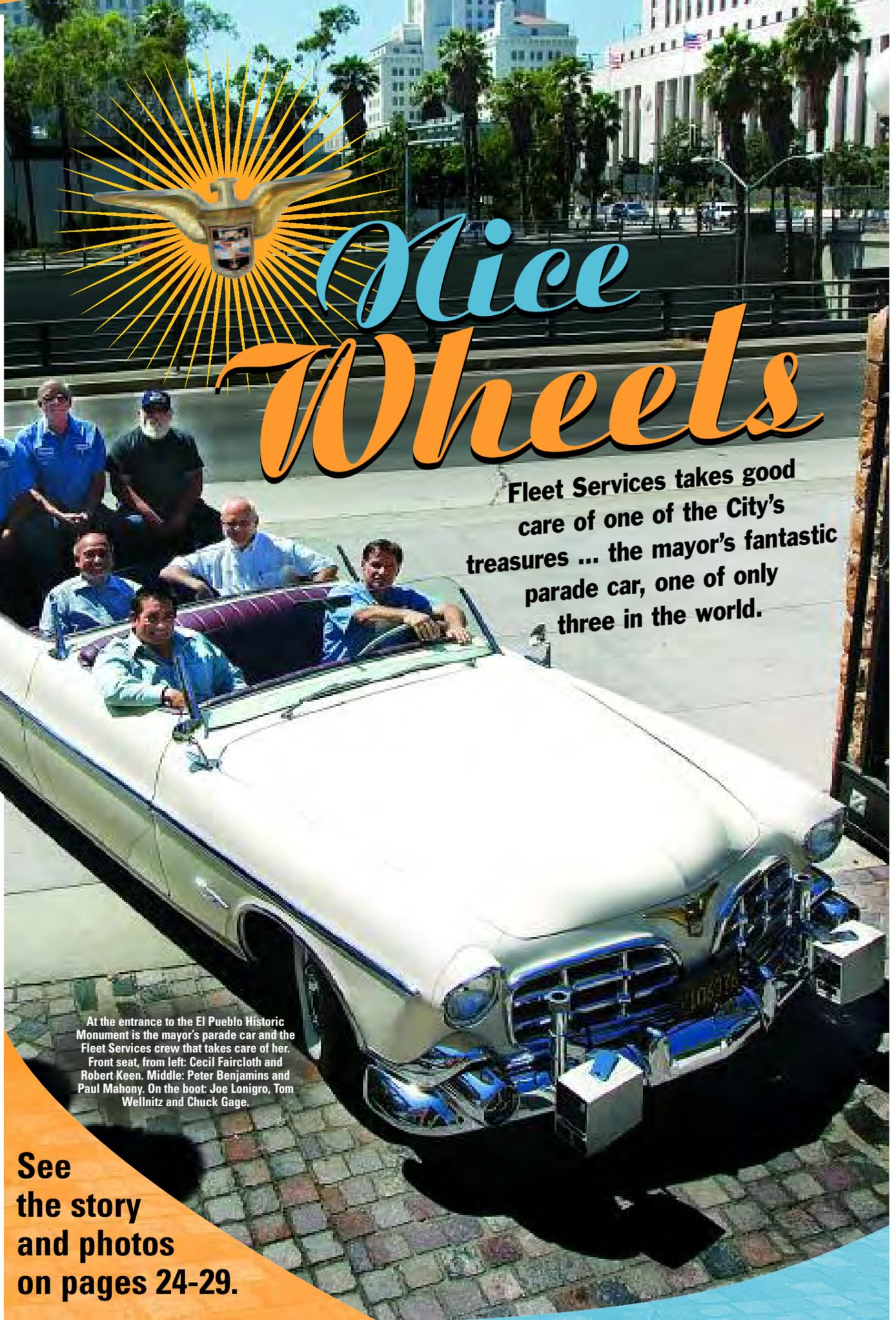
Thanks to the City Council, and especially Councilmembers Tom LaBonge, Club Member, and Eric Garcetti, there will be

a parade in Hollywood this holiday season.

It's not the old Hollywood parade, which ceased operations. This new one is called the Hollywood Santa Parade.

"The Hollywood Santa Parade is a new direction for an old tradition," said Council President Eric Garcetti, who represents the area that includes the parade route on Hollywood Boulevard. "All of Los Angeles will be excited to know that Hollywood will continue to kick off the holiday season in style."

For more details, including how to get tickets, see the story on page 13.



# Oliver Wheels

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See the story and photos on pages 24-29.

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<b>Longterm disability claims paid this month:</b> <b>\$87,492</b>	<b>Cancer insurance claims paid this month:</b> <b>\$50,000</b>
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*\* A Message From the CEO \**

# Positive Thinking Is Good for You

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

There are two things you should read this month: this issue of *Alive!* (of course) and the tried and true book, *How to Win Friends and Influence People*. The latter was written by Dale Carnegie and was one of my mom's favorite books when I was growing up (that and *The Power of Positive Thinking* by Norman Vincent Peale, *Think and Grow Rich* by Napoleon Hill, and the Bible). In fact, she encouraged me to read Carnegie's staple at a very young age, 14 or so. Looking back, I have to say that it permanently changed the way I deal with people in all respects. In fact, I've started reading a little bit of it each night to my two boys, Isaiah and Noah. They get a kick out of it, and I find them imitating some of its lessons. It's a great book, and it, too, may change the way you deal with people!



My two newest students, Isaiah and Noah!

Now, back to *Alive!* We have some really great stories this month, among them the story about a Firefighter/Paramedic who writes children's books on the side and just finished a missionary trip to Thailand. More power to you, John Hicks.

Also, remember the Hollywood Christmas Parade? Well, the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce canceled it indefinitely, so the City replace it with the all-new Hollywood's Santa Parade. Read all about it starting on the cover.

Also, you'll notice that our Department of the Month has returned. It's been on a slight hiatus, but it's back! It starts on page 30 and features the Office of Finance. Enjoy!

You'll also see LAPD's Medal of Valor awardees, along with the full stories behind the medal. Read them all; you'll be proud to be their fellow employees. These are real, everyday heroes.

Angel Gomez headed to the beach and added bicycling to his "Be Alive!" feature. Ride along, and let him take you on a personalized bike tour of the beautiful South Bay, from Dockweiler State Beach (in view of our Club Members at the Hyperion Treatment Plant and the Scattergood Power Station) down to Hermosa Beach.

And last but not least, check out our story on the Mayor's very rare parade car – and the City Employees who help keep it looking and running like new.

Well, that's it for now, until next month!

**JOHN**

(jhawkins@cityemployeesclub.com)

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Then-mayor Sam Yorty rides in City's parade car, 1967.

Photo courtesy Los Angeles Public Library, Security Pacific Collection, Carolyn Cole, Photo Director.



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## ClubFest Photos on the Web!



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(Clubfest photos are expected to be on the Website in the second or third week of October.)

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For more information on how to donate, please visit our website at [www.havenhousela.org](http://www.havenhousela.org) or call us at (626) 564-8880.

If you or someone you know needs help, call us now at our **24-Hour Hotline – 1-323-681-2626.**

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- Medical Services



## The Word on the Street



**Cecilia Talbot,**  
Claims Administrator

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



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## Meet the Club Team



John Hawkins  
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Brian G. Trent  
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Robert Larios  
Director of Communications & Marketing

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### 2004 President's Award Recipient



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Claims Assistant



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# LETTERS To the Editor

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

## LETTER OF THE MONTH

### Photos Are a Collaborative Effort

Hello kids! Just wanted to drop you a line to tell you how much I appreciate the time and effort you put into the front covers of *Alive!* I tried my hand at photography when I was younger, but my Brownie Hawkeye has nothing on what you have been able to produce. So, do tell, who is behind these great cover shots? Just curious. Good talkin' to you and I'll try to not be such a stranger ... the ol' arthritis has been kicking in lately.

— **Mary Rose Wilkens,**  
Club Member and Retired City Employee



Thanks, Mary Rose. Some people might think that our covers are produced using stock photos (photos purchased from professional photo agencies), or that the Club hires professionals to come in and do the job. Well, as you can see in this behind-the-scenes photo of Club Member Services Manager Angel Gomez shooting the August cover of Harbor GM Geraldine Knatz, neither is the case. *Alive!* shoots its own covers, and is proud of it. The cover photos – and the big photo spreads that are more and more often gracing the inside of the paper – are the product of the *Alive!* staff working together, namely, Angel Gomez; editor, John Burnes; CEO, John Hawkins; and designer, David Jamgotchian. We'll keep shooting them as long as you keep appreciating them! —Ed.

### DWP Website Could Provide Better Info on Energy Usage

Hey *Alive!*, I tried calling but got nowhere. Maybe you can ask the DWP if they would ever consider letting consumers log onto their Website to check their usage over the course of time. I think that would be a great tool for its customers so that they can track their electric and water usage.

Also, do you know if the City has a Renewable Energy Department or Division? Let me know what you find out. Thanks.

— **Todd Rayburn, Proud Club Member**

Hi Todd: As you probably know, DWP electric and water usage are listed on your bill, and you can check your bill online after you have created your account access. But you're right; there doesn't seem to be any way of charting your usage over time, unless you were to create your own chart at home, but where's the fun in that? Lots of people at the DWP read *Alive!* (we have lots of members there), so perhaps this letter will get a response. Secondly, about your renewable energy question: Look for a big DWP electricity feature in the very near future. We've been working on it for more than a month. And thanks for asking. — Ed.

### Thanks to Hal and Ticket Guy, Going to Legoland Was a Snap

Please pass on a big "thanks" to the Ticket Guy and Hal Danowitz ("Adventures with Hal"). On Hal's recommendation and through the Ticket Guy's great deals, I took the kids to Legoland last weekend. What a fun time for all – the kids loved it and I really liked the miniature Lego city that went on and on and on. I was completely blown away.

I love your paper. Thanks for producing it each and every month!

— **Patty Montoya**

### Story on LAFD Fire Boat 2 Leaves Dad, Daughter Floating

Wow! That story you published in last month's *Alive!* on Fire Boat 2 was fantastic! My daughter happened to see the picture of it in its dock and asked me to read the whole story to her. As I read, I became captivated, as did my daughter. She now wants to be a Fire Boat Captain! Thanks, *Alive!* Great photos, by the way. Keep up the great work.

— **Richard Simms**

### Photos in Fire Boat Feature Showed It Off Really Well

Hey people of *Alive!*, I thought your Fire Department boat story was one of kind. At first I thought you used stock photos given to you by the Fire Department, but then I realized that many of your photos of the awesome sea beast were taken by your photographer, Angel Gomez. I really enjoyed the interview that Mr. Larios conducted with Capt. Gilbert Reyna and Pilot Ralph Enderle. The Warner L. Lawrence is a world-class vessel!

— **Roy Klein, General Services**

Hi Roy: Yes, Angel outdid himself again with the Warner L. Lawrence photos, although some of them were provided by the LAFD. There was an awful lot of channel traffic on the day we shot the feature, making it difficult to turn on all those sprays. — Ed.

### Club Store Is Just the Ticket For Good Night at 'Color Purple'

The Ticket Guy and the Club Store come though again with great tickets to The Color Purple at the Ahmanson Theatre. It feels great to know that there's a place City Employees can go to get the best tickets at the best prices. Can't wait to get some tickets for the Clippers and Lakers basketball seasons.

— **J. Smith, DWP**

## QUESTION of the Month

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

### What's your favorite scary movie?

**"I don't watch many scary movies, but for me, it's Scary Movie 1."**  
— **Dora Briseno, Sr. Clerk Typist, DWP, Club Member**



**"Halloween."**  
— **Marlon Young, Communications Operator, DWP, Club Member**



**"The Hills Have Eyes."**  
— **Chavron Tolson, Utility Buyer, DWP, Club Member**



**"Halloween."**  
— **Michael Chan, Equipment Mechanic, DWP, Club Member**



**"I was five years old and watched Halloween for the very first time. I even had nightmares. Seeing that movie at that age really scared me, and nothing else comes close after it."**

— **Jose Lopez, Water Utility Worker, DWP, Club Member**



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From left: Allison Soto, LAPD, 8 months, and Margaret Correa, LAPD, 4 months.



From left: Kathy Quainoo, LAPD, 27 years, and Tonya Washington, LAPD 17.5 years.



From left: Joseph Huzik, LAPD 1.5 years of service, with event host Sharon Smith, LAPD, 1 year



From left: Linda Ulibarri, LAFD, 19 years, and Eva Bencomo, LAFD, 20 years.



From left: Sgt. Chris Costley, LAPD Training Division Co-Captain, Club Member (left) and Sgt. Darryl Ito, LAPD Training Division Co-Captain, Club Member (right) present a plaque of thanks to Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor, and John Hawkins, Club CEO, in the Club Headquarters.

# LAPD Health Fair

## ■ Police Dept. holds health fair in Parker Center.

Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Marketing and Communication

**POLICE DEPT.** — The LAPD held a health fair Sept. 6 at Parker Center downtown.

The health fair was for employees from any department in the vicinity of Parker Center and was designed to promote employee health and fitness and provide an opportunity for employees from various City departments and agencies to be made aware of health issues. There were more than 29 vendors at the fair.

Thanks to Sharon Smith, Jeff Cox, Katrina Ferrer-Negrege and Joseph Huzik for their assistance.



From left: Michelle Yracheta, LAPD, 8 years, and Rose Rayos, LAPD, 22 years.



From left: Myrna Lachica, City Clerk, 19 years, and Cynthia Uytiepo, 8 years.



From left: Rufus Martin, General Services, 16 months; and Demoss Bosley, General Services, 6 years.



From left: Dana Leet, LAPD 6 years, and Nancy Juarez, LAPD, 27 years.



From left: The Club and Club partner United Agencies enjoyed a busy day at the health fair. Representing the Club and Club partner United Agencies were Arlene Herrero, Member Services Counselor; Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager; and Rosa Calderon, City Employees Club Representative with United Agencies.



From left: Fred Booker, LAPD, 36 years, gets his blood pressure checked; and Mila Percy, representing U.S. Health Networks.

# You're Welcome!

## ■ LAPD Training Division thanks the Club for Baker to Vegas sponsorship.

**CLUB HEADQUARTERS** — Representatives of the Police Dept.'s Training Division stopped by Club Headquarters to show their appreciation for the Club's sponsorship of the Division's team in the annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Relay Race.

The Club sponsored the team in the race, which is produced by the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club (LAPDRAAC).

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The plaque of gratitude.

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On Their Own Time

# A Fireman, Making a Difference



John Hicks,  
Firefighter/Paramedic,  
in Thailand.

“I may not be able to change the whole world, but I hope I can at least make a difference in a small part of it.”

■ Firefighter/Paramedic John Hicks is also an author and missionary ... and a family man.

FIRE DEPT. — What do a firefighter, an author and a missionary have in common? In this particular case, they happen to be the same person: John Hicks.

A 22-year veteran Firefighter/Paramedic of the LAFD and Club Member, John is also an accomplished author of five books.

You might think this married father of three would have his hands full just being a firefighter and an author, but lately, John has also added the title of missionary to his lineup. He has just recently returned from an 11-day trip to Thailand, where he was accompanied by 15 fellow teammates from his church. Under the guidance of ZOE International ([www.gozoe.org](http://www.gozoe.org)), a nonprofit organization based out of Santa Clarita, John and his fellow missionaries visited many local children's homes and even a leper colony, ministering to hundreds of children and adults throughout Thailand and Laos.

John also brought his skills as a paramedic with him, teaching first aid and CPR to staff and children at the ZOE Children's Home. This large, plantation-style home, with more than 60 children living in it at one time, is where Mike and Carol Hart, the founders of ZOE International, decided to start their crusade to help the many children of Thailand who are at risk of being enslaved into the world of prostitution. Besides being a sanctuary for the children, it is also a place of love and learning where the children are brought up in a safe environment, being ministered in the faith of God, and also in the lessons of school work so that one day they can be productive members of society. ZOE also runs a school for young adults teaching Bible studies and preparing select individuals for the world of ministry. It is ZOE's hope that one day they will have the resources to house up to a thousand children, meeting the growing needs of at risk children throughout the world.

Station 18 in Granada Hills. He is active within the department, attending school the past few years in the pursuit of his State Fire Officer Certification, and he is on the Captain's promotional list. John is also a frequent member of the Brush Clearance Task Force formed yearly to control the growth of brush within City boundaries and reduce the fire danger.

## Children's Author

John's second passion in life, his writing career, started in 2000. What was supposed to be a 10- or 15-page treatment for a movie soon became 200 pages, and his first book for children was born. He has since written four other titles and has done nearly a hundred book signings throughout California. Most recently, he completed a number of events at Downtown Disney.

He is in the progress of releasing his newest title, *The Day Charlie Lost His Weirdness*, a young reader's title for children ages 7 to 11. Look for it at your local bookstore or online at all major retailers. You can also get a peak at his work at John's website, [WWW.QuietManPublishing.com](http://WWW.QuietManPublishing.com).

John's love for writing lead him down another path. Besides writing the books, John travels throughout Southern California talking to children of all ages on the importance of reading. His 30- to 40-minute presentation, "The Magic of Reading," combines an inspirational message on the importance of reading combined with magic tricks to reemphasize his words. "If you don't have the time to read, you don't have time or the tools to write," he says. These words of wisdom, which he credits to Stephen King, are only part of his words of encouragement to the future leaders of our community. If you are interested in him doing a presentation for your school or organization, contact him through his Website, although his dates book up fast.

Lastly, his love for working with children has brought him to his true passion — helping those who can't help themselves. John's recent trip to Thailand has given him a whole new perspective on life. The sites that he saw and more importantly, the people that he met, have made him realize what is truly important in life — helping out those in need. "I may not be able change the whole world," he says, "but I hope I can at least make a different in a small part of it."

Besides planning on returning to Thailand in the near future, John has also committed himself in working with ZOE locally in doing whatever he can to spread the message of its existence.

"You hear about a lot of charitable organization nowadays, but I have worked first-hand with this wonderful group of people. I have seen the tireless work they have already done, and have glimpsed their hope for the future. It is my hope that many others will have the chance to see it too!"

If you would like to know more about John and the important things in his life, visit his above-mentioned Website, or just simply stop by Fire Station 18 in Granada Hills and say hello!

The ZOE International children's home in Thailand.



John plays soccer with some children in Thailand.



John's latest book, *The Day Charlie Lost His Weirdness*.

## First, the LAFD

Born in 1965 with 11 brothers and sisters, John was raised in the San Fernando Valley. At 15, a neighbor told him about the Explorer Program for the LAFD. He started attending meetings soon after. At 18, he began the testing process for the department and was subsequently hired a year later. In 1991, John attended paramedic school, graduating high in his class and obtaining the rank of Firefighter/Paramedic.

During his career, John has been assigned to various stations throughout the City, starting out in the Crenshaw district. His other assignments have included stations within the airport district, West Los Angeles, and the San Fernando Valley, where he is assigned at Fire



John Hicks with the children he's helped in Thailand





Employees wait to receive their complimentary Emergency Preparedness Kits.



From left: Debbie White, 8 months; Traci Ballard, 1 year; and Charlea Williams, 1 year.



From left: Gilroy Pitts, 1 month; Ricardo Salazar, 1 year; and Henry Robles, 20 years, Club Member.



Alfred Sosa and Edward Lee, 4 months.



From left: Dionandre Steveson, 4 years, Club Member; Jesse Gamboa, 2 years; and Raulo Gonzalez, 2 years.

# DWP Services Safety

## ■ DWP Services Division Facilities Maintenance has first safety recognition event.

Story and photos by Liz Montes, Club Counselor

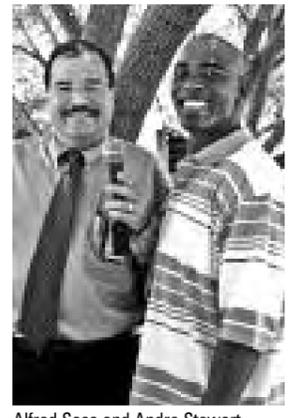
DWP — The first DWP Services Division Facilities Maintenance Safety Recognition Barbecue Luncheon was held Aug. 30. More than 100 DWP employees attended the event, which was held at the Silver Lake Reservoir.

Guests were treated to a catered luncheon and had the opportunity to win a variety of raffle prizes by participating in a safety quiz presented by Alfred Sosa, Construction and Maintenance Superintendent. Each employee received a complimentary emergency preparedness kit.

The following people helped make the event a big success: Boyd Roberts, Facilities Maintenance Safety Coordinator (event coordinator); Loretta Brazil, Office of Emergency Management Coordinator (guest speaker); Chuck Kokoska, Corporate Safety Director (guest speaker); Jim Barham, Joint Safety Institute Administrator (guest speaker); and Alfred Sosa, Construction and Maintenance Superintendent.



Hector Morelos, 5 years, and Alfred Sosa.



Alfred Sosa and Andre Stewart.



From left: Triana Griffith, 2 years; Felipe Landerous, 27 years, Club Member; Martha Gelbcc, 8 months; and Roberto Esparza, 1 year.



Yves Brown, Club Member, wins a City shirt donated by the Club.



From left: Timothy Morgan, 5 years, Club Member; Michael Zachery, 12 years, Club Member; Jody Anderson, 5 years, Club Member; and Tony Bennett, 4 years, Club Member.



Alfred Sosa and Tony Takami, 17 years.



Alfred Sosa, Maintenance Superintendent, and Charlea Williams.



Eumika Thomas wins a City shirt, donated by the Club.



Loretta Brazil, Office of Emergency Management, explains the items in the Emergency Preparedness Kits, which were given to everyone in attendance.



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# 2 Commissioners Join Public Works

## Julie B. Gutman and Ernesto Cárdenas join the Public Works governing body.

**PUBLIC WORKS** — Two Commissioners have joined the Board of Public Works. They are Ernesto Cárdenas, who was appointed by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa May 11 and began his tenure July 2, and Julie B. Gutman, appointed June 25. Cárdenas filled the seat vacated by Yolanda Fuentes, who left to become the Mayor's Associate Director of Neighborhood and Community Services. Gutman's appointment is subject to confirmation by the City Council.

Ernesto Cárdenas is not a newcomer to City Commissions, having served on the Planning, Transportation and Planning Commissions under former Mayors Richard Riordan and James K. Hahn. He worked on land use, conservation and zoning regulation issues while on the North Valley Area Planning Commission. He advocated for balance between community preservation and economic development while serving on the Planning Commission.

Commissioner Cárdenas is also an accom-

plished mechanical engineer whose 21-year career with AT&T (formerly SBC) brings extensive experience in project management, building infrastructure programs, contractor relations and government affairs. In his tenure as senior project manager at AT&T, Cárdenas enforced best management practices and applied his engineering and real estate expertise to handle a \$50 million annual project budget.

As a member of the Board of Public Works, Cárdenas will serve as Board liaison to the Bureau of Street Services and backup liaison to the Bureau of Contract Administration. He will also represent the Board on activities and issues concerning Council Districts 3, 7 and 12. His special assignments include the 50-50 sidewalk repair program, the design-built task force, Spanish outreach task force, and youth programs including Junior Commissioners and the department's high school internship program.

Commissioner Cárdenas is a 15-year veteran volunteer for the Pasadena Tournament of Roses. He is also active co-founder of the Andres y Maria Cárdenas Family Foundation – a nonprofit organization that provides college scholarships to deserving students from eight high schools in the east San Fernando Valley. So far, his efforts



Ernesto Cárdenas

have benefited 330 students who received \$520,000 in scholarships.

Commissioner Cárdenas earned his Master's degree in business administration from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, and his undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering from University of California, Santa Barbara.

Since 1996, Julie B. Gutman has been a senior trial attorney for the National Labor Relations Board in Los Angeles. She investigates, analyzes and recommends fair disposition of unfair labor



Julie B. Gutman

practice charges and has won 100 percent of her litigation cases, including injunctions against the mass discharge of manufacturing workers. Gutman has been selected as a model National Labor Relations Board Attorney to conduct training to attorneys nationwide and has won annual "Outstanding Performance" awards.

Prior to her work for the National Labor Relations Board, Gutman worked as the community economic development director and supervising attorney at the East Palo Alto Community Law Project, a community-based law office serving low-income, multicultural communities. While there, she was appointed to the city's Economic Development Task Force to analyze redevelopment projects and engage in master planning to leverage local, state and federal resources for housing and economic development.

In addition, Gutman has also served as an adjunct faculty member at Stanford Law School, clerked for U.S. District Court Judge Stanley Weigel, and has been awarded an American Bar Association Fellowship.

Gutman earned Bachelor's degrees in history and law and society from Brown University. She received her law degree from Stanford Law School.

The Board of Public Works Commissioners oversees the five City bureaus responsible for design, construction, renovation and operation of public projects, including graffiti removal, wastewater treatment facilities, libraries, bridges and maintenance of streets, sidewalks, sewers, streetlights and street trees.

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## Newsbrief



### SANITATION LOOKS INTO HYBRIDS

Public Works/Sanitation announced Aug. 28 that it is working with German Company Bosch Rexroth to explore the benefits of utilizing hydraulic hybrid technology in its collection fleet.

Sanitation currently has approximately 316 clean fuel natural gas heavy-duty Solid Resources Collection vehicles in operation and continues to add even more clean vehicles to its fleet as it replaces its retired diesel-powered collection trucks. Clean burning natural gas engines produce significantly fewer oxides of nitrogen, particulate matter and other air pollutants than traditional diesel engines. In addition, because natural gas is a domestically available resource, it reduces dependence on foreign oil while improving local air quality.

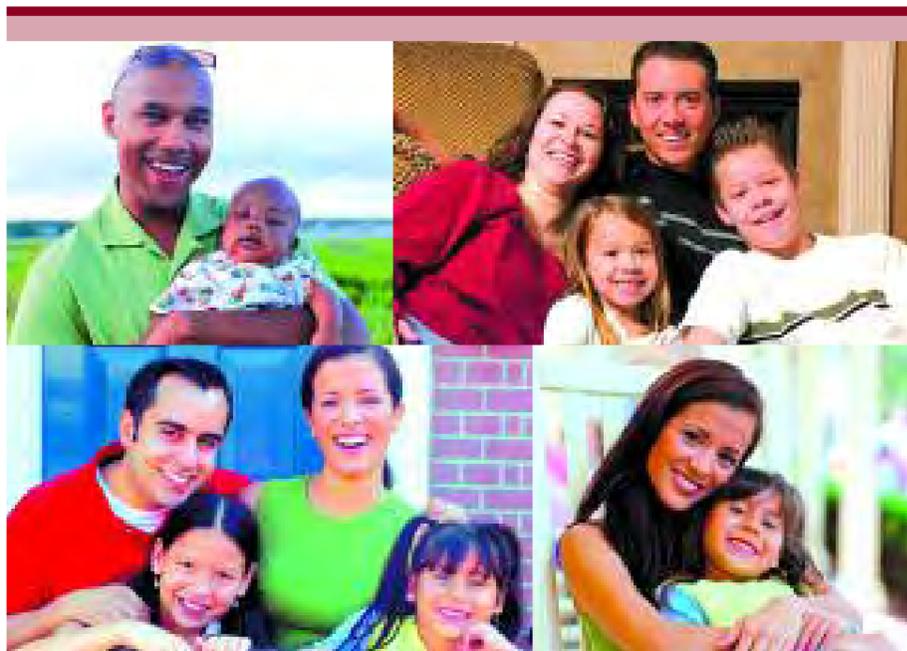
This new added technology has been identified as having high potential for successfully reducing fuel consumption and emissions, improving performance and reducing operating and maintenance costs. The proprietary Rexroth Hydrostatic Regenerative Brake system uses a hydraulic pump/motor to capture kinetic energy during vehicle braking. This energy, which would otherwise be lost in the vehicle's friction brakes, is absorbed and re-used to help the engine launch the vehicle, thereby reducing the engine's need for fuel to accomplish the same. The overall process is called regenerative braking.

The program is part of Sanitation's comprehensive plan to reduce emission from Solid Resources Collection fleet.

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Spooky House Haunted Theme Park has a brand new location in Chatsworth at 21512 Nordhoff St. between Topanga Canyon and Canoga Ave. This year the haunt features 2 new haunted house attractions including Spooky House 18: Coming of Age where guests experience 20 rooms in this 2 story haunted mansion. And Darkwater Asylum where the undead patients run this deranged mental institution created by Hollywood effects guru John Cassella, who has worked on the X-Men and Fantastic 4 movies. Spooky House Haunted Theme Park is rated in the TOP TEN haunts in the U.S.A. [spookyhouse.com](http://spookyhouse.com)



## Life Insurance: Do You Have Enough?

■ **Some people – even Club Members who have Club life insurance – might be surprised to discover that they need to review their policy. So call your Club Counselor today.**

CLUB HEADQUARTERS — Life insurance: How much is enough?

Many Americans with life insurance would likely be shocked to learn that, because they are so under-insured, their families would be hardly any better off in the event of their death than if they had no life insurance.

Yet, that's precisely what a 2003 study by LIMRA International found:

“Households are so underinsured that life insurance makes little material impact on the household’s finances. These underinsured households are not much better off than those without life insurance.”

— *The Financial Impact of Premature Death, 2003, LIMRA, International Inc.*

The stark fact is that while many Americans still don't have life insurance, many of those who do have coverage often don't have enough to really make a difference.

The LIMRA study cites loss of the deceased's income as having the most overwhelming financial impact on the family. Loss of income can begin even before death, and often does, due to a lengthy terminal illness. After death, the family's financial condition generally deteriorates even further. Assets may have to be sold to cover heavy medical expenses, final expenses and living costs.

Life insurance coverage of one to two times annual income doesn't begin to cover it. The 2003 LIMRA study noted that the insurance industry recommends coverage of 10 times annual income to meet your family's financial needs and enable them to maintain their standard of living in the event of your death.

### Closing the Gap

By multiplying your annual income times 10 and comparing it to the life insurance protection you now have, you may find – as many would – that your family would not be adequately protected should they lose you and your income.

“Typically, term life insurance offers you the most life insurance protection for your money,” explained Robert Larios, the Director of Operations

for the City Employees Club of Los Angeles. “It becomes even more affordable when you can purchase it at an attractive group rate. If there is a gap between the amount of life insurance you have and the amount your family would need, term life insurance may be the most economical way to close it.”

### What to Look For

When evaluating term life insurance plans, here are some things to consider:

- Can you get the amount you need to adequately protect your family?
- How long can you get coverage for?
- For how many years does the premium stay level?
- Can you also get coverage for your spouse?
- Will the premiums for the amount of coverage you want be easy for you to handle?
- Is it easy and convenient to apply for?
- Is the underwriting company highly rated and financially strong?

The City Employees Club of Los Angeles has endorsed a Group Term Life Insurance Plan underwritten by a member company of American International Group, Inc., The United States Life Insurance Company in the City of New York. This company has received A.M. Best Company's highest rating of A++ (Superior) for superior overall financial strength and operating performance.



Liz Montes, Club Counselor



Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

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

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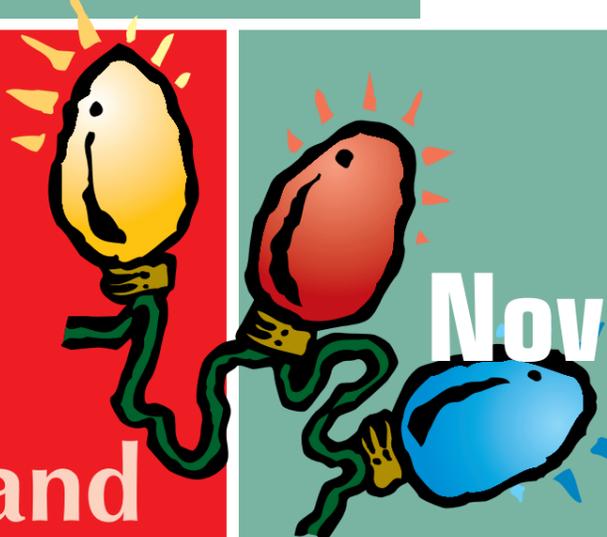


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Any city employee who contributes will be entered into an opportunity drawing for a chance to ride on the 2007 Santa Float. Winner will be drawn one week prior to parade by Santa Claus at a press conference. Award is for one family of four to ride on the 2007 Santa Float.

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# Santa Will Return to Hollywood

■ **New parade maintains opportunity to market the City during the holidays.**

*Photos courtesy the office of Tom LaBonge, Councilmember and Club Member*

CITY COUNCIL — The City has announced its plans to produce its own parade in Hollywood, after the traditional Hollywood Christmas Parade, produced by the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, ended its long run and ceased operations earlier this year.

The new City parade, to be called Hollywood's Santa Parade, will take place Sunday, Nov. 25 at 5 p.m. The route will include Hollywood.

After the previous parade ceased operations, the City Council, especially Councilmembers Tom LaBonge, Club Member, and Eric Garcetti, created an initiative to create a brand new parade, with this one being run by the City. An outside producer has been hired by the City to produce the event.



Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member, was instrumental in creating the City's new holiday parade. He's shown here with actor George Lopez at last year's parade, which is now defunct.

"We welcome a new tradition this holiday season — Hollywood's Santa Parade. It wouldn't be the same without this annual parade down Hollywood Boulevard when Angelenos from all over the city get into the Christmas spirit by coming together for this very special event," said Councilmember Tom LaBonge, an avid parade booster and participant. "I can't wait to load my

family in the car and ride down the route trailing Santa!"

The City of Los Angeles and the parade committee is working hard to produce a spectacular and unparalleled event. The City wishes to maintain the best traditions while ushering in original concepts, participants and entertainment, organizers say. The 2007 parade will be the bridge to a fresh, imaginative and diverse community event for future generations of Angelenos and visitors to enjoy.



Hollywood will once again usher in the holidays, but now with an all-new City-run parade.

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- Parade organizer:** The City of Los Angeles.
- Route:** Route starts at Hollywood Boulevard and Orange Drive, and runs east on Hollywood, south on Vine Street to Sunset Boulevard, and west on Sunset back to Orange.
- Grandstand tickets:** Buy your tickets today! It's easy, just call... 1-866-PARADE1 (1-866-727-2331) When you call, mention you are a city employee to receive the \$25 discounted rate.
- Website information:** www.hollywoodsantaparade.com (866) PARADE1, or visit the Website
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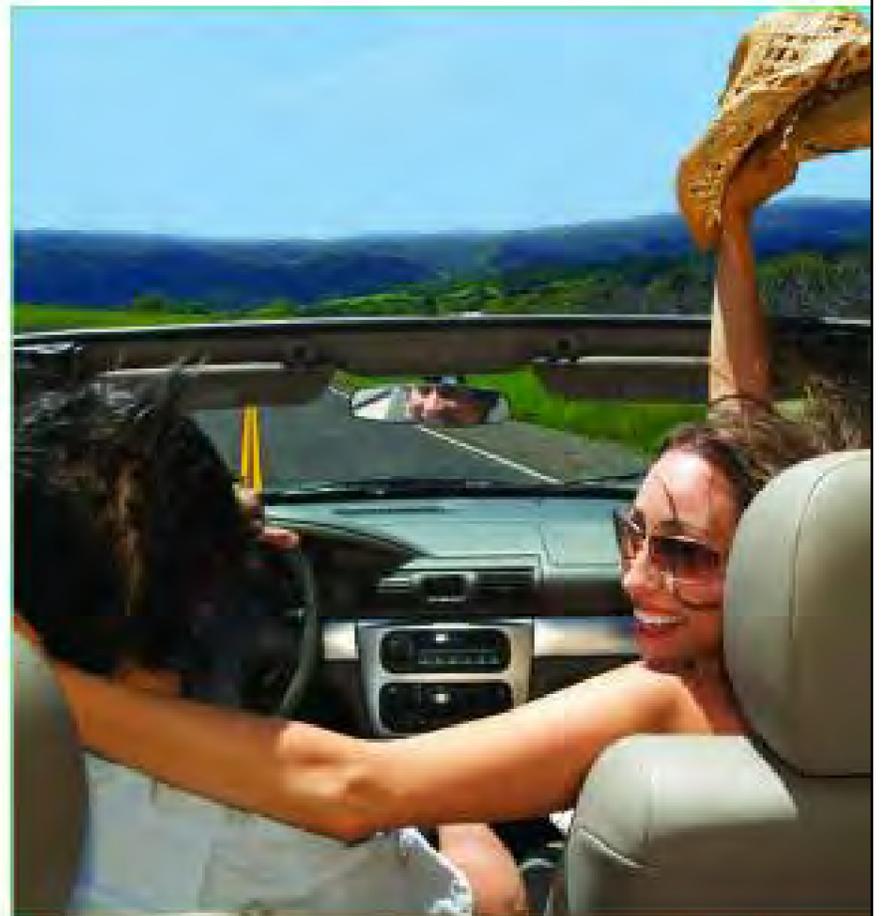
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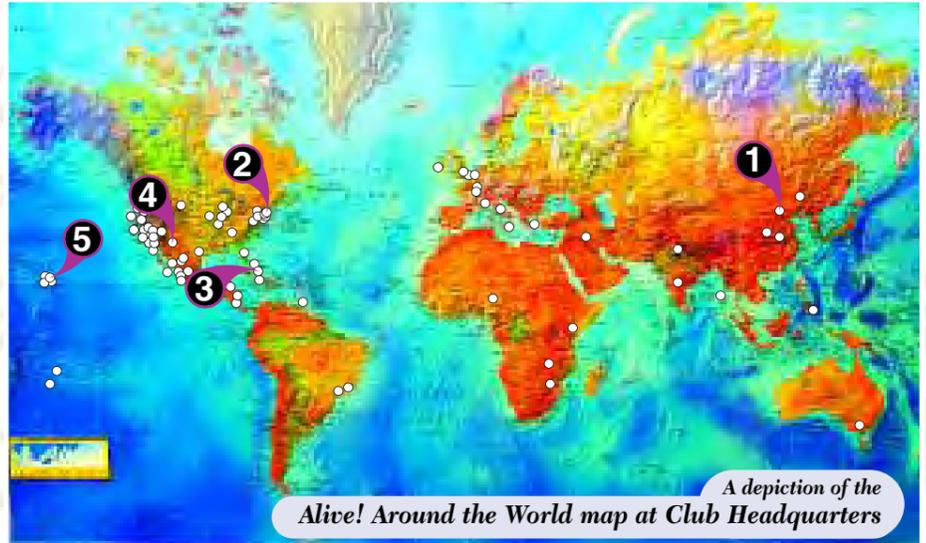


## 1 Beijing, China



"This photo was taken on my recent trip to China, in Tiananmen Square, Beijing. The most fascinating aspect of this trip for me was studying the vast history of one of the world's oldest civilizations, while at the same time witnessing the unbelievable speed and scope of China's development for the 2008 Olympics and beyond. The food was awesome, too!"

— Kevin Chatman, DWP



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

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## 2 Washington, D.C.



"This photo was taken at the steps of the US Capitol Building in Washington, D.C., Aug. 18. Thanks." -- Christine Tabirara (with children Yzie and Dylan), Building and Safety

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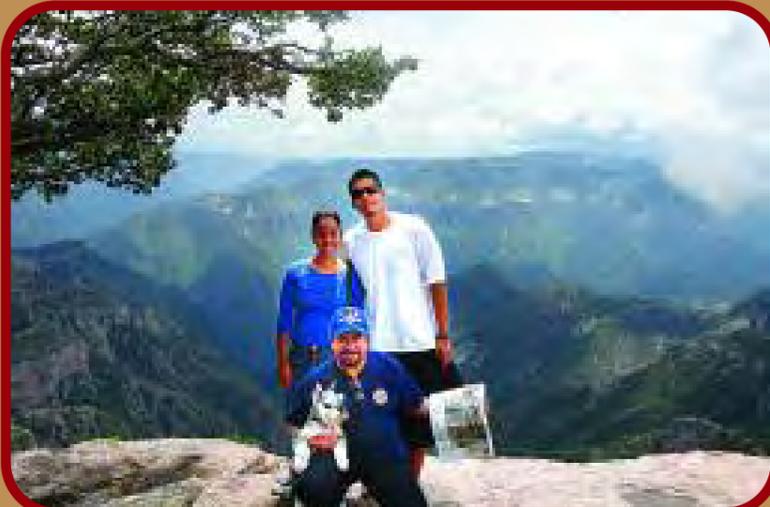
## 3 Bajamas



"Hello, *Alive!* Here's a picture from Paradise Island in the Bahamas, with my mother, Lynette; my wife, Valerie; and I. Plus my boss [Harbor General Manager Geraldine Knatz] is on the cover!"

— James Howlett, Harbor

## 4 Chihuahua, Mexico



"This summer, my family and I went to the Copper Canyon in the Sierra Tarahumara in Chihuahua Mexico. These systems of canyons are deeper and four times bigger than the Grand Canyon! The Copper Canyon is also in competition to be one of the '13 Wonders of Mexico.'"

— Miguel Bustillo, DWP Central

## 5 Oahu, Hawaii



"Aloha, *Alive!* This is a picture of Sharon and me, Al Sosa, both DWP, vacationing and enjoying life at a beach resort in Ko'Olina on the Hawaiian Island of Oahu. Oahu also has attractions including the Polynesian Culture Center, the Pearl Harbor Memorial, the Dole Pineapple Plantation, Waikiki, and more!"

— Alfred Sosa, DWP



Amelia Cua with her Housing friends.



From left: Amelia Cua and Mercedes Marquez, LAHD General Manager.



Two professional hula dancers perform a Tahitian dance.

# Goodbye, Amelia

■ **Amelia Cua retires from Housing after 23 years of City service.**

Story by *Teresita Roque, Housing*  
Photos courtesy *Housing*

HOUSING — Amelia Cua, Principal Accountant, Housing, formally announced her retirement in a Hawaiian Luau style celebration held at the Garland Auditorium July 27. The festive gathering was well attended by family, friends and co-workers from Airports, CDD, Rec and Parks, the Controller's Office and other departments.

The event was Hawaiian-themed and complete with exotic Asian food, roasted pig and fresh fruits. It was highlighted by the well-received performance of a pair of tropical Hawaiian hula dancers. Amelia also received commendations and awards from Housing's General Manager and Executive and Assistant General Managers. Memorable speeches were also delivered by the Chief Accountant and other friends.

The hula dancers performed island dances from Hawaii, Tahiti, New Zealand and other exotic islands of the Pacific. There was enthusiastic participation from the enthusiastic audience of about 100. The event was concluded by a speech from the emotional retiree, who after 23 years finally concluded her dedicated city service.



Amelia Cua's family signs her commemorative portrait.



Amelia Cua (right) with Perla Veneracion, Chief Accountant.



Amelia Cua with her family.



The retiree, Amelia Cua, delivers her farewell speech.



Amelia Cua with her loving husband.



Amelia Cua (second from left) with (from left) Yolanda Chavez, Mercedes Marquez and Marlene Garza, Executive Officers, Housing.



Part of the enthusiastic crowd of about 100 well wishers.



Line dancers performed.



Amelia Cua with her family.



Amelia Cua and some of the ladies of Housing in their Hawaiian attire.



Amelia Cua with her dancing instructor and well wishers.



For Retired Club Members

# The Best Years

## City Retiree Associations:

### DWP Retirees Association



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

### Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association



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

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



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

### Change of Address?

If you change your address, notify Helen Salgado, Membership Chair, at (800) 678-4145 Ext. 713, or write to her at 5423 Dewar St., Los Angeles, CA 90022. Also notify LACERS.

### Have News About Yourself?

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

## Upcoming Events:

- Nov. 1: RLACEI Poetry Contest Deadline. See notice.
- Oct. 11: RLACEI annual meeting and elections, Sherman Oaks/Van Nuys Senior Center. Lunch at noon, meeting at 1 p.m.
- Dec. 5: RLAEI 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: RLACEI Nominations; Will Groups Merge?



By Phil Skarin,  
RLACEI Publicity Chair

### President Ed Harding reports:



Ed Harding

RLACEI President Ed Harding reports that, at a recent Nominating Committee, the incumbent Directors were nominated for two-year terms beginning Jan. 1. They are Robert Wilkinson, Americo Garza, Hal Danowitz, Neil Ricci, Phil Skarin and Tom Stemnock. They will be voted on at the annual meeting Oct. 11, at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center. Call one of the officers a week ahead for a free lunch at noon. Meeting and elections begin at 1 p.m.

The City Controller wants to commingle the Los Angeles Fire and Police

Pension System (LAFP) and the Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System (LACERS) Pension Fund create a new commission and staff to do all of the investing for both funds.

On Oct. 1, the City Controller and Mayor are to meet with LACERS at 9 a.m. and with LAFPP at 3 p.m. to discuss this proposal. Director Lee Kebler of LAFPP stated that all Fire and Police Associations, and active employees, are against this proposal.

The plan is to eliminate both commissions and create a new nine-member commission. Five members would be appointed by the Mayor, and two members from each pension system.

The auditor, Independent Fiduciary Services (IFS), a prestigious actuarial firm based in Washington, D.C., claims

it could save the City about \$7.8 million a year, with most of the savings from investment fees. IFS is also recommending an increase in salaries for the new board members. The current board members receive a fee only when they attend commission meetings.

Lee Kebler said that the County just hired a new investment officer for more than \$300,000 a year and hoped that the salaries of the new board would not be as high. He didn't know why anyone would take two of the most successful pension funds in the state, and try to tinker with them: Ken Spiker and I are both in agreement with Kebler and all of the Fire and Police.

See you at the annual meeting and elections Oct. 11 and at the Christmas Party Dec. 6.

### Legislative Update:



Ken Spiker

Ken Spiker reports that Robert Aguillo Jr., LACERS General Manager, has notified the Board of Administration he is going to leave his job on Dec. 31. Robert has been General Manager for the last five years and plans to seek employment in the private sector.

The LACERS Board has unanimously approved an increase in the monthly subsidy maximum health care allowance by \$39. Current subsidy is set at \$983 per month and will be set at \$1,022 per month for 2008.

The average deduction for those retirees who have deductions will increase \$3.18 per month. My attempts to increase the subsidy to a higher legal amount were unsuccessful.

LACERS Health Plan Open Enrollment is planned for Oct. 15 through Nov. 15. This year, LACERS will not be holding a fair in order to create other events throughout the year that will give you more opportunities to meet with LACERS health carriers, staff and friends.

You will be receiving information on the Community Meetings listed to the right shortly.

### COMMUNITY MEETINGS

**OCT. 17:**  
Sheraton Universal Hotel  
Universal City

**OCT. 23:**  
Rio Resort and Casino  
Las Vegas

**OCT. 25:**  
Doubletree Hotel  
San Pedro

**OCT. 30:**  
Hilton, San Bernardino

**NOV. 1:**  
Marriott Hotel  
Downtown Los Angeles

### 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 Nov. 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 Bright Angel trail from the South Rim.

By Hal Danowitz,  
Secretary, RLACEI

## Retiree Hotlines

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

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

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

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

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

## RLACEI:

## Officers for 2007

Edward Harding, President  
Robert Wilkinson, First Vice President  
Kenneth Spiker, Second Vice President  
Hal Danowitz, Bylaws  
Jerry Bardwell, Treasurer

## Committee Chairpersons for 2007

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

## Directors

Thomas Stemnock  
Americo Garza  
Helen Salgado  
Phil Skarin  
Dave Wilkins  
Jack Mathews  
Neil Ricci



## Truly a Grand Canyon

■ Hal and his family drive and take a railroad to visit one of America's most magnificent sights.

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 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 num-

ber 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 late in the summer of 1960, I drove from Toledo, Ohio, to Los Angeles to spend the summer with my mother, who had moved to Los Angeles the previous year. I drove with a friend, and we stopped to see the Grand Canyon. Somewhere I had read that that the floor of the canyon was one mile below the rim, so I suggested that we walk down. So two not-too-bright college students started down the Bright Angel trail, only to discover that the trail is 10 miles long. Of course we had no water or decent walking shoes, and we made it to about the first rest stop before we turned around and headed back to the rim.

That was 47 years ago, and when I was thinking about where to take my three grandchildren this summer, my son-in-law, J.P., suggested that we visit the Grand Canyon. He had seen an ad for the Grand Canyon Railroad and thought that it would be a good experience for the kids.

There were a number of different packages available, and I choose the three-night package, which included two rooms for two nights in Williams, Ariz., and one night at the Grand Canyon; a round-trip train ride; and a two-and-a-half hour rim tour with a hot lunch and two dinners and two breakfasts. The cost was just more than \$300 per person for three adults and three children. Accommodations were basically three to a room.

We left Los Angeles early Sunday morning for the 450-mile drive to Williams. Traveling along the I-15, our first stop was for breakfast in Barstow. While I was planning the trip I looked for something we could do along the way, but was unable to find anything to see between L.A. and Williams. At Barstow we switched to I-40 and followed that to Williams. The route is the same as the old US 66, and there are lots of old historic Route 66 markers and historic buildings that you pass.

We arrived in Williams at approximately 3 p.m. and checked in to the Grand Canyon Railway Hotel. We had two adjoining rooms,



Caroline, Isabelle and Madeline with a cowboy.

which were nicely furnished. There was an indoor swimming pool and the kids couldn't wait to get in for a swim. The train station is across from the hotel and I went over to pick up our tickets and meal vouchers.

That evening we had dinner in the hotel restaurant. Our meal vouchers were valued at \$16 for adults and \$8 for children. That was the price of the buffet, or we could apply the voucher to the regular menu. All of us except for my daughter, Michelle, had the buffet. It wasn't gourmet food, but it was well prepared and there was a good selection of items.

After dinner we walked the few blocks to the main street of Williams, which happens to be Route 66, for a "Wild West" shootout. This shootout is conducted each evening along Route 66. The kids enjoyed the show and posed for pictures with the cowboys afterward.

During the night a thunderstorm came through the area, but by the time we were ready for breakfast it had passed. Breakfast was the buffet in the hotel restaurant. We dropped our luggage off in the hotel lobby and it would be trucked to the canyon and be in our rooms at the hotel when we arrived.

The train was to leave at 10 a.m., and at 9:30 a.m. there was another "Wild West" show near the train. The cowboys looked very familiar, as if we had seen them before.

The train had a number of different classes, and I had booked first class because it was air-conditioned. It was also the best car that allowed children. The domed car and the club car didn't allow children. We had reserved seats and the car was very comfortable. There were complementary snacks and soft drinks and adult beverages for purchase. The ride was about two hours and very enjoyable. Just before we arrived at the rim we were given a bottle of water.

The Grand Canyon National Park is 277 river-miles long, an average of ten miles wide and nearly one mile deep. It is considered one of the natural wonders of the world. The fee to enter the park is \$25 per vehicle. If you're a senior over 62 you can get a senior National Parks pass for \$10, good forever at all National Parks. The south rim is 7,000 feet in altitude, and this makes the climate very good. The days we were there, the temperature during the day was in the mid-70s and very comfortable.

A tour bus was waiting at the station, and our first stop was the Maswik Lodge for a buffet lunch. It was raining when we arrived at the station, but by the time we finished lunch, the skies had cleared. While you can drive to the Grand Canyon, private cars are not allowed outside the village area. To move around, there are three shuttle bus routes to get to the points of interest. Our tour bus took the Hermits Rest Route, and we stopped at three different viewpoints along the canyon rim. It is hard to put into words what the canyon looks like so I won't, but I found it very

majestic.

The tour bus dropped us back at the Maswik Lodge, where we were to spend the night. Again we had two adjoining rooms and our luggage was there as planned. I was a little concerned about the lodge, but the rooms were very nice and we were very comfortable.

The kids found a dead butterfly and decided that it needed a decent burial, which took about an hour, so I watched the kids while JP and Michelle took a walk.

We had dinner in the Arizona Room at the Bright Angel Lodge, where the food was good and very reasonably priced. We wanted to see the sunset, so we hurried to catch the shuttle



Isabelle, J.P., Madeline, Caroline and Michelle at a viewpoint for the canyon.



Michelle and J.P. on the train.



Local wildlife.

to the viewpoint. We arrived about five minutes before sunset and were very well rewarded with a great sunset.

The next day, Michelle and J.P. awoke at 4:30 a.m. to see the sunrise. The kids and I slept in. After breakfast at the hotel, J.P., Michelle, Maddie and Isabelle hiked down the Bright Angel trail to the first rest stop about 1.5 miles. It took them about two hours to complete the round trip. While they were hiking, I took Caroline for a walk around the rim. She was more interested in the gift shop than walking, but we had a good time.

After lunch at the Bright Angel Restaurant, we took the shuttle to the Park Headquarters and listened to a very interesting talk by a Park Ranger on traveling down the Colorado River.

By then it was time to board the train for our return trip to Williams. The train ride was uneventful, even though we were "robbed" by outlaws who again looked very familiar.

We used our meal vouchers to eat in the hotel's bar, where we had pizza.

In the morning after breakfast, the kids got to spend the \$60 in vouchers that came as part of the package. I think it was one of their best times. We left mid-morning for Las Vegas, which I'll tell you about next month. The Grand Canyon is a wonderful family adventure as the USS Midway.

The USS Midway Museum (www.mid-

way.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 fore-castle 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.

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.

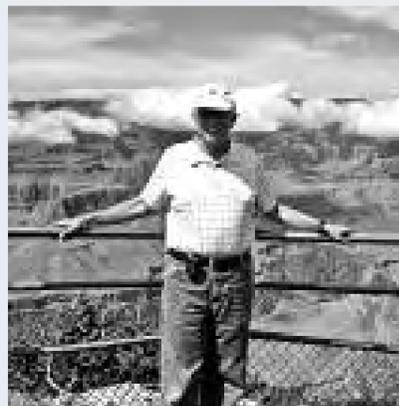
The flight deck had about 25 aircraft, which, at one time or

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.



Hal at the Grand Canyon.

## RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

**Don Fisher** called from Oregon to say that he and his wife, **Minnie**, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Sept. 4. Don has a teaching credential and is a Bible teacher for his church. Their son, Darryl, works for Tom Stenmoch's planning company. Call them at (541) 582-0174.

**Ken Sobel's** wife, **Gloria**, called me Sept. 4, the first day of school, to say that it was really like the first day of retirement after teaching for 40 years at the Topeka Drive Elementary School. Ken just bought an Armada RV to haul his restored 1934 Dodge all over the country to auto shows and win awards.

**Sylvia Cunliffe's** retirement story, Chapter 2: "My phone rang one day, and the Chairman of the Board of the International Federation of Festival Organizers told me that I had been invited to be the lead judge in an international music competition that was to be held in Cairo, Egypt, under the sponsorship of Egypt's First Lady, Suzanne Mubarak. The competition featured the original music of composers and lyricists who teamed up with singers from many parts of the world.

"With great trepidation, Heber and I went to Egypt. They took us to Egyptian treasures, mummies and historical insights. The music competition was great. It was televised throughout the Mideast and parts of Europe, Asia and Africa. The judging was difficult because the competitors were so talented and unique."

**Clayton Todd** plays golf on Tuesday and helps with Meals on Wheels on Friday and sculpts.

**Phil and Kathi Johnson** helped to move a 70-foot yacht from Fr. Lauderdale, Fla., to Jacksonville to avoid the hurricane season.

**Marty Rashoff** is a volunteer tutor at the Monterey Vista School.

**Kathleen Murphy** had a freak accident with her car and injured her leg pretty badly. She's getting it treated.

**Nick and Liliana Buckroff** will celebrate their 24th wedding anniversary in November. Nick was the Director of the VN/SO Senior Center. He is currently restoring a 1941 Chevy coupe.

The deadline for this year's **Retirees Poetry Contest** is Nov. 1. Send typed copies to Phil Skarin at 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411. Separate categories for members and spouses or family members. Everyone will win a prize.

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.

# On the Move

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

## Ken's on the Move

**K**en Kochakji, Retired, Transportation, won first place in his age group at the ninth annual Ovarian Cancer 5K Run/Walk Race Sept. 9 in Studio City. Good going, Ken!



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

## 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.

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| 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 |

## LACERS' Aguallo to Retire

■ **LACERS General Manager to leave City service at the end of the year.**

LACERS —The Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System (LACERS) General Manager Robert Aguallo Jr. announced Aug. 31 that he is retiring from public service at the end of this year to explore career opportunities in the private sector.

During his five years at LACERS, Aguallo presided over the significant growth of the investment portfolio and expansion of the customer service program for LACERS' 43,000 members and their beneficiaries. The portfolio was at \$6 billion when Aguallo took over the helm in 2003. Today, the LACERS trust fund for retiree benefits is \$11.2 billion.

"Under his leadership, Robert has advanced the way public employee retirement systems pursue investments. On behalf of the Board of Administration, I want to congratulate and thank Robert for all that he has done in support of our Members," said Eric L. Holoman, President of the LACERS Board of Administration.

"LACERS has enhanced its portfolio by taking on new opportunistic strategies, including urban infill, workforce housing, clean tech, and environmental investments that will yield great returns and give something back to the community," Holoman said.



Robert Aguallo Jr., General Manager, The Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System (LACERS)

"I want to thank the LACERS Board of Administration for their support and forward thinking when considering expansion of new investment strategies and promoting diversity of investment managers," Aguallo said.

"As part of our strategic plan, we determined that LACERS needed to make our Retired and Active Members priority one. In addition to growing our portfolio, it was important that LACERS is a customer-driven organization that our Members can rely on for their pre-retirement and post-employment needs."

Aguallo led the effort to upgrade customer service and public outreach at LACERS. Members can calculate their retirement allowance and health care subsidy, schedule retirement seminars, monitor the portfolio and keep up to date on retirement news at [www.lacers.org](http://www.lacers.org).

Members also receive regular communications from LACERS through correspondence, newsletters, special events and health open enrollment fairs.

His retirement culminates 33 years of combined public service with City and state levels of government, including 15 years at CalPERS.

The LACERS Board of Administration will begin soon the search process for a general manager.

Congratulations, Robert, on your retirement.



### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

#### Be My Friend

*I want you to be my friend  
But I don't know  
If you want me  
To be yours.  
Being friends can be hazardous  
To your image,  
And images are very sacred  
To people.  
Images are created with great care,  
And Guarded  
With a passion.  
Images give protection  
To the fragile egos,  
And keep people at a safe distance  
Friendship requires sincerity,  
and truth and respect.  
Friendship means exposing  
Your strengths and your weaknesses,  
Your desires and your fears.  
Friendship is sharing-  
Friendship is caring-  
Friendship is loving-  
Will you be my friend?*

— Phil Skarin



The International Trade Education Program's 2007 summer interns.

# Harbor Interns

## ■ Port hosts "culmination" reception for 53 in growing program.

**HARBOR** — On Aug. 29, more than 240 people attended the Port's seventh Summer Internship Program Culmination Reception, honoring the 53 participants of the Summer 2007 program and held at Rec and Parks Banning's Landing Community Center in Wilmington.

When Harbor's Martin Chavez developed the Summer Internship Program seven years ago, little could he have imagined that it would grow so quickly from 14 students in 2001 to the 53 students during this past summer. The 53 students are participants of the International Trade Education Program (ITEP) at Phineas Banning High School in Wilmington. Returning to assist Martin for a second summer was college intern Brenda Espinosa, a Banning and UCLA graduate who completed a double major in history and Spanish in June. Brenda spent time preparing the students to compete for an internship and identified potential employers and workshop presenters for the summer program.

To have an opportunity to interview for jobs, the students must pass the assessment examination — Test of Adult Basic Education; have maintained academic and attendance standards; prepared a personal statement, a résumé; and "survived" an interview with Martin and Brenda. The students selected had an opportunity to interview with at least five of 22 participating employers. Employers included California Cartage Company; Conoco-Phillips; Sims Metal; Moffatt & Nichols Engineers; Halcrow HPA; Essentia Management Services; Computer Consulting Operations; Spirit Cruises; Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority; the U.S. Coast Guard; Price Transfer; Tra-Pac; SSA-Marine; Matson; Pasha Stevedoring; Zupke Insurance; Los Angeles Maritime Institute; Watson Land Company; and The Port of Los Angeles.

The event was hosted by Martin Chavez, who shared his assessment of how much the students

matured during the summer and how impressed others were of their professional demeanor. One of those impressed was Ricardo Hoang, the Mayor's Representative to the Harbor Area, who had witnessed during an evening meeting the students' commitment to making their community a better place and had attended a Friday afternoon meeting with the students who shared their concerns for bettering Wilmington and the Harbor area. Ricardo shared his experience with the audience and brought the Mayor's well wishes to the students. Dr. Linda Del Cuento, the new Superintendent of Los Angeles Unified School District, District 8, thanked the students for being great ambassadors for the LAUSD and marveled at how well they spoke and their professionalism. She also admired the work Martin and Brenda had done in preparing the students and appreciation to the employers for their support of the students and for providing them with a valuable experience. Dr. Del Cuento was followed by Banning's new principal, Robert Lopez, who looked forward to the students sharing their experience with other Banning students.

The City Employees Club sponsored the student awards. The Outstanding Student Award is presented each summer to the student who had exceptional attendance, participated in every workshop, and displayed professionalism throughout the program, was awarded to Scott Olomanu, who has a 3.83 grade point average. Scott spoke about the students having to achieve standards to be considered for the internship program, the experiences of having a job and the responsibility of having to be there on time and ready to contribute. The Workshop Excellence Award is based on the Friday workshops, when students are given exams in vocabulary, mathematics, reading comprehension and essay/research assignments. The Workshop Excellence award was earned by Arlina Sanchez (4.0 g.p.a.). Each student received movie tickets and a gift card for their outstanding efforts.

**Congratulations and all the best to the ITEP Interns in their future!**



The celebration cake was designed by the Banning High School culinary students.



Amanda Arvizo (center), who worked with the Port Police, is with Capt. Martin Renteria, Julie DiTucci, Nathan Ewert, Claudia Romero and Cadet Christine Pina, a former summer intern.



Scott Olomanu receives the Outstanding Student Award from Martin Chavez, Harbor, Club Member. The award was sponsored by the Club.



Jacqueline Sanchez spent her summer working with the U.S. Coast Guard.



Martin Chavez, Harbor, Club Member, presents the Workshop Excellence Award to Arlina Sanchez, a 4.0 student. The award was sponsored by the Club.



Araceli Mota enjoyed her summer job with the Harbor's Human Resources Division.



From left: Evelyn Garcia, Anakaren DeLeon and Eduardo Antonio worked with Nancy Richardson at the Los Angeles Maritime Institute.



Dr. Linda Del Cuento expresses her admiration of the students' poise and professionalism.



Richard Hoang, Mayor's Aide, shares the mayor's congratulations with the interns.



Banning High School Counselor, Ret. U.S. Navy Capt. George Kolarov, addresses the students about their upcoming senior year.

# Life's Important Moments

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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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| <b>Airports</b><br>Mike Bolanos<br>George Dorsey Jr.<br>Beverly Johnson<br>Ana Miranda<br>Damion Perez<br>Timothy Riser<br>Omar Vasquez<br>Stephen Williams | <b>Harbor</b><br>Derek Pittman<br>Allen Thomas   | Maricela Price<br>Tiffany Soliz<br>James Sumbi<br>Jeoffery Tachibana<br>Alan Warner   | <b>Transportation</b><br>Damon Bergeron<br>Jonathan Diego<br>Dennis McCarthy   |
| <b>Animal Services</b><br>Erica Washington  | <b>General Services</b><br>Alfonso Gurrola<br>Beverly Pleasant   | <b>Public Works</b>   | <b>Finance</b><br>Jeanette Santoni   |
| <b>Building and Services</b><br>Heather Harris<br>Thang Lam<br>Eboni Nichols<br>Bidyut Rath   | <b>Library</b><br>Jesus Barragan<br>Tiffany Coleman<br>Shellie Cooke<br>Marlon Obando  | <b>Management</b>   | <b>Zoo</b><br>Stephen Murphy   |
| <b>City Attorney</b><br>Gabriela Castillo<br>Kahn Watson  | <b>Housing</b><br>Maria Arroyo<br>Yekma<br>Baydalimova<br>Barbara Brown<br>Mary Bustos<br>Sandra Castillo<br>Dora Cisneros<br>Eduardo De La Rosa<br>Maria Diaz<br>Adrienna Dymally<br>Dario Godinez<br>Lakia Jones<br>Dalila Luna<br>Elizabeth Moran<br>Cayer<br>Xanat Rosas<br>Terrance Strouse<br>Silvia Viramontes<br>Rudy Yanes<br>Pilar Yeung | <b>Employee Service</b><br>Angela Torres  | <b>DWP</b><br>Leon Butler<br>Michael Chaffin<br>Carlos Chaidez<br>Pete Freese<br>Douglas Gomez<br>Elmer Harlan<br>Antonio Hernandez<br>Phyllis Hollier<br>Cynthia Jaquez<br>Paul Ju<br>David Miranda<br>James Muraoka<br>Ismail Nanabawa<br>Fredericka Santee<br>Nicholas Staves<br>Liliana Villarreal<br>Lisa Wiley |
| <b>City Clerk</b><br>Henrietta Bovitch  | <b>Personnel</b><br>Claudia Guevara<br>TreQuita Smith  | <b>Sanitation</b><br>Antonio Cardenas<br>Thomas Eatmon<br>Malikka Gist<br>Jose Rosas  | <b>Retired</b><br>Rosalie Brown<br>Lavelle Bruton<br>Clarence Carson<br>Alan Conn<br>Ernestine McDonald<br>Janet Ruzek   |
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### Retirements

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| <b>Michael Beebe</b> Mech.<br>Inspector Building<br>and Safety 5            | <b>Karen Gallow</b> Animal<br>Keeper Zoo 12                                   | <b>Janet Lofdahl</b><br>Pr. Clerk Finance 20                    | <b>Paulette Schuster</b><br>Therapeutic Rec.<br>Spec. Rec and Parks<br>21      |
| <b>Cathy Chang</b><br>Sr. Librarian Library<br>23                           | <b>Angelica Garcia Sr.</b><br>Librarian Library 32                            | <b>Lee Melles</b> Airport<br>Police Officer<br>Airports 26      | <b>Gary Snyder</b> Building<br>Con. and Maint.<br>Supv. General<br>Services 25 |
| <b>Wayne Fitzer</b><br>Community<br>Electrician Supv. ITA<br>23             | <b>Raymond Grimes</b><br>Maint. And<br>Construction Helper<br>Public Works 31 | <b>Francis Mulloy</b><br>Maintenance Laborer<br>Public Works 12 | <b>Sandra White</b><br>Sr. Mgmt. Analyst<br>Public Works 32                    |
|   | <b>Mariette Klefstad</b> Secretary<br>Airports 23                             | <b>Irene Rashi</b> Police<br>Service Rep LAPD 34                |  |

### In Memoriam

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

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| <b>William Barker</b><br>Rec and Parks, 6    | <b>Shannon Burns</b><br>DWP, 31                     | <b>John Kozuszko</b><br>DWP, 19           | <b>Al Schur</b><br>DWP, 31                      |
| <b>Matthew Bremner</b><br>DWP, 20            | <b>Alfred Bustillos</b><br>DWP, 24                  | <b>Ann Lee</b><br>DWP, 14                 | <b>Willie Seals</b><br>Rec and Parks, 19        |
| <b>James Chan</b><br>ITA, 8                  | <b>Charles Butterworth</b><br>DWP, 25               | <b>Louise Lewis</b><br>DWP, 32            | <b>Zita See</b><br>DWP, 24                      |
| <b>Catana Clark</b><br>Transportation, 17    | <b>William Carlson</b><br>DWP, 14                   | <b>Richard McCarthy</b><br>Parks, 11      | <b>Herbert Schweiger</b><br>DWP, 36             |
| <b>Paul Compton</b><br>ITA, 19               | <b>James Cavanaugh</b><br>Public Works, 16          | <b>John Mellein</b><br>DWP, 26            | <b>Bertha Shapiro</b><br>LAPD, 21               |
| <b>John Nacey</b><br>DWP, 22                 | <b>Dorothy Coltharp</b><br>Public Works, 15         | <b>Albert Minott</b><br>DWP, 12           | <b>Herman Slaughter</b><br>Sanitation, 36       |
| <b>James Owsley</b><br>General Services, 27  | <b>Francis Conley</b><br>DWP, 23                    | <b>Sergio Moreia</b><br>DWP, 30           | <b>William Soon</b><br>ITA, 30                  |
| <b>Roger Powell</b><br>General Services, 19  | <b>Jack Cowell</b><br>DWP, 19                       | <b>Gene Morrison</b><br>DWP, 31           | <b>Alice Spring</b><br>Library, 27              |
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| <b>Jeffrey Sparks</b><br>Airports, 18        | <b>Fernando Duran</b><br>DWP, 30                    | <b>Willard Overly</b><br>DWP, 32          | <b>Eleanor Tarlow</b><br>DWP, 32                |
| <b>Richard Williams</b><br>DWP, 33           | <b>David Evans</b><br>DWP, 23                       | <b>Yvonne Palacio</b><br>Public Works, 30 | <b>Clarence Thomas</b><br>DWP, 50               |
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| <b>Robert Anderson</b><br>DWP, 33            | <b>Edward Haffner</b><br>DWP, 37                    | <b>Herbert Podolsky</b><br>DWP, 16        | <b>Herman Wallender</b><br>DWP, 27              |
| <b>Tjarand Anderson</b><br>Public Works, 29  | <b>Archie Hawkins</b><br>DWP, 26                    | <b>Calvin Pooley</b><br>DWP, 18           | <b>Clint Washington</b><br>Airports, 25         |
| <b>Katherine Ash</b><br>DWP, 16              | <b>Willard Headley</b><br>DWP, 40                   | <b>Richard Reading</b><br>DWP, 25         | <b>Isamu Watanabe</b><br>DWP, 15                |
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| <b>Gene Boyd</b><br>DWP, 40                  | <b>J.P. Jamison</b><br>DWP, 25                      | <b>Ruth Ritter</b><br>DWP, 35             | <b>Clifford Zelonski</b><br>City Clerk, 24      |
| <b>Esten Brown</b><br>DWP, 26                | <b>Lawrence Kilpatrick</b><br>Harbor, 17            | <b>Donna Robertson</b><br>LAPD, 36        |   |

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## Special Achievements



### Happy Anniversary!

Kenny and Rhonda Brown, married July 18, 1987, celebrated their 20th anniversary at a party with family and friends at Recreation Golf Course in Long Beach. Kenny is a Detention Officer, LAPD, with 13 years of service; Rhonda is a PSR II, LAPD, with 8 years of service.

Have you or your children recently achieved something special? It could be academic, or part of your hobby, or similar. Let us know! Send a photo and the appropriate information to talk-back@cityemployeesclub.com

## Graduations

Olivia Jamgotchian, who helped design *Alive!* part-time, graduated magna cum laude from Notre Dame High School in June. She now attends the University of Arizona, majoring in business/marketing. Her proud parents are *Alive!* designers David and Marie Jamgotchian.



## Births



Santiago Gary Munoz Jr., born July 14 to Santiago Munoz Sr. Santiago Jr. is the grandson of Jose and Dina Torres. Dina is retired from Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation, 25 years of City service.



Adalia Afewerki, born Aug. 8 to Robel Afewerki and Seble Tekeste. Robel works in the Harbor Dept.



Isaias Angel Rivera Jr., born to their daughter Brandie on June 18th. He is the Grandson of Jose and Dina Torres. Dina is retired from the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation. She had 25 years with the City.

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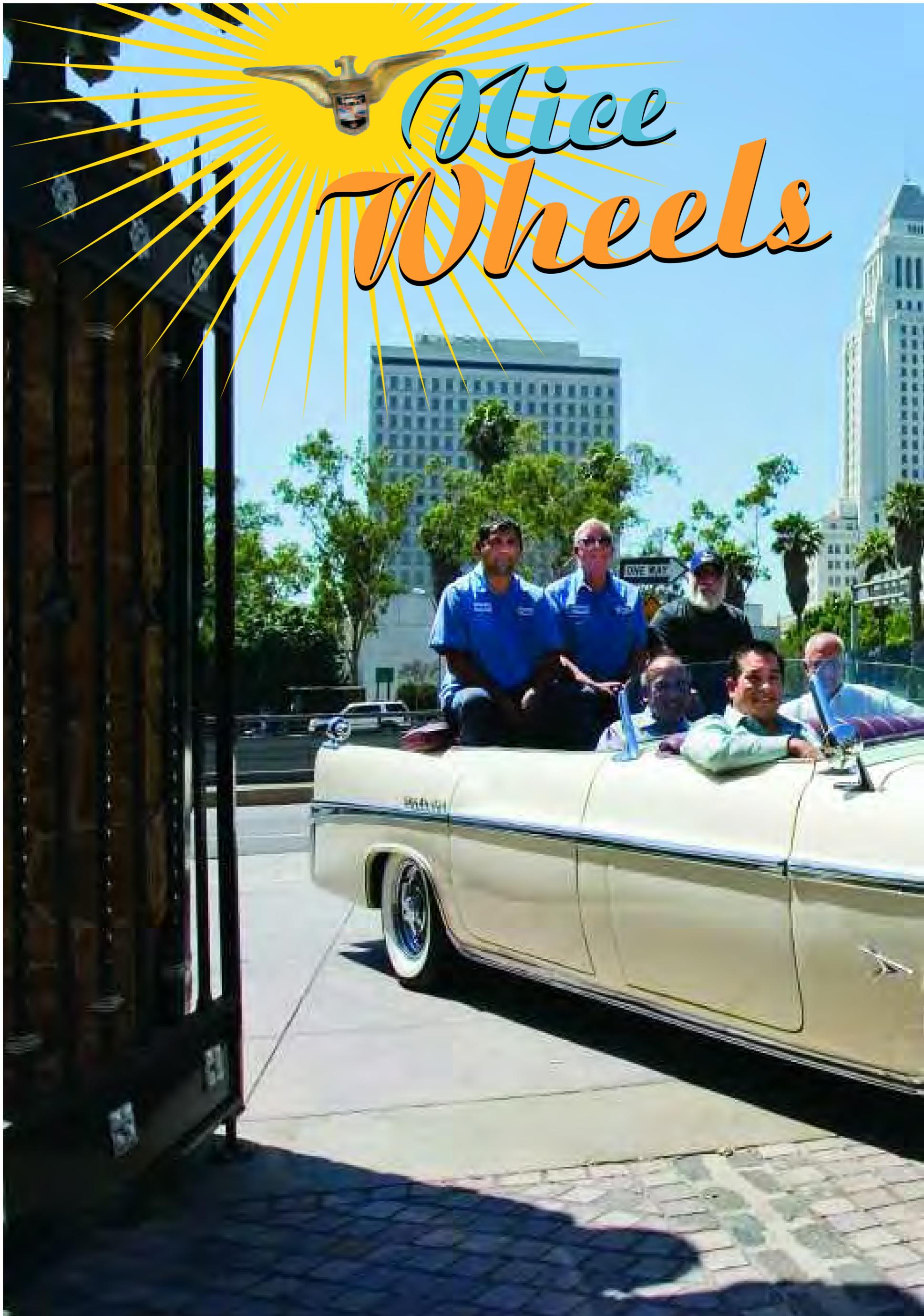
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Arlene Herrero



Liz Montes





# Nice Wheels



Whether it means an enlarged radiator to keep an ancient engine cool during long, grueling parades ... a rebuilt hydraulic suspension to support the growing number of VIPs who share the mayor's spotlight ... a powerful loudspeaker system ... rare tires ... a classic interior that must weather the environment ... or huge brakes to keep the whole thing under control ... it's not easy keeping an aging and rare masterpiece in tip-top shape.

Meet the crew that keeps the mayor's 1952 Chrysler Imperial Parade Phaeton, one of only three in the world, showing the City in its best light.

The story and photos begin on the next page.



At the entrance to the El Pueblo Historic Monument is the mayor's parade car and the Fleet Services crew that takes care of her. Front seat, from left: Cecil Faircloth and Robert Keen. Middle: Peter Benjamins and Paul Mahony. On the boot: Joe Lonigro, Tom Wellnitz and Chuck Gage.

*Alive!* photo by Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager



# Maintaining the Mayor's Masterpiece

■ The mayor's parade car – a 1952 Chrysler Imperial Phaeton – is one sweet ride. It's kept that way through the efforts of Paul Mahony, Automotive Supervisor, Fleet Services.

*Alive!* photos by Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager

GENERAL SERVICES — On Wednesday, Sept. 12, *Alive!* spent an afternoon with Paul Mahony, Automotive Supervisor, Fleet Services, and his crew to take a peak inside this rare and magnificent piece of City history.

*Alive!* thanks the crew for their time and efforts.

**Alive!:** Thanks for welcoming us, Paul. How long have you been with the City?

**Paul:** It will be seven years next April.

Where did you come from?

**Paul:** The private sector. I have worked all over the Westside, in various car dealerships and restoration shops. I have been involved with automotive repair since I was 19 or 20.

What's your official responsibility for the car? Are you the supervisor of it?

**Paul:** The car is assigned to Piper Tech for maintenance. We take care of it here. I transferred here from North Hollywood. I was the supervisor out there. I inherited it when I came here. It had all sorts of problems.

I'm sure. Your responsibility with the car is to maintain it?

**Paul:** Yeah.

Prepare it and have it ready for the parades and other official functions?

**Paul:** Right. We check it between parades.

## Repairs and Responsibilities

Let's go through the guys on the crew, and tell me what their responsibilities are with the vehicle.

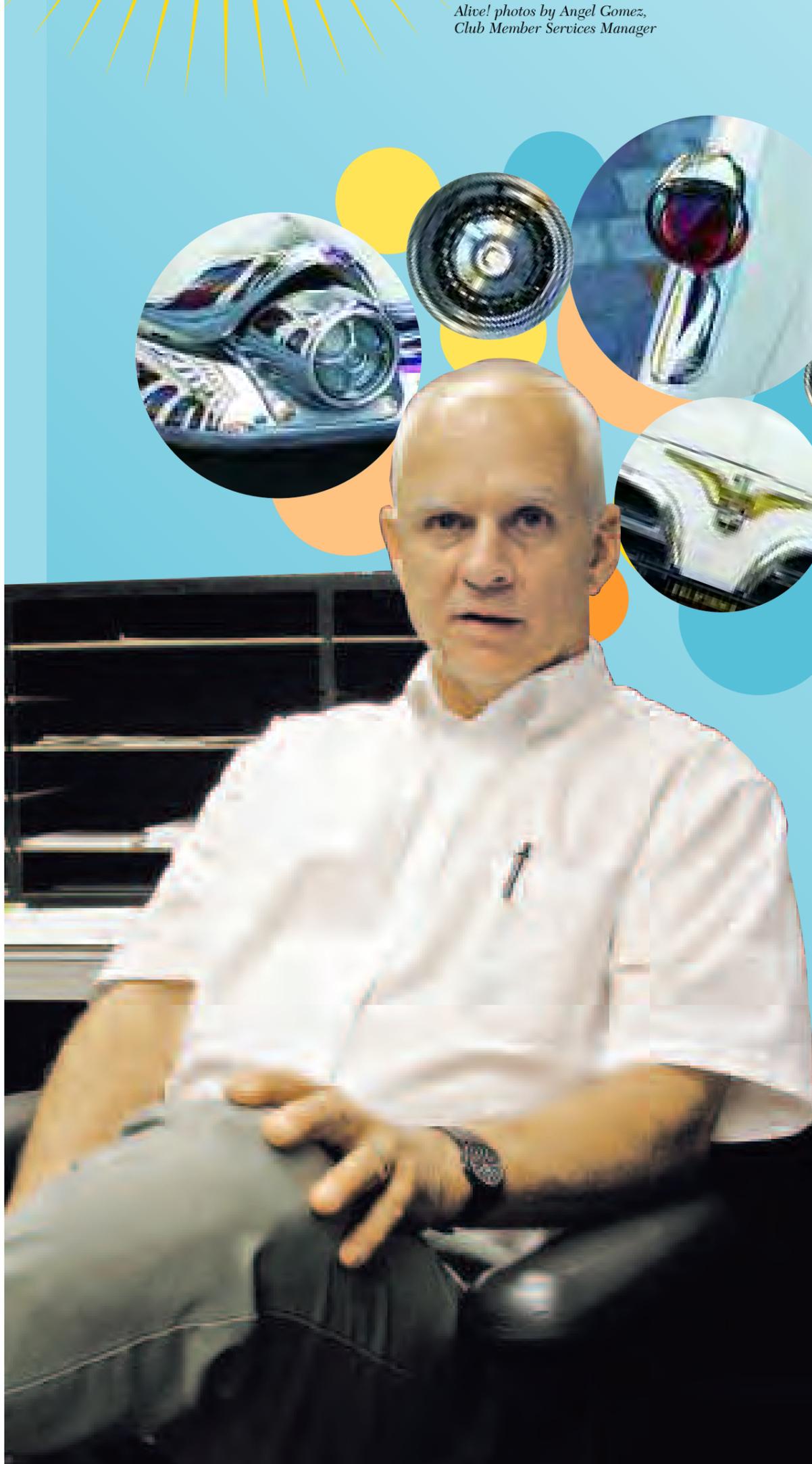
**Paul:** Well, the guy driving the car in your photos – the guy sitting at the wheel – is Robert Keen. He is one of our mechanics here at the shop. He does the inspections between parades, and he is the primary mechanic now, assigned to keeping the car running right, and also making various upgrades. Joe Lonigro, a mechanic here also, helps Bob as an assistant. Bob is the senior guy working on the car.

[General Services General Manager] Alvin Blaine's instructions to us are to make the car look exactly original as much as we can, but to perform safety upgrades and reliability upgrades. We have added a bigger radiator and a electric fan for parades – it will drive for an hour and a half sometimes at idle speed and, that's asking us to do what a CHP cruiser might have to do.

And we have gone to a 12-volt system on it because of all the accessories, including the sound system, and so on. They just didn't have that stuff back in 1952 when the car was new. And so we have an alternator on there.

And then we have air shocks in the back, so when they load it to capacity with people, they can level the car out with a little switch on the dashboard. And then Alvin wanted a dual brake system, so you would not lose your brakes completely; they did not have that in '52. We put a dual brake system on the car, and that fell on Chuck's shoulders, Chuck Gage. He is like a

**Paul Mahony,**  
Automotive Supervisor,  
Fleet Services





hot-rodder to the Nth degree. He surveyed the original brakes on the car and designed a system for the car.

Alvin's instructions were that, whatever we did to the car, we were to keep the old part and everything had to be bolted on. We could not cut or weld on the car. It all had to be the capability to be brought back to the original anytime we wanted.

**You are keeping all the parts.**

**Paul:** We keep everything, yeah.

Chuck put Dodge truck disc brakes on the front, and big, modern drum brakes on the rear. And to make the original wire wheels still fit, we had to have adapters made. And to make these brakes fit the car, we had those special brackets with the calipers, and that was Cecil Faircloth. He was a machinist at the time with the North Hollywood Machine Shop, the North Hollywood Consolidated Shop out there. They have got a big welding and machine shop, and he was working out there as a machinist. Chuck gave him all his drawings. Neither of these guys is an engineer, but they are just terrific fabricators, so Chuck gave them all the dimensions and Cecil machined everything up, and put it into computer operated mills. We can make a 100 of these parts now if we ever needed them.

**Right.**

**Paul:** And so then we had to come up with a power brake master cylinder that would fit underneath the floor like the original one, and still have power brakes. Chuck is like an encyclopedia on hot rod accessories, and he knew which one would work and still be able to connect to the original pedal on the floor. This stuff sounds simple until you start trying to do it, you know. And then he had to come with the correct metering belt so that when you step on the brakes, the rear brakes would not apply too hard and skid while the front stopped correctly. And then we put a whole different rear end in the car so that we could have the right brakes and still have the correct wheels on it, because you could not do that with the old rear end. So it is a whole new rear end that sits on the old springs. It is all bolted in, and we kept the old one, of course.

**Right.**

**Paul:** And that required a different drive shaft, so we had that custom-made.

And then after we got the brakes working, we noticed that the car would stall sometimes. The previous mayor would use it once or twice a year. And Mayor Villaraigosa likes to use it

frequently. We started giving attention to these little things that had been forgiven in the past. And one of them was the stalling: It would stall sometimes during a parade, and that is just the worst thing that can happen in a parade.

So Bob Keen and I started down this path of making the car reliable. He came up with the carburetor for the car that would work. He found a brand new replacement carburetor, and it is more modern, but it fits right on, the same brand and everything. I put electronic ignition on it, because it had the old points and condensers.

**And a distributor?**

**Paul:** Yeah. We upgraded all that.

And then Tom Wellnitz rewired the car because the old wiring was fabric-covered and would crystallize and fall off. So he rewired the whole car, and I worked with him to put the right alternator on there. And we had the starter converted to 12 volts. He oversaw all that.

I took the dashboard apart, because, besides management, I have been a mechanic all my life.

The interior had this terrible look. White vinyl had been put in there over the storyboard together. I got pictures of what the interior should look like. We took a tour with our Assistant General Manager to the Petersen Museum, and showed him the other Chrysler parade car in the collection down there. We made a business case for doing the interior in a certain way. Management bought off on it. So we had the car reupholstered. That is a major job on a car this big to get it correct. We took a lot of pictures of the car at the Petersen because it was original. And then we had our car reupholstered. An outside vendor did that, but we had them do it here because the car is so valuable that we did not want it out of our hands.

**And it is close to its original color, maybe not exactly, but pretty close.**

**Paul:** Yeah. We wanted the contrast. My experience on the outside has been working in several big restoration shops, and you always want to get a nice contrast. Light-colored cars always have a dark interior, typically a burgundy or a dark red. So we got that done.

And then the last mayor, Mayor Hahn, used to take sort of a karaoke system and a microphone to these parades. But Mayor Villaraigosa wanted really good sound. We were not

experts at sound, so we got ITA involved. Peter Benjamins got his crew involved to come up with a sound system. He got the Council audio guys who do all the City Council chamber audio.

**Makes sense.**

**Paul:** They kept trying different speaker configurations. The ones we have hanging in the car now are large, but they really get the job done. We had a couple of glitches the first couple of times out, while they get it all dialed in. But now it is pretty much right on.

The latest concern that the mayor keeps mingling with the crowd and wants to go cordless on the microphones. So Peter is going to come up with something.

So the sound system is working well. And the car runs cool. And it is dependable. It is smooth, and it is pretty quick, really, for what it is.

**When you put the sound system on, did you drill any holes?**

**Paul:** No. The speakers clamp onto the rear bumper or they slide over the flagstuffs in the front. And the wiring is tie-wrapped all the way back to the trunk. They made a false panel in the trunk to mount their amplifiers. And then they rigged up a cooling fan to blow air into the stuff, to keep it all cool. When you get out on the parade routes, the temperature in the trunk is horrific.

One time it cut off in the middle of a parade temporarily because of the thermal overload. You find out some of this stuff by trial and error.

**Does it have air conditioning?**

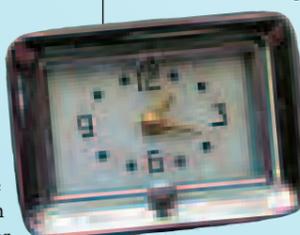
**Paul:** No. We do not have that. We could put it on there, though.

**How new is the paint job?**

**Paul:** I do not really know. I have been with the City for only a short time, six and a half years. It has never been painted since I have been here.

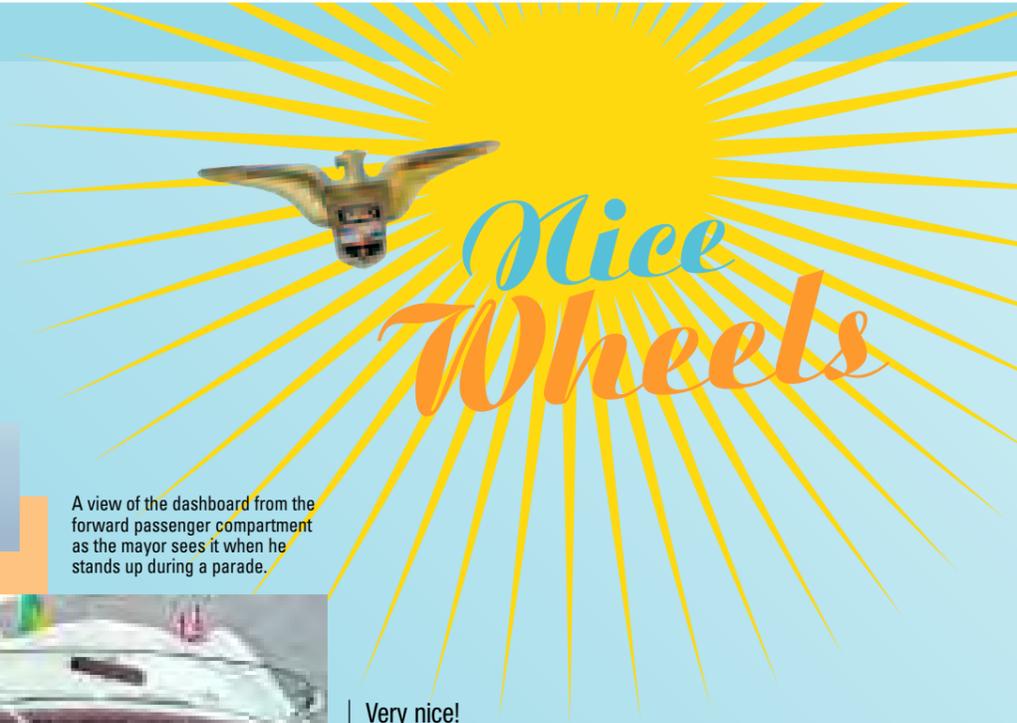
**If it looks like rain, what do you do?**

**Paul:** They usually cancel the parade, but it has been caught in the rain before. We have umbrellas in the trunk for the people in the car. The rain really would not hurt the car, but

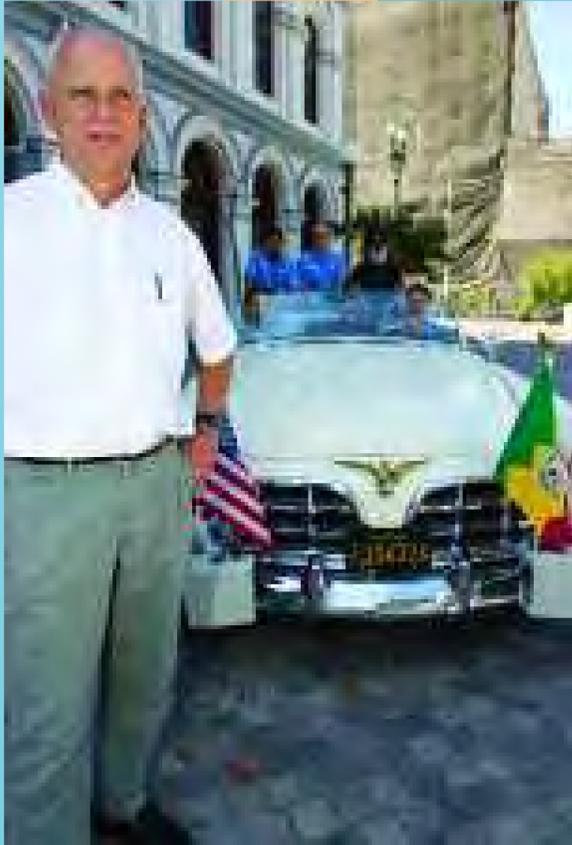


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A view of the dashboard from the forward passenger compartment as the mayor sees it when he stands up during a parade.



Paul Mahony and the maintenance crew pose for their photo with the car in front of Pico House, El Pueblo Historic Monument.



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I don't think they would allow it to get caught in a downpour.

Right. Does it have a top?

**Paul:** It has a top, but it is what they call a surrey top, and it just covers the backseat. It's a funny, strange-looking thing. It's like a surrey buggy from the horse and carriage days. It really does not suit the car. They do not use it much.

Metal or canvas?

**Paul:** Convertible top is fabric with a metal frame.

Hemi-Powered

How is the engine? Is it the original block?

**Paul:** The original engine and transmission with 46,000 miles on it, very low mileage. It just purrs. It runs super.

The same engine?

**Paul:** It is a Hemi.

One of the original Hemi's?

**Paul:** Yes. The second year they came out. It is a big motor.

How many cubic inches?

**Paul:** Well, small cubic inches, 331. But it is physically a big motor. The valve covers are just a Hemi like you see today.

Are they chrome?

**Paul:** Yeah, they are chrome.

Very nice!

**Paul:** It is a nice car.

How many speeds in the transmission? Is it an automatic three speed?

**Paul:** Two speeds.

Just two speeds?

**Paul:** Yes. With a passing gear, though.

**A Pretty Penny**

How much is that car worth?

**Paul:** I do not really know. I do not think anybody does. Chuck Gage says that he had heard that the [Parade Phaeton] at the Imperial Palace was valued at \$750,000. And ours has more history than that car.

Because Richard Nixon rode in this car.

**Paul:** I think Khrushchev, Robert Kennedy and Eisenhower, too. Nixon was the first one. He was in the very first parade it was in, the Rose Parade, the Grand Marshal.

That was the first time.

**Paul:** First time it went out.

**Fun, and Work**

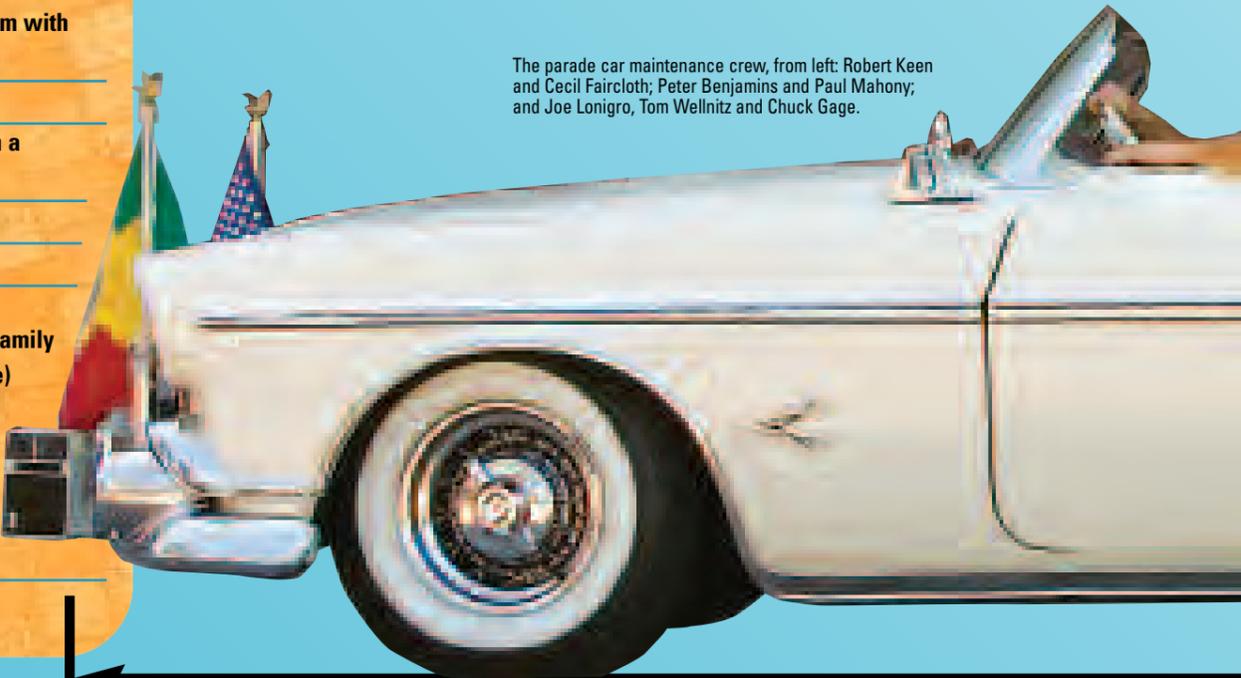
It must be fun working on this car. I cannot imagine too many in the world have this kind of responsibility for a car, where there are only three of them in the world.

**Paul:** It is kind of fun working on the car, but it is very touchy when it goes out on a parade if anything goes wrong. They follow us pretty good. When we have little problems with the car running warm or stalling, or the sound system acting up, we had all the best brains in Fleet Services putting it under a microscope figuring out why it stalled. We could never duplicate the problem here. It is very hard to duplicate a parade situation here, even if you let it idle for half a day. And we had pressure from the Mayor's office to make it perform right. It is a nice challenge to rise to.

**1952 Chrysler Imperial Phaeton Parade Car**

<b>BUILT:</b>	1952, face-lifted in 1955 with 1956 design
<b>COLORS:</b>	Cream with rose interior (original); Cream with white interior (after 1955 face-lift); cream with rose interior (current).
<b>HORSEPOWER:</b>	180 (original); 250 (today)
<b>TRANSMISSION:</b>	Powerflight (two speed automatic, with a passing gear)
<b>WEIGHT:</b>	6,005 pounds
<b>LENGTH:</b>	21 feet
<b>FIRST USE:</b>	1953 Rose Bowl Parade, carrying Vice President Elect Richard Nixon and his family (he was a California Senator at the time)
<b>SIMILAR CARS:</b>	One built for New York, still in existence; one built for Detroit that was obtained by the Imperial Palace Hotel car collection and is now at the Petersen Museum in Los Angeles
<b>VALUE:</b>	Unknown, but thought to be worth at least \$750,000

The parade car maintenance crew, from left: Robert Keen and Cecil Faircloth; Peter Benjamins and Paul Mahony; and Joe Lonigro, Tom Wellnitz and Chuck Gage.



### Work on Display

You get to see your work on display maybe once or twice a month, or more often than that.

**Paul:** Yeah. He stays pretty busy with it usually. I expect he will not slow down much because there is Thanksgiving and Christmas and New Year's Eve. He goes somewhere in all those parades as a rule.

Where do you get those huge white-wall tires?

**Paul:** They are available. There is a company that makes them and you can find them online.

We have had to make parts and have an exhaust system made for it. But most of that stuff can be fabricated. Or we have gotten steering and suspension parts through the Chrysler Club. There is a guy in Northern California that has 70 or 80 old Chryslers and is very reasonable on the prices.

Did anybody ever try to buy it from the City?

**Paul:** No. Not that I know of. But I wouldn't know personally. There have probably been offers, but I wasn't included in the conversation.

Anybody in the movies ever use it?

**Paul:** They used it in a movie in the past, but it was before my time. It was one where Charles Bronson played a presidential security guard. I cannot remember the name of the movie. [Most likely Assassination, 1987. — Ed.] The car was painted green for the movie. And then brought back to this color.

Has anyone ever asked you to let them use in their daughter's wedding or something like that?

**Paul:** No. But, as we work on it, we have had to drive it. We always get waves and hellos and all that.

It draws a crowd, especially when the flags are on there, and you know it is not a normal car. It usually attracts people. It draws a crowd.

### The Road Ahead

It is pretty well set for the future, it looks like.

**Paul:** In the last year or so, we developed our own preventative maintenance checklist just for this car. And we have a series of things we do between each parade. It is almost like a pre-flight checklist. And so Bob Keen does that.

I have got a terrific crew here. There are only so many things you can do for camaraderie here, to form a cohesive unit. This is the kind of thing that pulls a crew together. We are proud of the way the car looks and performs now. And so I try to make sure these guys get some credit for it. Because they have done all the real work on it.

I am glad the car is here. With my background in vintage cars, I am glad I am able to get my hands on it.

Thanks!

**Paul:** Sure thing.



21 FEET !





Office of Finance

# Office of Finance: Generating Revenue

■ **Office of Finance collects taxes and fees to fund many City assets ... including many of your salaries.**

*Photos by Liz Montes, Club Counselor; Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager; and Sammy Davis and Joon Lee, courtesy of the Office of Finance*

**FINANCE** — As a result of City Charter Reform, the Office of Finance (Finance) was created in 2000 to centralize much of the City's revenue collection efforts under one manager, the Director of Finance.

The City's tax and permit collections were transferred to Finance from the City Clerk's Office in 2000, and the Citywide Collection Unit was transferred from the City Attorney's Office in 2002. The current staffing level of 342 employees is tasked with collecting more than \$2 billion in revenue from various sources including taxes, fees and permits annually.

Below is a partial list of the many types of revenue collected by Finance along with examples of what the tax or permit is for and who enforces, if not the Office of Finance:

- Business tax
- Parking occupancy tax (parking lots)
- Utility users tax (electricity, telephone, gas)
- Transient occupancy tax (hotel rooms)
- Real property transfer tax (remitted by the County for property sales)
- Police alarm permits (burglar alarms – enforced by LAPD)
- Police permits (for example, massage therapists – enforced by LAPD)
- Fire permits (for example, assemblage occupancy – enforced by LAFD)
- Tobacco retailer's permit (enforced by the City Attorney's Office)

This revenue supports numerous essential City services; for example, paying the salaries for Police Officers and Fire Fighters, filling potholes, maintaining City parks, expanding library collections, etc. As you can see, much of the City's funding for core services is dependent on Finance's extensive revenue collection efforts.

## City Hall Office



From left: Martha Pinckney, 3 years; and Linda Arviqu, 20 years.



From left: Caiteline Lam, 8 years; Vanessa Garcia, 5 years; Martha Torres, 27 years; and Vanessa Lopez, 9 years.



From left: Brad Kirkland, 5 years; and Daniel Villaneda, 6 years.



From left: Brenda Holyfield, 19.5 years; Vanesha Foisia, 2 years; Carolyn Mix-Le, 23 years; and David Nevarez, 6 years.



Sharon Williams, 32.5 years.



From left: Crystal Walker, 18 years; Victor Salaiza, 22 years; and Debra Chavez, 13 years.



From left: Charmaine Martin, 18 years; Tamu Moseley, 7 years; and Melina Rosas, 9 years.



Ruben Munoz, Personnel Director, 33 years.



From left: Josie Mendoza, 7 months; Angela Gonzalez, 24 years; Yolanda McCollough, 19 years; and James Durkian, 7 years.



From left: June Ulrich, Sr. MA II, 34 years; and Jeffery Whitmore, Revenue Manager, 19 years.



Front row, from left: Ellaina Smith, 24 years; and Courine Jaramillo, 21 years. Back: Martin Higgins, 34 years; Bea Suga, 30 years; and Benjamin Ortiz, 11 years.



From left: Michelle Cheng, 17 years; and Ed Cabrera, Chief I, Tax and Permit, 12 years.



# Office of Finance

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## City Hall Office (continued)



Front row, from left: Minnie Johnson, 32 years; and Sandy Mack, 36 years. Back: Michael Leisenbach, 5 years; Ed Ramos, 21 years; Travis Anderson, 8 years; and Evelyn Kelley, 12 years.



Linda Brazile, 12 years.



From left: Frances Felix, 4 years; Virginia Aguirre, 4 years; Yvette Harrison, 13 years; Belinda Manada, 3.5 years; and Barbara Hamm, 24 years.



Rhey Vista, 17 years.



From left: Ela Vallejo, Executive Secretary, 29 years, with the two people who helped *Alive!* produce this Dept. of the Month feature: Jeffery Whitmore, Revenue Manager, 20 years; and Crystal Walker, Secretary, 18 years.



Front row, from left: Stelia Valenzuela, 18 years; and Luz David, 25 years. Back: Brad Moe, 8 years; Diedra Johnson, 8 years; Karen Dean, 27 years; and Juanita Toquero, 17 years.

## Office of Finance: Mission Statement

Finance has eight public counter locations throughout the City to serve the public. Additionally, there is a Call Center staffed by 20 employees, open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and round the clock access to their Customer Service email option for incoming inquiries. The comprehensive Website at [www.lacounty.org/finance](http://www.lacounty.org/finance) provides a multitude of information along with the option to file annual business tax renewals on-line (upwards of 400,000 renewal forms are mailed out annually). Staff works in the field directly with the City's taxpayers through audit and enforcement activities. Specialized job classifications in Finance include those in the Tax Compliance Officer series, the Tax Auditor series, and Collection Investigator.

The majority of activity within the Office revolves around enforcing compliance with the City's Business Tax Ordinance. This ordinance imposes a privilege tax for revenue purposes only – no attempt is made through this tax to regulate the conduct of businesses; this tax is not a business license as many have misinterpreted. It is merely a tax required of businesses that are subject to the ordinance by engaging in business within the City of Los Angeles. Registering a business with the Office of Finance and maintaining a Business Tax Registration Certificate (BTRC) via annual renewal accomplishes compliance with the ordinance. In fiscal year 2006-07, Finance collected \$465.8 million in business tax revenue – an all-time high!

In recent years, there have been many changes in the ways the City historically approached tax collection. Through the multi-year efforts of the Business Tax Advisory Committee, Mayor and City Council, tax reform measures were developed and implemented. One example is the increased Small Business Exemption threshold from \$5,000 to

\$50,000 to the current \$100,000 minimum to take advantage of this incentive. Another example is the consolidation of the numerous Funds and Classifications from 42 down to nine, with only six applicable rates. Work continues on simplifying the business tax ordinance and compliance procedures through the Mayor and City Council's current Ad Hoc Business Tax Reform Committee.

Finance has also implemented a number of programs to discover non-compliant businesses that are not paying their fair share of business taxes. Through state legislation (Assembly Bill 63), California municipalities gained access to the State's Franchise Tax Board records for data matching purposes. Through this program, the City has added more than 85,000 new accounts to the tax rolls and generated more than \$73 million in revenue since its 2002 inception. Other discovery efforts include utilizing databases from other City departments including utility records, housing records, and property records for data matching purposes.

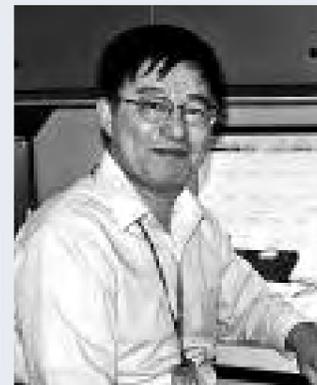
Tax collection is not glamorous, but the efforts of the fine employees of the Office of Finance have afforded the City an annual contribution to the General Fund that pays for many City services. These funds pay for department salaries, community programs and public safety services, to name a few. City employees should recognize the less-than-glamorous role of tax collection their fellow Finance employees perform to fund so much for the City of Los Angeles. Through aggressive discovery programs and dedication to service, the tax rolls have increased each year since the inception of the Office of Finance – a job well done by anyone's standards.

*“To provide efficient, effective and responsible revenue collection services through a customer-focused environment to taxpayers and City departments through management, assessment and application of best practices.”*

— Office of Finance  
Mission Statement



From left: Carolyn Mix-Le, 23 years; Angela Gonzalez, 24 years; and Juana B. Garcia, 9 years.



Systems unit: Winston Weng, 8 years.



Nelia Mayo, 25 years. Nelia Mayo, 25 years.



Tax Code Analysis/Taxpayer Advocate units, from left: Michael Pe, 1 year; John Dierking, 5 years; and Mark O'Brien.



Tax Code Analysis unit, from left: Brian Dolan, 4 years; Alicia Vega, 18 years; Rosalind Barden, 6 years; and Mark O'Brien, Sr. Management Analyst II, 34 years.



# Department of the Month

## Office of Finance

### Van Nuys Office

## Office of Finance: New and Vital



Antoinette Christovale,  
Director of Finance

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you into our little corner of the City, the Office of Finance. We're not a large department (just 342 employees) or long established (created in 2000), but we play a vital role in providing economic stability for the City. Finance staff enforces the City's tax laws and collects a wide variety of taxes, fees, and permits on behalf of several City departments, including the Police and Fire departments. We also perform final collection activities on aged debt referred to our Citywide Collection Unit as a last effort prior to write-off.

Since I accepted the position of Director of Finance back in 2000, my department has increased collections each year due in large part to the dedicated employees of the Office of Finance. While we have the advantage of many long-term employees who maintain wonderful stores of historical knowledge, we also benefit from the vibrancy of new college graduates entering our workforce directly into the Tax Compliance Officer series and or Tax Auditor series, a great launching point for a City career. The implementation of our new LATAX mainframe system in the fall of 2004 has vastly improved our operations, along with numerous tax reforms we have recommended for implementation in recent years.

As an advocate for the business community, I have participated in the Business Tax Advisory Committee and the Ad Hoc Business Tax Reform Committee in addition to numerous industry organizations and national conferences to create a more user-friendly way of doing business in the City of Los Angeles. It is vital that the City of Los Angeles attracts new businesses and keeps existing businesses from moving out of the City. To this end, my office has worked closely with elected officials, industry leaders and individual business owners to develop ways in which the City's concerns may be met in concert with the business community.

I am pleased and honored to have the Office of Finance featured in *Alive!* I believe our accomplishments deserve to be highlighted, and I am happy to share information about our department with the rest of the City. I hope you enjoy learning about our operations and accomplishments, as I am proud to recognize my staff and the department's very deserving efforts.



From left: Tom Szabo, 15 years; Emilio Salamanca, 25 years; and Tracie Vu, 17 years.



Jeanette Santoni, 7.5 years.



From left: Rhoda Herrera, 1.5 years; Manju Rajappan, 2 weeks; Eiko Satake, 18 years; and Craig Sykes, 9 years.



Susan White, 27 years.



Ben Bohorquez, 35 years.



Frozee T. Avila, 7.5 years.

## Wilshire Office



Front: Vicky Lit, 1 year. Back row, from left: Duc Vu, 1 year; Vicky Leung, 18 years; Wendy Li, 3 years; Edwina Thompson, 18 years; and Jesus Dungo, 7 years.



Front row, from left: Maria Alvarez, 17 years, and Marilou aVillagonzalo, 2 years. Back: Teresa Eidenbock, 2 years; Walther Gencon, 22 years; Eduardo Marana, 7 years; and Fernando Torres, 13 years.



Front row, from left: Khanh Banh, 21 years; and Amer Knight, 5 years. Back: Martin Lantion, 8 years; and Gerard Liao, 3 years.



Front: Brenda Lakes, 29 years. Back, from left: Cinthia Mejia, 6 years; Gidget Blevins, 5 years; Sandra Marquez, 9 years; and Travon Moss, 5 years.



Front row, from left: Carl Sampson, 19 years, and Mike Gomez, 3 years. Back: Pili Larson, 21 years; Ann Bostich, 1 year; Emilia Yanez, 20 years; Ivy Chow, 19 years; and Hadiara Diallo, 8.5 years.



From left: Melba Bustos and Linda Francis, 6 years.

# Office of Finance

# Department of the Month

## Wilshire Office



Front: Edna Zafra, 18 years. Back, from left: Marianne Lopez, 2 years; Melba Bustos, 22 years; Maricel Chavez, 1 year; Sylvia Manalang, 7 years; and Diosdado Morales, 1 year.



Front row, from left: Bessabuena Dela Cruz, 7 years; Lulu Kabiling, 21 years; and Caren Ware, 1 year. Back row: Joel Cortez, 4 years; Marlene Salawdanan, 7 years; and Benedict Erganena, 4 years.



Front row, from left: Myrna Tecson, 16.5 years; Tessie Diaz, 17 years; and Carlos Venegas Jr., 12 years. Back: Art Faelnar, 9 years; Romy Marmol, 17 years; and Jose Agelr, 27 years.



Front: Henry Chan, 22 years. Back row, from left: Sheldon Miller, 14 years; Eva Liu, 17 years; Teresa Lei, 9 years; and Allan Shum, 11 years.



Front row, from left: Cindy Sandusky, 27 years; David Ojeda, 9 years; and Wilbert Aqntonio, 11 years. Back: Eddie Zetina, 7 years; Isaac Nwachukwu, 10 years; Mary Aliasghar, 21 years; Pete Galang, 12 years; and Rubert Razon, 23 years.



Front row, from left: Francis Cheng, 6 years; and Kingsford Kyei, 6 months. Back: Harry Avunjian, 5 years; Patrick Ho, 7 years; Jonathan Luu, 8 years; Jonathan Kim, 18 years; and Don Halfhill, 5 years.



Front: Gary Tran, 1 year. Back row, from left: Doris Duncan, 7 years; Judy Ramirez, 21 years; Leslie Rush, 22.5 years; and Maria Pascual, 4 years.



Front: Robert Gagnon, 19 years. Back row, from left: Louie Ulanday, 7 years; Maria Imelda Reyes, 3 years; Nick Real, 3 years; Somia Magno, 26 years; and Ana Waggoner, 12 years.



Front: Phyllis Perkins, 25 years. Back row, from left: Jorge Enciso, 10 years; Patty Kawada, 1.5 years; Kay Ha, 5 years; Ivet Bagrainyan, 3 years; and Larry Siu, 21 years.



From left: Angela Hayes, 9 years; Linda Ozuna, 17 years; and Dawnell Hawkins, 30 years.



Front: Larry Manocchio, 21 years. Back row, from left: Dawn Bitste, 1 month; and James Miller, 3 years.



Front: Nick Shadvaldian, 22 years. Back, from left: Warren Sibille, 1 year; Olivia Alvarado Ford, 26 years; and Lisa Fuqua, 2.5 years.



Myra McLean, 10 months.

## Office of Finance

# PROFILE

**Founded:** 2000

**Director:** Antoinette Christovale

**Employees:** 342

**Annual revenue:** More than \$2 billion  
Business taxes collected (FY 2006-07): \$465.8 million

**Customer service locations:** 8 (City Hall, Hollywood, San Pedro, Van Nuys, West L.A., Westchester, Watts, Figueroa/downtown) plus call center

**Mission statement:** "To provide efficient, effective and responsible revenue collection services through a customer-focused environment to taxpayers and City departments through management, assessment and application of best practices."

**Contact:** (213) 473-5901, [www.lacity.org/finance](http://www.lacity.org/finance)





# Department of the Month

## Office of Finance

### Wilshire Office (continued)



Front: Victor Hernandez, 1 year. Back row, from left: Julie Anne Torres, 1 year; Socorro Smith, 1 year; and Monika McKnight, 1 year.



Cyndia Hanna, 7 years.



Leonard Malabayoc, 22 years.



Catherine Lee, 17 years.



Front row, from left: Deborah Bates-Johnson, 20.5 years; and William Tang, 4 years. Back: Amabel Hill, 19 years; and Cay Majeeda, 10 years.

### Westchester Branch Office



Back: Jeametta Gates, 21 years.  
Front: Chandra Flemister, 21 years.



Front row, from left: Mai Tran, 1 year; and Joann Torres, 6 years. Back: Sherry Tou, 4 months; and Jova Salazar, 11 months.

### Hollywood Branch Office



From left: Michael Poon, 6 years; Miya Taepun, 1 year; and Montwayne Smith, 5 years.



From left: Cassandra Chambliss, 1 year; Jeff Strafford, 1 year; and Donna Givens, 2 years.

### West Los Angeles Branch Office



From left: Christine Brown-Smith, 30 years; Jerri Davis, 11.5 years; Margaret Buchheit, 21 years; Pamela Woodard, 5 years; Michael Brandon, 1.5 years; and Christine Bohlig, 5 years.

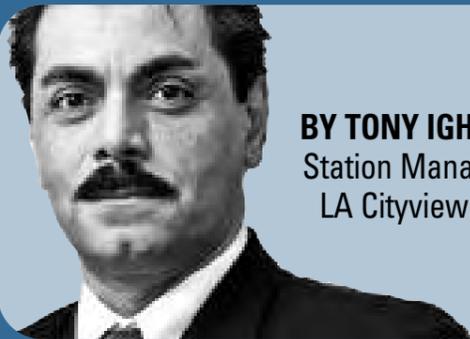
*Alive!* thanks Jeffery Whitmore, Revenue Manager, and Crystal Walker, Jeff Whitmore's secretary, for their great assistance in producing this Department of the Month feature.

## ClubFest Photos on the Web!

As a great new Club service for Club Members, *Alive!* has placed all these ClubFest photos...and more...on the Web. Log on to see 'em all in color! Go to: [www.cityemployeesclub.com](http://www.cityemployeesclub.com) and click on ClubFest (Clubfest photos are expected to be on the Website in the second or third week of October.)



# Tuned



BY TONY IGHANI  
Station Manager,  
LA Cityview 35



## Newsbrief

### VICTORIAN GAMES AT BANNING

Banning Residence Museum, a Rec and Parks facility, has begun its fall 2007 exhibition, which focuses on Victorian era board, card, and word games.

The exhibition, "Educational Amusements: American Games of the Victorian and Edwardian Era," explores how different cultures have used games to entertain and educate players about social rules and values, including honesty, responsibility, and perseverance. Among the beautifully crafted, colorful artifacts on display will be "Mansion of Happiness," which dates from 1843 and is believed to be one of the first American-made board games.

The exhibition will run until through Jan. 6 and will be offered in conjunction with regular museum tours, which are given on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday at 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., and 2:30 p.m., with a 3:30 p.m. tour added on weekends; the cost is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children age 12 or younger. The facility is operated in conjunction with Friends of Banning Museum and is at 401 E. M Street in Wilmington. Phone: (310) 548-7777.

## Fall Ushers In New Programs

I hope all the readers of *Alive!* have had a fantastic summer. As we enter the fall, LA Cityview 35 will premiere a number of brand new shows, including a documentary about issues of poverty in America and Los Angeles, hosted by Councilmember Richard Alarcon. Before we know it we'll be celebrating the holiday season, and as always we will be looking to bring you special holiday programming. More on those in future issues. For now, we hope you will tune in and enjoy some of the great shows premiering in October.

### Programming Highlights in September:

#### Inside the LAPD

In this new episode, Det. Vivian Flores, a 19-year veteran of the Department, introduces us to the fascinating world of Cold Case investigations. As Det. Flores sifts through the evidence left behind by an admitted child murderer, we learn of the emotional toll this kind of work takes on law enforcement personnel while we get a rare glimpse into the mind of a serial killer.

*Inside the LAPD* is hosted by Mary Grady, Public Information Director for the Los Angeles Police Department.

#### L.A. Roundtable

*L.A. Roundtable* is LA Cityview 35's award-winning public affairs series that brings together politicians, community leaders, managers of state and local agencies, academic researchers, and other stakeholders to discuss the issues we face living here in Southern California. This month's topics include the growing influence of Internet journalism and bloggers; the state of Los Angeles area schools, featuring a panel that includes the Los Angeles Schools Superintendent, the School Board President, and the Deputy Mayor of Education; an inquiry into the care being provided to military veterans here in Southern California; and a critical look at the building and development boom taking place on both the

east and west sides of Los Angeles.

*L.A. Roundtable* is hosted by Dave Bryan, political reporter for KCAL 9 and CBS 2, who also produces the series along with LA Cityview 35 veteran Steve Miller.

#### Women's Dialogue Series: Women and Faith

Since 2003, Los Angeles City Controller Laura Chick has been gathering together panels of distinguished female professionals to discuss contemporary issues affecting women. Past discussions have focused on women in politics, women in the media, women in sports, women in the kitchen, and women at the top.

In a recent live broadcast of *Women's Dialogue Series* (which LA Cityview 35 will rebroadcast several times this month), Ms. Chick and her esteemed panel tackled a controversial subject: religion. Panelists Nasreen Haroon from the Islamic Center of Southern California; Rev. Catherine Hughes from Church of the Redeemer in Compton; Linda Johnson from Soka Gakkai International; Rabbi Janet Offel from Temple Kol Tikvah; Rev. Alexia Salvatierra, Executive Director of Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice (CLUE); and Connie Kang, staff writer for the *Los Angeles Times* discussed the past and present roles of women in religion; the

gender disparity in senior positions in certain denominations; how faith empowers them to cope with pain and suffering; and how we should take heed that "without women faith would not be advancing."

#### Your Police Commission

As the overseeing body of the LAPD, the five-member Police Commission makes decisions every week on some of the most important issues facing Los Angeles. Hosted by Executive Director Richard Tefank, *Your Police Commission* provides in-depth analysis of these issues.

Scheduled to premiere this month are four new episodes of *Your Police Commission*: "Skid Row and the LAPD," featuring Commissioner Andrea Ordin; "Meet the New Police Commission President," in which we are introduced to Commissioner Anthony Pacheco, unanimously elected to the position in July; "Gang Initiatives and the LAPD," with Commissioner John Mack and Commander Pat Gannon; and "Discipline vs. Behavior Modification at the LAPD," with Commissioner Alan Skobin.

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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### AVENUE 19 PARTIALLY REOPENS

Public Works/Engineering announced the recent completion of construction on the western side of the Avenue 19 Replacement Bridge. With the partial opening of the new structure in Lincoln Heights, the temporary two-way traffic lanes on Avenue 19 East were moved to the newly constructed side of the bridge Sept. 7. The traffic flow switch will allow construction on the remaining half of the bridge to begin immediately.

The \$10 million project addresses the seismically challenged structures that are badly in need of repairs. The new, two-span, pre-stressed concrete box girder structure will meet current earthquake performance criteria and will exceed national rating requirements. The Avenue 19 Bridge was expected to be built two years after groundbreaking but experienced

a few unexpected delays. "One major hold-up was a temporary project shut down when crews encountered petroleum materials while drilling," said project manager Wenn Chyn. "With some minor modifications in construction methods, and an enforcement of emergency safety measures for workers and the public, our crews were able to handle the petroleum material safely and prevent contamination of the Los Angeles River."

Board of Public Works president Cynthia M. Ruiz says, "The Department of Public Works is committed to the safety of our residents by providing sound infrastructure and protecting the environment. The delays on the Avenue 19 bridge project were necessary to address these issues effectively."

Motorists will continue to have access to one traffic lane in each direction. However, due to the lack of sufficient space for a temporary sidewalk, pedestrian traffic will not be allowed on the stretch of Avenue 19 from San Fernando Road to Humboldt Street.

The Avenue 19 bridge project is located where the Arroyo Seco and the Los Angeles River meet and is an important element to the planned improvements in Council District 1 that include parks and recreational areas. The community of Lincoln Heights is very involved in this project, participating during the project design stage to select a traditional yet aesthetically appealing look that reflects the neighborhood's character.

The bridge project is one of 80 projects managed by the Bureau of Engineering's bridge improvement program. Its construction is funded by the City of Los Angeles' seismic bond and a federal highway bridge replacement and rehabilitation grant.

Contact Tony with your questions:  
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See you on  
LA Cityview 35!



# 19 Honored for Bravery

## LAPD hosts its 46th Medal of Valor ceremony.

Story and photos courtesy Police Officer Sara Faden, Public Information Officer, LAPD; and Rose Guzman, Administrative Assistant, Los Angeles Police Foundation

LAPD — On May 10, 18 police officers and one former officer received the LAPD's highest honor, the Medal of Valor. The award celebrates bravery and heroism beyond the call of duty. The 46th Medal of Valor Ceremony, which was expected to draw more than 500 guests, was held at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood.

The 46th Medal of Valor Ceremony was sponsored by the Los Angeles Police Foundation.

The Medal of Valor is the Los Angeles Police Department's highest honor and is awarded to officers who distinguish themselves by conspicuous bravery or heroism above and beyond the normal demands of police service. To be awarded the Medal of Valor, an officer would have performed an act displaying extreme courage while consciously facing imminent peril.

The medal was awarded by the Board of Police Commissioners and was presented by the Chief of Police in the name of the Department at the annual Medal of Valor awards ceremony. The award consists of a medal, ribbon and citation. The Medal of Valor was first presented in 1925. Medals of Valor were not awarded in 2004 and 2005.

The Club sincerely congratulates those honored at the ceremony for their true dedication to service. Their individual stories follow.

## AT LONG LAST



**Walter Kesterson**  
POLICEMAN  
KILLED IN THE LINE  
OF DUTY FEB. 4, 1946

While conducting crime-suppression duties near 43rd Place and Avalon Boulevard, Metropolitan Division Officers Walter H. Kesterson and E.W. Patrick observed two robbery suspects. The suspects, Nathaniel Cooper and Gus Boyd, had just committed an armed robbery at a local movie theater. Kesterson, the passenger officer, exited the police vehicle and attempted to detain the two suspects. However, Cooper reached into his jacket pocket and a scuffle ensued between Cooper and Kesterson. Cooper then removed a .38-caliber revolver from his jacket and fired at Kesterson, striking him in the upper torso. Kesterson simultaneously returned fire, which resulted in the death of Cooper.

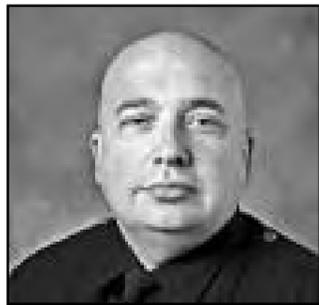
Concurrently, Kesterson observed Boyd in the process of removing a handgun from his pocket. Officer Kesterson was able to fire at Boyd, thus neutralizing his deadly threat. Both suspects were pronounced dead at the scene.

Kesterson was taken to the George Street Receiving Hospital and died upon arrival. Subsequent investigation revealed the suspects had committed at least 25 armed robberies in the Los Angeles area. Two weeks prior to Kesterson's shooting, Vernon Police Officer Richard Pennington had stopped both suspects for driving under the influence just one block from the Vernon Police Headquarters. After arriving at Police Headquarters for processing, Boyd exited his vehicle with a handgun and shot Pennington in the upper torso and head, killing him instantly.

Kesterson's partner, E.W. Patrick, was not involved in the officer-involved shooting. He was in the process of parking the police vehicle and by the time he exited the vehicle, the gun battle was over.

Officer Kesterson had not been recognized by the Department for this incident until this 2007 Medal of Valor honor.

## SAVING ANOTHER OFFICER



**Joseph Meyer**  
POLICE OFFICER,  
77TH STREET AREA

On June 3, 2006, Southwest Area Officers Joseph Meyer and Kristina Ripatti were patrolling the area of Leighton and Denker Avenues. Suddenly, a male, later identified as James McNeal, ran in front of their police vehicle, causing Meyer to brake to avoid hitting him. With the intent to issue a citation, Ripatti ordered McNeal to stop. McNeal looked in their direction then increased his speed. McNeal's desperate attempt to avoid contact with the police led the officers to believe he was running for some other reason. Unknown to the officers at the time, McNeal was running from the scene of an armed robbery he had just committed.

As Ripatti initiated a foot pursuit, Meyer broadcast their location and joined pursuit. Ripatti caught up to McNeal on the front porch of an apartment building. As Ripatti attempted to grab McNeal's arm, McNeal armed himself with a handgun and fired four shots at point blank range, hitting Ripatti. Meyer was approximately 20 feet behind Ripatti when she was shot. Meyer immediately requested assistance and rushed over to aid Ripatti, who was gasping for air. Meyer remained calm, cradled Ripatti and assured her that she would be fine.

Sgt. Robin Brown, assigned to Southwest Area, was the first to respond and joined Meyer in his attempt to locate the wound and stabilize Ripatti. Meyer removed Ripatti's bulletproof vest, tracked the flow of blood under her left arm and plugged the wound with his finger. Brown then used his open palm to cup Meyer's hand to form an airtight seal over the wound and applied pressure. In an attempt to keep Ripatti alert, both Brown and Meyer kept talking to her. Meyer then noted Ripatti had released her hold on his hands and her head collapsed into a lifeless limp.

Simultaneously, Officers Keith Bertonneau, Ralph Ward, Gary Koba and Gilbert Pinel, assigned to Metropolitan Division, Special Weapon and Tactics (SWAT), arrived on the scene and relieved Brown and Meyer. All four officers from the Metropolitan Division are Emergency Medical Technicians and began administering first aid to Ripatti. Pinel used a sterile bandage to apply direct pressure to Ripatti's wound. Bertonneau assisted in applying pressure using the heel of his palm. Ward retrieved a bag valve mask and an oxygen bottle from his kit and Koba positioned himself to conduct chest compression and to monitor Ripatti's pulse. While monitoring Ripatti, Pinel noted she was limp, had no pulse and was unresponsive. All four SWAT Officers immediately initiated CPR.

Pinel elevated Ripatti's head to keep her airway open and placed the oxygen mask over her mouth. Koba initiated chest compressions in cycles of four while Ward pumped the oxygen bag and Bertonneau kept pressure on the wound. After administering CPR for approximately one minute, a pulse was detected on Ripatti's wrist and her heart began beating again. Ripatti's eyes moved upward and she responded to instructions. With guarded optimism, the officers maintained their positions, ensuring Ripatti could breathe on her own until the paramedics arrived.

A trauma doctor at the hospital stated that if the responding officers had not acted in a timely and appropriate manner, Ripatti would not have survived her injuries.

## SAVING A DRIVER



**Rudy Barragan**  
POLICE OFFICER,  
METROPOLITAN DIVISION



**Marco Briones**  
POLICE OFFICER,  
NEWTON AREA

On May 1, 2006, Newton Area's Special Problems Unit (SPU) Police Officers Rudy Barragan and Marco Briones were stopped at a traffic light when they observed a gray Buick crash into a power pole. The officers immediately went to the crash site to render aid.

As they approached, they noted the driver was semi-conscious and trapped behind the steering wheel, bleeding heavily from an eight-inch laceration on the top of his head. Moments later, additional SPU Officers Brain Cooney, Rudy Avelar and Bruce Coss arrived on the scene. While Avelar conducted traffic control, Cooney and Coss grabbed a fire extinguisher from their police vehicle and attempted to suppress the flames in the vehicle.

As the dashboard ignited into flames, Barragan and Briones attempted to open the driver's door with negative results. Then they tried to pull the more than six-foot male driver, who weighed more than 250 pounds, out of the window, but were unable to do so because of the heat from the flames. Utilizing the fire extinguisher, Cooney and Coss then focused their attention on trying to keep the fire from the driver. As the rescue continued, Briones broke out the rear passenger window with his baton. Barragan and Briones then

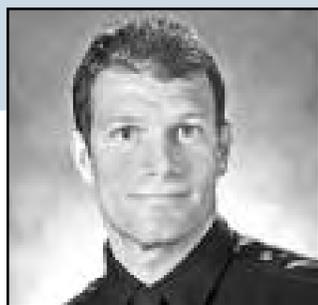
attempted to pull the driver out from the rear door with negative results.

As the fire and heat intensified, Barragan and Briones re-deployed to the front passenger's door as they continued their efforts to rescue the driver by utilizing tremendous strength. They eventually managed to pull the driver from the burning vehicle. Just as they cleared the vehicle and were dragging the driver to safety, the vehicle exploded and was completely engulfed in flames.

Newton Area Sergeant Chris Gomez arrived just as Barragan and Briones pulled the driver from the vehicle. Sergeant Gomez observed the vehicle burst into flames just seconds after the rescue. Sergeant Gomez stated that the driver would not have survived if the officers had not extracted him from the burning vehicle. Two witnesses were interviewed and shared the same opinion. The driver was rushed into surgery and survived the incident.



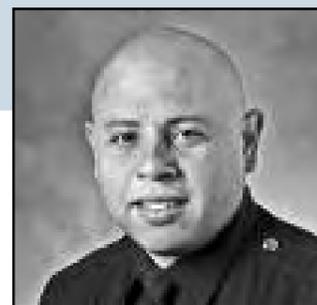
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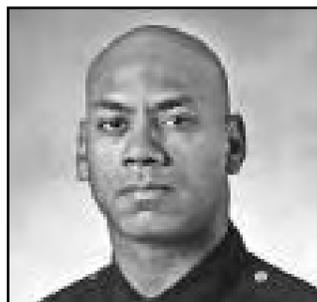
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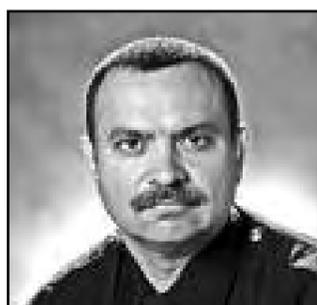
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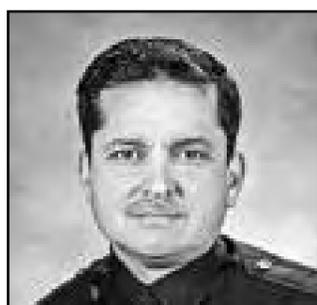
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POLICE DEPARTMENT



**Stephen Oiaz**  
POLICE OFFICER,  
WILSHIRE AREA

## SAVING LIVES IN A BUILDING ON FIRE

On June 21, 1996, Wilshire Area Police Officers Jeffrey Wenninger and Jose Castellanos were on patrol when they heard an explosion. They then observed smoke and flames billowing from a window of a retirement home. The officers knew the retirement home was occupied by numerous elderly and physically handicapped citizens, and without hesitation, exited their vehicle to render aid. As they approached the retirement home, the window exploded from the intense heat generated by the flames. Fearing that an elderly person was trapped inside the bedroom, they requested the Fire Department and quickly formulated a plan for a rescue.

Wenninger and Castellanos entered the retirement home via the front door. They were unable to see due to the thick smoke in the hallway and crawled down the hallway to the bedroom door. Wenninger informed Castellanos that he (Wenninger) would enter the bedroom and "run the walls" to locate potential victims. Wenninger instructed Castellanos to remain at the door in the event he (Wenninger) became disoriented and could not find his way out of the room. However, due to the thick smoke in the bedroom and the hallway, both officers were forced to exit the building.

Upon exiting the retirement home, Wenninger and Castellanos met Albert Gavin and Sandy Kim, Miguel Lopez, Alberto Junco, Stephen Diaz, Arturo Perez, Mark Pursel, Kenyard Bilal, Gerald Jackson, Guy Dobine and Jude Washington near the front door. Believing an elderly citizen was still in the burning bedroom, Wenninger, Castellanos, Diaz and Junco formed a human chain and

Jude Washington reentered the room. They were unable to see due to the thick smoke, had difficulty breathing and had to feel around on their hands and knees. After locating no one, the officers exited the bedroom, separated into rescue teams and initiated an evacuation of the entire two-story structure.

As the flames and dark smoke engulfed the second floor, the officers and the supervisor began a door-to-door search and evacuated approximately 80 senior citizens to safety. Some officers heard cries from inside locked bedrooms and were forced to kick open numerous doors to conduct their rescue. The rescued senior citizens were physically carried down the stairs to safety.

Each officer reentered the burning and smoke-filled retirement home between five to ten times to rescue the elderly residents of the facility. The rescue continued even after the Fire Department arrived and after the fire sprinkler system was activated.

While other officers were treated at the scene, Wenninger, Lopez, Junco and Castellanos suffered smoke inhalation, headaches and other breathing-related problems and were taken to Westside Hospital. Lopez, Junco and Castellanos were treated and released at the hospital. However, due to the amount of carbon-monoxide exposure, Wenninger was admitted into the intensive care unit. He was discharged the following day.

All of the elderly citizens were rescued from the retirement home. Those who required medical treatment were treated and released at the scene.

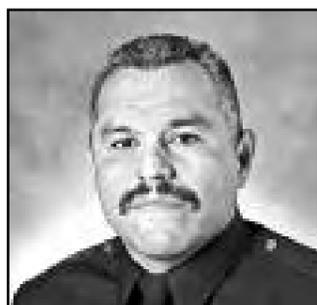


**Kenyard Bilal**  
FORMER POLICE OFFICER



**Gerald Jackson**  
DEPUTY SHERIFF,  
L.A. COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

## SAVING ANOTHER OFFICER



**John Porras**  
POLICE OFFICER,  
HOLLENBECK AREA

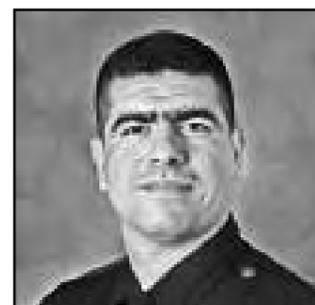
On Aug. 12, 2006, Hollenbeck Area Officers John Porras and James Tuck were patrolling the area of Lincoln Park in their marked police vehicle. Porras and Tuck observed a black Honda Accord traveling northbound with only one headlight working. Porras made a U-turn and initiated a traffic stop. The driver of the Accord failed to yield, made several turns and then pulled over.

As Porras was coming to a stop behind the Accord, the front passenger, Jose Perez, exited the Accord armed with an assault rifle. Perez then fired the rifle numerous times at Porras and Tuck, striking the hood and the windshield of the police vehicle. Both officers returned fire. However, Tuck was struck multiple times in the left arm. Perez continued firing his weapon as he approached the passenger side of the police vehicle. Porras exited the police vehicle, returned fire, hitting Perez in the upper leg. Perez subsequently dropped his weapon and fled southbound from the location. The driver of the Accord, Rogelio Espinosa, drove away during the gunfight.

Hollenbeck Area Officer Jason Smith, a Certified Medical Technician, was the first to respond. Smith wrapped Tuck's hand and applied a tourniquet to his left bicep to control the bleeding. Smith also checked for additional wounds and located a gunshot wound on Tuck's back. Smith cared for Tuck's wounds and kept him stabilized until paramedics arrived.

Rescue Ambulance personnel at the scene stated that Tuck could have lost his hand, or his life, from loss of blood, if not for the actions of Smith.

Perez was subsequently taken into custody during a search of the area. On October 31, 2006, the driver of the Accord was also taken into custody during a domestic-violence investigation.



**James Tuck**  
POLICE OFFICER,  
HOLLENBECK AREA



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## Avoid Hazards That Happen In the Fall

By Jimmy Hill; Fire Marshal, LAFD

A recent U.S. Fire Administration's official report highlights the fact that nationwide on an annual basis, candles are responsible for an estimated 23,600 residential structure fires, cause 1,525 civilian injuries, 165 fatalities and \$390 million in direct property loss. More than one-third of these fires start in the bedroom.

**Here are some tips to be safe this fall:**

- Clean your rain gutter and make sure it is properly attached to the eaves.
- Check and clean your chimney and install a spark arrestor.
- Rake dead leaves and trees branches. Put them in an approved recyclable container.
- Check all your security bar release latches to make sure they work.
- Check window screens to make sure they work properly.
- Keep candles away from combustible materials .
- Place candles on a stable, heat-resistant surface.

**In case of power outages:**

- Never use candles as a night-light.
- Flashlights are safer sources of light than candles.
- Have a portable radio with extra batteries.
- Make sure your furnace/wall heater is working properly
- Check the pilot light and change the filter regularly. Repairs should be done by a qualified/licensed technician. If you smell gas, call 9-1-1.
- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet from combustibles. (In many cities, kerosene heaters are illegal to use).
- Check and replace electrical cords if they are frayed or worn out. Make sure the cord is UL-approved.
- Check dryer vents and clean out the lint trap.

**Halloween Safety**

Here are some tips for escaping from a fast-moving brush fire.

- Always trick or treat with an adult.
- Only flame-retardant materials should be used for costumes.
- A mask can obstruct your view. Use facial make-up instead.
- Never stand next to a lighted pumpkin.
- Know stop, drop and roll (if you catch on fire)
- Make sure you only go to homes that are well lit.
- Do not put any decorations near flammable materials.
- Never allow children to light candles.

**Change Clock, Change Battery**

Daylight saving time ends later this year: Sunday, Nov. 4. So remember:

- When you change your clock, change your smoke alarm battery
- Test your smoke alarm monthly to make sure it works
- Make sure everyone knows what the smoke alarm sounds like.
- If you have a vision or hearing problem, you should get a special alarm.
- Have a fire drill. As part of the drill, test your smoke alarm.
- Have a meeting place outside your house.
- Do not forget to include your pets in your fire drills.



# John's Picture Perfect Contest



**For October, we have four winners!**

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

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

## Winner for October



"My wife, Sherry, named this photo, "Bare Limbs Spider Web Across a Winter's Sky." Looking up into our front yard tree this past winter, I was thinking that it needed a good pruning. But then I saw the whole picture – bare tree limbs silhouetted against a deep blue sky with huge white clouds. Mother Nature at work, and I got to enjoy the view! I snapped a photo, and now you can enjoy it, too!"

— **Jack Rich Jr., Heavy Duty Truck Operator, Hyperion Plant, Public Works**

**John's comments:** Awesome picture and perfect title! The purity yet randomness of nature has a way of becoming wonderful art. Good eye, and thanks for sharing this with us!

## Winner for October



"These are from Disney's California Adventure, taken way back in August 2003."

— **James Howlett, Harbor**

**John's comments:** "I love this picture! It's actually a reflection of the Ferris wheel, which gives a very surreal look and feel. Nice work, James!"

## Winner for October



"The location is Moraine Lake in the Canadian Rockies. I took this in the summer of 2005."

— **Brian Doherty, Transportation**

**John's comments:** John's comments: The way you've positioned this beautifully brilliant lake takes the eye on a wonderful journey to the mountains and surrounding trees. Nature framed this shot perfectly. Nice work, Brian!

## Winner for October



"The picture was taken off the coast of a small island in Cambodia, close to Kampong Saom (Sihanoukville). While in Cambodia, I spent a lot of time doing volunteer work in the country's capital city, Phnom Penh."

— **Neil Rivas**

**John's comments:** I like this photo because it's a very natural shot, showing the crudeness and ingenuity of these fishermen. From the contraption on the bow to the homemade looking trolling engine, it's a definite *National Geographic* moment. Thanks, Neil!

**Runners Up:**

**William Flowers, Airports; Rita Moen, wife of Brian Moen, Fleet Services, General Services; Yin Wong, General Services; Cecille Consebido, Sanitation, Public Works; Ron Angst, DWP; Janelle Adeloga Carpena, DWP; Robert Garcia**

**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.



A "pirate" and a lobster.



The place was packed!

# LobsterFest Boils Down to Fun

## ■ Harbor hosts successful Lobster Festival.

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

HARBOR. — The Port hosted its annual Lobster Festival Sept. 14 – 15 on the San Pedro waterfront.

The festival claims to be the world's largest. Approximately 40,000 people attended, consuming more than 27,000 fresh Maine lobsters.

Scheduled bands included 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 Ambrosia.

Special thanks to Rachel Campbell, Harbor, for her assistance.



From left: Andrew Benson, Harbor Special Events Coordinator, Club Member; and Marisela Caraballo, Legislative Representative (Federal).



17-month-old Cameron enjoys his first Lobster Festival, along with his aunt, Catherine. They came all the way from San Diego!



Welcome!



At the Port Police Recruitment Booth, from left: Sgt. Aleman, Club Member; and Sonia Estevez, Sr. Lead Officer.



From left: Todd Cecil, Port Police Officer; Victor Fernandez, Port Police Officer; and Mike Canlas, Sr. Lead Officer.



The line for the lobsters.



More "pirates" with their lobster.



Back again was the National Scuba Tour, which offered a free chance to dive into the festival's 26,000-gallon pool and try scuba diving under the guidance of a licensed scuba instructor.



The stage for the concerts.



Lobster Hat souvenirs, anyone?

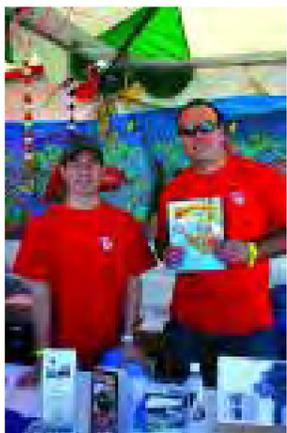
Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor, with her lobster meal and lemonade.



Sgt. Al Guerrero, Club Member, provides information regarding the hiring of Port Police Officers.



From left: Omar Cuevas, Port Police Officer; and Alex Castillo, P2, Club Member.



At the Port of Los Angeles booth, from left: Peter Duk, Civil Engineering Associate; and Kris Petrevski, Materials Testing Technician, Club Member.



From left: Nick Marbach, Port Police Officer; and Miguere Fafins, Port Police Officer.



Trying out foods other than lobster were our very own United Agencies Auto Agent Rosa Calderon and her guest, Cathy Valdez. Fish sticks or fish taco, anyone?

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# Angel's Be Alive!



Angel Gomez,  
Member Services Manager,  
and former U.S. Marine



El Segundo beach volleyball courts.



The meter with summer rates.



Interesting art on a pole.

# SOUTH BAY BEACH

Photos by Alive! Staff

Hello again!

Before we begin, I want to take a moment and say thank you to everyone who has emailed and called regarding the previous issues of "Be Alive." I appreciate it and glad to be of service.

The last few months we have focused on hikes in local mountains. I really enjoy the outdoors and visiting all these beautiful places, but this month I thought we would try a new adventure: Bicycling.

The path I chose is officially know as South Bay Bicycle Trail, a 22-mile paved path that runs from Will Rogers State Beach to Torrance County Beach. Most of the trail is on a paved path on the beach, except for a few sections (circumventing Marina del Rey; briefly in Hermosa Beach) on city streets. That section heads north from Dockweiler State Beach in Playa del Rey. But, for this article, we will travel south, so most of the trail is on the beach. If you notice jumbo jets and other aircraft soaring over your head, that's because the bike trail takes you are almost directly under the LAX flight paths. Take a moment and enjoy the view.

Let's begin where the 105 Freeway (after it turns into Imperial Highway) ends at the water. That's the entrance to Dockweiler State Beach, just across from our City friends at the impressive Hyperion Treatment Plant. You can drive right up and park at the beach for \$7 (all day pass), but it gets crowded on weekends.

Dockweiler is one of the few beaches in the region where it is legal to have a fire on the beach, although only in the approved fire rings (and you must reserve your time). Dockweiler is home to the only RV campground located right on the beach. RV hookups, pump-out stations, hot showers and a laundromat are right there. Also, it is the only oceanside hang-gliding facility in the county.

If \$7 is too much, you can turn left at the end of Imperial, and you will come up to a parking lot on your right (in front of Hyperion Treatment Plant). Park there for only \$2 before 9 a.m. during the week.

As you ride south on the path, you will see a small snack counter. You can stop there for food, and restrooms are below. If you continue down the path, you will see the El Segundo beach volleyball courts; it looks like a lot of fun, and I think there are lessons available, too.

Traveling at about 7 to 10 miles per hour, I could look over my right shoulder and see lots of surfers, beachgoers and of course the beautiful coast. (The path was very smooth, and everyone was very nice along the way.) And over my left shoulder, I could see many beautiful homes.

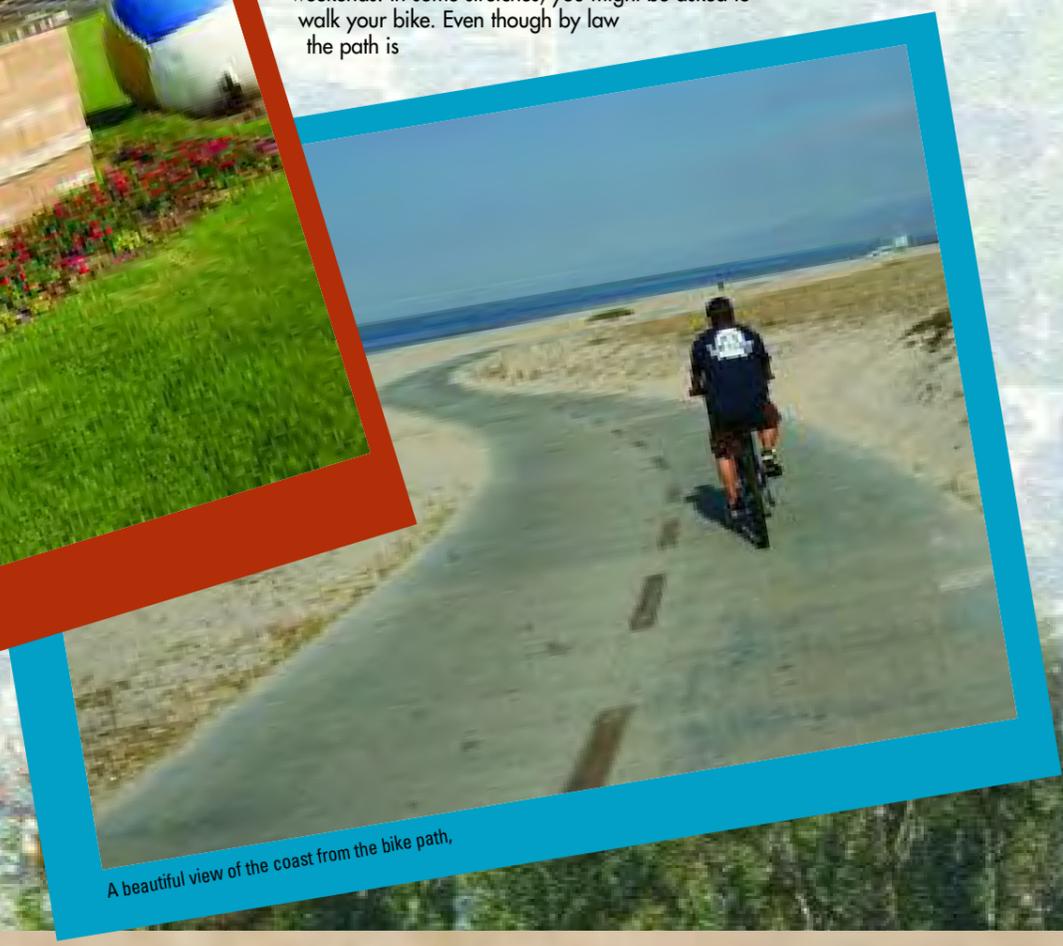
Be aware that the bike path can be a very busy place, especially on weekends. In some stretches, you might be asked to walk your bike. Even though by law the path is



The entrance to Dockweiler State Beach



At Dockweiler State Beach.



A beautiful view of the coast from the bike path.

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Parking rates. Dockweiler State Beach. The Dockweiler State Beach hang-gliding center. The (temporary) end of the path along the beach between Manhattan and Hermosa Beaches. You will see a wall and have to make a left. After a (marked) brief journey on city streets, the path continues.

# BIKE TRAIL

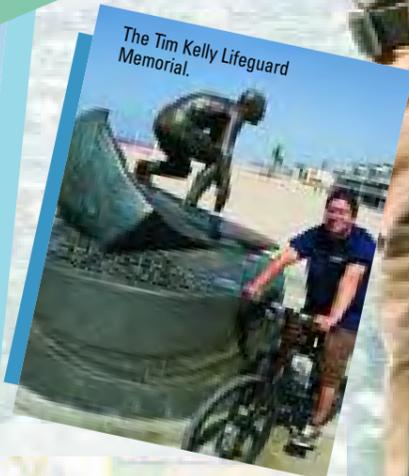
reserved for human-powered bikers only, you will most likely encounter a range of challenges: joggers, in-line skaters, walkers, dense packs of fast-moving competitive bicyclists, people toting their heavy beach coolers behind them, children who are oblivious to the fact that the path has fast-moving bikes going by, people using gas-powered mini-bikes, and the like. Be vigilant, and you will be fine, but don't be afraid to yell "bike!" as you come up to a person who may not be aware you are approaching. And, as on the road, pass on the left, and stay to the right if your speed is more leisurely.

Enjoy the view and keep drinking plenty of water. There are places on the path to grab a bite to eat or drink if you get hungry, and there are a lot of destinations in Manhattan, Hermosa and Redondo Beaches to kick back, too.

Places you will see: Dockweiler State Beach, Hyperion Treatment Plant, El Porto Beach, Manhattan County Beach and Municipal Pier, Hermosa City Beach and Municipal Pier and then King Harbor. If you continue south you will pass the Redondo Beach Municipal Pier and end on Torrance County Beach.

Bicycling is a wonderful way to spend your day. You almost forget you just exercised and traveled 14.7 miles.

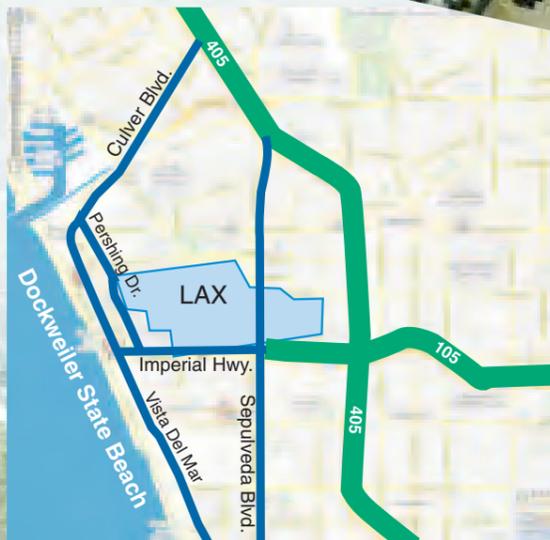
**Be safe and "Be Alive!"**



The DWP's Scattergood Steam Plant.

## Directions to Dockweiler State Beach:

Directions to Dockweiler State Beach: From the 405, take the 105 (Century Freeway) west. Alongside LAX, it becomes a surface street (Imperial Highway). Make sure to slow down! Take Imperial past Pershing Drive. At the beach (Vista del Mar), Imperial will lead you right into the entrance for Dockweiler.



## Events in October:

**HALLOWEEN EDITION**

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#### Halloween Haunt at Knott's Scary Farm:

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#### Hollywood Horror Nights at Universal Studios:

"There's only one event big enough to scare everyone in Los Angeles: Universal Studios Hollywood's Halloween Horror Nights, the most terrifying Halloween experience in Southern California," according to Universal's Website.

Enter the worlds of Jason, Freddy and Leatherface as you encounter four all-new horrific mazes. And witness the horror as each character comes to life when you step off the Terror Tram, and onto Universal's Backlot. Runs Oct. 5-6; 12-13; 19-20; 26-27; and 28-31. See the Club Store for Club ticket discounts.

Spooky House of Horror Haunted Theme Park: The great San Fernando Valley attraction is back for 2007 with a permanent location: 21512 Nordhoff St. in Chatsworth. The haunted mansion has thrills and treats for everyone (and there's a less scary children's matinee every Sunday, from Oct. 6 – 28. Runs: Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday Oct. 5 – 31, and every night Oct. 24 through 31. Also open Nov 2 and 3. Friday-Saturday and Halloween: 7 p.m. to midnight; Sundays/week-nights: 7 to 10 p.m. See the Club Store for Club ticket discounts. Information: [www.spookyhouse.com](http://www.spookyhouse.com)

### FOR KIDS:

#### Mickey's Halloween Treat at California Adventure:

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- Lively music to boogie your bones
- Special treat stations where you can scare up some goodies
- Creepy crafts and activities for some frightful fun
- Plus lots more spook-tacular entertainment for little boys and ghouls

Runs: Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26 (7:30 to 11:30 p.m.); and Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, 29, 30, and 31 (6:30 to 10:30 p.m.) Advance tickets are \$29 with free parking or \$39 day of event. For tickets, call (714) 781-4400.



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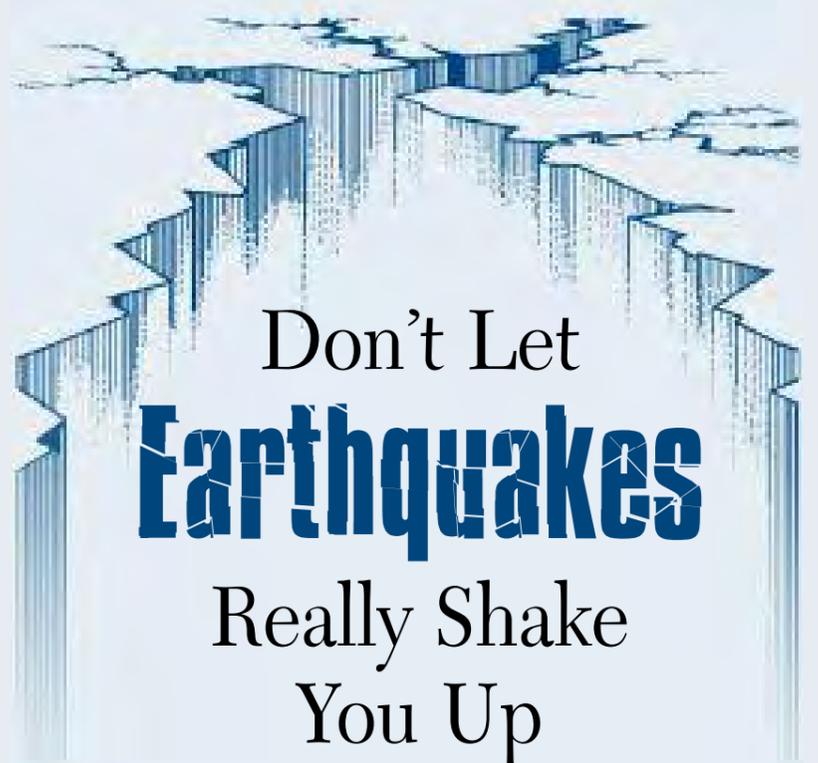
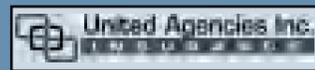
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by JEFF GELINEAU

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



## Don't Let Earthquakes Really Shake You Up

It's a good thing that the government solved that earthquake problem that California used to have!

Huh? Earthquakes and California are a given. It's the price we have to pay to live in such a beautiful place. We don't get freezing cold winters, but we do have to put up with a little shaking once in a while. It's not a matter of "if," but more a matter of "when." Another large earthquake is going to strike us, but we just don't know when.

There are many things that you can do to prepare for the inevitable. The Red Cross recommends that the first thing that you should do is prepare an earthquake kit of nonperishable foods, water, blankets and first aid supplies. It's also vitally important for your family to have an emergency plan of where you are going to meet, and who is going to be responsible for what.

In addition, there are several things you can do around your house to help mitigate any damages:

- Secure heavy items of furniture to the studs in the walls using flexible nylon straps.
- Secure TVs and other electronics using flexible nylon straps.
- Secure breakables and collectibles with quake putty, wax or museum gel.
- Store emergency tools, including a gas shut-off wrench and safety light sticks, in a place you can easily access.
- Learn how to turn off gas, water and electricity in case the lines are damaged.
- Know the safe spots in every room – under sturdy tables, desks or against inside walls – and know the danger spots, including windows, mirrors, hanging objects, fireplaces, tall furniture.
- Secure water heaters with two-strap kits.

Another important item to consider when contemplating earthquake preparedness is reviewing your insurance.

Because earthquake insurance has traditionally been expensive, many homeowners have opted not to purchase the coverage. This may not be the smartest idea. The price of earthquake coverage continues to fluctuate based on the date since the most recent large quake. What was once very expensive, you might find to be quite affordable now.

Remember that the deductible on an earthquake policy is a serious issue. Most policies issue deductibles that are 15 percent of the

total insured values. If you are insuring your home for \$300,000, your contents for \$150,000, and your loss of use for \$200,000, then you are insuring a total of \$650,000 of values. Fifteen percent of \$650,000 is almost \$100,000. That means that in the event of an earthquake, you would be responsible for the first \$97,500 of the claim. While this is a huge amount, if your house is totally destroyed, it would be a blessing to have to pay only \$100,000 to get your entire life back.

Feel free to call our agency if you have any questions about these items, or would like an earthquake quote. 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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# Coloring with Lupe!

The *Alive!*  
Children's Coloring  
Contest

Compiled by Lupe Medina,  
Administrative Services Representative

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

For parents/guardian to complete:

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

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

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

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

**Submit to:**

Club Coloring Contest  
City Employees Club of Los Angeles  
World Trade Center  
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Deadline for submission:

**Nov. 13, 2007**

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

**Good luck, and have fun!**

**WIN**

**4 free tickets to**

**THE AMUSEMENT PARK OF YOUR CHOICE**

An award package will be given for each age group:

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





# Your Reviews

## Reviews by Fellow Club Members



### 100 Words or Fewer

Here's how to submit your review. *Alive!* accepts entertainment reviews of 100 words or fewer. We might not print them all, especially if we receive multiple reviews for the same movie or DVD. Follow these rules:

- For movies: Make sure the movie is still in theatres. For DVDs and books, make sure they are generally available. For theatre shows: try to submit your review before the show closes.
- Keep all reviews to 100 words or fewer, but try to write more than one or two sentences.
- Your own comments are more important than a long plot summary.
- Give us your score on a scale of 1 to 5. Use this format: **My Score: X (out of 5)**.
- Make sure you give us your name and City department (or retired).
- Submit your review to: [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)
- *Alive!* will send you a small but appropriate "thank you" if we publish your review.
- Have fun!

## MOVIE REVIEWS

**Ladron que Roba Ladron**  
*Rated PG-13*  
**My Score: 4 (out of 5)**

This movie is an enjoyable Latin version of Robin Hood, starring Saul Lisazo, Fernando Colunga, Miguel Varoni, and Gabriel Soto. Ladron is a veritable serving of eye candy for women, with four popular Latin hunks starring in one movie. The premise of the movie was hidden in the plot and wasn't revealed till the end. The movie was about honor among thieves. A rich "Infomercial King" is the target. Without giving away the plot, the movie spans the recent immigrant experience of moving to the United States, the land of opportunity. In Spanish with English subtitles.

— **Lourdes Zaldivar, LAPD**



**Halloween**  
*Rated R*  
**My Score: 3 (out of 5)**

An ambitious re-imagining of the John Carpenter classic horror film, faithfully remade by rocker/director Rob Zombie. This version delves into the childhood of Michael Myers, the mask-wearing murderer who attacks his family on Halloween night. You feel a bit of compassion for young Michael as he is taunted by his abusive stepfather and humiliated by his schoolmates, which all lead up to his murderous rampage. Some key plot elements remain the same and certain action sequences give a "tip of the hat" to the original. Be forewarned: This film is a bit gory, so if you are squeamish at the sight of blood, this movie is not for you.

— **Robert Garcia, Airports**



**Stardust**  
*Rated PG-13*  
**My Score: 3 (out of 5)**

This was a slow moving but a cute romantic/violent fantasy/fairy-tale type of story. I thought it was great to see a movie with creativity and imagination. The special effects and makeup were really superior. Although slow at times, the movie was still enjoyable. But you can wait for this one to come to the rental store.

— **Gail Seltzer, DWP**

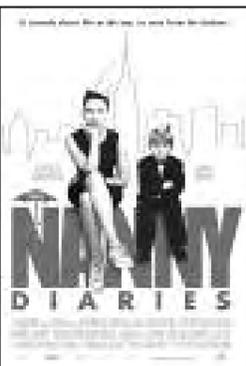


**The Nanny Diaries**  
*Rated PG-13*  
**My Score: 4 (out of 5)**

Scarlett Johansson stars as a college graduate who decides to put off getting a job in the business world for a job as a Nanny. Through a chance meeting in the park, she gets hired by a very wealthy couple that lives in the Upper East Side of Manhattan. Coming from a lower-middle-class area, she thinks life is going to be a lot better "on the other side of the tracks."

A lot of the comedy/drama was predictable, but still very much enjoyable. I do recommend the movie.

— **G. Seltzer, DWP**





# Hot Ticket Deals!

## Available Now!

**Magic Mountain Private Party**  
11/17/07 from 7pm-1am

**Knotts Scary Farm**

**Universal Studios Halloween Horror Nights**

**Laker Tickets**

**Clipper Tickets**

Adult/Child \$22.95  
includes FREE Parking

\$28 – \$38  
(Prices vary depending on Date)

From \$29 – \$51  
(Depending on the Day)

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Go to page 61 for discounted ticket deals available to City Employees Club members only.

## DVD Reviews

**The Last King of Scotland (2006)**  
*Rated R*  
**My Score: 4.5 (out of 5)**

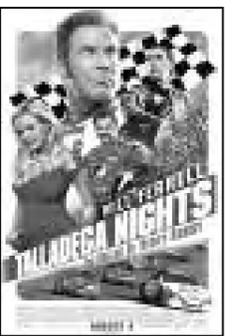
Forest Whitaker plays Ugandan dictator Idi Amin. This story is seen through Amin's personal doctor, Nicholas Garrigan, played by James McAvoy. Garrigan had come to Uganda to help the poor people when he was called to attend to an accident Amin had been in. Amin admired Garrigan for his honesty and then hires him as his personal doctor. Garrigan did not realize what a tyrant Amin was and gets caught up in Amin's need to control everyone. I thought the movie was very educational, and Whitaker did a wonderful job in portraying Amin. I definitely recommend it.

— **Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD**



**Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby (2006)**  
*Rated PG-13*  
**My Score: 4 (out of 5)**

I had seen this movie on the big screen, but since Will Farrell is my husband's favorite comedian, we watched it again. I will tell it was funnier the second time. Farrell plays Ricky Bobby, a racecar driver. The movie is so funny you will miss some of the funny lines, but since you are watching it on DVD, you can rewind it. I would not let your children watch this



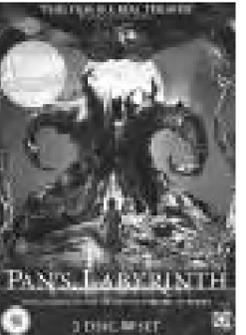
movie because there was too much foul language and sexual content. If you like slapstick-type humor, definitely rent it.

— **Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD**

**Pan's Labyrinth**  
*Rated R*  
**My Score: 1 (out of 5)**

This movie has wonderful photography and effects yet might just be one of the most depressing movies I've seen in a long time. I was so excited to watch this because of the fairy-tale aspect I had read. It all started so slow. After one hour I felt as if I'd been watching it for three. I kept waiting for the magical journey to start, which never really did, except for the likes of a really scary looking B-movie faun. At first I thought this faun was a friendly ally to the sweet little star of this movie but ends up turning on her over and over again in a most disturbing way. To sum it all up, I was extremely disappointed at the turn of events in this wannabe meaningful story. I was so saddened by the fate of the little girl. It seemed as if evil won over everything beautiful in this disappointing film.

— **Hannah Clemens, Rec and Parks**




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## New Ads This Month!



**Palm Springs Vacation Rental.** Newly built, fully furnished in gated community. 10 minutes away from Downtown PS. Sleeps 6. Spacious master bedroom w/private bathroom. Go to <http://www.vrbo.com/142384>



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**1992 mercedes 300SE for Sale.** Mint condition with 81K org miles. \$9500 obo. Contact Victor (310) 429-1432.

**4BD/2BA House for rent,** near elementary school, large corner lot. Asking \$1600/mo plus \$1600 security. Must obtain renters insurance. Large back yard, outdoor pets OK. 2 car detached garage w/2 remotes, includes microwave, dishwasher, stove. If interested email Rhonda N1487@lapd.lacity.org

**House for rent - Pomona.** 4 Bd, 2 Ba, FR, FP W/D hkup, lrg bk yd, dbl carport, crdt chk, no pets, \$1,600 + deposit. 2553 Cathy Ave. (310) 419-0558

**Timeshare for Rent:** Las Vegas Condo 1 block from the Strip. Quick weekend getaway. The Windham Vacation Resort. 1 bedroom deluxe with jacuzzi/bathtub with up to 4 occupancy. Available November 11th thru 24th (Thanksgiving), and New Years 01/01/08 to 01/04/08. Other dates possible. Call 951-739-0519 or 951-218-4414. Ask for Sunny or Rosemary.

**1989 Cadillac STS for sale** - a very comfortable ride. Executive Black, less than 90Kmi. \$600 or make me an offer I can't refuse. For details leave a message at (310)967-5987, or call (310)763-2519 for appointment.

**FOR SALE: Custom Texas Hold 'em poker tables.** Several designs to choose from. Sitting from 8 to 10 players. Please email me at [buni\\_hon@yahoo.com](mailto:buni_hon@yahoo.com) for pictures and prices. Or call at 818-288-4269 or 805-306-0685 ask for Joe.

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**House for Rent.** 2bd/1ba. Large yard. Access to horse & bike trails. Pet friendly. No smoking. Near 210/605 Fwy \$1400/mo. 626/890-7361

**House for Sale:** 7259 Louise Ave. Van Nuys, CA 3 Bedrooms, 2 baths, Detached Bonus room, Fireplace, 3-car garage, workshop, Private Master Suite Offered at \$579,300 Call Frieda Scott, 310 897 7178

**House For Rent:** Quiet residential neighborhood in Whittier. Beautiful single story 3 bdrm, 1 bath, large kitchen, living room with fireplace, separate laundry room, detached 2 car garage, covered patio, and big yard with trees. Very clean. New carpet, tile, paint and mini blinds. Ceiling fans. Gardener included. Excellent location with convenient shopping and easy freeway access. Email pictures available. \$1,800 per month. Call Stephanie at (626) 810-6384

**Playa Del Rey,** newly renovated condo. Be 1st to occupy. 4 blocks to beach. 2 bdrm 2 bth suite (ideal 4 shared living). Each bdrm has bath. Each tenant must qualify. Everything new; stainless appliances, granite counters, tile floors, carpeting throughout. Central air/heat. Fireplace. Balcony, pool/spa. Fitness center, gated access, 2 parking spaces, visitor parking, minutes LAX, Venice, Santa Monica. \$2490/month. Open House Sundays (1-4pm). 8300 Manitoaba St. Must see! Call 310-562-7578

**Home for Sale:** Spacious Las Vegas 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage home with new furniture and appliances included. \$339,900. Call Nathaniel (702) 577-8926. Virtual Tour: [www.tucasa360.com/vt/NB541LonesomeBiker](http://www.tucasa360.com/vt/NB541LonesomeBiker)

**Lone Pine House For Sale:** 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath, Lg Den/Fireplace, RV Sewer Hook-up, Patio, Garage, Shed, \$255,000.00 760-872-4206

**Playa Del Rey condo** 1 bdrm, 1 ba, 2 pk sp, laundry, walk to beach \$1500 month 310-306-2750

**West L.A. Town Homes for Sale** - Brand New 3bd, 2 1/2 ba, Gated parking, balconies sundeck approx 1700 sq ft. surround Sound, etc \$725K - \$825K. Call Russ at (818) 983-4095

**CONDO FOR RENT IN EL SERENO AREA** 2 Bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 1 master suite with bath tub and separate shower, walk-in closet, pool privileges, (includes water and cable), kitchen, inside washer and dryer, backyard patio, pool, Jacuzzi, private park, bbq area, recreation room, 24 hr. gate security, parking and guest parking, beautiful view of city lights and mountains, close to college and downtown Los Angeles. Deposit \$2,000 and monthly rent is \$2,000. Contact Rosie @ 323/821-5058.

**House for Rent** - Small 2br, 1bath home in Alhambra, 6 miles from downtown, \$1,300/mo. Contact Mario (626) 458-2976

**Master Suite for Rent \$1,000-** 1 closet and 1 walk-in closet, includes cable and water, pay only 1/3 electricity, has own shower and bath tub, pool and spa, 24 hr. gated security, shared washer and dryer (located in condo) private patio and yard, private park, bbq area, recreation room, parking and quest parking, beautiful view of city lights and mountains, close to college and downtown Los Angeles. Contact Rosie @ 323/256-2186

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**Duplex for rent.** San Bernardino, 1 bed/1bath, new tile & paint. Island/bar, large backyard/Trash/water paid. \$800 + deposit and credit check fee. Contact Sandra @ 310-930-5894.



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### Household Items

**Used Telescope.** \$200, Galileo-1000X135. Has tripod. Manual included. Call Earl @ 323-292-7358.

**Microwave Oven.** Westinghouse. 1.1 Cubic Foot, 1000 watts. Sacrifice at \$25. Call Ernest at (909) 598-1971

**Craftmatic Adjustable 3ft X 7ft twin size bed** electronic hand control, variable speed wave massage system, purchased 1-30-03 \$1200 call (562) 989-4664 (310) 732-4707



**Lamp:** 43" high antique style, brass base, beautiful amber/white glass. New condition. \$40. Call Ernest at (909) 598-1971

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**Brand new dryer for sale.** \$350.00 OBO. Email address: [mdupe5376@aol.com](mailto:mdupe5376@aol.com) or call Tayo at (909) 730-7181

**Washer and Dryer,** \$150. Call 323-721-3854.

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**Portable Maytag dishwasher,** very good condition \$500.00 or best offer (no checks please). Contact Lillian @ (213) 978-6983

**Stove:** Frigidaire brand white gas range. Very clean. \$200. (818) 523-7324 cell or email [mearevalo@aol.com](mailto:mearevalo@aol.com).

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**Oakdale Memorial Park.** 2 in 1 plot in Glendora, CA. Space 4, Lot 3131, Lawn Eternal Peave. A full package (includes casket, headstone) retail value \$8,000, asking for \$7,000 OBO. Call 626-379-3106.

**Carpeting for sale.** Plush, burgundy, used, in good condition; approx. 51 yds. \$250. Call Connie 323-351-4689

**8-inch Porche Alloys.** 5 lug. \$500 firm. Cell: 909-565-8197, Home: 909-484-1971.

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**Rottweiler Puppies.** 7 females, 5 males, born 12/30/06. Pups have docked tails and first shots. Parents on premises. Call Duran at (562) 396-8436.

**Set of chrome wheels for sale.** \$1,000.00 or best offer. Sorry, no checks please. Call Lillian @ (213) 978-6983.

**Tires:** Set of 2006 Chrysler 300 wheels size 17- brand new - \$900.00, Call Red, (323) 819-0932.

**Tires:** Set of Honda Tires - wheels Size 17- Sale \$700.00. Good Cond. Ph (323) 298-7750.

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

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

### Autos / Motorcycles/Boats



**2002 Harley Davidson Road King:** Accessories: S & S Super G Carb and Cam Kit, Beach Bars, Sampson Exhaust, Chrome Controls, Polished Wheels, Braided Lines, Mileage: In: 12,800, Out: 18,500, Price: \$13,500 Contact: Ruben Salas (213) 792-6158



**1976 CHEVROLET C-10 TRUCK:** Black, short bed, minor scratches and dents, running great, \$4,000 OBO. Sergio 323-708-3410

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**1968 Ford Pick-up** 1 owner orig paint & engine \$1,500 obo, call 818-212-3144

**BIKE FOR SALE** 1999 Honda CBR 600 yellow and black, under 14,000 miles, new battery, no accidents, minor scratches and chrome wheels. MUST SELL \$4,800 call C.C. or Lisa (909) 509-1364. MUST SELL \$3,800



**Mini Cooper S 2006 Convertible.** White, Engine: 4-Cyl., Supercharged Transmission: 6 Speed Manual (stick), Miles: 12,500. \$26,500. Call Manuel (626) 340-1858.

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**1995 Harley Davidson Sportster 1200,** 13,000 miles. Forward controls. Sissy bar. Lots of chrome, Runs and sounds perfect. Small scratch on tank but priced to sell. \$4,200.00 OBO. (661) 510-9671

**1969 Volkswagen Bus.** Bed, table, new transmission. "C'mon hippies!" \$4,800. Cell: 909-565-8197, Home: 909-484-1971. Ask for Seano.

**1963 Mercury Comet.** Stock, runs, needs fine tune but nice! \$4,000 firm. Cell: 909-565-8197, Home: 909-484-1971. Ask for Seano.

**2004 Harley Davidson Fatboy!** Vance & Hines beachboy bars, Linbar crash bar, lowered one inch. "Clean" warrant cover. \$15,000 firm. Cell: 909-565-8197, Home: 909-484-1971. Ask for Seano.

**2000 Toyota Camry,** 84,000 miles. Burgundy color. Grey Interior. \$-cylinder. All power. Sunroof. Air conditioning. Paint & Interior in Good Condition. \$7,500 or OBO. Call 323-216-6859. Pics available upon request. E-mail [svo213@aol.com](mailto:svo213@aol.com).



**1992 Ford F350 Crew Cab Truck,** 1992 Ford F350, White, 460 eng, only 123,000 mi, shell, carpet kit, new tires, all receipts, \$6,000. Great condition. Call Tom (909) 996-1349.



**1996 Ford Explorer Sport,** Good running condition, very clean, A/C, power windows and power lock. 148818 miles. 4000 OBO Call Ana (323) 573-9295

**1989 Ford Bronco XLT.** Good Running Condition, clean 6" suspension lift, rebuilt transmission, new alternator. Call Cindy (213) 216-2500

**Dirtbikes,** 2002 YZ 426F & 2006 YZ 250F. YZ 250; low low hours, stock. \$5200.00 obo. YZ426 \$3000.00 obo has big gun pipe, yamaha seat cover and a few little things no sand jumping or racing with either bike. Well maintained. Bob 909-226-2532. [46teardrop@sbcglobal.net](mailto:46teardrop@sbcglobal.net)

### Electronics/Computers

Used **Panasonic PV-L750 camcorder** in excellent working condition, complete with carrying case. Asking \$400 OBO. Contact # (310) 408-6431 in Torrance.

Used **HP 5650 printer** in excellent working condition. Asking \$25. Complete with cables and software. Contact # (310) 408-6431 in Torrance.

### Furniture

**Dining Room Table:** Spanish style dark wood dining room

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by our own  
**Robert Larios**



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# Shrimp Kabobs For Patty

Photos by Ana Larios, sister to Chef Larios

### DIRECTIONS:



Step 1: Wash your hands, the shrimp (after they have defrosted in the fridge), your utensils, your cutting board, and anything else that comes in contact with your preparation area. Place your shrimp in a large bowl.

### Patty's Shrimp Kabobs

Serves about 2 to 4

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 - 3 pounds of shrimp
- 2 limes
- 1 tablespoon hot sauce (I used Tapatio)
- 4 cloves of garlic, crushed and diced
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

- Salt and pepper, to desired amount
- 1 large zucchini
- 1 onion
- 2 green peppers
- 1/4 cup of dried parsley



In honor of my youngest sister, Patty, I'm sharing one of her favorite shrimp recipes – shrimp kabobs.

The success of this dish is all in the preparation. Dice your favorite vegetables such as onions, zucchini and peppers. It's a good idea to marinate the shrimp for a few hours as well. I went with the basics and used just olive oil, salt, pepper, garlic and limes. I did add some hot sauce to spice it up a bit, but that's entirely up to you since I consider it to be optional.

Although you could use frozen cooked shrimp, fresh or fresh frozen shrimp is best for the greatest flavor. When you use frozen shrimp, however, defrost them in the fridge – this may take up to 24 hours, so be patient. The size of the shrimp doesn't matter to me as long as they are bigger than 50 to 70 per pound -- if they're too small, they may tear when you pierce them with the skewer.

As for the skewer, I used a metal version, but I do prefer the bamboo skewer variety. If you use bamboo, remember to soak them in water before you place them on the barbecue grill. Otherwise, they will burn and will leave your food with an undesirable taste.

Many different ingredients can be used for kabobs, so experiment and have fun.



Step 2: Cut the limes in halves and squeeze the juice onto the shrimp.



Step 3: Add olive oil to the shrimp.



Step 4: Let's not forget the garlic as part of the marinade.



Step 5: Add salt and pepper as well as the hot sauce.



Step 6: Sprinkle in some parsley.



Step 7: Mix ingredients and let marinate in the fridge for several hours – two hours is good enough.



Step 8: Slide in the veggies and shrimp in any order or quantity, just make sure the end pieces are not the shrimp because they will burn on the grill.



Step 9: Place on a baking sheet, and construct as many kabobs as the ingredients allow. The kabobs should look something like this.



Step 10: Place the kabobs on the grill and turn every so often to balance the cooking on all sides of the kabob.



Step 11: Serve and enjoy!



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## L.A. City T-shirts

**LA City "B-Label" T-Shirt**  
 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**

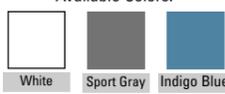


Member Price: **\$12** per shirt\*

Available Colors:  
 Front: Black, Navy Blue  
 Back: Black, Navy Blue

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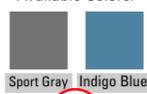
**Long Sleeve "Classic" T-shirt**  
 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**



Member Price: **\$15** per shirt\*

\*Plus tax and shipping

Size: **XXXL**



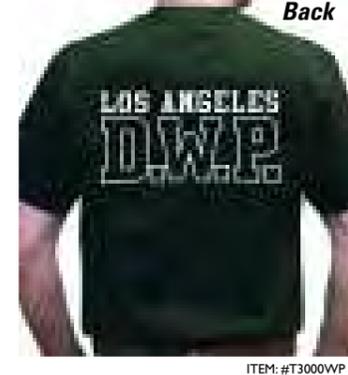
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## DWP T-shirts

**DWP "Bold" T-Shirt**  
 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**



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

Available Colors:  
 Black, Navy Blue

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**DWP "Classic" Long Sleeve T-Shirt**  
 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL** Size: **XXXL**



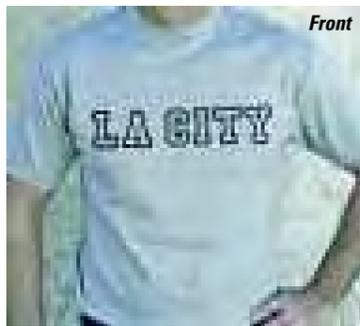
Member Price: **\$15** per shirt\*

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Available Colors:  
 Gray

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**LA City "P.T." T-shirt**  
 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**

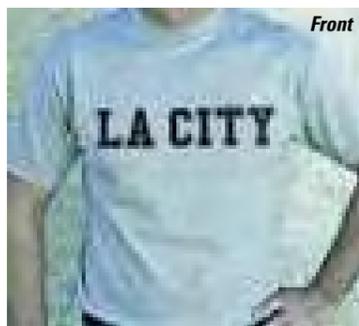


Member Price: **\$8** per shirt\*

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)**



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:



Close-up of Embroidery

ITEM: #PS1000

**Water & Power T-shirt**  
 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**



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

Available Colors:  
 White, Navy Blue

Black, Orange

ITEM: #T2002WP



Available Colors:  
 White\*, Navy Blue

Black, Orange

\*White available with front pocket.

ITEM: #T2003WP



Available Colors:  
 White, Navy Blue

Black, Orange

ITEM: #T2001WP

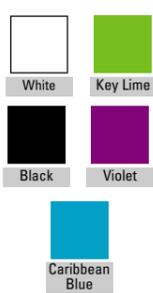
## City Girl "Classic" T-shirt



Sizes: **S M L XL**

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

V-Neck Style Colors:



Crew Neck Style Colors:



ITEM: #T-W1000

## City Girl "Retro" T-shirt



Sizes: **S M L XL**

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

V-Neck Style Colors:



Crew Neck Style Colors:



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

ITEM: #T2000WP

**\$13**

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**Men's Watch, Silver**  
 ITEM: #WVSM3000  
 PRICE: \$50.00\*

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 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  
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## City Seal Hats with Script

High quality embroidered ball caps!

**Seal w/Script NAVY: #H1989**  
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**Seal w/Script BLACK: #H1613**  
 PRICE: \$10.00



Member Price: **\$10** per hat\*

**Seal w/Script KHAKI: #H1991**  
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**Seal w/Script ORANGE: #H1990**  
 PRICE: \$10.00



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## 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\*



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 PRICE: \$5.00\*



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 ITEM: #B1488



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 ITEM: #B1544



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 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 #BSTS



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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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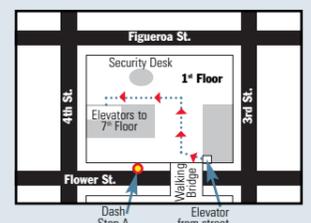
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