

How Will You Spend Your Refund Cash?

■ Club gives back \$700,000 to holders of Club Life Insurance. Will you be getting a refund?

CLUB HEADQUARTERS — Just in time for the holidays, the Club will be refunding approximately \$700,000 to more than 8,500 holders of the Club's Life Insurance products.

What will you be doing with your refund? You'll get one if you have Club Life Insurance.

Members pay premiums each month. At the end of the year, money not paid in the administration of the claims is returned. This year, that totals approximately \$700,000.

"We know the holidays are a great time for Club Life Insurance holders to get that refund, with the gift-giving," said Brian Trent, the Club's Chief Financial Officer. "But the important thing is, Club Life Insurance promises to be there for those in need. That's our highest priority."

Go to page 25 for details on how you can be eligible for next year's Club Life Insurance refund.

Party Time For Harbor's 100th Birthday

■ Harbor plans a grand birthday celebration Dec. 9. You're invited.



HARBOR — The Port of Los Angeles is planning a great community celebration Dec. 9, with fireboat demonstrations, symphony performances, historical presentations ... and a great big fireworks display. The festivities begin at 4 p.m. along the water at First Street and Harbor Boulevards in San Pedro, and fireworks are expected to begin at 7:10 p.m.

This family-friendly birthday bash will include: activities; historical displays; videotaped stories of "how it was" from those who lived, visited or worked in and around the Port; carnival-style refreshments; official congratulatory presentations; a first-ever North American performance by Taiwan's Evergreen Symphony Orchestra; tall-ship, fireboat and light shows in the Main Channel; and fireworks.

Read the full story on page 27.



Bill Lopez, Senior Painter and Club Member for 17 years, stands in front of the Chevy Camaro display at the Auto Show.

From left: Mike Frassrand and Maria Martinez, Communications Electricians.

From left: Eugene Cheney, Electrician; Roger Lagmay, Electrical Craft Helper; and Dennis Hibbard, Electrician.

Putting on One Really Big Show

Convention Center goes all out to produce one of its biggest events of the year, the annual Los Angeles International Auto Show.

See photos from the load-in, starting on page 8.

Alive! staff photos by Angel Gomez.



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Life insurance claims paid this year: \$2,573,102	Longterm care claims paid this year: \$207,562
Longterm disability claims paid this month: \$115,297	Cancer insurance claims paid this month: \$100,000
Longterm disability claims paid this year: \$1,169,971	Cancer insurance claims paid this year: \$375,000



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* A Message From the CEO *

Best Christmas Gift Is a Smile

by John Hawkins
President and CEO, The Club

Many of you might find it surprising to learn that the LA Convention Center is a City Department, run entirely by your fellow City Employees.

Well, it's true, and of the hundreds of events they manage every year, the crowning glory is the L.A. Auto Show. This month, Alive! takes you behind the scenes to see what goes into setting up this mammoth event. We give special thanks to Luis Aguilar for helping make this story come together!

Also, keep an eye out for your life insurance refund checks. We're giving back more than \$700,000 this year because death claims were low. If you haven't purchased Club Life Insurance yet, make a New Year's resolution to do so; it's backed up entirely by the Club, so you know it's good. (Check out the application on page 51; fill it out and mail it in.)

And, in case you haven't noticed, the holidays are upon us! So, I'll leave you with this: The other night I was reading Dale Carnegie's How to Win Friends and Influence People to my sons, Isaiah and Noah, and I came across this appropriately timed piece, so I thought I would share it with you. (Apparently Dale saw it at the cash register of a New York department store during the holidays many years ago.)



The Hawkins family wishes happy holidays to you and yours.

The Value of a Smile at Christmas

- * It costs nothing, but creates so much.
- * It enriches those who receive, without impoverishing those who give.
- * It happens in a flash and the memory of it sometimes lasts forever.
- * None are so rich that they can get along without it, and none so poor but are richer for its benefits.
- * It creates happiness in the home, fosters goodwill in a business, and is the countersign of friends.
- * It is rest to the weary, daylight to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad, and Nature's best antidote for trouble.
- * Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, for it is something that is not earthly good to anybody till it is given away.
- * And if in the last-minute rush of Christmas buying some of our salespeople should be too tired to give you a smile, may we ask you to leave one of yours?
- * For nobody needs a smile so much as those who have none left to give!

Well, there you have it, just a small pearl of wisdom to kick off the holidays!

From my family to yours—
Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah,
and happy holidays!

JOHN

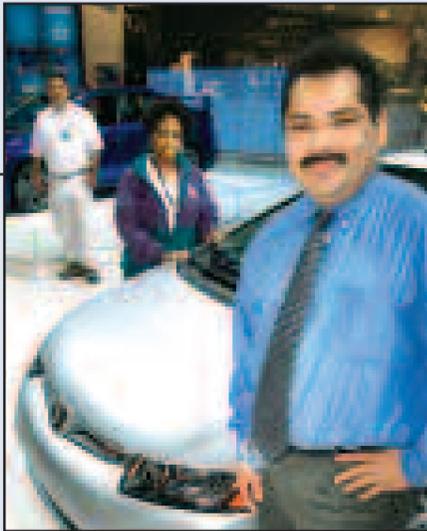
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**Club gifts:
Give the City
this Christmas.
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Accepting toys for the Club's participation in the Central City Police Boosters Toys for Tots campaign are Club staffers, from left: Marla Fisher, Claims Assistant; Katie Hesselstine, Applications Coordinator; Navin Cotton, Club Store and Vendor Relations Manager; Leigh Thompson, Controller; Jessica Segura, Merchandise and Ticket Sales Coordinator; Summy Lam, Information Technology Business Analyst; Howard Pompel, Member Services Counselor, In-House; and Arlene Herrero, Member Services Counselor.

Toy Drive Continues

■ **As part of this Central City Boosters holiday tradition, you can donate toys to the less fortunate.**

CLUB HEADQUARTERS — As part of the LAPD Central City Police Boosters program, the annual Toy Drive is ready to reflect your generosity and give to those in need.

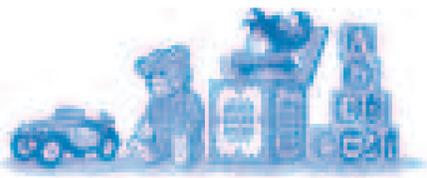
Collections run through Dec. 7, at Club Headquarters or through your Club Counselor. Club Members are asked to contribute an unwrapped toy to the cause.

The drive is sponsored by the LAPD Central City Police Boosters. In the past, some of the

toys were distributed to City employees in hardship, too.

This is the fifth year that the Club has participated in the holiday toy drive, and each year the drive collects more toys. More than 95 toys were collected last year. With your help, the Club hopes to collect even more.

The Club thanks you in advance for your generosity.



The Word on the Street



Cecilia Talbot,
Claims Administrator

Your claims service is "outstanding! Your people are caring, compassionate and very professional in handling customers. When I called to notify you of my wife's passing, the staff was all touched and offered their condolences. They outright handled my claim with no delay, and I received my check very promptly. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! [The book that the Club sends, *The Fall of Freddie the Leaf*] is very true indeed. All of us sooner or later will be joining God in heaven."

— **Josefino Laguilles,**
September 2007

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



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Need help? Find your Counselor

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



2003 President's Award Recipient
Arlene Herrero
Senior Benefits Specialist –
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Meet the Club Team



John Hawkins
President & CEO



Brian G. Trent
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Director of Communications & Marketing

2006 President's Award Recipient



Navin Cotton
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Jessica Segura
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2004 President's Award Recipient



Cecilia Talbot
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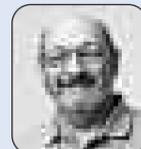
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LETTERS To the Editor

Tell us what you think! talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

LETTER OF THE MONTH

They're Not From Space; They Work at McCullough

Hey, thanks a lot for coming by and dropping off the November edition with the McCullough story [DWP: Power to the People, November 2007]. We all think that was awfully nice of you to shine a light on our little forgotten corner of the world!

Please know you are welcome here any time.

I'm attaching a sort of funny photo that I hope you enjoy. It's a photo of Lance Hess and Gary Harries, ESM Mechanics at McCullough, wearing SF6 gas handling protective equipment.

— Crawford Leitch, Station Operator, McCullough Switching Station

Thanks for sending along this fun pic, Crawford. And thanks for your invitation to return! You never know when we may be out your way again. We love focusing on City Employees, wherever you might be. —Ed.



Lance Hees and Gary Harries, ESMs, McCullough Switching Station.

... But Alive Around World Could Have Been From Mars

You guys over there at the Club had me rolling on the floor in a state of extreme hysterics when I saw last month's *Alive! Around the World* entry from "Mars." I still find myself chuckling every time I think about it.

Thanks, Club, for always keeping me informed, educated and entertained. You guys are great!

—Mitch Battlinger, LAPD

Story About DWP Power Really Lights Up Mary Rose

Hot dog! You boys really opened my eyes last month. In all my years working for the great City of Los Angeles, I never ever realized how much work and effort went into getting electricity to the City. I'm really proud of those DWP guys and girls.

Also, hearing that the man that runs the Power Division used to work for the Tennessee Valley Authority is pretty darned impressive. Thank you for the enlightenment!

—Mary Rose Wilkens, Retired — and avid *Alive!* reader

He Says Thanks for Story On His Retirement Party

I want to thank you for the layout of my retirement in the November issue of *Alive!* It was much more than I expected, and my wife and I greatly appreciate your quick response and the follow up.

Thank your staff as well. It was very professional.

—Richard C. Sanchez, Retired, Building and Safety

Happy to do it, Richard. Enjoy your well-deserved retirement. —Ed.

He's Intrigued by Hynda's 2-Volume Book on LA History

I would love to buy Hynda Rudd's book on city government. Can you tell me who I need to talk to? Thank you.

—Rodney Scheffield, Public Works

Sure, Rodney. Distribution of the book—titled The Development of Los Angeles City Government: An Institutional History, 1850-2000—is being handled through Loyola Marymount University. Contact:

*Dr. Jennifer Magnabosco
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I Minute He Jams at ClubFest; The Next, He Stops Car Thieves

I saw Lt. Titus Smith being honored last month for his and others' efforts against car theft. Is that the same Titus Smith that played at ClubFest in the band Jamnesia? If so, please let him know that he is an inspiration for his fellow City Employees.

—Eduardo Laskin, Rec and Parks

You just did! —Ed.

DOT's in Good Hands With Club Board Member Robinson

Congrats to Rita Robinson! The mayor couldn't have picked a better person to run the DOT!

—Samantha Waters, LAPD

We agree, Samantha. Rita is one of the best. —Ed.

QUESTION of the Month

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

What is your favorite holiday movie?

"Planes, Trains and Automobiles or Christmas Vacation."

— Holly Carlson, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member



"Die Hard, the one that takes place at the airport."

— Shawn Olson, Labor Supervisor, 7 years of service, Club Member



"A Charlie Brown Christmas."

— Rebecca Sanchez, Clerk Typist, 7 months of service



"A Christmas Story."

— Rhonda Ketay, Principle Clerk, 7.5 years of service, Club Member



"Mr. Brooks."

— James H. Smith, Painter, 30 years of service, Club Member



"It's a Wonderful Life."

— Steve Richmond, Plumber, 1 year of service



"A Charlie Brown Christmas."

— Edward Santillan, Parking Attendant 1, 23 years of service, Club Member



AWARDS CUSTODIAN APPRECIATION DAY

■ General Services celebrates the custodians with a big, fun event.

Story and pictures by Arlene Herrero, Member Services Counselor



GENERAL SERVICES — It was the custodians' day to shine Nov. 10, as General Services held its annual Custodian Appreciation Day.

The event, the tenth annual, took place at the Civic Center.

The event was sponsored by SEIU Local 347 and LIUNA Local 777.

Custodians enjoyed their luck at winning the many prizes available (some donated by City Employees Club) while having lunch. Service pins and certificates were passed along with the towering trophy for the District of the Year.

The Club congratulates all the custodians, without whom the City would stop. And the Club thanks Loretta Quenon, Edward Dailo and Joshua Stone for their assistance.

DAY



Howard Green, Custodian, 2 years of service, is about to enjoy lunch and chocolate cake.



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



Tony Royster, Assistant General Manager, General Services, Club Member.



From left: Cynthia Davis, Head Supervisor; Milton Harrell, City Hall East Supervisor; and Alma Mayes, City Hall Supervisor.



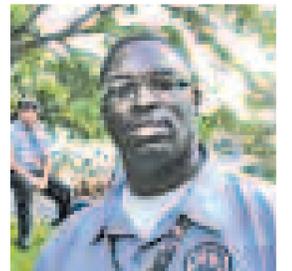
Left to Right: Carla Hall, 10 years, Club Member; Pat Ross, 20 years; Victoria Hobbs, 18 years and Liz Floyd, 30 years, Club Member.



Back row, from left: Lucille Redmond, Custodian, 2 years of service; Devin Lewis, Vocational Worker, 3 years of service; James Moore, Sr. Custodian, 7 years of service; and Janice Bonner, Custodian, 2 years of service, Club Member. Front: Jerome Holt, Acting Sr., 7 years of service; and Marcus Carrington, 2 years of service, Club Member.



Melody McCormick, Director of Facilities Management, Club Member, and Gunnaella Royster, wife of Tony Royster, Assistant General Manager.



Zane Tanner II, Custodian North District, 7 years of service.



Roosevelt Lewis, 6 years of service, and Candace Hunter, 12 years of service.



Alvin Blain, General Manager, General Services, Club Member, with Luz Morelos, Custodian 3.5 years of service, Club Member.



Back, from left: Carlos Rivas, LAPD, 8 years of service; Terrence Latson, North District Supervisor, 8 years of service; Jerrilyn Mitchell, North District Chief, 21 years of service, Club Member; Erica Nicholson, North District Sr. Custodian Supervisor, 20 years of service; Giovanni Dunn, LAPD Supervisor, 9 years of service, Club Member; and Stan Garner, LAPD Head Custodian Supervisor, 27.5 years of service, Club Member. Front: Carnell Baker, North District Supervisor, 8 years of service, Club Member; and Ron Hardie, North District Supervisor, 18 years of service, Club Member.



From left: Alfred Santos, North East Division, 14 years of service; and Anthony Zamora, City Hall East, 7 years of service.



From left: Josefino Sumilany, 18 years of service; Jesus Moreno, 7 years of service; and Cesar Gonzalez, 5.5 years of service. All are from the Civic Center.



Maria Salazal and Jose and Elizabeth Guillen, Club Member.



Kim Daniels, Chief Supervisor I, Club Member, and Ronald Breda, Custodian, 9 years of service.





AWARDS

Custodian of the Year:

South District: Thomas Fletcher
North District: Alphonso Word
Civic Center: Cecilia Rivas
Central District: Fely Maladaga
LAPD: Jessica Davis

Senior Custodian of the Year:

South District: Jarmine Bailey
North District: Ven Diche
Civic Center: Glenn Penny
Central District: Benjamin Moore
LAPD: Carlos Rivas

Custodian Supervisor of the Year:

South District: Victoria Hobbs
North District: Ronald Hardie
Civic Center: Cynthia Davis
Central District: Huberto Docazal
LAPD: Fred Abraham

District of the Year:

Central District



From left: Melody McCormick (Club Member), Jerrilyn Mitchell (Club Member), Loretta Quenon (Club Member), David Lincoln and Tony Royster (Club Member).



From left: Ven Diche (Club Member), Loretta Quenon (Club Member), Jarmine Bailey (Club Member), Alvin Blain (Club Member), Glenn Penny, Tony Royster (Club Member), Benjamin Moore and Renee Anderson (Club Member).



Cliff Ruff, Dennis Zine's Chief of Staff, presents a Certificate of Recognition to Felix Soriano (Club Member).



Cliff Ruff, Dennis Zine's Chief of Staff, presents a Certificate of Recognition to Rosalinda O. De Castro.



From left: Loretta Quenon (Club Member), Jessica Davis, Alvin Blain (Club Member), Fely Maladaga, Alfonso Word (Club Member), Tony Rosyter (Club Member), Cecilia Rivas and Thomas Fletcher (Club Member).



From left: Santos Barragan, 6 years of service; Fila Calderon, Civic Center, 8 years of service (Club Member); Anastacio Flores, 17 years of service; Stepfonn Farrow, LAPD, 2 years of service; and David Duran, Civic Center, 23 years of service.



From left: Terry Gray, 8 years of service; Nicholas Ramos, 7 years of service (Club Member); and Joe Greenhoward, 24 years of service (Club Member).



From left: Warren Green, 5 years of service (Club Member); Oscar Villanueval, 6 years of service; Juan Flores, 5 years of service; Jose Santoya, 9 years of service; and Nick Bamba, 1 year of service.



A full house!



From left: Willie Carreon, 9 years of service, and Joe Ruiz, 8 years of service. Both are from the Civic Center.



Rosa Munguia, 6.5 years of service, and Maria Camacho, 6 years of service (Club Member).



Thomas Fletcher, 30 years of service (Club Member), and Daniel Honesto Sr., 19 years of service (Club Member).



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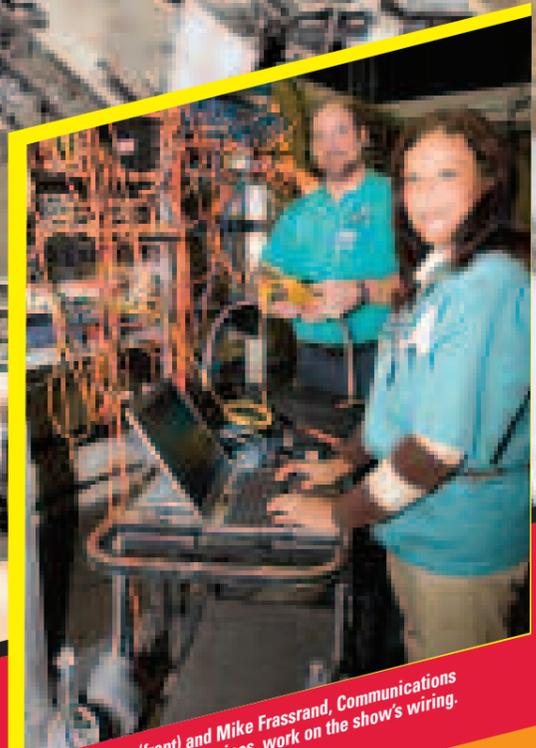
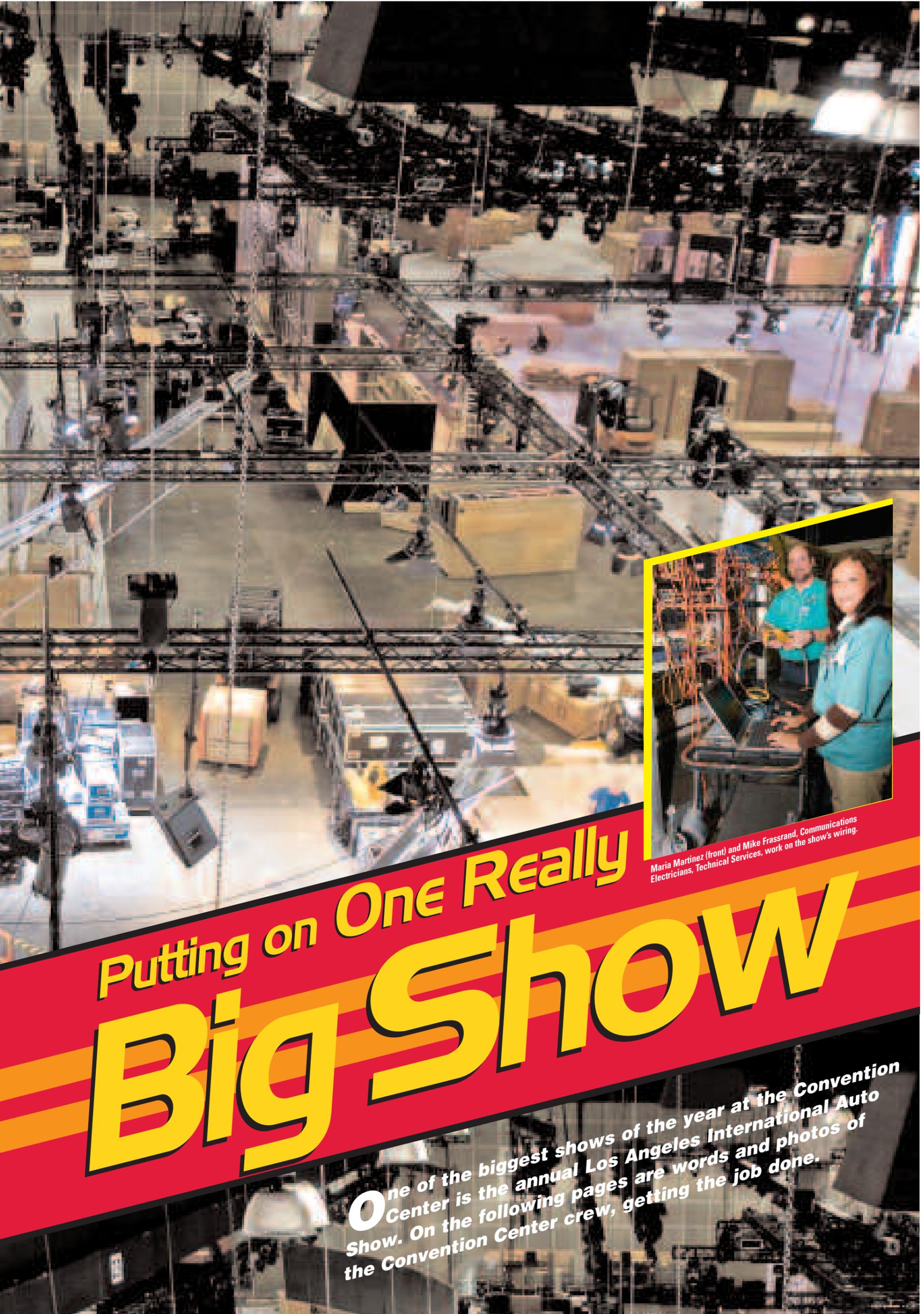
LA Auto Show

at the Los Angeles Convention Center

Square feet:	720,000 of exhibit space
Meeting rooms:	64
Employees needed for build-out:	300 (full- and part-time)
Time needed to build the show:	two weeks straight, 24 hours a day
Other City Departments involved:	Building and Safety, Fire
Lights added:	thousands



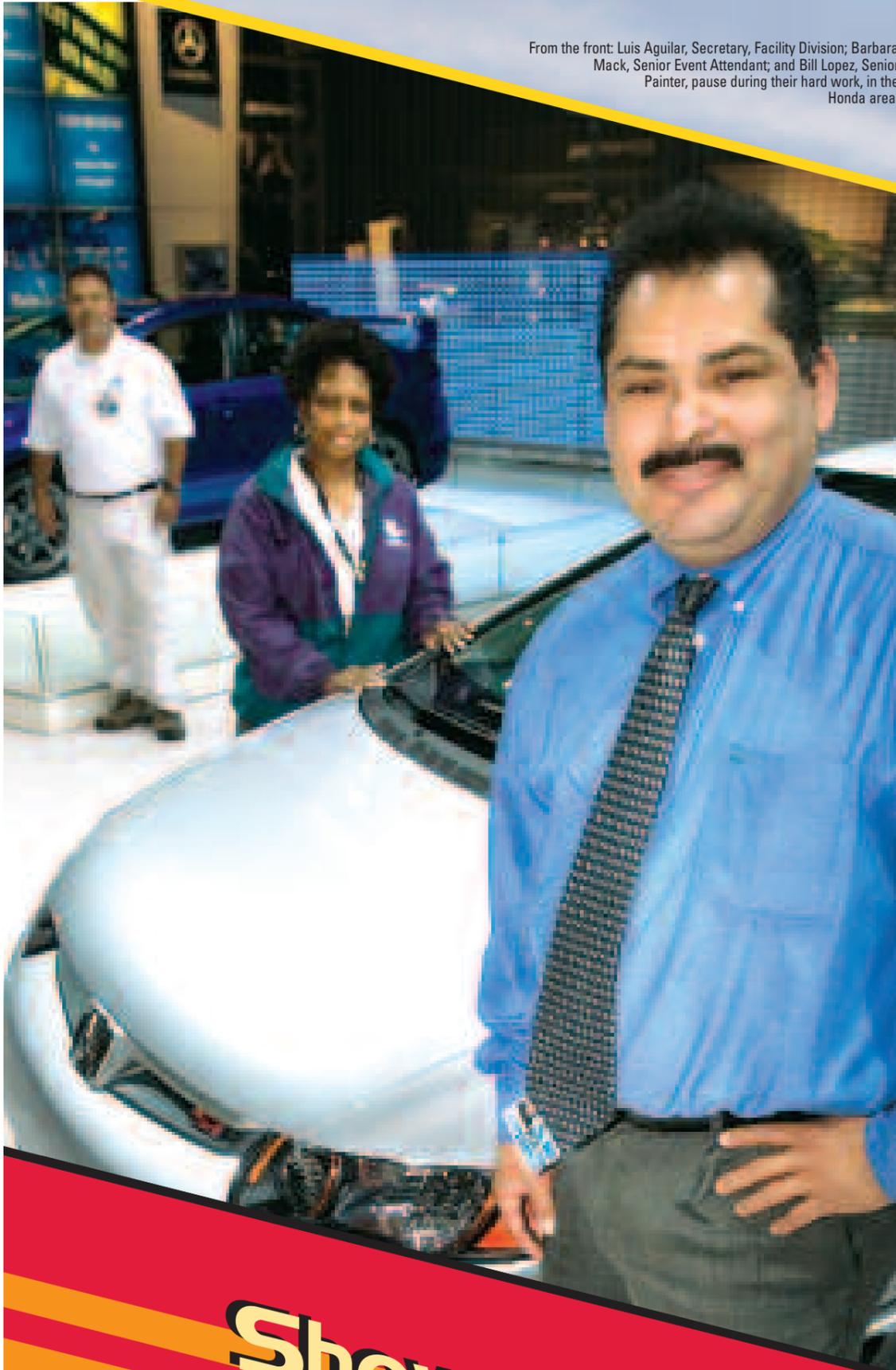
LA Auto Show
at the Los Angeles Convention Center



Maria Martinez (front) and Mike Frassrand, Communications Electricians, Technical Services, work on the show's wiring.

Putting on **One Really Big Show**

One of the biggest shows of the year at the Convention Center is the annual Los Angeles International Auto Show. On the following pages are words and photos of the Convention Center crew, getting the job done.



From the front: Luis Aguilar, Secretary, Facility Division; Barbara Mack, Senior Event Attendant; and Bill Lopez, Senior Painter, pause during their hard work, in the Honda area.

Putting on One Really

■ Here's an overview of how the Convention Center produces one of its biggest shows all year – the annual Los Angeles International Auto Show.

Story by Luis Aguilar, Facility Services Division, Convention Center; Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

CONVENTION CENTER — The 2007 Auto Show brings not only the excitement of the new vehicles, concept cars, etc., but also the enthusiasm of many individuals who put their best effort in making this show possible.

To put on a show like this, the Los Angeles Convention Center relies on a tireless army of about 300 full- and part-time employees who, along with contractors, decorators and riggers, will toil for two weeks straight, 24 hours a day, on a non-stop activity frenzy.

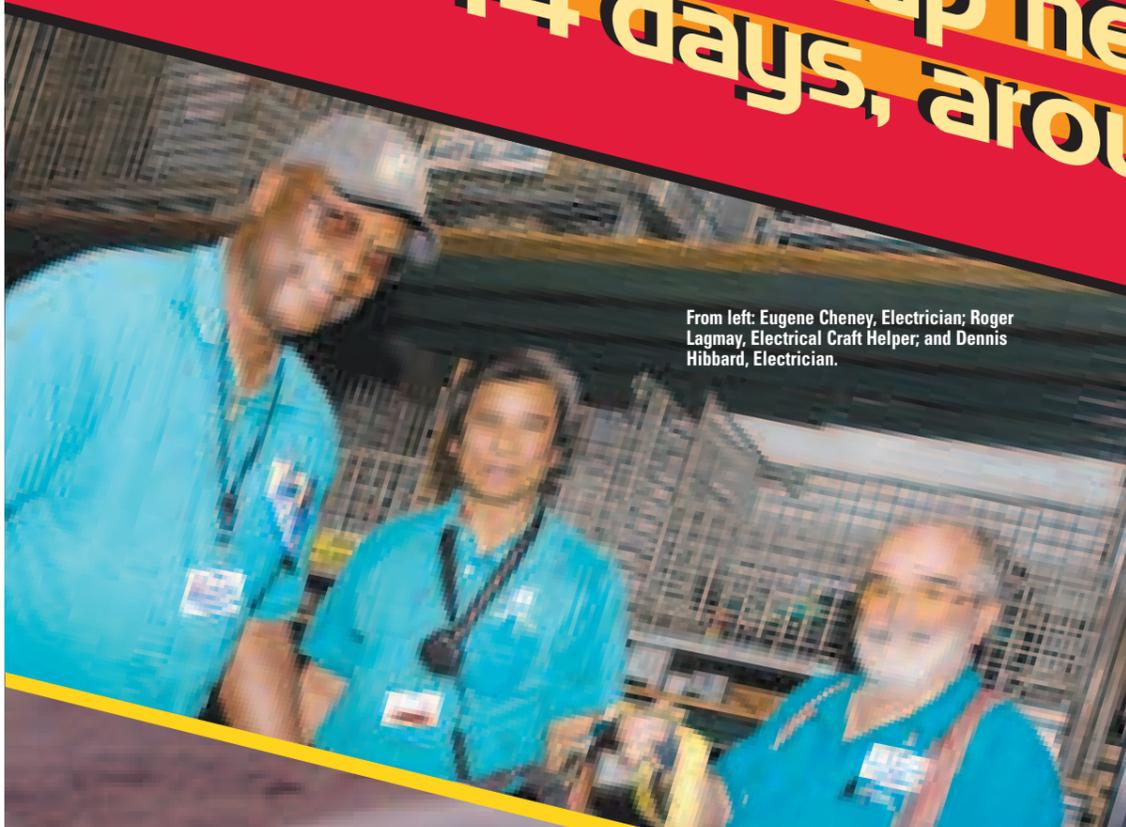
The combined groups of electricians, carpenters, plumbers, mechanics, painters and custodians will roam throughout the Convention Center's 720,000 square feet of exhibit halls, 64 meeting rooms, lobbies, rest-

BELOW: From left: Victoria Soto and Maria Ward, Event Attendants.

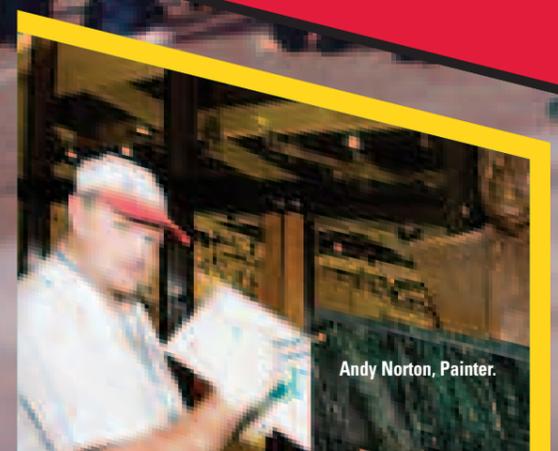


Liliana Castillo, Lead Custodian.

Show set-up needs 14 days, around the clock.



From left: Eugene Cheney, Electrician; Roger Lagmay, Electrical Craft Helper; and Dennis Hibbard, Electrician.



Andy Norton, Painter.

Big Show

rooms, gathering spaces, freight docks, parking zones and recycling areas.

The planning of the show installation begins at least six months in advance, with Facility Division personnel and Event managers meeting with the exhibit designers to create a plan that will allow them to present their elaborate displays while meeting safety codes and building regulations. These meetings also will address the use of space, size of booths, vehicle arrangements, lighting, structures, and a number of other details that will ensure a smooth running move-in of the show, a more efficient use of labor, and a more efficient utilization of utilities (electricity, phone lines, plumbing, etc).

When the floor plans are presented, inspectors from Building and Safety's Special Events Unit, as well as Fire Marshals from the Fire Department will go over them to ensure total compliance with City's rules and regulations, and will sign off on them only after their observations and recommendations have been thoroughly addressed and implemented. It is noteworthy mentioning that the installation of only *one* booth may require the participation of different contrac-

tors: Audio, video, lighting, decorator, designer, builder, and food, if that is to be provided.

Once the show decorators begin to bring in materials and equipment, our sections will join them in setting up: the electricians will begin installing lighting and electrical outlets; mechanics and carpenters will be repairing and maintaining all necessary equipment; and our elevator and escalator contractors will be on site quickly to take care of any unexpected challenge.

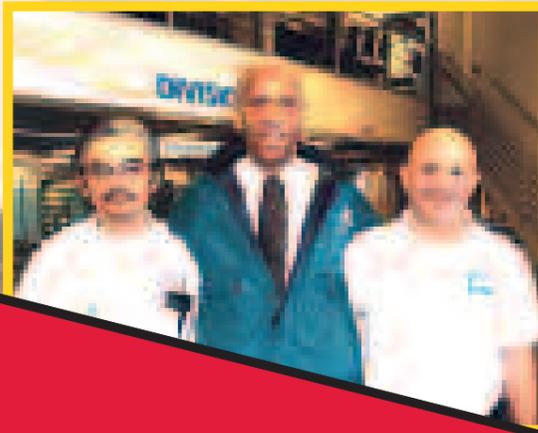
Our cleaning personnel will conscientiously clean and service all public areas, restrooms, escalators, parking lots, food areas and lobbies. The Tech Services guys will make sure that all audiovisual equipment is installed properly, and they will assist the different contractors on site. The Building Operating Engineers will keep everybody cool and happy by constantly monitoring the temperature in all areas of the building, using state of the art equipment to diffuse the effect of *thousands* of lights produce massive amounts of heat, plus the effect of thousands of visitors throughout the day for 10 consecutive days.

Security and safety are two of the biggest, if not always visible or recognized, aspects of the show. With so many VIPs on site, at some many different times and each with their own security details, major coordination efforts take place to make this show an enjoyable experience for all attending.

The two biggest challenges are: one, the coordination of all the sections that make up the Convention Center: crafts, cleaning and administrative personnel to address any and all of the show needs; and two the balancing of the show demands with the space, time and manpower available.

And that's how the Convention Center produces the Los Angeles International Auto Show!

BELOW: Paul Engelhardt, Electrician.



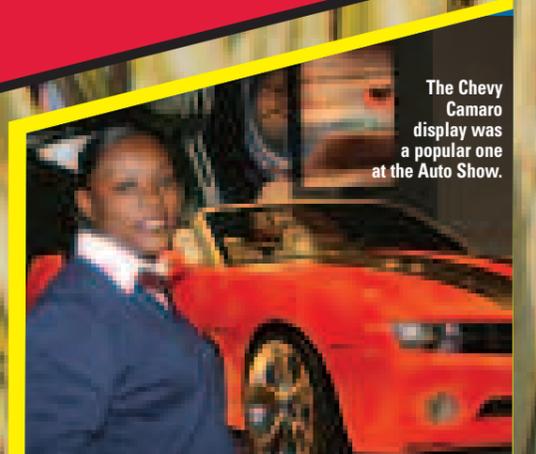
From left: Reggie Chit, Senior Electrician; Fred Mutchison, Chief Custodian Supervisor; and Herbert Romero, Senior Event Attendant.



Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger paid a visit to the show.

LA Auto Show

at the Los Angeles Convention Center



The Chevy Camaro display was a popular one at the Auto Show.

LA Auto Show at the Los Angeles Convention Center



BELOW: Front, from left: Kevin Rodriguez, Senior Plumber; Dario Salazar, Painter; and Greg Cordell, Senior Custodian. Back: John Blue, Custodian; and Luis Aguilar, Secretary.



BELOW: Mark Skelly, Electrician.



BELOW: From left: Herbert Romero, Senior Event Attendant, and Carlos Velazquez, Event Attendant.



BELOW: From left: Charles Hiller and Fernando Alegria, Electricians.



BELOW: Reggie Chit, Senior Electrician.



From left: Juan Perez and Leroy Plumber, Carpenters; and David James, Senior Carpenter.



Setting up the show requires 300 employees.

Bill Lopez, Senior Painter.



Convention Center Food Goes Green in a Good Way

■ Convention Center's public cafes and restaurant food services are now eco-friendly.

CONVENTION CENTER — Nov. 13, the Convention Center unveiled the revamping of its public food services, now operating with an environmental-friendly approach. The center now uses serviceware products that can either biodegrade or can be composted using ingredients made from sugarcane pulp, raw bamboo pulp, palm fiber, wheat chaff, rice chaff, bull rush (tulles), savanna grass, corn starch and organic substances.

As part of its routine operation, the facility has also upgraded its food waste diversion program in alignment with the Bureau of Sanitation's Food Waste Collection program.

"Both implementations are aimed at furthering the Los Angeles Convention Center's commitment to the environment," said Pouria Abbassi, P.E., CEO and General Manager of the Convention Center. "Our dedication to continuously fortifying our leadership role in environmental stewardship is constantly at the forefront of our business objectives."

"As a City, we are committed to our environment and to changing the way we approach our work, incorporating green business practices whenever possible," commented Councilwoman and Club Member Jan Perry, who represents the area and chairs the City's Energy and Environment Committee. "And, the Los Angeles Convention Center is embracing this philosophy; they are looking to the future, know that we can all play a part in improving the environmental-health of our City."

Future developments are under way to incorporate eco-friendly protocols into the Convention Center's food services catering arm. How much "greening" is put specifically into the catering mix will depend largely on the convention exhibitor or show management client's tailored requests.



RIGHT: A selection of the Convention Center's new eco-friendly serviceware items.



LEFT: Attending the "green" announcement press conference were, from left: Michael Collins, Executive Vice President, L.A. Inc., Convention and Visitors Bureau; Cynthia Ruiz, Board President, Public Works; Nancy Sutley, Deputy Mayor for Energy; Christina Noonan, Commission President, Los Angeles Convention Center; Jan Perry, Ninth District Councilmember and Club Member; Pouria Abbassi, CEO and General Manager, Convention Center, Club Member; and Duane Gornicki, Food Services General Manager, Convention Center.



BELOW: From left: Art Sanchez and Loc Pham, Communications Electricians.



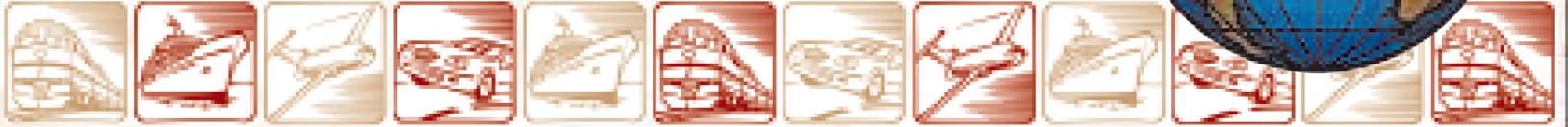
In forklift: Art Rios, Light Equipment Operator. Matthew Price and Juan Castillon, Mechanics.



From left: Dien Nguyen and John Mickelson, Electricians; and Bob Alden, Senior Electrician.



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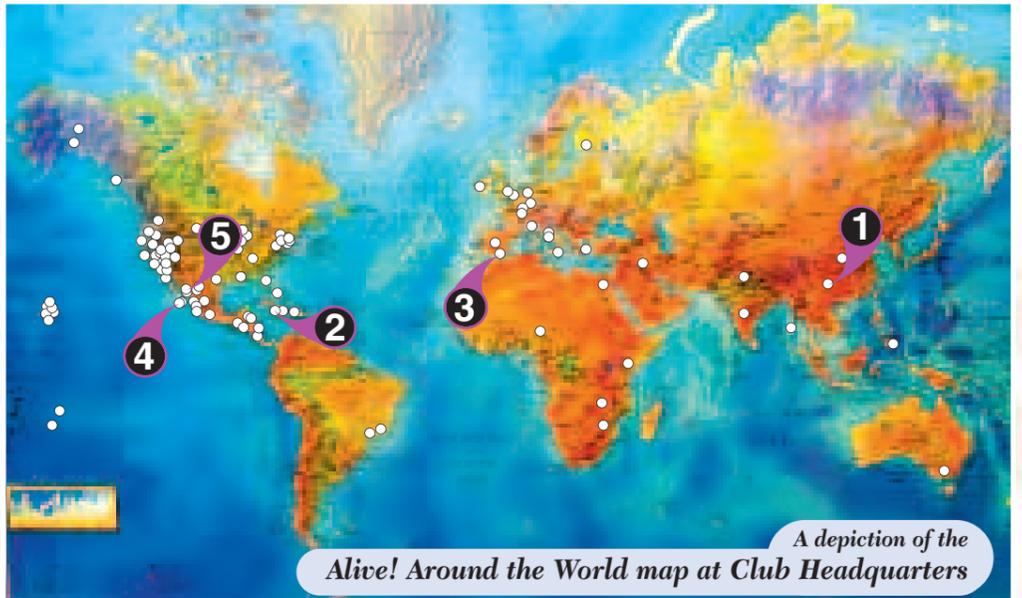


1 Guilin, China



"This photo was taken on my recent trip to China. The location is on the Lijiang River near Guilin. The area is known for its scenic mountain landscapes."

— Jackson Jang, Office of Finance

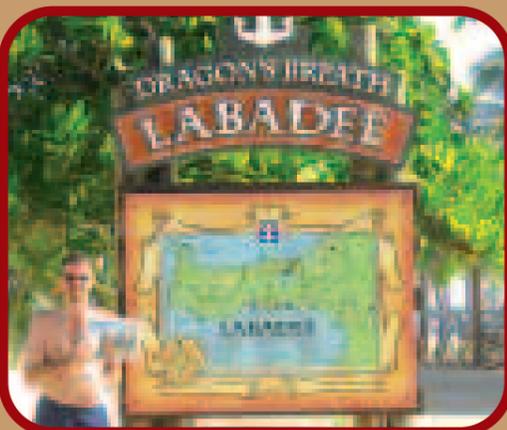


A depiction of the Alive! Around the World map at Club Headquarters

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2 St. Martin and Haiti



Left: Mike Boyd at the entrance of the longest zip line in the world (2,600 feet) in Haiti. Above: Mike Boyd and Benny Rubalcava on a cruise stop in Labadee, Haiti.

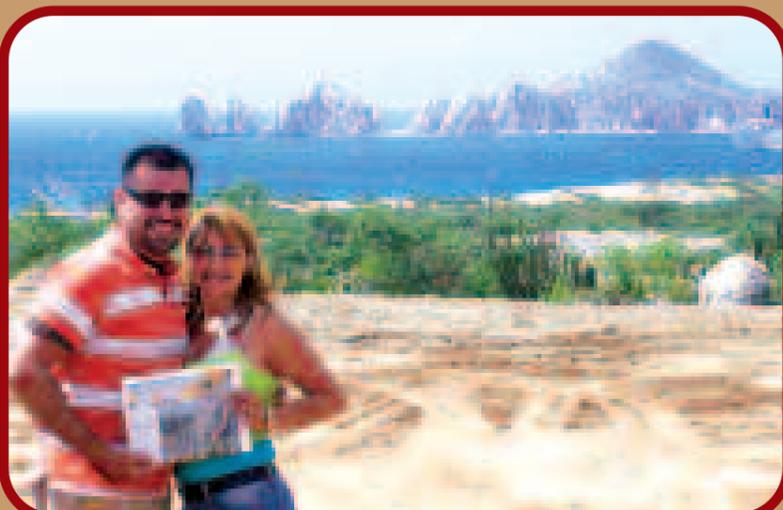
3 Málaga, Spain



"I went to Málaga, Spain, last month for my vacation. This photo was taken at Marimar Shopping Mall. The sites there in Málaga and Madrid were great. The cities are so clean. Traveling to Europe was truly an interesting experience."

— Janet Clark, Sanitation, Public Works

4 Cabo San Lucas



Juno Galvan and Leonor Garcia, both DWP Employees and Club Members, are shown on their cruise to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

5 Mazatlán, Mexico



Club Members Lendell Walker and Sonia Vargas in Mazatlán, Mexico.



From left: Curtis Wong, Garage Attendant, 2 years; and Adam Verdugo, Equipment Mechanic, 9 years, Club Member.



From left: Lee Reiner, Sr. Equipment Mechanic, 14 years, Club Member; Steve Stone, Sr. Equipment Mechanic, 24 years, Club Member; Al Garofalow, Sr. Automotive Supervisor, 21 years; Vince Jackson, Automotive Supervisor, 12 years, Club Member; and Dirk Aubuchon, Automotive Supervisor, 13 years, Club Member.



From left: Alvin Lopez, Garage Attendant, 39 years, Wilshire; Elvin Carter, Garage Attendant, 35 years, Wilshire; Zvonko Noss, Equipment Mechanic, 1.5 years, Wilshire; and Salvador Cerda, Equipment Mechanic, 2.5 years, Central.



Back row, from left: Huetta Luu, Management Analyst II, 6 years; Errika Jordan, Systems Aide, 8 years, Club Member; and Lisa Folsom, Secretary, 19 years. Seated: Ping Chou, Accounting Clerk II, 20 years; Suli Dong, Management Analyst I, 18 years; and Dolly Sevilla, Sr. Clerk Typist, 23 years, Club Member.



From left: Larry Camp, Equipment Mechanic, 27 years, Club Member; and Nick Hess, Equipment Mechanic, 3 years.



From left: Reynaldo Brigil, Equipment Mechanic, 2 years, Piper Tech; and Vicken Karagozian, Equipment Mechanic, 9 years, Rampart.



From left: Benny Alameda, Equipment Mechanic, 27 years, Central, Club Member; and Dolly Sevilla, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member.



From left: Mark Gibbs, Equipment Mechanic, 21 years; Vince Jackson, Automotive Supervisor, 12 years, Club Member; and Paul Arredondo, Equipment Mechanic, 20 years.



Allen Riley, Garage Attendant, 35 years, Pacific.



From left: Keith Moore, Equipment Mechanic, 26 years, Devonshire; Mike Drum, Auto Builder Repair, 6 years, Piper Tech; and Art Chasco, Mechanic Helper, 32 years, Piper Tech.

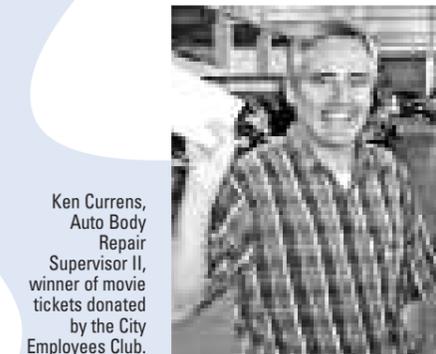
Thanks to the Motormen (and Women)



From left: Omy Trinidad, Equipment Mechanic, 2 years, Parker Center; and Jaime Molina, Mechanic, 5 years, Central.



From left: Arutyun Chrakyan, Equipment Mechanic, Van Nuys, 13 years; and Phil Wan, Garage Attendant, Newton, 27 years.



Ken Currens, Auto Body Repair Supervisor II, winner of movie tickets donated by the City Employees Club.

■ LAPD Motor Transport Division hosts second Employee Appreciation Day.



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

POLICE DEPT. — The LAPD's Motor Transport Division celebrated its year of achievements during its second Employee Appreciation Day Nov. 7 at the Central Station Facility.

Guests enjoyed nachos, hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad and lots of cake. The Club donated prizes.

Thanks Vincent Jackson, Automotive Supervisor, Club Member, and Dolly Sevilla, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member, for their assistance in producing this story.



Paul Dorfman, Equipment Mechanic, 21 years, West Valley, and winner of a shirt donated by the City Employees Club.



From left: Jeff Williams, Welder, 2 years, Piper Tech; Bob Stanley, Equipment Mechanic, 1.5 years, Piper Tech; and Yosh Iwanada, Auto Body Repair, 8 years, Piper Tech.



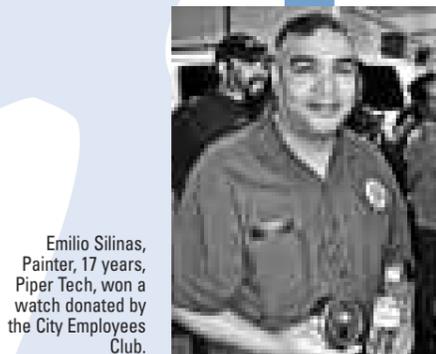
Andrew Fuentes, Bodyman, Piper Tech, was a proud winner of a watch donated by the City Employees Club.



George Yamanaka, Fleet Supervisor, 21 years, Parker Center, proudly holds the shirt he won that was donated by the City Employees Club.



From left: John Feller, Auto Builder Repair, 8 years, Piper Tech; Bob Schweinsberg, Upholster, 9 months, Piper Tech; and Lloyd Branwell, Auto Body Repair, 13 years, Piper Tech.



Emilio Silinas, Painter, 17 years, Piper Tech, won a watch donated by the City Employees Club.



Art Chasco, Mechanic Helper, was another winner of a shirt donated by the City Employees Club.



Francisco Penalver, Equipment Mechanic, 3 years, Parker Center, and winner of a shirt donated by the City Employees Club.

From left: Ralph Vasquez, Garage Attendant, 17 years, Piper Tech; and Paul Arredondo, Equipment Mechanic, 20 years, Piper Tech, Club Member.



From left: Mas Nagooka, Equipment Mechanic, 9 years; Jeff Tachibana, Equipment Mechanic, 3 years, Club Member; and Ed Norris, Equipment Mechanic, 9 years.



From left: Pablo Barrios, Auto Builder, 1.5 years, Piper Tech; Andrew Fuentes, Auto Body Mechanic, 1 year, Piper Tech; and Carlos Leos, Auto Painter, 2 years, Piper Tech.



From left: Jose Carbaal, Garage Attendant, 28 years, Piper Tech; Paul Ortega, Auto Painter, 16 years, Van Nuys, Club Member; and Luis Hidalgo, Auto Painter, 9 months, Piper Tech.



From left: Gustavo Ramirez, Auto Builder Repair, 1 year, Central; Robert Nunez, Auto Body Supervisor, 25 years, Central, Club Member; Ken Currens, Auto Body Repair Supervisor II, 20 years, Central; and Greg Field, Sr. Equipment Mechanic, 8 years, North Hollywood.



John's Picture Perfect Contest



"This is one of my favorite photos I took in San Felipe, Baja California, of a fisherman, just one day after I had got stung by a stingray in the Sea of Cortez. If I would ever write a book of my travels in Mexico, this picture would sure be a good candidate for its cover."

— Robbie Horvath, HTP Mechanic

John's comments: Hey, if I ever write a book on my travels to San Felipe, I would want to use this photo, too! It tells such a story: the surf, the birds, the fish on the string, the classic fisherman. I love it! Thanks, Robbie!

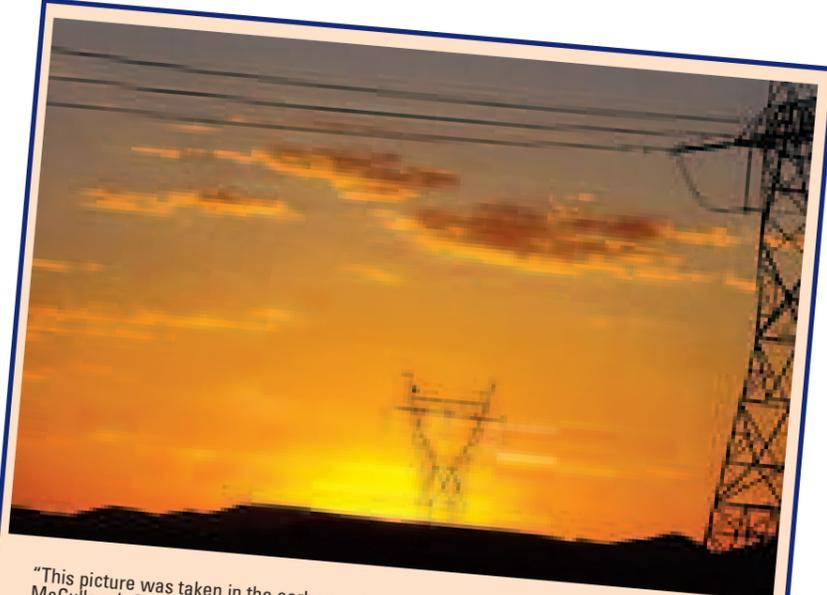
For December, we have four winners!

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

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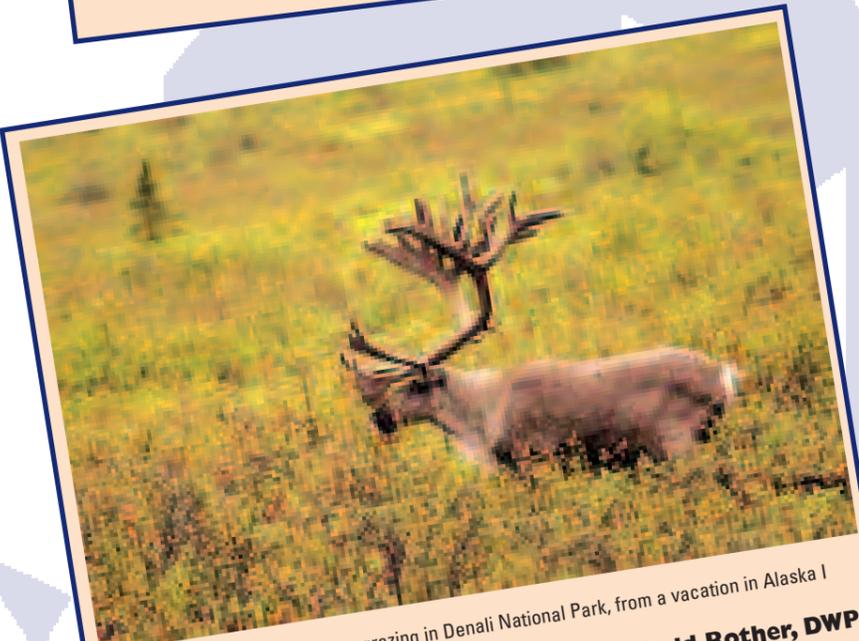
NEXT DEADLINE: December 15
Happy Snapping!



"This picture was taken in the early morning hours during some great sunrises at the McCullough Switching Station in Boulder City, Nevada."

— Gary Harris, DWP

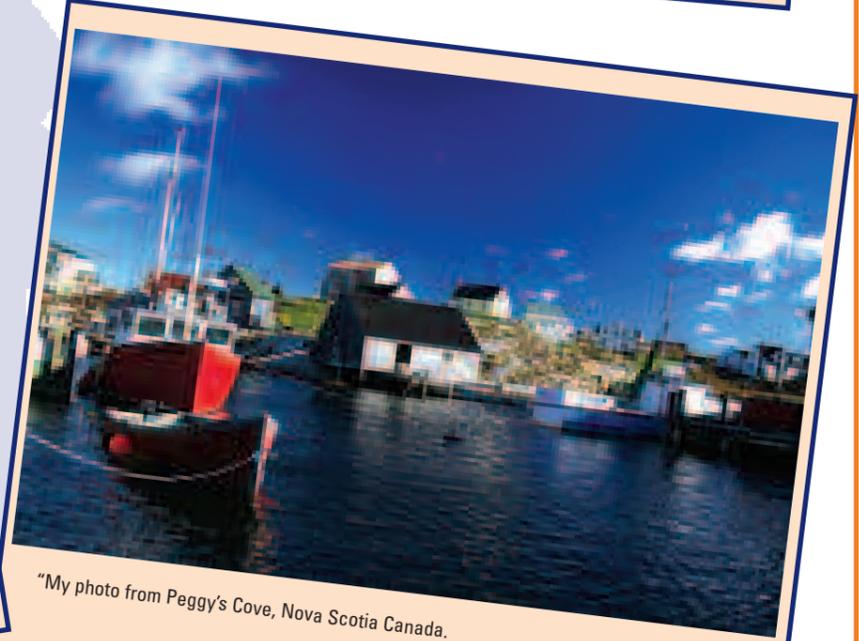
John's comments: A beautiful picture with wonderful colors ... and what better subject to be enveloped in this beautiful sunset than a DWP power line, sending electricity to Los Angeles. Thanks, Gary!



"This is a photo of a caribou, grazing in Denali National Park, from a vacation in Alaska I took with my wife."

— Todd Rother, DWP

John's comments: This looks like it came right out of National Geographic. Nice work, guys!



"My photo from Peggy's Cove, Nova Scotia Canada."

— Brian Doherty

John's comments: Brian, this is a beautiful photo! When I toured Nova Scotia in my car years ago, I never came close to getting such a classic shot. Nice work!

Runners Up:

Gina Enrile-Caguiat, Public Works Engineering
Russell T. Harris, Truck Driver-Sanitation

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
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- We want you to look your best, so send us the original digital file, please! Thanks!
- Digital photos optimally should be between 100K and 2 megabytes in size and may be e-mailed to: pictureperfect@cityemployeesclub.com
- The contest is all in good fun! The Club cannot be responsible for delays in delivering *Alive!*, or for delays in the transmission of responses.

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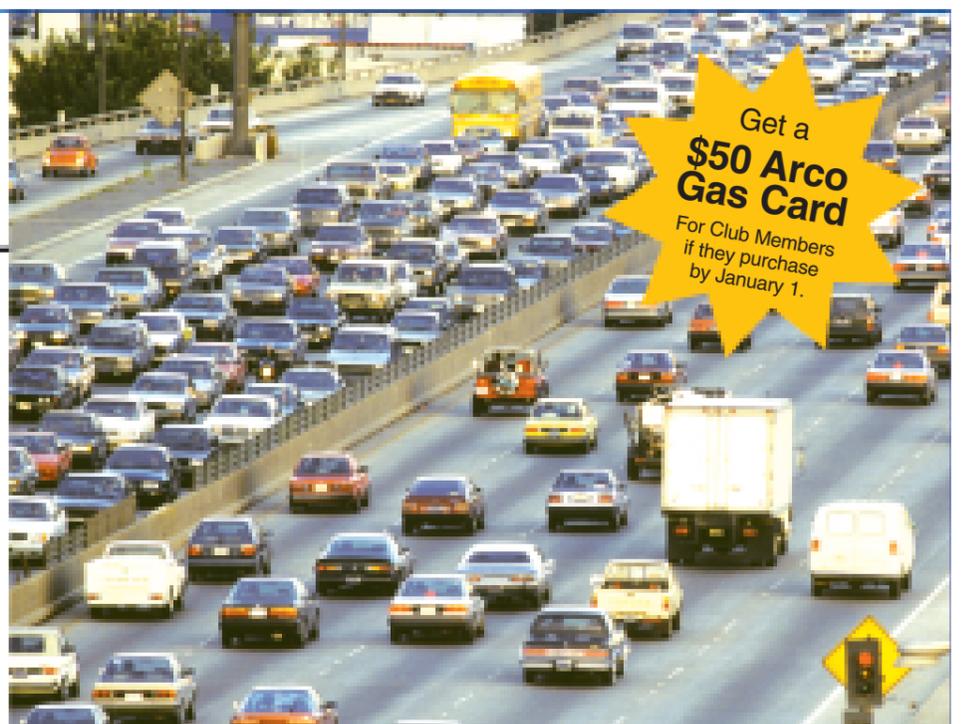
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Club Members:

Love Is in the Air!

**Did you meet your spouse or fiancé
while working for the City?
We want to hear about it!**

For our February issue, we're writing a story about all you Club Members who found your true love working for the City.

If you are interested in sharing your story, please email us with your full name, contact information, cell phone number and office number by Dec. 21, and we'll take it from there.



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New Fire Station 36

■ Fire Dept. opens new Fire Station 36 in San Pedro.

Photos by Capt. Rick McClure, LAFD



Fire Station 36 in San Pedro opened Nov. 10.

FIRE DEPT. — The men and women of the Los Angeles Fire Department welcomed visitors, distinguished guests and dignitaries to the opening of Fire Station 36, 1005 N. Gaffey St. in San Pedro. The ceremony took place Nov. 10.

Among the many hundreds on hand were Councilmember and Club Member Janice Hahn, Fire Chief Douglas Barry, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Fire Commissioners, City Engineer Gary Lee Moore and other civic and community leaders.

There was entertainment for the kids, food, and the display of an antique fire apparatus.



Dignitaries cutting the ribbon included Councilmember and Club Member Janice Hahn, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Fire Chief Douglas Barry and others.

Club Members SPEAK



Yvonne and her son, Benjamin

Holiday Tips To Keep You Sane

By Yvonne Liu, Office of Finance

With the stores resurrecting Christmas trees, snowmen and Santas as Halloween ghouls are being buried, it is easy to be caught up with the shopping craze that culminates around the end of the year.

I chanced across a Website based in Seattle that offers some insight as to why we respond to the advertisements that just beg us to buy more. When I say more, I mean more holiday cards when we already have enough to address every employee of the City family. When I say more, I mean wrapping those emergency unisex presents that I don't know who will receive—just in case someone gives me a present when I least expect it. When I say more, I mean shopping for toys for children who have more toys than the DWP has electricity poles.

Be sure that when you do shop for gifts, that it makes you happy to do so. The Lincoln Park Cooperative Preschool in Seattle has posted for its students and families a list of negative gift-giving rules. If any of these rules pertains to your gift-giving behavior, perhaps it is time to reconsider why you are standing in line with your credit card ready.

The Self-Defeating Gift Giving Rules

(reproduced from: www.scn.org/coop-preschool/calmholidays01.htm)

- Give a gift to everyone from whom you expect to receive one.
- If someone gives you a gift unexpectedly, you should reciprocate that year, even if you had no previous intention of giving that person a present.
- When you give someone a gift, you should plan to give that person a gift every year thereafter.
- The amount of time and money you spend on a gift should be directly proportional to how much you care for that person.
- The gift that you give someone should be equal in monetary value and/or personal significance to the one you receive from that person.
- The presents you give someone should be fairly consistent over the years.
- If you give a gift to a person in one category, you should give gifts to everyone in that category. And these gifts should be similar (e.g. neighbors or co-workers).
- The gifts you give your children should be equal in number and monetary value, while at the same time suiting the unique qualities of each child.
- Men should not give gifts to their male friends, unless the gifts are alcoholic beverages.

ages. Women, however, are encouraged to give gifts to their female friends, and those gifts should not be alcohol.

■ Homemade gifts are more meaningful than store-bought ones.

■ If the recipient of your gift happens to have a birthday in December, make sure you have two gifts ready.

The last one is my own addition. If as gift givers we become obligated to compete with our own gifts in previous and future years, this must be the perfect example of how our gift(s) starts to compete with each other instantly on the same day.

The Website also highlights what children really want is:

- a relaxed and loving time with family
- realistic expectations about gifts
- a natural holiday season
- strong family traditions

The Lincoln Park Cooperative Preschool Website also suggests that we let our children be involved in the giving and in the holiday efforts. For example, if you're using Santa, give children a chance to play the Santa role. This helps them be involved in giving and helps them accept the adult view of Santa when the news gets out.

Jo Robinson and Jean Cappock Staeheli have the following pointers to help you refocus amidst the holiday madness in the book *Unplug the Christmas Machine*:

- Holidays are a time to be a peacemaker, within my family and the world at large.
- Holidays are a time to enjoy being with my immediate family.
- Holidays are a time to create a beautiful home environment.
- Holidays are a time to celebrate the birth of Christ.
- Holidays are a time to exchange gifts with my family and friends.
- Holidays are a time for parties, entertaining and visits with friends.
- Holidays are a time to help those who are less fortunate.
- Holidays are a time to strengthen bonds with my relatives.
- Holidays are a time to strengthen my church community.
- Holidays are a time to take a few days off from work and have a good time.

We might not agree with all of these values, but by reviewing them, we will be better able to weed out the unnecessarily stressful part of the holidays and see what is really important to our families and us.

Do you have a viewpoint essay to share? Send it with a recent, high-resolution photo to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com
Alive! can't guarantee space for all. —Ed.

Holiday Happenings



Downtown on Ice at Pershing Square: Nov. 15 through Jan. 21

Where: 532 S. Olive St. (across from the Millennium Biltmore Hotel)

Hours: Mon. – Thurs.: Noon to 9 p.m.
Fri. – Sun.: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Extended Holiday Hours: Dec. 14 – Jan. 6 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Call for special hours Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Eve and Day.) Open every day and all holidays.

Admission: \$6 per session. Skate rental: \$2. Group and party rates available.

Information: (888) LA-PARKS (527-2757), or www.laparks.org

Downtown on Ice

■ **Downtown on Ice returns for an extended stay. Concert series included.**

REC AND PARKS — The L.A. Kings Downtown on Ice celebrates its tenth season this year at Pershing Square, (532 S. Olive St.). Downtown on Ice is scheduled to be open every day through Jan. 21.

Admission is \$6 per skating session with \$2 skate rental, thanks to sponsorship from Rec and Parks, the Los Angeles Kings, and Councilmember Jan Perry (Ninth District).

Traditionally, thousands of people have enjoyed skating under the sun and stars in the heart of Los Angeles at what has been hailed as the Rockefeller Center of the West. Bedecked in full holiday splendor, the vast outdoor oasis is framed by towering skyscrapers and stunning historical landmarks. Adding to the holiday spirit, ongoing festivities include a free concert series, free youth hockey clinics, a free Winter Festival (Dec. 7 - 9), a weekend Kids Zone interactive entertainment, and more.

Centrally located, the facility is easily accessible by car, bus or rail. A partnership with Metro and Metrolink allows riders to receive a \$1 skating session discount by showing a coupon avail-

able on all mass transit lines. The convenient stop at Pershing Square Station makes getting there easy. Underground discount parking is available with validation.

For more info, call (888) LA-PARKS (527-2757) or visit www.laparks.org



Light Festival Honors LAFD

DWP Holiday Light Festival

What: Mile-long drive through Crystal Springs Drive decorated with more than half-a-million lights.

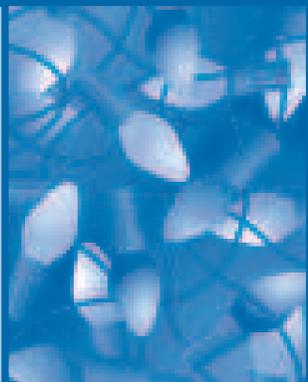
Dates: Through Dec. 30

When: 5 to 10 p.m.

Where: Crystal Springs Drive, Griffith Park (near the Zoo)

Cost: Free

Shuttle service is available the weekends of Dec. 1-3, Dec. 8-10 and each night from Dec. 15 to Dec. 29



■ **DWP Holiday Light Festival pays special tribute to the fire crews who knocked down the dangerous Griffith Park fire earlier this year. Also, the festival goes green.**

DWP — The DWP's Holiday Light Festival has two special features this year: First, it's honoring the LAFD crews that put down the dangerous Griffith Park fire earlier this year. And secondly, the festival continues to emphasize efforts to be more environmentally friendly, which it began in November.

The festival has added a new display this year that salutes the Los Angeles Fire Department and their hard work at suppressing the Griffith Park fire, as well as all of the work they do each and every day. The LAFD was honored on the

festival's opening night, Nov. 20.

In addition, the DWP has made a number of changes to make its popular Holiday Light Festival better for the environment. The changes include:

- using energy-saving LED lights instead of the previous incandescent bulbs; and
- offering energy-conservation tips throughout the event.

Environmental Stewardship

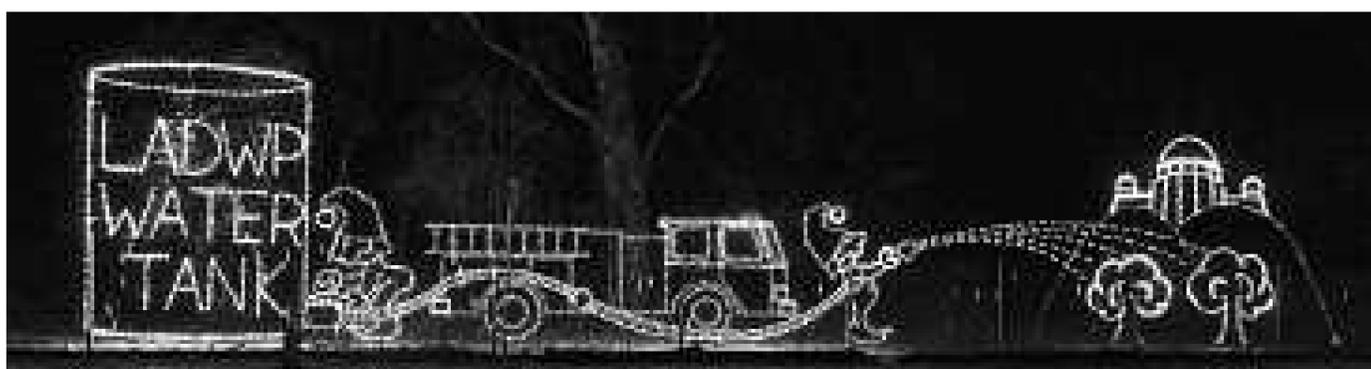
In addition to adding the walking/biking opportunities in November, the DWP has taken additional steps to make the festival more environmentally conscious. Some of those efforts include: LED Light Bulbs

The DWP is supporting environmental responsibility by converting all of the light bulbs in the one-mile Holiday Light Festival to LED technology. This will save two-thirds the amount of energy needed over standard conventional light bulbs. Once installed, the department will measure the energy reduction and advise the public on the specific energy savings.

Tips and Energy Conservation Message

Energy conservation messaging, including energy and water-saving tips, will be included in the 2007 Holiday Light Festival Program. The customized program is distributed to all light festival attendees. In addition, it is available at City libraries, Rec and Parks facilities and other locations throughout the City.

Information: www.ladwp.com



This display, new to the festival this year, honors the LAFD for their heroism at saving large portions of Griffith Park during the major fire there earlier this year.

Holiday Happenings



Reindeer visit the L.A. Zoo for the holidays.

ZOO — Starting Thanksgiving weekend and lasting into the New Year, reindeer will be paying the L.A. Zoo a visit.

From Nov. 22 (Thanksgiving Day) to Jan. 11, a flurry of festivities and holiday entertainment will accompany this popular annual event. Make your very own reindeer antlers and join the herd or pay a visit to Santa and friends (weekends only) for a photo opportunity (nominal fee).

All events except the Santa photos are free with paid Zoo admission. You can buy your discounted Zoo admission tickets from the Club Store (see page 57).

This holiday season, you're invited to come to the L.A. Zoo and visit with reindeer up close. Come see a display of reindeer antlers and learn how antlers shed and grow back each year.

In addition, on weekends through the end of the year, there will be holiday entertainment and fun crafts for the family. Santa Claus also will be on hand for photographs for a nominal fee. During Reindeer Romp, the L.A. Zoo Choo Choo will be available daily to give young visitors train rides for a nominal fee.

Reindeer Romp



■ Reindeer land at the Zoo for their annual visit.

■ Reindeer have hollow hair, which provides good insulation for those chilly North Pole winters.

Don't miss all the fun this season at the Zoo!



Eighth District Events

The office of Eighth District Councilman Bernard Parks is producing three events this holiday: two tree lightings and a performance and toy giveaway event.

The tree lighting in Leimert Park took place Nov. 26. The festive tree is at 43rd Place and Degnan Avenue in Leimert Park.

On Thursday, Dec. 6, the District's Constituent Service Center will light its tree. That is scheduled at 6 p.m. at the center, 8475 Vermont Ave.

And finally, the sixth annual Winter Wonderland Celebration and Toy Giveaway is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 15, at the Vision Theatre, 3341 W. 43rd Pl.

Information, (213) 485-7616.

Reindeer Romp at the L.A. Zoo

What: Reindeer Romp at the L.A. Zoo, to celebrate the holidays and give visitors a rare Southern California glimpse of this impressive animal.

Dates: Through Jan. 11; closed Dec. 25

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; Reindeer Romp Under the Stars, until closing

Where: Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens, 5333 Zoo Dr., Griffith Park

Cost: \$10 adults, \$5 children 2 to 12. Most Reindeer Romp activities are free with paid admission; others cost a nominal fee. Reindeer Romp Under the Stars admission might be higher.

For more information,

visit the Zoo Website at www.lazoo.org or call (323) 644-4200.



Victorian Christmas Experience

What: Victorian Christmas at the Banning Residence Museum:

Exhibition: "Educational Amusements: American Games of the Victorian and Edwardian Era," through Jan. 6

Victorian Christmas: Dec. 1 and 2

Candlelight Tours: Dec. 8 and 9

After-Christmas Sale: Dec. 26

Dates: Through early January

When: General museum tours begin at 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; and 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. A \$5 donation is requested. The Museum Shop is open during public tour hours and special programs. The Museum is closed on national holidays.

Where: Banning Residence Museum, 401 East M St. in Wilmington. Phone: (310) 548-7777. E-mail: visit@banningmuseum.org

Cost: \$5 donation is requested.

Banning Residence Museum



■ Banning Residence Museum offers games, candlelight this Christmas.

REC AND PARKS — Banning Resident Museum, a Rec and Parks facility operated in cooperation with Friends of Banning Museum, is offering special events and holiday-themed opportunities this Christmas season.

The Banning Residence Museum is at 401 East M. St. in Wilmington.

Here's the museum's holiday schedule:

Exhibition

• "Educational Amusements: American Games of the Victorian and Edwardian Era"

• Banning Residence Museum Exhibition Gallery, through Jan. 6

For thousands of years the world's cultures have used games as a way to entertain and educate. Serving as mirrors of daily life and culture, games instructed players about important social values and rules. Games were often recycled over the centuries with different societies modifying them to fit their needs. The Victorian Era saw an explosion of board games due to increased leisure time and advances in manufacturing. Victorian board games are beautifully-crafted, colorful artifacts indicative of a complex age that promoted values of industry, honesty, responsibility, and perseverance.

This exhibition will include games from the late 19th and early 20th century including board games, card games and word games. The oldest game on display dates from 1843 and is believed to be one of the first board games made in America, Mansion of Happiness, manufactured by W. & S.B. Ives.

The Banning Residence Museum is proud to host this beautiful collection of antique games on loan from Geraldine Knatz, who has served the community as a long time volunteer for the

Friends of Banning Museum and through her current activities as Director of the Port of Los Angeles.

Victorian Christmas

• Sat. and Sun., Dec. 1 and 2, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• Free; Sponsored by Valero Energy Corporation

The community is invited to welcome in the holiday season with the annual and festive Victorian Christmas celebration. Much research has been done to ensure that the Museum will reflect realism in decor and display a re-creation of a Victorian Christmas. In addition to tours of the Museum, you will enjoy free transport on a horse-drawn trolley between the Museum and Drum Barracks Civil War Museum as well as specially planned old-fashioned activities. Visit the Stage Coach Barn for Victorian-Style crafts, enjoy strolling Victorian Entertainment and complimentary cookies and hot cider and a visit from jolly St. Nick! Lunch will be available for purchase in the sunken patio. Save time to browse through our Norris Museum Shop, which will be filled with gifts, ornaments and holiday decor.

Please call the Banning Residence Museum for further information about the event at (310) 548-7777.

Candlelight Tours

• Sat. and Sun., Dec. 8 and 9, from 6 to 8 p.m.

• Banning Residence Museum

• Members admission is \$25; non-member admission is \$35. Children under 12 are free and must be accompanied by an adult.

Join us for this very special evening event, including a guided Living History tour through the Museum, holiday refreshments, shopping and entertainment presented by the Palos Verdes

Peninsula High School Varsity Voices. This extra special glimpse at our Victorian Christmas display is a chance to see the Museum in candlelit elegance and holiday spirit. Reservations are required for this event. For further information or to make a reservation please contact the Museum at (310) 548-2005.

After-Christmas Sale

• Norris Museum Shop at the Banning Residence Museum

• Wed., Dec. 26, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Shop to your heart's content! Join us for the annual after-Christmas sale in the Norris Museum Shop. The sale continues through Jan. 3.



Banning Residence Museum offers visitors a Victorian Christmas experience.

Holiday Happenings



Guests at Travel Town in Griffith Park can take a train to the North Pole during the holidays.

Travel Town Railroad

What: Travel Town Railroad takes families on a magical ride to the North Pole to see Santa.

Dates: Weekends through Dec. 9, then, beginning Dec. 13, nightly through Dec. 23.

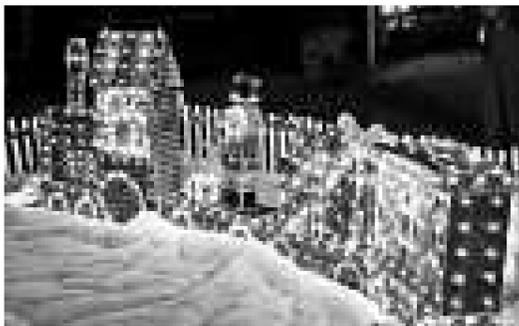
When: 5 to 8 p.m.

Where: Travel Town Museum, 5200 Zoo Dr., just off the 134 Freeway at Forest Lawn.

Cost: \$7 per person. Infants under 19 months are free.

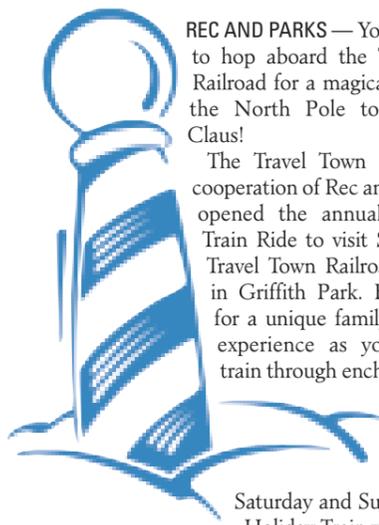


Travel Town



Travel Town's holiday plans include marvelous lights.

■ **Travel Town in Griffith Park offers a special holiday treat for families—take a train ride to Santa's house!**



REC AND PARKS — You are invited to hop aboard the Travel Town Railroad for a magical journey to the North Pole to see Santa Claus!

The Travel Town Railroad, in cooperation of Rec and Parks, has opened the annual Christmas Train Ride to visit Santa at the Travel Town Railroad Museum in Griffith Park. Be prepared for a unique family Christmas experience as you ride our train through enchanting, decorated scenes on a journey to Santa's house!



Guests at Travel Town can visit with Santa and his better half, Mrs. Claus.

The Christmas Train Ride to Santa goes through Dec. 23.

Hours are from 5 until 8 p.m. every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Dec. 9. Then, beginning Dec. 16, the Holiday Train will be open every evening through Dec. 23.

Cost is \$7 per person. Infants under 19 months are free.

The Travel Town Railroad is at the Travel Town Museum, 5200 Zoo Dr., just off the 134 Freeway at Forest Lawn.

For more information, call (818) 881-2586 or the ticket office at (323) 662-9678.



This giant gingerbread house is part of the adventure at Travel Town.



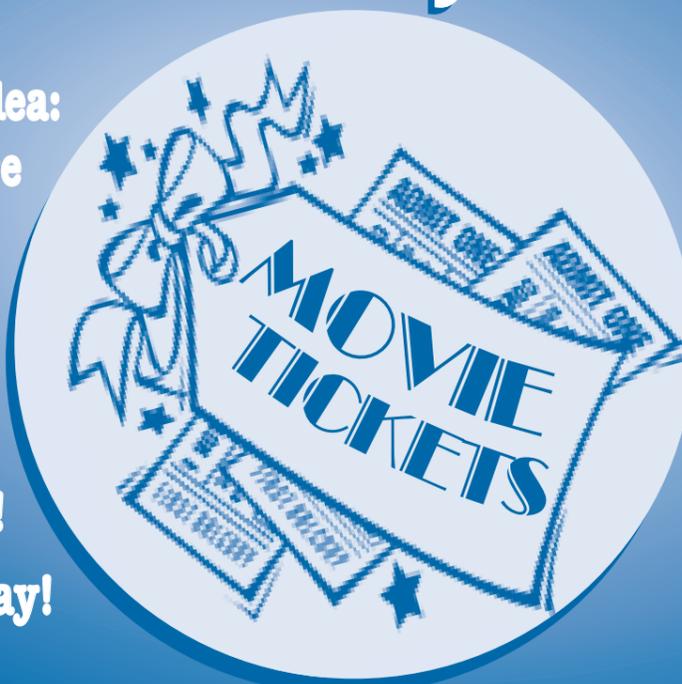
A Christmas tree soars over the many visual treats as Travel Town celebrates the holidays.

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CLUB PHOTO FEATURE



Private First Class Ashley Carey is a Paralegal for the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg, N.C. She has been invited to apply to West Point. Her grandfather is Leo Stekkinger, Detective, Port Police K-9 Unit. "Stephanie: Thank you for your service and sacrifice, to make this the home of the free, because of the brave."
—Robin Stekkinger, proud mother

Sgt. First Class Arthur E. James, nephew of Sandra (James) Haywood, City Attorney's Office, is a medic and medical instructor in his second stint. He's stationed in Iraq and has spent time in Germany, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Croatia, Hungary and throughout the United States. He was deployed to Iraq in September.

The Club in the Armed Forces

If you have a family member in the military and would like to honor them in *Alive!*, please send in a photo and include their name, their branch of military service, where they're stationed, your City department, and any other information about them that you would like to include, to:

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Scholarship recipient Ra'Kenna Joseph (second from left) is congratulated by (from left) her mother, Belinda Crawford; her aunt, Sharon Moore, a long-time WPAAA member and DWP employee; and Marie Lemelle, president of WPAAA.

WPAAA Scholarship Awards

■ **Water and Power African American Association promotes African American achievement and higher education by honoring college-bound students.**

Story by Marie Y. Lemelle, WPAAA President and Club Member; Photos by Sabir Majeed

DWP — Recently, ten college-bound students received certificates of achievement and scholarship awards from the Water and Power African American Association (WPAAA) at the 16th annual WPAAA Scholarship Awards Ceremony and Luncheon, held at the DWP Headquarters downtown.

The awardees were Courtni Jackson; Allison Bragg; Riana Scarbrough; Briche Williams; Le'Lani Brown; Tiyaanah Bevel; Brittney Brown; Jazmine Sullivan; Ra'Kenna Joseph; and De' Jon Perkins.

The Water and Power African American Association, established in 1991, strives to "strengthen the foundation of African American employees at the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power by advancing the employment, education, economic, and social welfare of its members and the community." To that end,

WPAAA's mantra is "Promoting African American Achievement and Higher Education."

Every year, WPAAA members seek out and the Scholarship Committee awards scholarships to deserving young students who, WPAAA believes, will contribute to humanity. WPAAA is a strong advocate of education, mentoring, and community service and endeavors to recruit others with a like mindset. Many of the nominees are the children, siblings, relatives, friends, or neighbors of a WPAAA member. During the review process, the WPAAA Scholarship Committee takes into consideration the challenges students must overcome to reach their education goals. The scholarship recipients are either recently graduated college bound high school students or students completing a Bachelor's degree.

"This scholarship will assist me with my final year as an undergraduate student. I am indebted to this organization and its members for their constant support and encouragement over my years as an African American college student," said Ra'Kenna Joseph, a senior with a double major in Communication Studies and African American Studies at Loyola



Standing, from left: Carol Fort, WPAAA Board Member; and students Courtni Jackson; Allison Bragg; Riana Scarbrough; Briche Williams; and Le'Lani Brown, and Marie Lemelle, President of WPAAA. Seated are students Tiyaanah Bevel; Brittney Brown; Jazmine Sullivan; and Ra'Kenna Joseph. De' Jon Perkins was unable to attend.

Marymount University in Los Angeles.

"One of these members happens to be my mother, whom has been a member of WPAAA for 15 years and an employee of the Department of Water and Power for more than 25 years," she said. "I would not be the woman I am today if it had not been for her guidance and strength. I would like to thank my mother, my family, the selection committee and the WPAAA members for their generosity. Thank you for helping me achieve my goals."

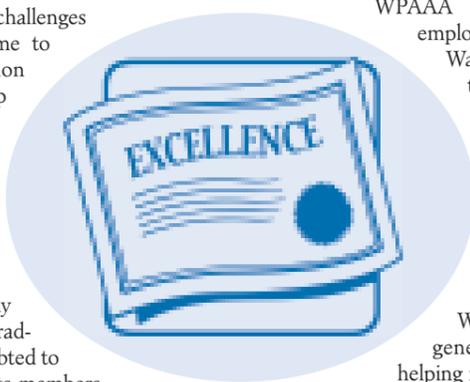
"Awarding scholarships to deserving students is a great and meaningful way to recognize and reward them for their academic achievements," said John Lockett, First Vice President of WPAAA. "This year, we are proud to

distribute among the 10 recipients a total of \$7,000."

The funding from the scholarship is derived from monthly dues contributed by the WPAAA members. "In accordance with the bylaws of WPAAA, we set aside 40 percent of the annual collected dues," said Angela Franklin, WPAAA Treasurer and a Management Analyst at the DWP.

"The scholarship process consisted of preparing and reviewing the scholarship application package, sending out the package to WPAAA members, receiving and inspecting the applications, evaluating the applications, compiling the final scores, and sending out letters of awards," explained Leslie Sorhaindo, an Electrical Engineering Associate and who served as the chair of the Scholarship Committee. Sorhaindo has been a City and DWP employee for 26 years and a WPAAA member since its inception. "I am grateful to the scholarship committee members, Joe Forson and Ruben Eyong, for their time and effort."

For more information about WPAAA, go to www.wpaaa.org.





Retirees Jay Powe and Marilyn Redd



From left: Anissa, Jay and Shana Powe.



Alfred Sosa presents the two retirees with plaques from the City of Los Angeles.



Jay and Marilyn Bid Adieu

■ Jay Powe and Marilyn Redd retire from the DWP after many years of City service.

Story and photos by Liz Montes, Club Counselor

DWP — Jay Powe and Marilyn Redd celebrated their retirement from DWP Oct. 24 with their friends and family. Jay Powe retired with 39 years of service. She plans to spend her retirement with her husband traveling, helping her community and spending time with her family. Marilyn Redd retired with 38 years of service and plans to spend her retirement traveling to Maui, the Virgin Islands and moving to Northern California with her husband to build a log cabin. Congratulations, Jay and Marilyn. Enjoy your well-deserved retirements!



Jay Powe and her husband, Ken.



Marilyn Redd and her husband, George.



Jay Powe and her mother, Patricia Jenkins.



From left: Jay Powe, Shawn McCloud and Marilyn Redd.



Jay Powe and her sister, Marilyn Williams.



From left: Mamie Cook, 25 years; Janice Gilbert, 34 years; Roy Isaiah, 31 years; and Mary Weber, 25 years.



From left: Sherri Valdez, 23 years, Club Member; John Palestino, 22 years; Club Member; and Irene Adonis, 19 years.



From left: Nora Sidney, 33 years; Johnetha Smith, 33 years, Club Member and Club Rep; and Shawn McCloud, Union Rep.



Ron and Jane Brown.



From left: Boyd Roberts, 22 years; and Lynn Morones, 21 years, Club Member.



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Happy Holidays from the Club



Brian, your Club CFO says...

Life is good with another **BIG Refund Check**



Refund Checks: A Holiday 'Gift'

■ **The Club announces life insurance refunds of approximately \$700,000. Are you eligible?**

CLUB HEADQUARTERS — Here come the refund checks ... right on time for your holiday needs!

The Board of Directors has approved a Club Life Insurance refund of approximately \$700,000 to be distributed back to the eligible Club members.

The Club continues its tradition of rewarding Club Life Insurance policyholders with a return of unused premiums (total premiums collected less paid claims and expenses). The 2007 refund will be the Club's 76th refund.

"This is another great example of how the Club works for its members," said Brian Trent, the Club's Chief Financial Officer. "Club Life Insurance is all about being there when our Members are in need. That's our first priority. And we are happy to return that portion of the premiums that are not needed.

"It's among the largest amounts we have returned in our 79-year history," he said.

Who is eligible? Anyone who had Life, Spouse Life, Dependent Life, Retiree Life or Retiree Spouse Life Insurance in force for the month of July 2007 is eligible for a refund.

The actual amount Members receive will be determined as a percentage of the total premiums paid by an individual for the period of August 2006 through July 2007. However, those who dropped their insurance coverage prior to July 31, 2007, are not eligible for any refund.

Checks will be distributed at your worksite to active members in early December. Anyone who has recently changed departments should notify the Club so their check does not get lost in the distribution process.

Retiree member checks will be mailed early this month.

Are you not eligible for a refund check, but would like to be? It's so simple. Purchase any Life product from the Club, and you're eligible. Insure your family's future and receive a little reward each year for living!

Talk to your Club Counselor, or call the Club at (800) 464-0452. Or, complete the application on page 51.



Club gifts are perfect. SEE PAGES 58-59

History Comes Alive!

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



Tales From the City Archives

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

L.A.'s 19th Century Power Couple

■ Abel Stearns and Arcadia Bandini were movers and shakers in early Los Angeles.

When thinking about pioneer Los Angeles, there is not much thought given to movers and shakers in the community other than politicians or possibly religious leaders. But every now and then sparks ignite, and a living, breathing, charismatic person or two arrives on the scene to bring a new character to the community.

Such is the case with Abel Stearns. He was born Feb. 9, 1798 in Salem, Mass. He and his seven brothers and sisters were orphaned when both parents died within three months of each other. Abel became a sailor and traveled to China, the East Indies and Spanish America. In 1826, he moved to Mexico, and at 29 he became a Mexican citizen when he converted from Judaism to Catholicism (this original document can be found in the City Archives). He migrated to the Los Angeles area in 1831 and opened a trading/mercantile store, which he learned during his years as a sailor. He was very successful at it, too. In the early 1830s, several local ranchers hired Stearns to settle land disputes over boundaries. Little did he know that in time he, himself, would own much of the disputed land in most of Southern California. He became the wealthiest American in the pueblo.

On Dec. 22, 1834, Abel Stearns purchased land on what today is the southeast corner of Main and Arcadia Streets. On this property he built the largest, most magnificent home in the pueblo. It became known as *El Palacio* or The Palace. This home was often the scene for lavish entertainment for visiting celebrities and political and social events. By this time Abel Stearns was known as *Don Abel*, an honorary Spanish/Mexican title.

Don Abel Stearns was a very interesting man. He played both sides of the law beautifully. Stearns knew how important a port would be for Los Angeles. He opened a warehouse in San Pedro and established a prosperous business selling goods to ships docking at the harbor. But, in the early 1840s he was arraigned for smuggling operations at the port. In a warehouse, silks and liquors was found and condemned. *Don Abel* replied verbally, wrote violent letters and appealed for justice. He even falsified information to put his records in order, according to documents. As of this article it is difficult to determine what the legal outcome was, but later Stearns was found guilty again of housing new hides after another search in his warehouse. Physically, Abel Stearns was not considered a handsome man. One of the reasons was because he had been stabbed in the face by a dissatisfied customer. From that time on he was referred to as "Cara de Caballo" or "Horse Face."

(There are many Abel Stearns records found in the City Archives in non-translated Spanish, relating to his life in the Los Angeles area. Possibly, these documents can explain more of his life and lifestyle. I would appreciate if any of the readers know of qualified translators from the period

Spanish into English to contact me at hyndarudd@yahoo.com)

Prior to Stearns' awkward involvement with the law, in 1835, he was elected *sindico*, where he acted as attorney or legal counsel for the *Ayuntamiento*, or government of the pueblo. His responsibilities as part of the town council included protecting the interests of the pueblo. By 1849 he was chosen to represent his district at the California Constitutional Convention. He was also chosen in late 1849 to be the last *alcalde* or mayor of the *Ayuntamiento*. The following year, 1850, the State of California mandated Los Angeles to become a city through the Act of Incorporation. Abel Stearns was then elected one of the first Common Councilmen of the new City of Los Angeles. Later, in 1860, he became a Supervisor for the County of Los Angeles.

In 1841, *Don Abel Stearns* married the daughter of one of the wealthiest San Diego families, that of *Don Juan Bandini*. Her name was Arcadia, and her reported age has varied from 14 to 16. *Don Abel's* age was given as 40 or 43. One can't help but wonder if the marriage occurred because Governor Alvarado issued a drastic proclamation that all foreigners in California who could not show naturalization papers, show an honorable occupation

more than 200,000 acres.

During the latter part of his life, Abel suffered great financial losses due to extreme weather conditions. In 1863 and 1864, a drought killed off more than 50,000 head of cattle; this nearly bankrupted him. He was unable to make tax payments on property, faced a lawsuit from the County and had to sell *Rancho Los Alamitos*. By 1868, he had mortgaged his remaining ranchos to obtain a \$43,000 loan from a San Francisco loan company to consolidate all his debts. Stearns made great attempts to recover from his financial woes. He did it to a certain degree, where he and his wife lived very comfortably and continued to have great wealth. *Don Abel Stearns* died Aug. 23, 1871. He was 73, and was survived by his wife, *Doña Arcadia*, 46.

Arcadia Bandini was one of three daughters and one living son by Juan Bandini and Dolores Estudillo. The daughters were considered the most beautiful in California. The name Bandini was not of Spanish heritage but of Italian descent. Arcadia was born in 1825 in San Diego. She lived an incredibly wealthy life and died the richest woman in California at her time. Both her parents came from prominence and privilege.

As stated above, Arcadia married *Don Abel Stearns* when she was what we would think of as a teenager. But she had been thought of as charming, and an older man's prized possession. Stearns was actually two years older than her father. She married *Don Abel* in June 1841 at the San Gabriel Mission. Arcadia had no involvement in her husband's business, but either her background or shrewd understanding had to be responsible for her having managed her finances in later life.

After 30 years of mar-

riage to *Don Abel*, he died suddenly on a business trip to San Francisco in 1871. Arcadia, at 46, was left a wealthy widow, including money from the passing of her father in 1859. She was considered to be the catch of the day. Four years later she married Col. Robert Symington Baker in Los Angeles. This marriage brought her further wealth and prestige. In time she was known as the "Godmother" of Brentwood and Santa Monica.

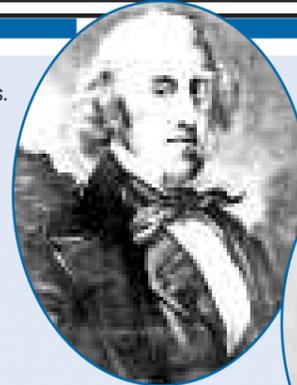
Baker, originally from Rhode Island from an eminent family, arrived in California during the gold rush of 1849, to make money selling supplies to miners. He moved to Los Angeles in 1872 and purchased the *Rancho San Vicente y Santa Monica* from the heirs of Francisco Sepulveda for approximately \$ 54,000 for 32,000 acres. He later sold three quarters share for \$150,000 to a new partner, John P. Jones. On July 15, 1875, they held their first auction, selling land in the new city of Santa Monica.

In time, Col. Baker tore down Abel Stearns' *Palacio*, and in its place he built what was then known as the Baker Block, with elaborate towers and mullioned windows. This building served a number of purposes. On the third floor they lived in a beautiful, formal apartment, before they moved to a new location in Santa Monica. In 1887, Baker, having financial problems of his own, sold his holdings to Arcadia. She then, with Mr. Jones, formed the Santa Monica Land and Water Company. The following year, she and owners of the Wolfskill tract (present-day Westwood) deeded land to the federal government for what would eventually become today's Veterans Administration facility.

Col. Baker died in March 1894. She then married John T. Gaffey of San Pedro. His birth date cannot be found, but he must have been younger than Arcadia because he was cited as a Democratic Delegate at a National Convention in 1932.

Doña Arcadia Bandini Stearns Baker Gaffey died Sept. 15, 1912, at 87. She had no children but many nieces and nephews, and was always dedicated to general needs of children in the community. It is estimated that her estate at that time was valued between \$8 million and \$15 million. Most definitely she was the wealthiest woman in California at that time. She never spoke English; she understood it, but always used a translator.

Abel Stearns.



Arcadia Bandini Stearns Baker Gaffey.



The Baker Block in 1880, built by Col. Robert Baker on land once owned by Abel Stearns.

or be married to a native Californian, would be exiled.

A year later, Abel Stearns purchased the enormous 20,000 acre *Rancho Los Alamitos* as a summer home for his wife. They spent the remainder of the year at *El Palacio*. This started Abel Stearns' becoming one of the largest landowners and cattle ranchers in Southern California. He obtained large land grants and wealth throughout the territory. Between the 1850s and 1860s, Abel acquired more ranchos through foreclosures and defaulted loans. His empire encompassed



El Palacio in 1860, the home of *Don Abel Stearns* and *Doña Arcadia Bandini Stearns*.

Celebrate the Port's 100th Birthday

■ You're invited to a grand celebration Dec. 9, in honor of the Harbor's 100th birthday.

HARBOR — The Port of Los Angeles will celebrate its 100th birthday with a bang on Sunday, Dec. 9, featuring a free community celebration culminating in a boat and fireworks show in the Main Channel just south of the Vincent Thomas Bridge. The festivities begin at 4 p.m. along the water at First Street and Harbor Boulevards in San Pedro, and fireworks are expected to begin at 7:10 p.m.

This family-friendly birthday bash will include: activities; historical displays; videotaped stories of "how it was" from those who lived, visited or worked in and around the Port; carnival-style refreshments; official congratulatory presentations; a first-ever North American performance by Taiwan's Evergreen Symphony Orchestra; tall-ship, fireboat and light shows in the Main Channel; and fireworks.

"The Port of Los Angeles has been making history from the moment it was officially created in 1907, and on Dec. 9, we'll officially celebrate our past and ushering in our next 100 years," said Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., Port of Los Angeles executive director.

Free parking for this event is available at 22nd and Miner Streets, and 22nd and Signal Streets in San Pedro. Shuttle buses will be provided free of charge and the Waterfront Red Car Line, with refurbished and replica historic Pacific Electric Red Cars, will be shuttling visitors to the event free of charge as well. For more information on the Port's Centennial Birthday Party Celebration, please call (800) 831-PORT or check the Website at www.portoflosangeles.org.

Encore Performance!

On Dec. 10, the 76-member Evergreen Symphony Orchestra will be performing a special full-length concert at the historic Warner Grand Theatre in downtown San Pedro. The performance begins at 7:30 p.m. The symphony is the innovation of Dr. Chang Yung-Fa, the chairman and founder of The Evergreen Group, His charitable organization, Chang Yung-Fa Foundation, supports the orchestra and also assists other arts and humanitarian causes in Asia and around the world. Dec. 10 concert tickets are only \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door and \$5 for students and seniors. Festive in holiday or business attire is suggested. Proceeds benefit the Grand Vision Foundation, the organization, which is refurbishing the historic theatre. For tickets call (310) 833-4813 or visit www.grandvision.org.



The Port will celebrate its 100th birthday with a grand celebration Sunday, Dec. 9.

Haven House

Helping battered women and their children on their way towards a life free of violence.

We need your help to help save lives. You can help in so many ways — cash donations, clothing, food, volunteering. Every little bit helps more than you'll know. Every donation is greatly appreciated — no matter how much. Contact us today at 626.564.8880 to find out how you can help.

For more information on how to donate, please visit our website at 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.**

Haven House is the oldest shelter of its kind in the United States, founded in 1964 to shelter families of violent alcoholics.

Our services include counseling services for women and children in residence and counseling for community clients who are not residents of the shelter.

- Emergency shelter, food and clothing
- Bilingual counseling services for both adults and children
- Assistance with finding permanent housing
- Assistance with finding employment
- Court and social services advocacy
- Assistance with getting welfare
- Legal assistance (TRO's etc.)
- Medical Services



REST INSURED

by JEFF GELINEAU

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



Prepare Now for Uninsured Motorists

Who is an uninsured motorist? State officials estimate that 22 percent of all drivers in California do not have auto insurance, but most people acknowledge that that percentage is probably significantly higher than that in Los Angeles County.

The odds of you being involved in a fender-bender and discovering that the at-fault driver is uninsured is fairly high. In that unpleasant situation, your auto insurance will kick into gear if you have uninsured motorist protection (known as UM coverage). Think of UM coverage as an important self-help tool that generally is pretty affordable. It's important for people to protect themselves in case they get into an accident with someone who either has no auto insurance or doesn't have enough coverage.

Without UM coverage, you have little likelihood of gaining payment for damages you or your vehicle sustain if you're involved in an accident with a driver who is either underinsured or driving without any coverage. UM coverage is an important protection for people because it protects them in situations they can't plan for. Without the coverage, their only recourse may be to sue an individual to cover their losses if that other driver doesn't have insurance, or enough insurance.

In some cases, UM coverage also covers you if a "hit-and-run" motorist hits your vehicle.

UM coverage also provides protection for underinsured motorists. UM pays you for damages that surpass the amount of coverage carried by a driver who is underinsured. That is incredibly valuable, because many drivers carry minimum limits, and that may be insufficient to cover your injuries and the damages to your vehicle.

UM coverage can help you in another way: if you are a pedestrian. If you carry UM coverage and you get hit by a car while you're trying to cross the street, the coverage could pay your medical expenses and lost wages while you recuperate. UM coverage also extends to your family members living in your house who are hit as pedestrians or hit in a vehicle they are occupying.

Unfortunately, many people realize too late the importance of UM coverage—after they or their family members have already been injured by an uninsured or underinsured motorist. UM coverage is not mandatory in California, it is a voluntary form of insurance offered by all automobile insurance companies. UM coverage is coverage you purchase from your own insurance company that pays for bodily injury losses to you and your passengers from an accident with a driver who is legally responsible for the injuries, but has no liability coverage.

It is very common for people to purchase the minimum amount of UM coverage, which is a decision they sometimes regret once they are involved in an accident with an uninsured motorist. For example, you might purchase \$100,000 in liability coverage, which would cover that driver in an accident for which he or she is at fault, but only \$15,000 in UM coverage. If you are involved in an accident with an uninsured driver who is

liable for the accident, you will only be entitled to receive up to \$15,000 for your losses, no matter how much they really are. Accordingly, you should consider purchasing as much UM coverage as you can, and at least as much as your regular coverage.

To receive your uninsured benefits under UM coverage, you must be able to verify that the other driver was in fact uninsured. This is usually fairly simple, yet it is your responsibility to produce evidence, such as a statement from the driver's insurance company confirming a lack of insurance. Next, you must prove that the uninsured driver caused the accident. Fault is easier to prove in some cases than in others. In any accident situation, you should do the following:

1. Obtain as many witness names, addresses and telephone numbers as possible
2. Call the police and be sure to get a copy of the accident report
3. Take as many notes about the accident as possible.
4. Be evaluated at the nearest emergency room and diligently follow your doctor's advice.

Uninsured motorist coverage protects you if you are injured by someone who does not have adequate insurance to compensate you for your injuries. It is important that you ask your insurance agent how much it would cost to add or increase this coverage.

Feel free to call our agency if you have any questions about uninsured motorist coverage, or would like an auto insurance quote. Call us if you would like to get a quote for your home or boat through us also, or would like a question answered on any type of insurance.

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This Website lists the upcoming visits we'll be making to City Department meetings where you can ask us any question in person, and get an instant quote!

Have a question? Is there something about insurance that you've always wanted to know, but were too ashamed to ask? Maybe something that you've just always been curious about? Feel free to send me an email at jgelineau@unitedagencies.com, and I will try to answer your question in one of our monthly columns.

Be Safe and Have Fun!

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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
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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 8372 Arnett Dr. Huntington Beach, CA 92647. 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:

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

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

RLACEI:

LACERS Fund Ends Year Strong



By Phil Skarin,
RLACEI Publicity Chair

President Ed Harding reports:



Ed Harding

"Hal Danowitz, Neil Ricci and I were at the LACERS Health Fair Nov. 1 at the Marriot Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. We all thought that everyone should attend

one of the four health fairs.

"We handed out flyers and membership applications. Other health providers also handed out all kinds of goodies. LACERS furnished a Continental breakfast. It was nice to see old friends and coworkers, including two former secretaries of mine.

"I want to wish two of my dear friends get well wishes. One is Walter Lee from the Bureau of Engineering, who was very ill in the hospital and has now moved in with his son in Arcadia. The other is Dave

Wilkins, one of our Directors, who fell and broke his hip in seven places. He spent Oct. 5 through the 10 in the hospital, getting the pieces put back. He is in a nursing home in Sylmar and plans to move into a Residence Care in Granada Hills. Greg Wilkins, Dave's son, who works for the City, has been handling all of Dave's issues. Call him on his cell phone: (626) 222-6697. Dave will be happy to hear from all his friends.

"Be sure to attend our Christmas Party on Thursday, Dec. 6, at 11:30 a.m. at the Grace E. Simons Lodge in Elysian Park. Chris & Pitts will furnish a great lunch, so be sure to call one of the officers for a reservation so that we will have enough for everyone. We will have a few speakers, entertainment, many great door prizes and the Installation of the Directors that you voted in.

"See you there."



Legislative Update:



Ken Spiker

"In the last fiscal year ending June 3, 2007, the fund earned 19.5 percent compared to the previous fiscal year, when the fund earned 12.4 percent. The fund is plus-18.2 percent for the last 12 months, thanks to the Board's investment policies and a great staff, headed up by Dan

Gallagher. We are not having any problem earning the required plus-8 percent.

"The LACERS fund is still very healthy at \$11.6 billion when this article was prepared. Oil prices, bankruptcies, foreclosures, etc. have not caused any serious damage to our investments.

"The Mayor's request to the Board to divest any funds with companies doing business with Iran has not as yet been scheduled for discussion. Identifying those companies has been a major prob-

lem for the federal government and the state. We should receive an objective and impartial evaluation of positive or negative results of sales before being asked to vote."

Election Results: At the Executive Board meeting Nov. 12, all of the incumbent officers were reelected for another year.



RLACEI Website

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

Contact LACERS

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

The Best Years

ADVENTURES
with HAL!

Arriving at John F. Kennedy Airport in New York.

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, Secretary
Jerry Bardwell, Treasurer

Committee Chairpersons for 2007

Bob Wilkinson, Audit
Jerry Bardwell, Budget
Hal Danowitz, 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
Neil Ricci, Nominating
Phil Skarin, Parliamentarian

Directors

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



To Be Young in New York

■ Hal's granddaughter, Isabelle, describes the family adventure to New York City.

Story by Isabelle LoMonaco

This month we have a guest writer, my nine-year old granddaughter, Isabelle. This trip was part of her birthday present and she traveled with my wife, Evelyn, and Isabelle's mother, Michelle.

— Hal

My name is Isabelle LoMonaco, and I went to New York City with my grandmother and mother as part of my birthday present. The plane ride to New York City was six hours there and six hours back. On the ride there we flew at night. I slept on the plane.

From the airport we took a cab to the hotel. We stayed at the W Hotel (541 Lexington Ave., 212-755-1200) on Lexington and 49th Street. We dropped our luggage at the hotel.

The first day we walked to Rockefeller Center and I wanted to ice skate, so we did. Grandma didn't want to, but my mom and I did. After the Zamboni cleaned the ice, we were the only ones on the ice for five seconds. We skated for about 45 minutes.

After skating, we took a double-decker bus through the city. We went through Time Square and saw the theater district and Carnegie Hall; it started raining in the middle of the ride and they gave us yellow ponchos to wear.

We got off the bus at the Empire State Building stop and had pizza for lunch. We were going to go to the Empire State building, but because of the rain we couldn't see



Isabelle, taking on New York City.



Isabelle with Grandma and Mom at Rockefeller Center.

anything, so we didn't go up.

After that we went back to the hotel for a rest, but I didn't sleep; I watched TV. We took a pedal cab to dinner at Mars 2112. It was the weirdest restaurant I have ever been to. It was fun because you had to take a ride into the restaurant. The food was very good.

The Mars 2112 restaurant is a space-themed restaurant for the whole family located in the heart of Times Square at 51st Street and Broadway.

After that, we went to see *Grease* (at the Brooks Atkinson Theatre) in the theater district. We really liked this TV show called *You're the One That I Want* that picked out the stars for *Grease*. So that is the whole reason we came to New York. After the show, we brought a poster and we went by the stage door and got it signed by the actors who played Sandy, Danny and Kenickie.

The next day we went to the Central Park Zoo. We saw bats, birds, red pandas, monkeys, puffins, penguins, polar bears, sea lions and piranha. It was really fun.

After we went to the zoo we took a horse and carriage around Central Park. We saw an



Isabelle and Michelle ice skating in Rockefeller Center.

ice-skating rink and a bunch of other horse carriages. Our carriage driver was from Rome and sang us a song.

Right after that, we went to the Tavern on the Green (Central Park at West 67th Street, 212-873-3200). It is a famous tea place. Except I didn't have tea; I had chicken nuggets.

ADVENTURES with HAL!

After that, we waited in the half-price theatre ticket line (TKTS Times Square) for 45 minutes to buy tickets to *Mary Poppins* (New Amsterdam Theatre).

Then we met our good friends, the Martinos, who live in Westchester County. After we got together with them, we decided to go to Serendipity 3 for dinner because of its famous frozen hot chocolate. While we were waiting for our table, we went to Dylan's Candy Bar (1011 Third Ave, 646-735-0078), which is the biggest candy store I have ever seen. Dylan's Candy Bar was a good reason to kill time, and we bought two bags of candy.

Serendipity 3 at 225 E. 60th St. (212-838-3531) is known for its foot-long hot dogs and frozen drinks. It is named for the three legendary princes of the island once known as Serendipity, now Sri Lanka, from which the 18th century writer Sir Horace Walpole coined serendipity.

Once our table was ready, everybody ordered food except me; I ordered a fruit cup.

For dessert I had a cup full of ice cream with a bunch of caramel. I didn't try the frozen hot chocolate, but everybody else did and they liked it.

After that, we went to see *Mary Poppins*. It had a lot of special effects; everything moved. I would recommend it for kids of all ages.

At the hotel I had to sleep on the floor because there were two twin beds and no



A carriage ride in Central Park.

room for a rollaway. I almost sleep-walked out of the room, but luckily mom woke me up in time and said, "Isabelle get back to bed," and I did.

Sunday, our last day, we took a boat to the Statue of Liberty, and we climbed as far as we could go. Grandma was tired after we had to climb 156 steps up and 156 steps down. After we visited the Statue of Liberty we went to Ellis Island, where people who came from other countries went before they could come ashore. They had to take a test before they could get into the county. To get to the Statue of Liberty, we had to go through security, where they blew air at you. It was fun.

Then we went to the airport. It

was sad to leave New York City, but I was happy to see the rest of my family.



Having tea at the Tavern on the Green, on the Upper West Side of Manhattan.



You're Invited!

RLACEI Holiday Party in December

The RLACEI's annual Christmas Party and Installation of Officers is scheduled for noon Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Grace E. Simons Lodge. The Lodge is at 1025 Elysian Park Dr., near Dodger Stadium. There will be a light lunch (sandwiches, salad and drinks), entertainment and valuable door prizes. You must make reservations at least a week ahead. Guests welcome. Call one of the officers on the Retirees Helplines (see page 30). Free taxi service can take you from the parking lot to the lodge.



RLACEI Holiday Party

Thursday,
Dec. 6, 12 noon
Grace E. Simons Lodge
1025 Elysian Park Drive
(near Dodger Stadium)

RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

Earl and Eileen Rogers now live at 700 North Shore Dr., No. 4, Bellingham, WA 98226. Call them at (360) 671-5958.

Mort and Georgia Feingold now live at 700 Ardmore Ave. #214, Ardmore, PA 19003-1135. They are near their son and family.

Mike and Cleone Vrabel flew to Hawaii for the June wedding of their granddaughter, Jaime. It was a real family reunion.

Jerry Lapporte, former Director of Street Lighting, advises that he is now fully retired after participating in 120 litigation cases as an Expert Witness on lighting and visibility. The cases usually involved a traffic or industrial accident, a police shooting or a criminal act.

Jim and Barbara Neuman spend about four months each year in their RV. They have visited all 50 states. He enjoys woodworking, and she is an accomplished painter.

Robert Paul and his wife live in the Cumberland Plateau in Tennessee. They have traveled throughout the United States. She is a volunteer at the hospital and he drives a county "Dial a ride" van.

Carlos Quiroz and his wife live in Yucca Valley, where he does volunteer work. They are now headed for his wife's hometown of Guadalajara, Mexico, for a few weeks. There are some retired City people there, so he feels comfortable.

Vince and Mary Ann Borello celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with friends at the Venetian Resort in Las Vegas in October. Their secret is to always listen attentively to whatever the other is saying.

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

John Peterson is restoring a 1936 Chevy Standard Town Sedan. He needs four hubcaps for it. If you have some lying around, give John a call at (909) 593-5835.

Ivan Forbes has a windmill in Sylmar that generates 99.5 percent of all his electric needs. He was featured in a previous *Alive!*

To find out the latest retirement news, visit www.rlacei.com. If you have news about yourself or other retirees, send it to Phil Skarin at 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411

A Memorial for James E. Shields 1938-2007



Jim, a Retired Programmer Analyst, ITA, passed away Sept. 23 in Mesa, Ariz.

His family invites you to spend an afternoon sharing memories of his life and work with his friends and family.

Please join them for this special occasion from 2 to 5 p.m. Jan. 12 at 9338 Odessa Ave. in North Hills, California, 91343.

For more information, please call Lynda Simmons at (818) 894-3338.

On the Move

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

Ken Keeps Going

Retiree runner Ken Kochakji ran another distance competition. This time it was the fourth annual Calabasas Classic 5K Nov. 11. He ran with his sister, Christine Douglass. Good going, Ken and Christine!



Ken and Christine show off their medals.



A large crowd of people participated in this great cause - fighting cancer.

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



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

Do Something More

You may think it's enough to do your work well, support your family, be a good parent and be a good churchgoer.

But you must do something more. You must give some of your time in helping your fellow man. Do something for those who need a little help, something for which you don't get paid, but doing it is a privilege.

Remember that you don't live in a world all of your own. Your brothers and sisters are also in this world with you.

- Phil Skarin

RLACEI's Toll-Free Number

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

The number is: (800) 678-4145

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

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

For Retired Club Members

Put the City under your tree. Give Club gifts.

SEE PAGES 58-59



Marie Lemelle, third from left, was congratulated by long-time WPAAA members (from left) Jacqueline Boddie, Carol Fort and Fern Holmes.



During a recent visit to Washington, D.C., Marie Lemelle met with living legend and civil rights icon Dr. Dorothy I. Height, who at 95 continues to conduct business at the national headquarters daily.



Marie Lemelle, honored with the 2007 Community Advocate Award from the National Council of Negro Women.

Lemelle: Top Advocate

■ **DWP's Marie Lemelle, Club Member, receives the 2007 National Community Advocate Award from the National Council of Negro Women.**

DWP — Marie Lemelle, DWP, has received the 2007 Community Advocate Award from the National Council of Negro Women Oct. 27 at the 33rd Bethune Recognition Luncheon at the Holiday Inn Gateway Hotel in Torrance.

The Bethune Recognition Luncheon is a national event held in local chapters to allow committed women from each chapter to continue the legacy of founder Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune and the commitment of Chair and President Emeriti Dr. Dorothy I. Height to the preservation of its national headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Marie Lemelle got her start in community advocacy early in life, following the footsteps of her supportive parents, Clayton, a retiree from the DWP, and Theresa, who promoted involvement in community affairs work and volun-

teerism. Since then, Marie has helped others through communications, public relations and community advocacy.

Her work in promoting positive messages and themes in the African American community has not been lost on those she has influenced and made a difference with. Lemelle, president of the Water and Power African American Association in Los Angeles (www.wpaaa.org), will see that all of her work has not been in vain. She also serves on the advisory board of the African American Firefighter Museum and the board of the Los Angeles Humanity Foundation.

"The NCNW is proud to announce this year's outstanding women and youths in the community who have made a commitment to NCNW and encourage everyone to help us celebrate their accomplishments," said Joan Jackson, president of the NCNW, Southern California Area Chapter.

Founded in 1935, NCNW reaches nearly four million women through 39 national affiliate organizations and more than 240 sections through various activities. NCNW addresses issues of human welfare and rights through public education, community service and advocacy.

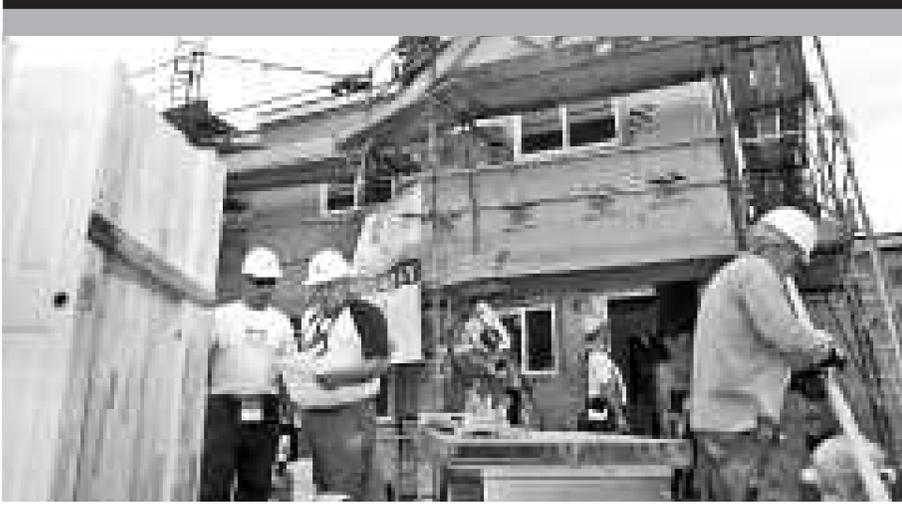


Lemelle has also received certificates of recognition and appreciation for her dedication to the community from Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, U.S. Senator Mark Ridley-Thomas, Congresswoman Diane E. Watson, Assembly woman Karen Bass, Congresswoman Maxine Waters, Councilman Herb Wesson, and Los Angeles Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa.

"I'm honored that the NCNW selected me for this award," she said. "It means a great deal to me because it's a culmination of a lot things I have been doing in the community. It really feels good to know that people notice what you do and they support it."

She has spearheaded the distribution of water and clothes to the homeless and hosting free workshops about financial empowerment and homeownership for the community. "There are so many unsung heroes that don't get noticed...we have a lot of folks that do what they do, not so much for the recognition, but because it's a passion. It is a passion for me."

Congratulations, Marie, from the Club. It's a much-deserved honor.



Volunteers construct the much-needed homes.



Ruben Gonzalez, Airport Police, Club Member, was a recipient of a home built partially by other City Employees as part of Habitat for Humanity.



City Employees from various City departments volunteer their time at this Habitat for Humanity project.

Building a Habitat

■ City Employees help build a house for fellow City Employee and Club Member as part of Habitat for Humanity.



Ruben Gonzalez stands in front of his future home.

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

HOUSING — Employees from several City departments, including Housing, volunteered their time to participate in the Jimmy Carter Work Project for Habitat for Humanity Oct. 28 through Nov. 2.

The home was built for Ruben Gonzalez, Airport Police, Club Member.

Each year, former President and First Lady Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter give a week of their time to build homes and raise awareness of the critical need for affordable housing.

Congratulations to the City Employees who helped in this worthwhile effort.



Domingo Saucedo, LAHD Code Enforcement Director.



YEAR-END SAFETY CHECK LIST



By Jimmy Hill, Fire Marshal, LAFD

It's the end of the year, with the holidays coming up. And that presents several safety challenges. To make things easy and simple, I've put together a list of safety tips. Take a few minutes to go through this list, and take care of what needs your attention. Being safe makes the holidays even better.

Have a great holiday season!

Christmas Tree Safety

- ✓ Never purchase a dry tree.
- ✓ Never place a Christmas tree near a fireplace or heater.
- ✓ Remove your Christmas tree before it becomes brittle or by Jan. 1.
- ✓ Make sure your live Christmas tree has plenty of water and it has not been placed too close to any heating source.
- ✓ Keep all candles away from flammable materials.
- ✓ Always place candles in a good, sturdy holder that won't burn and will not tip over.
- ✓ Never use Christmas lights that are broken, have missing lights or have frayed cords.
- ✓ Always turn off Christmas lights prior to leaving your house.



Fireplace Safety

- ✓ Never throw wrapping paper into a fireplace.
- ✓ Always recycle your tree; never burn it in the fireplace.
- ✓ Always use a fireplace screen when you use your fireplace.
- ✓ Make sure your fireplace has a spark arrestor.

General Holiday Safety

- ✓ Make sure you have a working smoke alarm.
- ✓ If your clothes catch on fire, know how to "Stop (where you are), Drop (to the ground) and Roll (to smother the fire).
- ✓ Dial 9-1-1 to report emergencies.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPT.!

Tell Santa: Everybody wants Club gifts.
SEE PAGES 58-59



Buster, with five-year-old Scarlett and Pinky Harris, who volunteers at the barn.



Gary Copeland, P3+1, Mounted.

Mounted Division

■ Police Dept. Mounted Division hosts 20th annual open house.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor



POLICE DEPT. — The LAPD Metropolitan Division's Mounted Platoon hosted its 20th annual open house Nov. 10, inside the Mounted Platoon's barn.

The free event, which included food and drinks, invited visitors to pet the horses, tour the barn and scale the rock-climbing wall. There was a photo and fingerprint-ID service for children along with live demonstrations and specialized displays by the Mounted Platoon, the SWAT Division, the LAPD Historical Museum, the bomb squad and the Fire Dept.

Special thanks go to Officers Ron Terrazas and Rudy De Leon, both Club Members, for their assistance.



Sgt. Mike Porter, Mounted Unit.



Back, from left: Joe Nepomuceno, P3, Mounted, Club Member; and Glenn Tamura. Front, from left: Sue Nepomuceno, wife of Joe; Shane, 3; and Miwako Tamura.



Visiting with Blue are two-year-old Angelina and Tap Le, who came because his sister works for Metro.



From left: Robin Aguirre, P3, RACR; Lucas, 3; and Michael Piesik, P3 Mounted Unit.



Ken Thatcher, P3, Metro Mounted.



All smiles as they prepare the good food, from left: Officer Ron Terrazas, Club Member; Janice Stegner, Equine Keeper; and Officer Russ Vincent.



From left: Brian Argumosa, Engineer, Station 50, B Shift; Derard Buckner, Fire Fighter; Armando Jurado, Fireman Paramedic; and Capt. Kevin Rudd.



Heath Holst with her seven-year-old daughter, Gabby, inside the Bear CAT.



The SWAT demonstration had everyone on their toes.



Sgt. Buttita provides the scenario of the SWAT demonstration. "We handle 100 to 125 incidents a year," the sergeant said.



From left: Rip; Keanu, 4; Kiana, 8; Kirra, 11; and Velinda, Management Analyst, CDD, Club Member.



From left: Sgt. Sherri Egan, Van Nuys, brings her three-year-old daughter, Sara, to visit Adjo, a suspect dog, and Officer Mike Peters, Metro.



SWAT's BEAR.



Tony Samuelson, P3, Metro, at the SWAT booth.



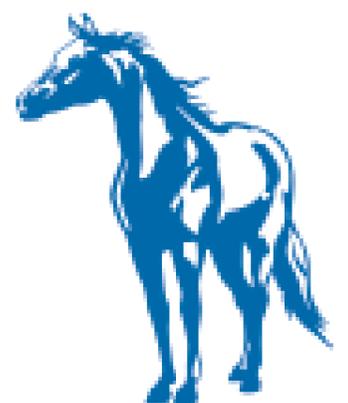
The Romeros, from left: Henry; Susan; Henry Jr., P3 SWAT; and Camille.



From left: Sgt. Jean Salvodon, Metro; and Commander Scott Kroeber.



From left: Giovanni Ayala, Explorer; Officer Arguello, North East; and Jose Rios, Explorer.



Open House



Prior to black-and-white cars, cops transported criminals on this wagon.



From left: Mike Menegio, P3+1, Metro; and Ralph Lara, P3, Metro.



From left: Sar Jr., 5, the "head animal volunteer" at West Valley Animal Shelter; Rip, Animal Control Officer, with Spay Neuter Task Force; Delfina Cantero, Clerk Typist, West Valley Animal Shelter; and Raquel.



AJ, the resident Lead Equine Keeper.



Charles Joh, P3, Metro, with Jimbo.



From left: Scott Brown, P3, Metro Mounted; David Sanchez, Management Analyst, Club Member; and Anna Robinson, Accounting Clerk, Club Member.



From left: Art Aguirre, P3, Metro Mounted, with his son, Brett, 6.



Sean Mulford, P3, Metro, with Captain.



Five-year-old Breanna, daughter of Officer Joel Ruiz, Newton, visits with Sgt. Baptiste and Pepper.



From left: Jamie Mroczkowski, P2, South East Vice; and Lt. Katarina Thomas, West L.A.



From left: Sophie, 2; Teddy, 6; Kevin Grogan, P3, Mounted Unit; and Kevin, 8.



It's Party Pix Time

Hey Club Members:

Alive! wants to print pictures of your holiday office party!

- 1. Take the photos yourself, and send them in as soon as you can.**

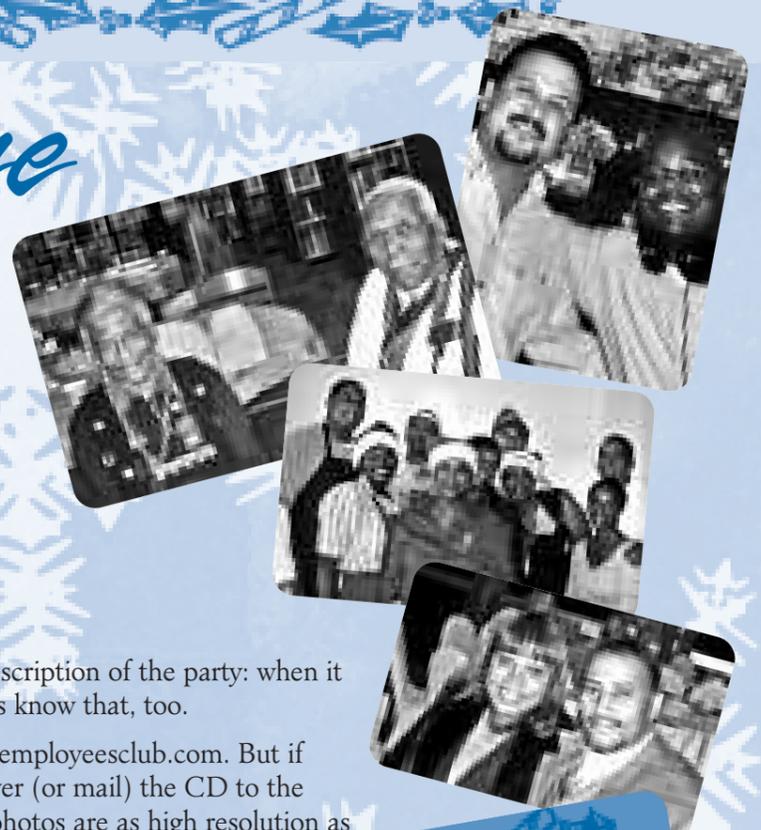
Digital photos are always best. And make sure you give us a description of the party: when it was, where it was, and if something significant happened, let us know that, too.

If there are just a few photos, then send them to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com. But if there are a lot, then it's best to burn them onto a CD and deliver (or mail) the CD to the Club. The address is on the inside front cover. Make sure the photos are as high resolution as you can make them.

- 2. Let us know when your holiday party is, and we'll try to send a photographer.**

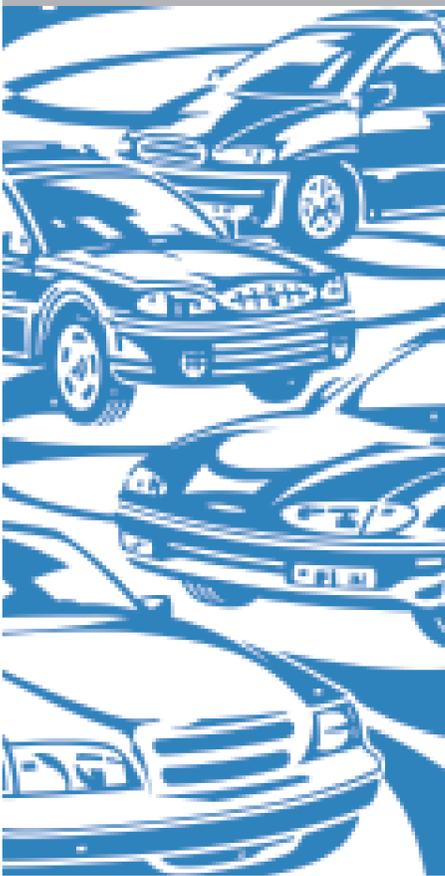
Please note:

There are more City holiday parties than we can cover, but we will try. That's why it's best to send in your own photos. If you want us to cover your party, talk to your Counselor (Liz Montes or Arlene Herrero) or write to Robert Larios, Club Director of Marketing and Communications, at rlarios@cityemployeesclub.com. We'll do our best to get to as many as we can, but we can't guarantee it. But let us know.



See you at the party!





From left: Director of Fleet Services Leonard Walker, Club Member, with Louie Fuentes, Club Member, Civic Center Employee of the Year.



From left: Parking Manager Ben Setiarto with Michelle Palacios, Pershing Square Employee of the Year.



From left: Parking Manager Ben Setiarto with Lourdes Santiago, Pershing Square Employee of the Year.



From left: Parking Manager Ben Setiarto with Tony Ferrer, LA Mall Civic Center Employee of the Year.



From left: Parking Manager Ben Setiarto with Juan Galarza, El Pueblo Employee of the Year.



From left: Parking Manager Ben Setiarto with Courtland Bolin, LA Mall/Civic Center Employee of the Year.

Parking and Fleet Appreciation



■ General Services says thanks to Parking Services and Fleet Dispatchers.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

GENERAL SERVICES — Parking Services and Fleet Services Dispatchers and their supervisors came out to enjoy a day of appreciation Nov. 15 in the Tom Bradley Room atop City Hall.

The event was sponsored by SEIU Local 721 & LIUNA Local 777. Master of Ceremonies was Melody McCormick, Director.

Everyone enjoyed their luck at winning the many prizes available (some donated by City Employees Club) while lunching on barbecued ribs and chicken, potato salad and cake.

Service pins and certificates were awarded. Special guests included General Manager and Club Member Alvin Blain; Assistant General Managers Tony Royster, Anthony De Clue, David Paschal and Deborah J. Ramos; Cliff Ruff, Chief of Staff to Councilman Dennis Zine; Michael Leighton, Director of Publishing and Club Board Member; and Renee Anderson, SEIU Local 721.

Congratulations to all the Parking Services and Fleet Dispatchers on a well-deserved day. The Club thanks Ben Setiarto for his assistance.



Receiving Perfect Attendance honors were:

- Tobi Arias
- Zewdu Bekele
- Eugenio Carcamo
- David Chavez
- Judy Chu
- Heriberto Diaz
- Jesus Felix
- Tony Ferrer
- Jose Garcia
- Pedro Montelongo
- Joseph Oliver
- Alfredo Rosas
- Lourdes Santiago
- Rosa Soliz
- Angel Tafur, and
- Torsak Teongnoi

Service Pin recipients were:

- Louis Murillo, 38 years
- Marina McKinney, 36 years
- Angel Tafur, 35 years
- Pedro Montelongo, 33 years
- Nicholas Hopper, 28 years
- Stephen Loreda, 28 years
- David Chavez, 26 years
- Jose Garcia, 26 years, and
- Alfredo Rosas, 25 years



From left: Edward Santillan, Parking Attendant I, 23 years, Club Member; Pete Montelongo, Sr. Parking Attendant II, 34 years, Club Member; and Rosa Soliz, Parking Attendant, 20 years.



From left: Tony Ferrer, Parking Attendant II, 23 years; Maricela Zometa, Vocational Worker I, 5 years; Roger Ulloa, Event Attendant II, 2.5 years; and Marshall Kang, Parking Attendant, 5 years.



From left: Lupe Castaneda, Parking Attendant, 19 years, Club Member; Judy Chu, Vocational Worker I, 4 years; and Emma Flores, Parking Attendant, 4 years.



From left: Zewdu Bekele, Parking Attendant, 2 years; David Chavez, Parking Attendant I, 26 years, Club Member; and Manuel Flores, Parking Attendant, 7 months.



From left: Rigoberto Sanchez, Parking Attendant, 22 years; Arturo Meza, Parking Attendant, 23 years, Club Member; and Alfonso Casimiro, Parking Attendant, 6 years.



From left: Yolanda Jimenez, Parking Attendant, 10 years; Eugenio Carcamo, Parking Attendant 17 years; and Juan Galarza, Parking Attendant, 7 years.



From Left: Roberta Rocha-Ayala, Sr. Parking Attendant, 20 years, Club Member; Maria Aranda, Parking Attendant, 20 years; Luis Perez, Parking Attendant, 16 years



From left: Miguel Martinez, Parking Attendant, 7 years, Club Member; Orlando Somoza, Supervisor at Pershing Square, 8 years; and Sandra Reyna, Parking Attendant, 7 years.



From left: Sergout Assefa, Office Clerk, 7 years; Frank Avila, Parking Attendant, 7 years; and Emma Quintero, Parking Attendant, 7 months.



From left: Luis, four; Carmen Rivas, Cashier, 4 years; Maricel Calderon, Cashier, 3.5 years; and Lourdes Santiago, Cashier, 3.5 years.



From left: Tobi Arias, Parking Attendant I, 20 years, Club Member; Denise Fernandez, Parking Attendant, 17 years, Club Member; and Alejandro Marin, Parking Attendant I, 7 years.



Standing: John Gyarmati, Garage Attendant, 1 year. Seated, from left: Douglas Kuniyoshi, Garage Attendant, 10 years; Jesse Palacios, Garage Attendant, 14 years, Club Member; and Louis Fuentes, Garage Attendant, 6 years, Club Member.



Alvin Blain, General Manager, Club Member, reminds everyone of the importance of being in the service business.



Standing, from left: Jose Garrido, Sr. Garage Attendant, 20 years; Johnny De Los Reyes, Dispatcher, 18 years; and Art Flores, Auto Motive Dispatcher II, 20 years. Seated: Philip Anderson, Dispatcher I, 22 years; Richard Bailey, Garage Attendant, 18 years, Club Member; and Sanghee Kim, Clerk Typist, 19 years, Club Member.



From left: Maricela Munoz, Parking Attendant, 7 years, Club Member; and Lina Garcia, Parking Attendant, 5 years, Club Member.



From Left: Jo Oliver, Parking Attendant I, 20 years; and Stephen Loreda, Parking Attendant I, 28 years.



From left: Mario Carrillo, Sr. Parking Attendant, 2 years; and Nick Hopper, Parking Services Supervisor for El Pueblo, 28 years, Club Member.



From left: Zonia Montes, Event Attendant, 18 months; and Noe Maldonado, Event Attendant II, 3 years, Club Member.



From left: Francisco Ventura, Cashier, 7 years, with Khosrow Abedinzadeh, Supervisor at Pershing Square, 7 years, Club Member.



Henry Matute, Supervisor at Pershing Square, 8 years, with Michelle Plascencia, Supervisor, 6 years.



From left: Parking Manager Luis Murillo, 38 years; and Heriberto Diaz, Parking Attendant, 3 years.



From left: Guillermo Escobar, Parking Supervisor, 3 years; Charlie Diaz, Parking II, 20 years, Club Member; Sandy Ke, Clerk Typist, 2 years; and Roberto Colmenares, Parking Attendant II, 19 years.



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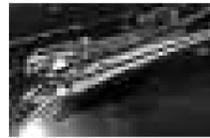




34 Dodge; From left: Larry Levine and Ken Sobel, Retired City Safety Administrator.



Welcome to the 12th annual Cops for Tots.



A 1946 Chevy Fleetline hood ornament



A 1954 Chevy hood ornament.



From left: Pablo Rivera, Newton Explorer; Jose Ruvalcaba, Newton Explorer; Officer Garrett Breegle, P2 Central with the T3; and Bryan Gomez, Newton Explorer.



Alicia Martinez, Traffic Officer, Transportation, Central.



Cece Tatum, Clerk Typist.



LAPD Air Support, from left: Adam Grenburg, Pilot; Manny Dickerson, Pilot; Chris Van Horn, Pilot; and Lance Ordin, Reserved Officer.



From left: Ben Matias, P2, CTD; Krista Hallenbeck, Volunteer; Mike Morales, P3, CTD; Lawrence Henderson, Volunteer; Lauren Henderson, Volunteer; and Arturo Bautista, Reserved Officer.



From left: Robert Golden P2+2 and Mike Goldstein, P2+2, with a 1947 Plymouth deluxe police vehicle.



From left: Rudy De Leon, P3+1, Mounted Unit, Club Member; and Ron Terrazas, P3+1, Mounted Unit, Club Member.



From left: Lindsey Terrazas, CEO of Cattle Dogs, and daughter of Club Member Officer Ron Terrazas.



From left: Michael Henderson, P2+2; Anthony Stewart, P2+2; Sgt. John Vasquez; and Corinne Ernst, P2.



From left: Cecilio Flores, P2, CTD; Alfredo Villegas, P2, CTD; Henry Servin, P2, CTD; Robert Takahashi, P2, CTD; and Brandon Reese, P2, CTD started cooking at 5 a.m. and estimated that they fed more than 600 people and cooked at least 150 pounds of meat.



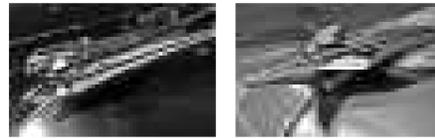
From left: Fred Yamamoto, P2+2, CTD; Mike Valencia, P2+2, CTD, Club Member; and Alvin Linton, P2, CTD.



An Oldsmobile on its side.



A 1940 Willys.



A 1946 Chevy Fleetline hood ornament



A 1954 Chevy hood ornament.

Cops for Tots

■ Police Dept.'s 12th annual Cops for Tots event raises funds for children who need transplants.

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



POLICE DEPT. — The Los Angeles Police Department's Central Traffic Division presented its 12th annual Cops for Tots event Oct. 28 at the

Police Academy. This year's event once again fell on the weekend prior to Halloween, so many spooky-themed vehicles were on hand.

The event was free to the public with the proceeds to Benefit the Children's Charities of Los Angeles.

Approximately 600 cars and motorcycles entered the show. Many trophies were awarded. Over the past 12 years, more than \$200,000 has been raised, with this year's event raising at least \$45,000.

There were also many vendors on hand and LAPD displays from the Special Weapons and Tactics Unit, the Recruitment Section, the Los Angeles Police Historical Society and other entities within the Department.

Thanks to Officers Abe Rangel, Club Member, and Mike Belmonte for their assistance. And congratulations to the Central Traffic Division for another excellent event.



Heather Cosner and Abe Rangel, P2+2, Event Coordinator, Club Member.



A group of Chevys dating from 1949-50.



A 2006 Grinnall two-seater by BMW.



A 1957 Chevy.



A 1968 Ford Shelby Mustang GT 350.



Richard Rogers stands next to his 2006 Ford GT.



A 1924 Buick.



A 1965 Volkswagen Microbus, also known as the 21-window bus.



Mini Cooper Limo used a 1969 Austin Mini as a base for this project car.



Phillip Valenzuela, RCTO, Club Member



Albert Gerarado



Daniel Govea, RCTO



Jeanette Hall-Smith, Club Member



Aguilar Samuel



Jorge Barajas, RCTO



Kevin Sherman, RCTO, Club Member



Alfred Reed, RCTO



Javier Reza



Ernesto Cruz

Sanitation Career Development

■ Sanitation graduates its sixth class of employees who are taking charge of their careers.

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



Congratulations, graduating class!

PUBLIC WORKS — The Bureau of Sanitation graduated its sixth class of employees who have chosen to take a special program in developing their careers.

The graduation took place Oct. 24 at the Media Center.



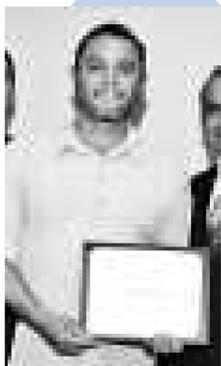
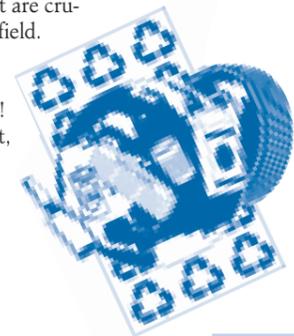
The program lasts 14 weeks, and this was the sixth class since the program began in 2004 (it's held twice a year). The students are volunteers, elected to take the program from a list based on a point system.

Students were presented with written information and special guest presentations that are crucial in the managerial and supervisory field. Students had to attend all classes to successfully complete the course.

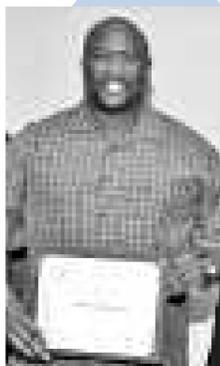
Congratulations to the graduates! Thanks to Ray Cruz, Superintendent, Solid Resources Valley Collection Division East Valley District, for his assistance.



Morris Jones, Club Member



Michael Herrera



Jerome Johnson, RCTO, Club Member



Ronnie Calhoun



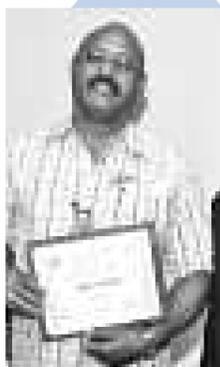
Angel Lara, RCTO, Club Member



Gabriel Miranda



Jesus Morga



James Norman, Club Member



Chuck Oskierko



Paul Porter, RCTO, Club Member



Jeff Quemada, RCTO, Club Member

Life's Important Moments

Share your moments!

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

New Members

Welcome New Members!

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

Airports	Aging	Planning	DWP
Brian Anderson	Ayele Hezkeal	Raquel Garcia	Travis Deaton
David Ayuaziah		Lee Warren	Sean Kelly
Dorla Baptist	Building and Safety		Thomas Kraus
Randall Blayney	Donald David	Public Works	Rudy Navarette
Kenneth Buyard	Gallagher Miller	Sanitation	Goddard Palalii
Steven Clark	City Attorney	Mario Gonzalez	Luis Rodriguez
Cindy Colon	Sonja Dawson	Danielle Maldonado	Joseph Sanchez
Fritz Corror	Personnel	Belinda Manada	Samiayah Watson
Tracie Edwards	Jenny Mach	Jose Moreno	Jan Weber
Eileen Esparrago	Controller	George Ybarra	Charlea Williams
Linda Gossett	Olga Hall		Theodore Zeiss
Jorge Gutierrez	City Council	Rec and Parks	Retirees
Ricky Hudson	Diego Valdez	Alena Cox	William Bumpus Jr.
Jacquelyne Ingram		Alexis Garcia	Hal Danowitz
Jerel Lee	Harbor	Martin Murphy	Mary Hankerson
Armida Mendoza	Dianne Kelly	Kandyce Russell	Gerardo Lagunzad
Rick Miles	General Services	Jeremy Yorke	Jack Mathews
Steven Morales	Frederick Lira		Carolyn Mix-Lee
Sergio Morales	Edward Lopez	ITA	Michael Owens
Heather Ramirez	Paul Mahony	Alfred Crawford	Neil Ricci
Cheryl Richards	Edward Sak	Transportation	Christopher Riddle
Albert Rodriguez	Eduardo Wilson	Thomas Chang	David Spangler
Duane Thalley		Finance	Kenneth Spiker
Carlos Verduzco	Library	Tamy Moseley	Tom Stemnock
	Callie Bush	Debra Radford	Shelia Washington
Animal Services	Mayor's Office	Kisheena Santee	Robert Wilkinson
Jarette Humphrey	Carla Martinez	Miya Taepun	
Christine Khoy		Eduardo Zetina	

In Memoriam

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

Active	Martin Goris, Public Works, 28
Paul Bennett, Public Works, 8	Grank Granack, Public Works, 31
David Brown, Harbor, 3	William Grate, Public Works, 16
Charles Casillas, Rec and Parks, 33	Clifford Harris, Airports, 22
George Gemeiner, Rec and Parks, 4	Jeanette Harris, Public Works, 11
Du Ho, Airports, 10	Thomas Hawkins, Community Dev., 15
Charles Miller, Harbor, 23	William Judie, Public Works, 11
Eloise Murillo, LAPD, 33	Joe Markus, Transportation, 31
	Eugene McCarthy, DWP, 19
	Thomas McKinney, Rec and Parks, 14
	Betty McLaren, DWP, 16
	James Moore, Public Works, 22
	Louise Moore, Public Works, 11
	Mary Murphy, Controller, 39
	Joe Nathan, DWP, 27
	Catherine Nier, DWP, 23
	Richard Orr, DWP, 37
	Gertrude Phillips, DWP, 30
	Richard Price, Transportation, 27
	Herman Reed, Rec and Parks, 22
	Norman Riptoe, General Services, 38
	Francisco Rivera, DWP, 16
	Robert Ruland, DWP, 25
	Hazel Satoshige, Personnel, 33
	George Schell, City Attorney, 24
	James Shields, ITA, 38
	Charles Shoemaker, Public Works, 26
	Walter Skiba, DWP, 23
	Donald Smale, DWP, 32
	Ovid Smith, Public Works, 30
	Elmer Soderstrom, DWP, 34
	Edward Thomas, Public Works, 26
	LaVelle Waters, DWP, 34
	Ernest Wren, DWP, 33
Retired	
Thomas Abad, DWP, 22	
Lincoln Alexander, Public Works, 33	
Harvey Anderson, DWP, 30	
Kenneth Beedle, General Services/DWP, 20	
Johnnie Brannon, DWP, 30	
Solon Brooks, DWP, 22	
Isabel Busselli, DWP, 12	
George Callahan, Public Works, 36	
Charles Chinzi, DWP, 26	
Wing Chong, DWP, 20	
Christine Coleman, City Clerk, 31	
Jeanne Conley, City Clerk, 15	
Virginia Cottrell, City Clerk, 35	
Edna Drye, DWP, 23	
Abraham Hassan, DWP, 31	
Kathleen Harris, DWP, 35	
Alfonso Hidalgo, DWP, 27	
Louis Krauss, DWP, 30	
Alan Krolikowski, DWP, 33	
Dora Lau, DWP, 37	
Lawrence Long, DWP, 31	
Ferd Eggan, Disability, 8	
Bennie Franklin, Airports, 29	

Retirements

NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS
Erlinda Acosta	Accounting Clerk	Neighborhood Emp.	26	Joseph Greer	Field Engr. Aide	Public Works	32
Nick Adams	Carpet Layer	Gen. Services	23	David Hanlon	Airport Police Sgt.	Airports	27
Michael Ames	Forensic Print Spec.	LAPD	31	Betty Harris	Sr. Traffic Supv.	Transportation	31
Philip Anninos	N/D	DWP	N/D	Linda Hernandez-Jones	Accounting Clerk	Personnel	26
Victor Ballesteros	Sr. Personnel Analyst	Personnel	35	Rodolfo Hernandez	Sr. Cust. Services Attn.	General Services	20
Linda Barrera	Clerk Typist	Library	28	Thomas Hughes	Ref. Coll. Truck Operator	Public Works	31
Brent Barton	Airport Police Officer	Airports	37	Emma Jack	Sr. Data Processing Tech.	ITA	30
David Blaisdell	N/D	DWP	N/D	Bob Joko	Equip. Mech.	General Services	20
Helgard Bloemeke	Librarian	Library	11	Robert Juaneza	N/D	DWP	N/D
Lillie Briggs	Traffic Officer	Transportation	18	Ulysses Kinard	Maint. Laborer	Transportation	30
Francine Bronstein	Sr. Clerk Typist	Disability	32	Sylvia Leon*	N/D	DWP	N/D
Cathy Bushey	Sr. Police Service Rep.	LAPD	30	Ken Luc	Accounting Clerk	Library	20
William Butler	N/D	DWP	N/D	Julie Ann Matheson	Librarian	Library	20
Alan Campbell	Information Sys. Oper. Mgr.	ITA	23	Michael Miller	Sr. Build. Inspector	Building and Safety	18
Jesus Castillo	Ref. Coll. Truck Operator	Public Works	28	Susan Muszalski	N/D	DWP	N/D
Yuan Tai Chang	Programmer/Analyst	ITA	27	Terri Park	Sr. Clerk Typist	Police	30
Henssian Chen	N/D	DWP	N/D	Ernest Peltz*	N/D	DWP	N/D
John Chiu*	N/D	DWP	N/D	Anne Reese	Clerk Typist	Library	25
William Choate	N/D	DWP	N/D	Sandra Rennie	Sr. Police Serv. Rep.	Police	19
Ronald Clark	Welder	Rec and Parks	17	Guery Rivero	Special Prog. Asst.	Rec and Parks	8
Lillie Clegg	Property Officer	LAPD	19	Marie Rizzo*	N/D	DWP	N/D
Robert Cole	Ref. Coll. Truck Operator	Public Works	17	Kenneth Rosart	Equip. Operator	Public Works	23
Bruce Corbitt	Sr. Photographer	LAFD	26	Celia Saenz	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	21
Sheldon Cotton	Airport Police Officer	Airports	38	Curtis Suttle	Ref. Coll. Truck Operator	Public Works	30
Jerry Croy	Welder Supervisor	General Services	36	Shu Tan	Systems Programmer	ITA	32
Charles Duncan	N/D	DWP	N/D	Jane Torres	N/D	DWP	N/D
Thomas Ebert	N/D	DWP	N/D	Juan Valdes	Tree Surgeon Asst.	Public Works	7
Rigoberto Elias	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	22	David Wang	N/D	DWP	N/D
Thomas Elliott*	N/D	DWP	N/D	Michael Ward	Street Light Electrician	Public Works	29
Roberto Escajeda	Custodial Serv. Attn.	General Services	30				
Stephen Fortune	Pr. Sanitary Engineer	Public Works	38				
Reginald Glover	Traf. Mark/Sign Supt.	Transportation	32				

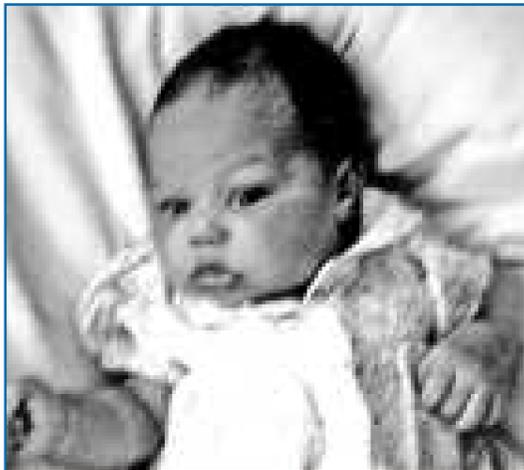
*Club Member
N/D = Not Disclosed



Births



Gabrielle Reyes, born Aug. 16. She is the grand-niece of Margaret Gonzalez, Retired, Housing. Gabrielle is shown with her brother, Diego.



Alivia Webb, born July 15. She is the granddaughter of Darryl and Evelyn Webb Sr. Darryl works for Sanitation, West L.A. Yard, Public Works.



Michael Zubia, born July 12 to John and Andrea Zubia. John is a Refuse Collection Truck Operator, Sanitation, Public Works. Young Michael is named after his grandfather, Michael John Graham, Equipment Specialist 2. Michael Graham also has a granddaughter, Alexandra, 2, who says, "Hi, Grandpa!"

Alive! is delighted to publish photos of Club members newborn babies. Have a photo of a recent newborn? Send it in to *Alive!* Births, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071.



Special Achievements

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Arlene Herrero



Liz Montes



Howard Pompel



Inside the new Campo Gorilla Reserve.



Ceremonies marked the attraction's opening.



Dignitaries display the certificates that honored the attraction's opening.



The new Campo Gorilla Reserve.



Inside the new Campo Gorilla Reserve.

Gorilla Camp

■ Zoo unveils Campo Gorilla Reserve.

Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager, and Summy Lam, IT Business Analyst

ZOO —The Los Angeles Zoo unveiled its newest habitat Nov. 8, with the opening of the new \$19 million Campo Gorilla Reserve. Zoo visitors can journey along a forested pathway for close-up views of gorillas living in two separate habitats; one for a family troop of gorillas led by a silverback male named Kelly and the other habitat for a pair of bachelors.

Scheduled to attend the opening were Councilman and Club Member Tom LaBonge, Zoo Director John Lewis and Association President Connie Morgan.

Campo Gorilla Reserve closely resembles the gorilla's native West Central African environment with trees, brush, flowers, waterfalls, climbing opportunities, a sunny grass area and a dark

shady retreat. The family habitat includes Kelly, a 20-year-old silverback, and three females, Evelyn, 31; Rapunzel, 23; and her daughter, Glenda, 3. They are returning to the L.A. Zoo after a four-year stay at the Denver Zoo during construction of their new home. The bachelor group consists of two young male gorillas, Hasani, 13, and Jabari, 10, from Disney's Animal Kingdom in Florida.

"If ever there was a reason to visit the Los Angeles Zoo, this Campo Gorilla Reserve is it," said Councilmember Tom LaBonge. "It's an amazing experience to be close up to our gorilla residents inside a re-creation of a West Central African jungle. You can't miss it!"

"Historically, gorillas have been a major part of the L.A. Zoo" said Zoo Director John Lewis. "Right now is an extremely critical

time for gorillas in the wild, as they are facing the challenge of both habitat destruction and being hunted in the bush meat trade. Campo Gorilla Reserve will allow the L.A. Zoo to explain to our visitors why gorillas are endangered, what we can do to help them and instill in them the passion to care about these great apes."

Campo Gorilla Reserve was funded by the Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association (GLAZA),

a private, non-profit support organization; by Proposition CC, a bond measure passed in 1998 by Los Angeles voters; and through City funding. The three-quarter-acre Campo Gorilla Reserve completes the Zoo's Great Ape Forest and distinguishes the Los Angeles Zoo as one of only a handful of zoos to house three species of great apes: chimpanzees, orangutans and gorillas.

GLAZA's support for Campo Gorilla Reserve will continue well beyond its opening. GLAZA-trained docents will tour thousands of adults and children expected to visit the Reserve on a weekly basis. Also, a GLAZA-sponsored Discovery Cart at the exhibit, funded by the Flora L. Thornton Foundation, will be staffed by Los Angeles Zoo educators to enhance public understanding of gorillas.

Campo Gorilla Reserve allows Zoo visitors to view the gorillas from five different areas, two of which are glass fronted which allows the possibility for extremely close observation of the apes in their habitat. The reserve is landscaped with hundreds of plants including bamboo, palms, pomegranates, ferns and much more. Campo Gorilla Reserve is proudly sponsored by Nestlé Juicy Juice.

The Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens is in Griffith Park at the junction of the Ventura (134) and Golden State (5) Freeways. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 2 to 12. For information, call (323) 644-4200 or visit the L.A. Zoo Website at www.lazoo.org





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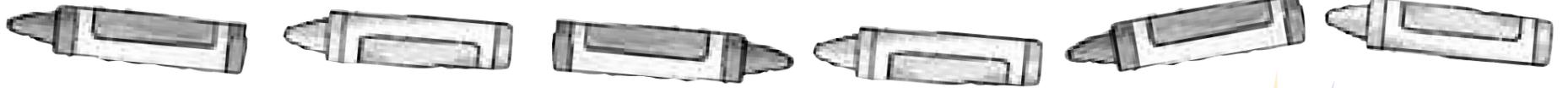
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Congratulations to the WINNERS!

of our Club Coloring Contest!

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

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



Tyler Sousa, 3

- FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Wonder Pets"
- FAVORITE SNACK: Doritos chips, cheese flavor
- BEST FRIEND: Addison
- PARENT: John Sousa, Airport Police – Traffic Division
- WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: Disneyland because I've never been there before.



Cassandra Hernandez, 7

- FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Sponge Bob Squarepants"
- FAVORITE SNACK: Crackers
- BEST FRIEND: Ashley
- PARENT: Eduardo Hernandez, Gardener Caretaker, Recs and Parks
- WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: Disneyland, because I want to see Nemo.



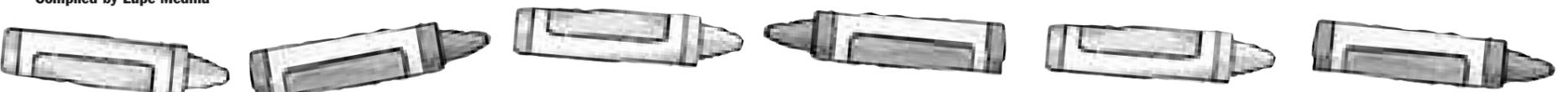
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Jessalin Khov	(4)	Christine Khov	Animal Ser.
Peter Otoshi	(4)	John Otoshi	Public Works
Anna Clements	(5)	Stephanie Clements	Gen. Services
Vian D.L. Torre	(5)	Anthony De La Torre	Airport
Emiliano Gonzales	(5)	Marcela Casio	DWP
Hendrix Lopez	(5)	Belinda Nieves	City Atty
David Ramirez	(5)	Bertha Cuevas	Rec and Parks
Erika Thomas	(5)	Kemia Thomas	Finance
Katrina Aguirre	(6)	Mike Aguirre	Public Works
Dannielle Avila	(6)	Cathy Bushey	Retired
Gerrick Cardenas	(6)	Sharon Tatel	Harbor
Jasmine Carpenter	(6)	Vernon Carpenter	Public Works
Dalilah Dove	(6)	Damon Dove	Zoo
Kaela Dutton	(6)	Dalan Dutton	DWP
Kate Gabon	(6)	Audie Gabon	DWP
Emilio Gonzales	(6)	Marisol Cortes	Animal Ser.
Emily Hibma	(6)	Dan Hibma	Fire
Aislinn Hoerricks	(6)	Kenneth Hoerricks	Police
Ada Hong	(6)	Adeline Tsan	Rec and Parks
Maya Horvath	(6)	Robert Horvath	Public Works
Isabella Juarez	(6)	Ignacio Juarez	DWP
Mika Matsumura	(6)	Gail Matsumura	LACERS
Quasoh Miles	(6)	Junecia Miles	Police
Patrick Miranda Jr.	(6)	Patrick Miranda Sr.	Sanitation
Lance Nua	(6)	James Nua	Harbor
Alexandra Ozuna	(6)	Lynda Ozuna	Finance
Matthew P.D. Leon	(6)	Sophia Ponce De Leon	Police
Vivian Arredondo	(7)	Jaime Arredondo	Airports
Ashley Bernal	(7)	Ramon Bernal	Rec and Parks
Dylan Clements	(7)	Stephanie Clements	Gen. Services
Ciara Cucvk	(7)	Joann Letaspi	Harbo
Melissa Duenas	(7)	Mary J. Duenas	Police
Erin Lee	(7)	Robert W. Lee	Finance
Andres Maldonado	(7)	Noe Maldonado	Gen. Services
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Marcelino Mendo	(7)	Alfredo Mendo	DWP
Joseph Otoshi	(7)	John T. Otoshi	Public Work
Samantha Ruelas	(7)	Julio Ruelas	Public Works
Tiara Taylor	(7)	Tonya H. Taylor	DWP
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Samantha Cadenas	(8)	Tania Arzate	Housing
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Michael Del Moral	(8)	Phillip Vargas	Finance
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Sienna Garcia	(8)	Carlos Garcia	DWP
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Kavian Jalali	(8)	Mahmoud Jalali	DWP
Susan Le	(8)	Chung Le	Harbor
Cassandra Murillo	(8)	Carolina Murillo	Library
Gabriela Navarro	(8)	Julio A. Navarro	Rec and Park
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Jessica Sousa	(8)	John Sousa	Airports
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Tiara Muhammad	(10)	Tanya Baker	Airports
Cesar Ponce	(10)	Cesar Ponce	Transportation
Destiny Reyes	(10)	Samuel Reyes	Rec and Parks
Katelyn So	(10)	Evan So	Airports
Datelyn Sousa	(10)	John Sousa	Airports
Falysha Stefanovich	(10)	Robert Stefanovich	Airport
Emilio Salamanca	(12)	Emilio A. Salamanca	Finance



Brooke Tomilin, 9

- FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Hannah Montana"
- FAVORITE SNACK: Cookies
- BEST FRIEND: Jenna
- PARENT: Dave Tomilin, Sergeant – LAPD
- WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: Disneyland because I love their rides and it's so amazing there. I can not explain how I would feel!



Congratulations Good Work Wins Honor



Jean with Coleen Williams

■ **Club Member and Club Representative Jean Sarfaty, LAPD Communications, earns commendation for her good work in handling a domestic violence call.**

POLICE DEPT. — Jean Sarfaty, a PSR at the Valley Communications Center for ten years, won commendation from the City of Los Angeles Domestic Violence Task Force Oct. 19 for her potentially life-saving response to a victim of domestic violence and her three children.

As reported on the AFSCME Local 3090 Website, last January, a woman who was a victim of domestic abuse called the Sojourn Services for Battered Women and Their Children frantically seeking help. The LAPD had responded to her earlier call but her batterer couldn't be found. Just after they left, though, he threatened to kill

her and her three children, according to reports.

Carol Tantau, an on-call victim advocate at the shelter, could not get in touch with her contact at the division. When she called, she was patched over to Communications, where Jean was able to help her. Jean understood exactly what the victim advocate was trying to express even though Tantau, in her own words, "wasn't all that coherent at the moment."

"I asked (Jean) if she could send a message to the officers responding to the victim's call and tell them I would get to the 77th Division as quickly as possible to meet with her

family," Carol Tantau said.

Jean told her to stay on the line until she confirmed she'd gotten the message to officers. She came back and told Tantau that the officers were at the location, helping her pack up her belongings and told her the woman would wait for her at the station.

"I cannot begin to explain how much that extra effort on Jean's part meant to my peace of mind in responding to this call. Her thoughtfulness and attention to detail certainly made a difference to me, and allowed me to provide safe passage for Susan and her children," Tantau said.

Jean, for her part, said she was glad the woman was able to escape harm. "It's good to know the woman took the initiative and made her children safe," she said.

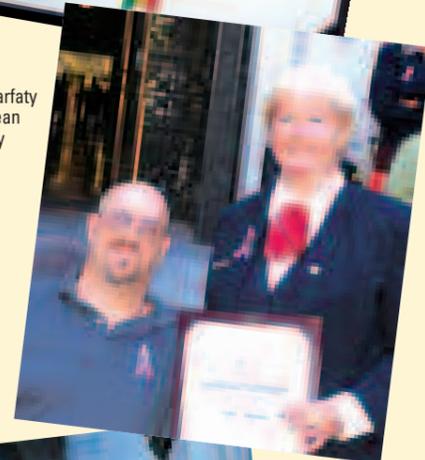
"It's nice to make a difference."

The certificate was given during Violence Awareness Month.

Congratulations, Jean!



Ron Sarfaty and Jean Sarfaty



Councilwoman Wendy Gruel and Jean Sarfaty



Dolores Spears, Colleen Williams and Jean Sarfaty



Jean Sarfaty with City Council President Eric Garcetti

Jean Sarfaty with Lt. Stan Ludwig, Communications Division



Congratulations

Repeaters End Season

■ **LAPD Communications team comes in second in City league.**

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor;
Photo courtesy Kathy Kravitz

POLICE DEPT. — The Repeaters, a co-ed softball team from LAPD Communications, recently ended their season, coming in second in their City league, and nearly beating the turning champion team in the Nevada Police and Fire Games tournament in Las Vegas.

The second-year team, captained by Kathy Kravitz, with Robert Lopez as co-captain and Lt. Stan Ludwig the manager of the team that competed in Las Vegas, competed in a league Sunday mornings at Balboa and Tarzana parks in the Valley. Zoe Culotta took care of the Las Vegas tournament details.

While they weren't successful in the tournament in Las Vegas, they had the tying run on first base against the tournament's champion from last year, but failed to plate that run.

Congratulations to the Repeaters on their successful season, and just wait till next year!



The Repeaters, back row, from left: Robert Lopez (third base); Rick Lopez (outfield); Aurelio Vasquez (outfield); Chance Chavez (outfield); Sandy Goldstyn (first base and catcher); Mikael Waters (outfield); Lori Powell (second base); Hugo Mendoza (third base); Shawn Tinson (outfield); Lt. Stan Ludwig (manager); and Jessica Loya (catcher). Front: Zoe Culotta (first base); Andres Mendoza (shortstop and pitcher); Evie de la Pena (outfield); Kathy Kravitz (pitcher); Angelique Allah (outfield); and Meg McKeever (second base and catcher).

Club Store Sets Holiday Hours

■ **The Club's ticket office sets holiday hours.**

CLUB HEADQUARTERS — Interested in purchasing Club gifts for the City man or woman in your life?

Here are the hours for the Club's ticket and gift office:



- **Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. all month. On Friday, Dec. 21, the office will remain open until 5 p.m.**
- **Thursday, Dec. 20: The office closes at 1:30 p.m.**
- **The ticket and gift office will be open Monday, Christmas Eve, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. (in person only)**
- **Ordering online and want your gifts to arrive before Christmas? You can place your Website order (www.cityemployeesclub.com) up to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20. If you specify overnight shipping, your order should arrive by Christmas. (You'll need to create a Web account, if you have not done so, and then log in.)**
- **Club Headquarters is closed Christmas Day, Tuesday, Dec. 25, and New Year's Day, Tuesday, Jan. 1.**

NEED STORAGE???



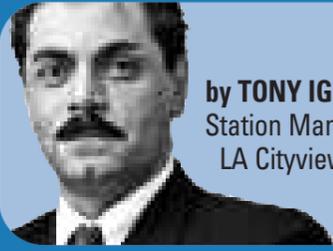
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LA Cityview 35



A Parade For the Holidays

We are extremely excited and proud to be asked by the City to produce the annual (but new) Hollywood's Santa Parade, scheduled to place Sunday, Nov. 25. This parade is a continuation of the long tradition of the annual Hollywood Christmas Parade, which its organizers ended last year. The City, through the leadership of its Council President Eric Garcetti and Councilmember and Club Member Tom LaBonge, immediately began exploring the feasibility of the City producing the parade and, to everyone's delight, last month it was announced that the parade is coming back and the tradition will continue. Under its new name, Hollywood's Santa Parade was born, and through many partnerships with the private sector, the parade is looking better than ever.

The City has enlisted a private company to produce the parade itself, and LA CityView 35 will be the production arm of the City in charge of the broadcast coverage. The parade will air on KTLA, Channel 5, Dec. 16, at noon, with encore presentations on LA CityView 35 starting Dec. 17 at 9 p.m., with multiple airings throughout December.

I would like to invite the readers of *Alive!* to tune in, watch and support Hollywood's Santa Parade, because, after all, how many free events are left that people can enjoy as a family?

On behalf of the entire staff and management of LA CityView 35, we wish you all a very happy and safe holiday season and a prosperous and peaceful New Year.

Programming Highlights in December:

DWP Holiday Light Festival

This amazing display of lights has become a favorite annual tradition among many Angelenos. Besides being a free event to see and enjoy with your family, this year's festival is going "green." LA CityView will again capture this event and air the program throughout the holiday season for those who may not be able to catch the real show in person. Look for scheduled airtimes at our Website, www.lacityview.org.

Inside the LAPD

Premiering this month are four new episodes of *Inside the LAPD*, LA Cityview 35's weekly series that examines the issues facing our City's police department and profiles the men and women who protect and serve our community.

In "Division Profile: Hollywood," we meet Capt. Clay Farrell from the LAPD Hollywood Area, who takes us on a ride-along in this fabled area of Los Angeles and learn about the challenges they face on a typical day. In "Animal Cruelty Task Force Raid," we accompany the dedicated men and women of LAPD's Animal Cruelty Task Force as they raid a San Fernando Valley home inhabited by some 50 or so felines. Next we witness history in the making as the head of the City police force is sworn in for a second term in "Chief Bratton's Reappointment." And finally, in "LAPD Explorers," our cameras go on location to the LAPD Recruit Training Center, where we meet the officer in charge of

the Juvenile Division Youth Programs Unit and learn about the LAPD Explorer Program.

Each episode of *Inside the LAPD* is hosted by Mary Grady, Public Information Director, LAPD.

Teen Dating Violence

Also premiering this month is an important and urgent half-hour video on *Teen Dating Violence*. Studies show that 20 percent of ninth-to-12th graders are affected by teen dating violence. In addition, according to a recent report from the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, approximately 1 in 5 female students report being abused by a dating partner. *The Topline Findings: Teen Relationship Abuse Survey*, conducted by Liz Claiborne, Inc. in March 2006, shows that a significant number of teens are not only victims of dating abuse but are accepting it as normal behavior. The survey goes on to say that as teens grow older and enter into more serious relationships, they exhibit acceptance of controlling, abusive and even violent behaviors over younger teens, who've had fewer dating experiences.

This half-hour show combines three different stories; each portrays different types of teen dating violence issues, including verbal, emotional and physical abuse. The three stories are set in a high school atmosphere and are all inter-linked. At the conclusion, the viewer is left open to discuss what those issues are and how they can be resolved.

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



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Newsbrief



Bureau of Street Services Special Project Division Crews 50 and 51 work expeditiously to finish the median island installation on Figueroa Street near 88th Street.



Heavy Truck Operator Cesar Garcia (left) and Maintenance and Construction Helper Ranulfo Gallo of the Special Project Division, pause for a moment while putting the finishing touches on a median island installment that will improve motorist and pedestrian safety on Figueroa Street.

FIGUEROA MEDIAN ISLAND:

Street enhancement and median island installation projects are in progress to upgrade the appearance and improve motorist and pedestrian safety, on a mile-long stretch of both Broadway and Figueroa Streets, Board of Public Works President Cynthia Ruiz said. "The \$1.4 million Broadway/Figueroa Transit Corridor Enhancement Project will improve both corridors with new and refurbished landscaped median islands, sidewalks, trees and bus stops," Ruiz said.

Spanning nearly a mile on both streets, work began in September on Figueroa Street between 80th and 90th Streets and Broadway between 80th and 90th Streets. "When completed in August 2008, improvements will enhance the driving experience for commuters and residents alike," said Bureau of Street Services Director William Robertson. "Our crews are working expeditiously to finish this project on time to enhance

the quality of life for everyone in this area," he added.

Pedestrian lighting at nine Rapid Bus stops, eight median islands on Broadway, and four median islands on Figueroa, new street trees and sidewalk improvements along both Broadway and Figueroa Street are part of the project. "Pedestrian lighting installation is scheduled to begin in May 2008, however some of the sidewalk work cannot begin until after this component has been completed," Robertson said.

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority awarded a total of \$1,484,000 to this project. Bureau of Street Lighting has been allocated \$300,000 to install security lighting at nine Rapid Bus stops. Transportation received \$50,000 for support in median island design and striping. "The remaining \$1,134,000 went to the Bureau of Street Services for design, project management, and construction costs," Robertson said.



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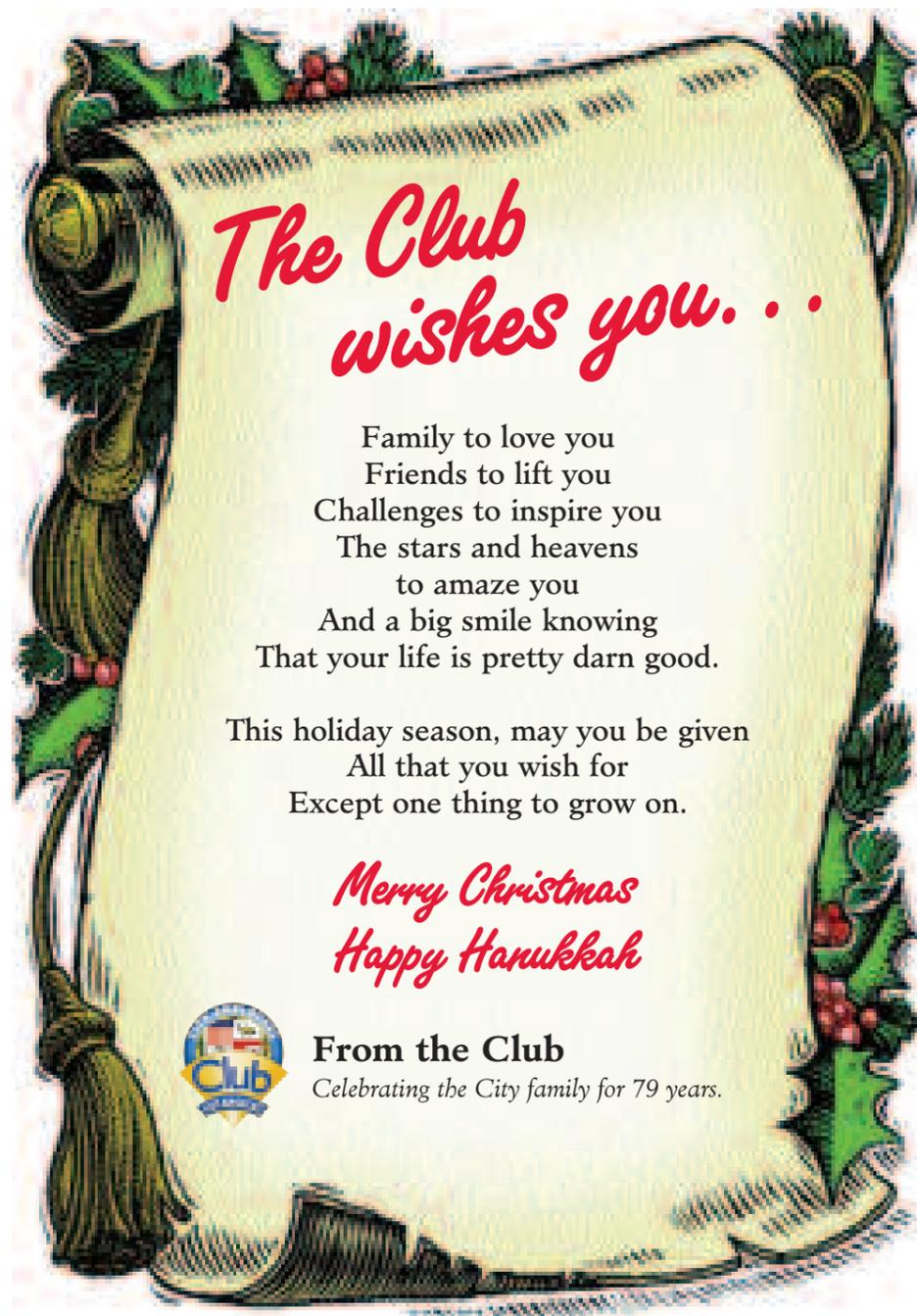
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FREEZE ZONE
 Fri. Nights Nov. - Jan. (8-10pm)

YOUTH PROGRAMMING
 Sat. Nov. - Jan. (1-3pm)

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

WINTER HOLIDAY FESTIVAL
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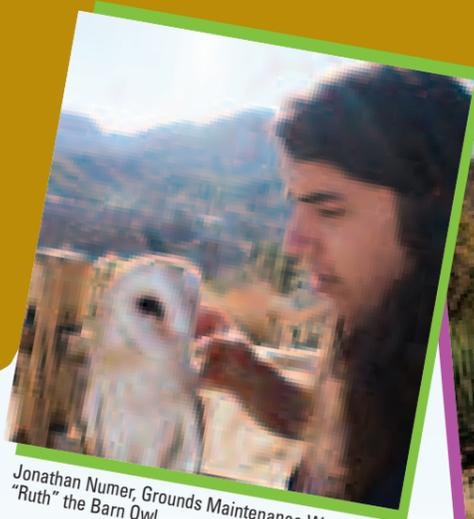
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Angel's Be Alive!



Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager



Jonathan Numer, Grounds Maintenance Worker, with "Ruth" the Barn Owl.



"Ruth"



Amanda Dundes, Recreation Service Leader, with "Squints," the Great Horned Owl.

The Devil's Punch

Hello again, my friends!

After a couple of bike adventures, it was time to get back on my feet and hike.

The Devil's Punchbowl is definitely a rare find. It's just east of Palmdale and a must-do for my "Be Alive!" readers.

The car-ride itself is fun (there's nothing like driving through the California desert) and not very far from Los Angeles. You'll also find yourself going through some really neat small towns like Little Rock and Pearblossom, a real blast from the past. In addition, you'll be going right over the San Andreas fault, a great photo op for *Alive Around the World!*

When I got there, I was greeted by very friendly guides and park workers. They gave us the lay of the land and were even kind enough to bring out two owls they rescued and are taking care of. There are several short and easy trails you can take advantage of; the one-third-mile Pinyon Pathway; the one-mile Loop Trail, a more strenuous hike; and the seven-and-a-half-mile roundtrip hike to the Devil's Chair. Remember, there are really nice rangers on site who can answer any questions you have, whether it's about the flora and fauna or more details on the hikes above.

Apparently the Devil's Punchbowl got its name because you can see the outline of the devil (or at least what the devil is supposed to look like) in the side of the bowl.

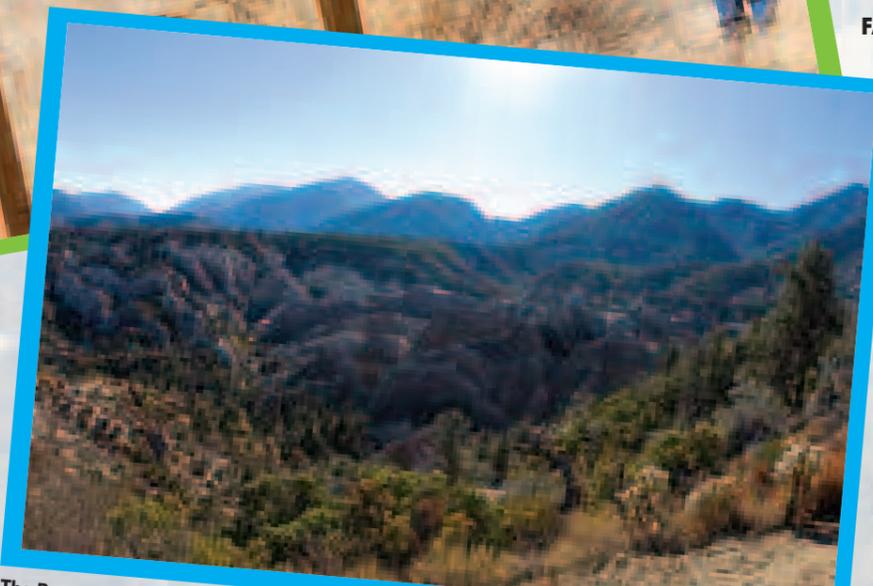
FACTS FROM ITS WEBSITE: "The Devil's Punchbowl County Park consists of 1,310 acres and was opened to the public in 1963. The 40 acres where the nature center is located were once in private ownership and were purchased by the County of Los Angeles because of [the site's] unique features. The surrounding U.S. Forest Service lands were then added to enhance the park. The Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation now operates this area as one of its Natural Areas facilities.

"The most conspicuous features of the park are geological. The Punchbowl is a deep canyon cut by the runoff of large quantities of water from the higher San Gabriel Mountains occurring over a long period of time. These mountain peaks above the park are 8,000 feet in elevation, while the Nature Center is 4,740 feet above sea level. The Punchbowl Canyon is 300 feet deep at the vista point. The peculiar up-tilted rock formations to be seen in the entire area are layers of sedimentary rocks that were formed long ago by the depositing of loose material in horizontal layers by water. Later they were squeezed into their present steeply tilted form by the continuing action of uplift along the Punchbowl and Pinyon Faults and pressures along the San Andreas Fault. The Punchbowl Fault is to the south of the rock formation, while the Pinyon and San Andreas Faults are to the north. A detailed description of the process theories is available in handout form from the Nature Center."

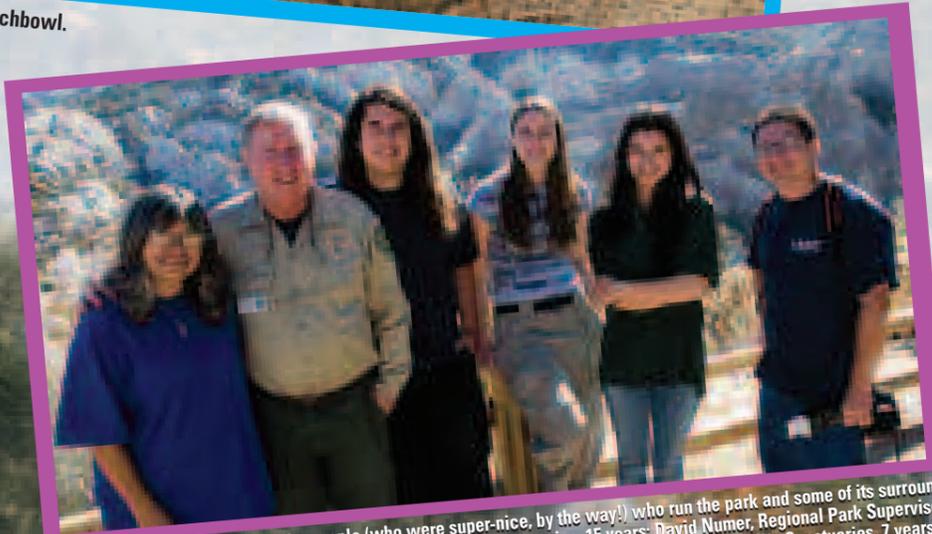
PUNCHBOWL FACTS:

- **Elevation:** 4,750 feet above sea level
- **GPS coordinates:** N 34 degrees 24.835'; W 117 degrees 51.516'
- **Website:** www.devils-punchbowl.com
- **Parking, hiking and programs:** Free; donations accepted
- **Park Hours:** Sunrise to sunset
- **Visitor Center hours:** Monday through Saturday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- **Information:** (661) 944-2743. (Call before you go to make sure the trails are open – because of the fire danger lately they have had to temporarily close the trails.)

Be Safe and Be Alive!



The Punchbowl.



I was fortunate enough to meet the people (who were super-nice, by the way!) who run the park and some of its surrounding area. From left: Pauline Numer, L.A. County Wildflower Sanctuaries, 15 years; David Numer, Regional Park Supervisor, 35 years with the LA County; Jonathan Numer, Grounds Maintenance Worker, L.A. County Wildlife Sanctuaries, 7 years; Amanda Dundes, Recreation Service Leader, 1 Year; Charity Edwards, Recreation Service Leader, 9 years; and me.

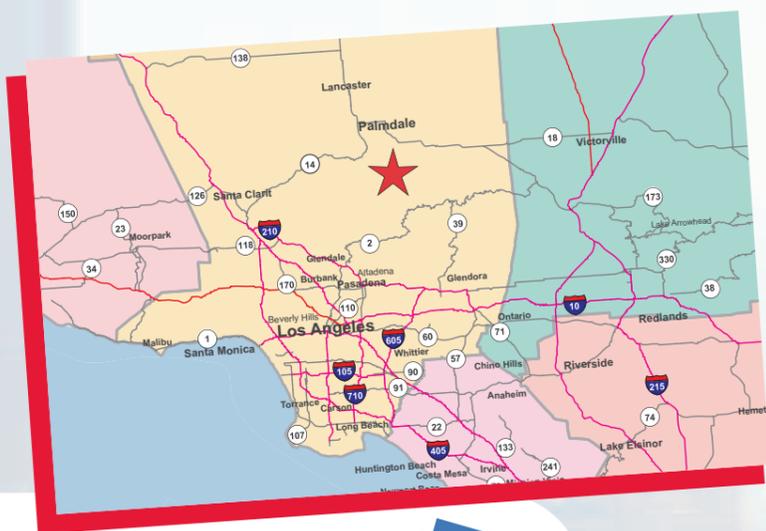


Squints

How many of these Be Alive! adventures have you taken?

- Echo Park Lake (April 2007)
- Echo Mountain Trail to the Ruins of the White City (May 2007)
- Runyon Canyon (June 2007)
- Coldwater Canyon Park (July 2007)
- Millard Canyon Falls (Aug. 2007)
- Will Rogers State Historic Park (Sept. 2007)
- South Bay Beach Bike Trail (Oct. 2007)
- Los Angeles River Bikeway (Nov. 2007)
- The Devil's Punchbowl (Dec. 2007)

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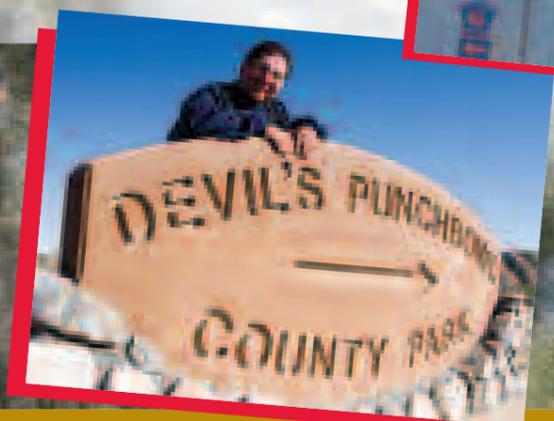


Directions:

Devil's Punchbowl
28000 Devil's Punchbowl Road,
Pearblossom, CA 93553

- Take the 110 (Harbor Freeway) north to the 5 (Golden State Freeway) north.
- Stay on the 5 north for about 8.5 miles.
- At the 14 Freeway, go north toward Lancaster and Palmdale. You'll be on the 14 Freeway for about 30 miles.
- At Pearblossom, exit the Freeway (exit 30). Stay on Pearblossom Highway (headed toward Victorville), going east.
- After traveling on Pearblossom Highway for about 10 miles, you'll see the sign for the Devil's Punchbowl. Turn right. If you're feeling brave, you can check out the fenced-in goats at the corner; there are quite a few, and when I stopped to take this picture, they all came running over to me. It was pretty exciting!
- You'll go 2.2 miles on Longview, then you'll jog to the left for .35 miles on Fort Tejon Road. And then, make a right to pick up Longview again.
- When you see this sign you're really close. Just make a left (Tumbleweed Road) and follow the signs to the park (unless you're like me and want to get your picture next to the Devil's Punchbowl sign).

Distance from Downtown:
78 miles (1 hour and 35 minutes of driving time)



December Events

12th DWP Holiday Light Festival

The DWP's annual Holiday Light Festival "goes green" this year, with energy-saving LED lights and other features.

- Open to regular vehicles Nov. 26 through Dec. 28
- 5 - 10 p.m. nightly
- In Griffith Park, along Crystal Springs Drive
- Information: (323) 913-4688 ext 9 or www.dwplightfestival.com

Downtown on Ice

Downtown's holiday event returns to Pershing Square through Jan. 21.

- Hours: Mon. - Thurs.: Noon to 9 p.m.; Fri. - Sun.: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Extended holiday hours: Dec. 14 - Jan. 6 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Call for special hours Christmas and New Year's Eve and Day.
- Open every day and all holidays.
- Admission: \$6 per session. Skate rental: \$2. Group and party rates available.
- Information: (888) LA-PARKS (527-2757), or www.laparks.org

Banning Residence Museum Victorian Christmas

Take a step back in time at this Rec and Parks facility.

- Exhibition: "Educational Amusements: American Games of the Victorian and Edwardian Era," through Jan. 6
- Victorian Christmas, Dec. 1 and 2
- Candlelight Tours, Dec. 8 and 9
- After-Christmas Sale, Dec. 26
- General museum tours begin at 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; and 12:30, 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. A \$5 donation is requested. The Museum is closed on national holidays.
- Information: (310) 548-7777.

L.A. County Holiday Celebration

L.A. County presents its 48th annual "Kaleidoscope of Seasonal Traditions," a six-hour, free show of choirs, music ensembles and dance companies reflecting the vibrant spectrum of cultures found in Southern California.

- From 3 to 9 p.m. Christmas Eve, Monday, Dec. 24
- At the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion downtown
- Admission and parking are free
- Information, www.lacountyarts.org

Ticket Guy Recommends:

Medieval Times

Go back in time this holiday season ... at Medieval Times! Get out of the cold, eat with your hands, and enjoy a great show with your family. And get great Club discounts, too.

Purchase your tickets through the Club Store. See contact information on the second last page of this issue.



Life insurance:

How Much Is Enough?

■ Many Americans with life insurance are so under-insured that if they die, their families won't be able to maintain their standard of living.

Loss of the deceased's income can have a devastating financial impact on a family. Assets may have to be sold to cover heavy medical expenses, final expenses and living costs. Recent reports from LIMRA International found that:

- Many married couples fail to plan for the eventual death of one spouse before the other, which can have serious consequences, especially when the survivor is the wife (*Public Misperceptions About Retirement Security – Closing the Gaps, 2007*).
- 22% of families with dependent children admit they would have immediate trouble meeting everyday expenses and another 26% could only cover expenses for a few months if a primary wage earner died (*Facts About Life, 2006*).
- 45% of widows and 37% of widowers say their spouse was inadequately insured. (*LIMRA Web site, 3/2007*).

The stark fact is that many Americans – nearly one-third, according to the 2006 LIMRA report – still don't have life insurance, and many of those who do have coverage often don't have enough to really make a difference:

- On average, U.S. households report they should own enough life insurance to replace six years of income, but only owned enough to replace their income for 2.8 years.

Getting the coverage you need

When you consider these facts, you may find 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 Marketing and Communications 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 in a plan

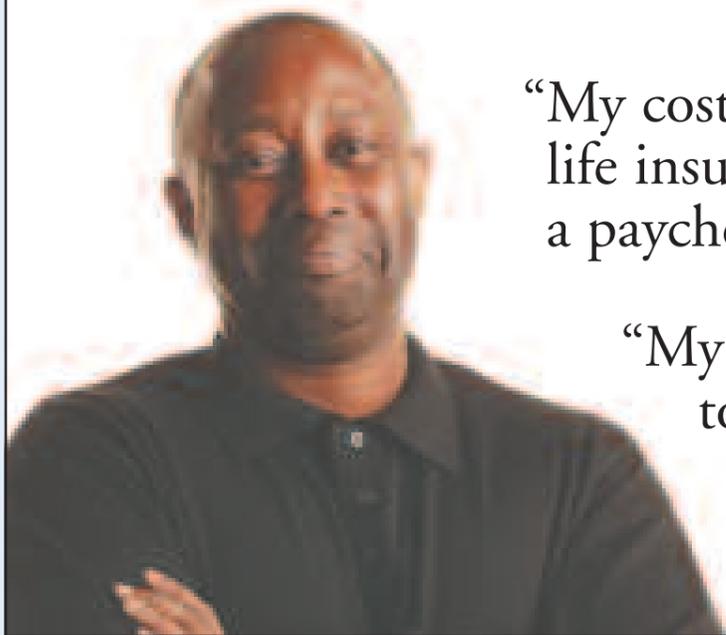
When evaluating term life insurance plans, here are some things to consider:

- Can you get the amount you need to adequately protect your family?
- 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 selected 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 been awarded an A++ (Superior) rating from A.M. Best. This rating reflects The United States Life Insurance Company in the City of New York's superior overall financial strength and operating performance when compared to A.M. Best's standards. The rating is current as of October 1, 2007. For the latest A.M. Best's ratings and A.M. Best's Company Reports, please visit the A.M. Best Web site at www.ambest.com.

Club members are eligible to apply for this Club-sponsored plan at economical group rates. To apply, call The City Employees Club of Los Angeles at 1-800-464-0452, or review the plan details in this issue of *Alive!* and apply today with the application printed in this month's publication.

For active and retired City or DWP employees



"My cost for \$100,000 of life insurance? Just \$6.00* a paycheck."

"My advice? Take a minute to apply today."

See how economical this plan can be for you – see the chart below.

Life Insurance from the Club is a smart, easy choice

As little as \$2.75 per pay period! Get \$50,000 to \$300,000 of term life insurance coverage at economical group rates – for example, a 29-year-old can get \$50,000 for \$2.75 per bi-weekly pay period.

Both you and your spouse can apply. Your spouse can apply even if you don't.

Fair pricing built right in! If we collect more premium than we end up needing for claims and expenses, we give the excess back to you! For 77 of our 79 years, insured members have received a Term Life premium refund!

Typically no medical exam needed** if you're under age 50 and apply for up to \$100,000. If an exam is required for higher amounts, it will be scheduled at your convenience and at no cost to you.

You can take your coverage with you. This plan is portable, and stays with you even if you change jobs.

*Example for a 30- to 34-year-old.

**Issuance of a Certificate of Insurance or payment of benefits may depend upon the answers given in the application and the truthfulness of those answers.

No need to write a check! Payroll deduction makes premium payments easy and automatic.

Double your benefit for just a few dollars more. An economical way to double your total death benefit is to choose the same amount of Group Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance (AD&D) as your term life coverage. Just complete Step 3 of the application. There's never a medical exam required for Accidental Death insurance. And the cost is just \$1.25 per \$25,000 of coverage, regardless of age:

- \$50,000 for \$2.50/month
- \$100,000 for \$5.00/month
- \$200,000 for \$10.00/month

Apply in minutes! Just complete and return the brief application at right to apply. >>>

Quick and easy to buy! Find your economical group cost below, based on your current age. Then select the premium amount most comfortable for your budget – \$50,000, \$100,000, \$200,000. Or choose any other amount from \$10,000 up to \$300,000, in increments of \$10,000.

Term Life Insurance premiums based on bi-weekly payroll deductions

Age	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
Under 30	\$2.75	\$5.50	\$11.00
30-34	3.00	6.00	12.00
35-39	3.75	7.50	15.00
40-44	5.25	10.50	21.00
45-49	7.75	15.50	31.00
50-54	12.75	25.50	51.00
55-59	21.50	43.00	86.00
60-64	30.75	61.50	123.00
65-69	55.00	110.00	220.00
70+	(Renewal only, \$10,000 benefit, \$12.50/month)		

Just \$1.20 bi-weekly covers all dependents over 6 months to age 19 (23 if a full-time student) for \$10,000 each (subject to state variations).

DWP employees please note: Because your deductions occur once per month instead of bi-weekly, your premiums are 2 times the premiums shown. Coverage amount reduces to \$10,000 when you reach age 70. Maximum benefit for those individuals 70+ years of age is \$10,000. The bi-weekly cost is \$12.50. For retirees, insurance ends at age 60. After age 60, you're eligible for the Retiree Life Plan.



Questions?
Call 1-800-464-0452

The City Employees Club of Los Angeles
World Trade Center
350 South Figueroa St., Suite 700
Los Angeles, CA 90071

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It's easy to make your family's future more secure – apply at right in minutes!

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS**MIB DISCLOSURE**

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coverage, or a claim for benefits is submitted to such a company, MIB, upon request, will supply such company with the information in its file.

Upon receipt of a request from you, MIB will arrange disclosure of any information it may have in your file. Please contact MIB at 866-692-6901 (TTY 866-346-3642). If you question the accuracy of information in MIB's file, you may contact MIB and seek a correction in accordance with the procedures set forth

in the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act. The address of MIB's information office is Post Office Box 105, Essex Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02112.

The United States Life Insurance Company in the City of New York, or its reinsurers, may also release information in its file to other insurance companies to whom you may apply for life or health insurance, or to whom a claim for benefits may be submitted.

7 EASY STEPS TO APPLY >>>

1. Complete the personal information for yourself, and your spouse, if applying.
2. Select the amount of Term Life you want for your family and answer the brief health questions.
3. Decide if you also want Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) coverage.
4. Designate your beneficiaries.
5. Sign and date the application – make sure your spouse also signs the application if he or she is applying.
6. Complete and sign the Payroll Deduction Authorization, including your Social Security number, name and department name.
7. Cut out the application, fold and mail it to:
The City Employees Club of Los Angeles, World Trade Center, 350 South Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071

No checks to send! Once your coverage is approved, your premium will be conveniently deducted from your paycheck. If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-464-0452.

Note: Club membership is automatic when you apply for coverage. As a member, you have access to discounts and savings on movies, theme parks, shopping and more for a payroll deduction of only \$4.50 per month (active employee) or \$2.50 per month (retired). By signing the Payroll Deduction Authorization (at right) you authorize these monthly deductions. Membership fees may change from time to time.

Summary of plan details

Effective date: For term life, you will be insured on the first of the month coinciding with or next following the date United States Life approves the request, provided the required premium is paid. You must be actively at work on the date the insurance is to take effect. If you are not, the insurance will take effect on the day you return to work. Spouses, if applying, must be able to perform the normal activities of a person of like age and sex, in good health, on the date insurance is to take effect. If not, such insurance will take effect on the day they resume such activities. For AD&D, coverage will take effect on the date United States Life states in writing. You must be actively at work on the date the insurance is to take effect. If you are not, the insurance will take effect on the day you return to work. Spouses, if applying, must not be hospitalized on the date insurance is to take effect; if they are, insurance will take effect on the day after they are discharged.

Eligibility: You are eligible to apply if you are a member of the City Employees Club of Los Angeles (LACEA) and actively working full time.

Date insurance ends: As long as you continue to pay premiums, the group policy remains in effect, and insurance does not end for your class, your coverage will not end. In addition, AD&D coverage will not end unless you cease to be a member in good standing with the City Employees Club of Los Angeles (LACEA), with respect to spouses, if applying, the date marriage ends by divorce or annulment, and with respect to children, the date eligibility ends.

Exclusions/limitations: Certain exclusions apply. See your Certificate of Insurance for details. For term life, if a person commits suicide within two years from the date coverage takes effect, liability will be limited to the return of premiums paid, plus interest. Accidental death exclusions include: No benefits are payable for loss caused by suicide or intentionally self-inflicted injury; insurrection, war or act of war; physical or mental sickness or treatment of that sickness; voluntary intake of poison, gas, fumes, unless taken as prescribed by a physician; committing a felony, or an attempt to do so; being intoxicated or under the influence of a narcotic, unless prescribed by a physician; and flight in any type of aircraft in which you are the pilot, licensed or unlicensed, or a member of the crew.

This is a summary of benefits only and is subject to the terms, conditions, exclusions and limitations of Group Policy Nos. V-189,706, V-189,709, and V-189,710, Form No. G-19000. Coverage may vary and may not be available in all states.

Cut out the application, fold and mail it to:

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Application for Group Term Life Insurance City Employees Club of Los Angeles

Employee Term Life Insurance • Spouse Term Life Insurance • Accidental Death and Dismemberment

STEP 1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

CITY/DWP EMPLOYEE	Last Name		First Name		MI	Social Security Number				City Dept.# /DWP Empl.#	
	Street Address					Work Phone ()		Height (ft.-in.)			
	City		State	ZIP		Home Phone ()		Weight (lbs.)			
	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY)		Place of Birth (City/State)			Age	E-Mail Address		<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Married	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
SPOUSE	FILL OUT ONLY IF SPOUSE IS APPLYING FOR COVERAGE.										
	Last Name		First Name		MI	Social Security Number				City Dept.# /DWP Empl.#	
	Street Address					Work Phone ()		Height (ft.-in.)			
	City		State	ZIP		Home Phone ()		Weight (lbs.)			
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY)		Place of Birth (City/State)			Age	E-Mail Address		<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female		

STEP 2. COMPLETE THIS SECTION IF YOU WANT TERM LIFE INSURANCE

Choose the plan and indicate the benefit amount desired: (You may purchase in increments of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$300,000.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Employee	Total Coverage Amount Desired: \$
<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse	Total Coverage Amount Desired: \$
<input type="checkbox"/> Dependent Coverage	Total Coverage Amount Available: \$ 10,000

	EMPLOYEE	SPOUSE
1. Have you ever had chest pains, disease or disorder of the heart, liver, kidneys or lungs, high blood pressure, albumin or sugar in his/her urine, diabetes, cancer, tumors or ulcers?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2. Have you, or your spouse if applying, during the past 5 years, consulted any physician or other practitioner or been confined or treated in any hospital or similar institution?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3. Have you used tobacco or nicotine in any form during the past twelve months?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

If you answered "Yes" to any parts of the above questions, give details below. Use a separate sheet of paper, sign and date it if more space is needed for answers.

Question #	Name of Proposed Insured	Condition	Date Occurred	Duration	Degree of Recovery	Names & Addresses of Physicians, Hospitals or Clinics Consulted

STEP 3. COMPLETE THIS SECTION IF YOU WANT GROUP ACCIDENTAL DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE

Choose the plan and indicate the benefit amount desired:

<input type="checkbox"/> Employee	Total Coverage Amount Desired: \$	\$25,000 to \$300,000 (available in increments of \$25,000)
<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse	Total Coverage Amount Desired: \$	\$25,000 to \$300,000 (available in increments of \$25,000)
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Plan	■ Family plan covers spouse for 50% and children for 20%. ■ Spouse but no children = 60% coverage. Children but no spouse = 25% coverage.	

STEP 4. DESIGNATE YOUR BENEFICIARIES

Primary Beneficiary:	Relationship:
Secondary Beneficiary (Optional):	Relationship:

Beneficiary of spouse will be the City/DWP Employee unless otherwise specified on a separate sheet of paper.

STEP 5. PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING, THEN SIGN AND DATE BELOW TO APPLY.

AUTHORIZATION AND DECLARATION OF EACH PERSON GIVING A STATEMENT OF INSURABILITY

I hereby authorize any licensed physician, medical practitioner, hospital, clinic, or other medical or medically related facility, insurance company, the Medical Information Bureau, or other organization, institution or person that has any records or knowledge of me or my health, to give to United States Life or its reinsurers any such information. Such information will pertain to my employment, or other insurance carrier or medical care, advice, treatment or supplies for any physical or mental condition. This includes that information obtained in connection with the preparation or procurement of an investigative consumer report as defined under the Fair Credit Reporting Act(s). To facilitate the rapid submission of such information, I authorize all said sources, except the Medical Information Bureau, to give such records or knowledge to any agency employed by United States Life to collect and transmit such information.

I understand that this information will be used by United States Life solely to determine eligibility for insurance. I understand that I may revoke this authorization at any time. I agree that such revocation will not affect any action which United States Life has taken in reliance upon this authorization. I understand this authorization will not be valid after 24 months from the effective date of coverage, if not revoked earlier. I know that I should retain a copy of this authorization for my records. I agree that a photocopy of this authorization is as valid as the original. To the best of my knowledge and belief, all statements made above are true and complete.

I understand that my application for group insurance will be accepted or declined on the basis of these statements. Insurance will take effect only if a certificate is issued based on this application and the first premium is paid in full (a) during the lifetime of all proposed insureds; and (b) while there is no change in the insurability or health of such person from that stated in the application.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files a statement of claim containing any materially false information, or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which may be a crime. Fraud provisions vary by state.

Date:	Applicant's Signature: X
Date:	Spouse's Signature (if applying for insurance): X

NEW POLICYHOLDERS: Club membership fees will be automatically deducted.

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Group Policy Nos. V-189,706, V-189,709, and V-189,710

STEP 6. COMPLETE AND SIGN THE PAYROLL DEDUCTION AUTHORIZATION.

Payroll Deduction Authorization

Social Security #: _____ Name: _____ Department: _____

To: **Controller—City of Los Angeles, or Fire and Police Pension, or City Employees Retirement System, or Paymaster—Department of Water and Power**

I hereby authorize the deduction from my salary of amounts sufficient to cover premiums/membership fees on any of my group benefits provided by **City Employees Club of Los Angeles**. In the event any premiums should change due to age, increase in salary or benefits, or a general rate increase for the entire Association, I authorize you to make such change upon notification from the City Employees Club of Los Angeles and such deduction to remain in force until canceled by me in writing.

Sign Here

X

City/DWP Employee _____ Date _____

Federal Law P.L. 93-579 Section 7

RE: FEDERAL PRIVACY ACT AND USE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS
This law requires you be informed, when asked for your Social Security Number, that it must be provided for use in employment, personnel and payroll processes: Authority for requiring this information is based upon provision of the City's payroll and personnel candidate processing system operational prior to January 1, 1975 and applicable Federal Law.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Code _____ Deduction _____

Show Your Holiday Spirit!



Show Off Your Office Decorations ... and Send Your Holiday Greetings!

Does your office put up some awesome holiday decorations?
Send us a picture, and send your holiday greetings at the same time!

1. Take a photo of your officemates and yourself (or by yourself) in front of your office tree or whatever you use to decorate your office.
2. Write a greeting to your fellow City Employees, for example:
"Happy Holidays From Us."
3. Tell us who is in the photo, and what office you represent.
4. Send everything to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

We'll run as many as we can in the January issue, along with the office party photo.

Deadline for submission: Dec. 15



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Your Reviews

You can be a reviewer! Have you just seen a great movie or DVD? Read a great book? Been to a great play or musical? Write a brief review. It's easy! See the instruction box.



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
- *Alive!* will send you a small but appropriate "thank you" if we publish your review.
- Have fun!

MOVIE REVIEWS



The Brave One

Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Jodie Foster plays a radio host who seeks revenge after a brutal attack leaves her badly injured and her fiancé dead. This movie reminded me a little of *Death Wish* with Charles Bronson, only this is a female vigilante. You get the female side of what's it like to be attacked and have someone you care so much about taken away from you. Terrence Howard plays the police detective looking for a possible male vigilante killer.

Jodie Foster and Terrence Howard were very good in this movie. They seem to have a good chemistry between the two actors. This movie has suspense and drama to it; it kept my interest during the whole movie.

—Gwen Lew, DWP



Gone Baby Gone

Rated R

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

This story takes place in a working class South Boston neighborhood where Casey Affleck plays a bail bondsman/private investigator who, with his girlfriend/partner (Michelle Monaghan) are asked to look for the daughter of a neighbor who has gone missing.

Not all is as it seems when you find out that the mother of the missing child has a drug problem, along with some shady acquaintances who come with it, and a reputation for some irresponsible partying.

This movie kept my interest, and Casey Affleck does seem to be a better actor than his brother, Ben, who directed this movie. Other than some of the language in this movie, I thought this was a very entertaining movie.

—Gwen Lew, DWP



P2

Rated R

My Score: 2 (out of 5)

This movie is a thriller starring Wes Bentley and Rachel Nichols. Rachel Nichols plays Angela, a workaholic working on Christmas Eve who gets trapped in the parking garage when her car won't start. She is stalked by Tom (Wes Bentley), a lonely security guard who wants to spend Christmas with her. Against Angela's wishes, she is preyed upon by Tom throughout the underground parking garage. There are few good scenes in this movie.

This movie is not made for the big screen and should go directly to DVD.

—Linda Rorex, Personnel



The Kingdom

Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This movie is about an investigation into an extremist attack on an American compound in The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. For us non-violent types, it brings the shock of

suicide bombings into our lives. A group of FBI agents, led by an agent (Jamie Foxx), are able to go overseas and investigate the incident. The devastation in the compound is reminiscent of the Oklahoma City bombing.

The American investigators are aided and escorted by a brave and honest Saudi Colonel in the police force. The movie, which also stars Chris Cooper, Jennifer Garner and Jason Bateman, is action-packed, and the camera work is superior. Foxx has the chameleon-like quality in his craft that involves the audience's emotions. There are some frightening moments of kidnapping and a close-up look into the world of bomb makers, extremists and investigators. The audience is invited into the unknown world of wealth and culture of the Saudis.

— Lourdes Zaldivar, LAPD



The Heartbreak Kid

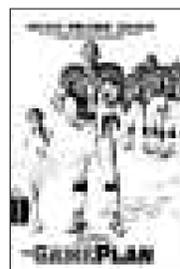
Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Ben Stiller and his father, Jerry Stiller, are in this movie. Ben plays a bachelor who owns a sporting goods store. His father wonders why he is not married. Ben meets a very pretty girl and, after dating for a short period of time, they marry. He married her because she implied she would be sent overseas for her job.

Well, the things that happen to Ben are hilarious, and at times you are laughing so hard you don't hear the next line. The movie is very funny, and if you're thinking of getting married without really knowing the person, see this movie first.

—Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD



The Game Plan

Rated PG

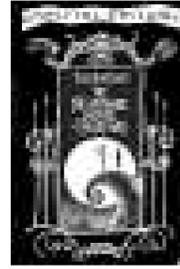
My Score: 3 (out of 5)

This movie stars Dwayne Johnson ("The Rock"). He plays a star quarterback on a pro football team and is the ultimate bachelor when this eight-year-old girl (Madison Pettis) arrives on his doorstep. Johnson does not know she is his daughter and will be staying with him for a month. He is not initially happy, but as time goes on she grows on him.

It is a Disney movie, so it's for the family. I thought it was funny, but it also has a message. Stay for the credits; they are very funny.

—Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

DVD Reviews



The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993)

Rated PG

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

The Nightmare Before Christmas is not a traditional piece of Disney 'toon candy. With its colorful stop-motion animation and its quirky death-obsessed producer Tim Burton, it's more of a candy cane from the netherworld.

In this film, Jack the Halloween King gets a glimpse of Christmas and wants to take it over. Even though my one-year old loves the visuals of the movie and its award-winning soundtrack, some kids may get scared, and some cartoon purists may be turned off by the deathliness of the characters. That being said, this is an original that ranks up there with other holiday movie classics.

—Robert Garcia, Airports



Nacho Libre

Rated PG

My Score 1.5 (out of 5)

I was really disappointed with this Jack Black movie because it was not that funny. Black grows up in a monastery and ends up a monk. His duties are to cook for the orphans. He becomes a pro wrestler, but no one knows his identity because he wears a mask. He uses his prize money to buy food for the orphans.

I think the movie's story did not flow and had very few really funny moments. I am glad I missed it in the movie theater and you may want to miss seeing the DVD.

—Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

Nacho Libre

Rated PG

My Score 4.5 (out of 5)

This is a movie for guys... I have 2 teenage sons, and we just love this flic! Many a night, we have watched this together and laughed every single time. The quotable lines from this movie just keep rolling along from Jack Black. When I need some comic relief, I find myself going back to this movie for giggles, over and over. Don't miss it on DVD!

—David Jamgotchian, JILA Associates (*Alive!* designers)

Book Reviews



Maya Running

Banerjee, Fiction for young adults, Wendy Lamb Books, 224 pages
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This is a story about a girl from India, Maya Mukherje, who moves to a town in Manitoba, Canada, and doesn't really fit in with her native country, India, or the Canadians. One day, her cousin, Pinky, stays and steals her boyfriend, Jamie, from her. All kinds of comical stuff happens.

I would recommend this book as an easy book report. You'll be guaranteed an "A" from your teacher.

—Vicky Rorex, daughter of Linda Rorex, Personnel



Two Little Girls in Blue

Mary Higgins Clark, Fiction, Simon and Shuster, 390 pages
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This book is about twin three-year old girls, Kelly and Kathy, who are kidnapped for ransom. The Piped Piper demands \$8 million, and the father, Steve Frawley, puts up the money. But when they go to retrieve the twins, only Kelly is found. A suicide note is left on the dead driver, saying that Kathy was killed.

Kelly tells her mom, Margaret, at the memorial service for Kathy that she is alive. Three-year-old Kelly communicates telepathically to her sister, and the FBI sets out on a search for Kathy.

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—Linda Rorex, Personnel



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by our own
Robert Larios



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Simple Soup: Cure for Heavy Holiday Meals

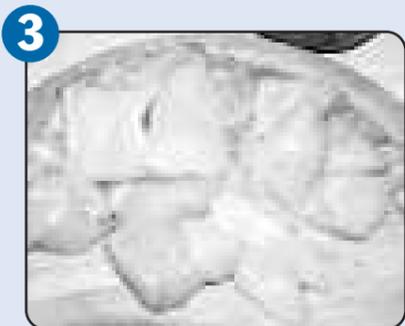
DIRECTIONS:



Step 1: Prepare your vegetables by washing, peeling and dicing them. This includes carrots, celery, onions, 1/4 cup of the green onions, and garlic. Hold on to the other half of the green onions and the tomatoes because you'll add these toward the end of your simmer.



Step 2: Dice the white creamer potatoes and place in a bowl with water until it's time to add to them to the soup.



Step 3: Place your chicken breasts on a sanitized cutting board and cut them into small pieces.



Step 4: Take a large pot and place on the stovetop over medium heat. Add the olive oil into the pot.



Step 5: Add the chicken and garlic, and sprinkle in some salt and pepper. Stir until chicken is slightly browned. Then add the rest of the vegetables, including the potatoes and some of the green onions, but not the tomatoes. Allow the vegetables to sweat.



Step 6: Add the oregano, parsley and the chicken stock. If you do not have chicken stock or broth, you use water but know that you may have to add more salt and pepper to the soup as it simmers.



Step 7: Allow the soup to simmer and stir occasionally. Remember to taste-test your soup to see if you need to add more salt or pepper. Add the tomatoes and the green onions once the carrots are fork-tender. Let simmer for about 15 minutes and check the soup for taste again.



Step 8: You're ready to place the soup in a bowl and serve!

With two consecutive columns dedicated to soup recipes, you'd think this is the Cooking With Soup column. Frankly, I'm very fond of soups and have come to enjoy many varieties – some turn out complex and others are quite simple in their preparation. The key in all soup making is the preparation before you begin. When making chicken soup, having all your vegetables washed and diced is important. As part of the preparation, you'll notice that I placed the cubed potatoes in a bowl with water. This is done to prevent the potatoes from turning dark.

Prepping the chicken is also very important. I used two chicken breasts – washing and cubing them. As always, it is critical that time, temperature and sanitation are at the forefront of thought when cooking with chicken. Chicken is delicate and easily exposed to food-borne bacteria, which can in turn be deadly for human consumption. It's at least a sure way to get the people sick who are eating your soup.

Also, I mention in the ingredients to use sea salt and pepper to taste, and I do this because everyone has different preferences on the amount of salt and pepper used. I suggest that you taste-test the flavor of the soup and add more salt and/or pepper once it begins to simmer. You may have to perform several taste tests before you've hit your comfort level. This gradual method of adding salt and pepper is optimal compared to adding them at once, because you may determine that you've added too much and that is a difficult fix with soups.

Happy Holidays!



Simply Chicken Soup

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup diced carrots
- 2 medium Roma tomatoes
- 2 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup diced green onions
- 1 shallot
- 1 small white onion

- 6 white creamer potatoes, cubed
- Sea salt and pepper to taste
- Chicken stock or broth
- 2 tablespoons parsley
- 1 tablespoon oregano
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil



I like mine in a large soup-style cup.

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Size: **XXXL**

Available Colors:

- Sport Gray
- Indigo Blue

\$16



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Front

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 - Black
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ITEM: #LAC-2000

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



Back

Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

- Available Colors:
- Black
 - Navy Blue

ITEM: #LAC-3000

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 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**



Back

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- White*
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- Indigo Blue
- Light Pink
- Maroon
- Blue Dusk
- Orange
- Olive

Member Price:
\$12
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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



Back

Front

Indigo Blue

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LA City Polo Shirt
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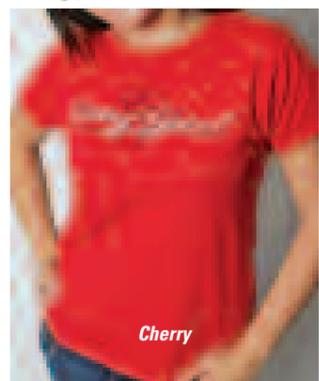
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Close-up of Embroidery

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- Violet

Crew Neck Style Colors:

- Hot Pink
- Cherry

- Caribbean Blue
- Heather Gray

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Back

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Front

ITEM: #T3000VP

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Back

\$16

Member Price:
\$15
 per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:

- Grey

Front

ITEM: #T2500VP

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



Back

Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

Available Colors:

- White
- Navy Blue
- Black
- Orange

Front

ITEM: #T2002WP



Back

Available Colors:

- White*
- Navy Blue
- Black
- Orange

*White available with front pocket.

Front

ITEM: #T2003WP



Back

Available Colors:

- White
- Navy Blue
- Black
- Orange

Front

ITEM: #T2001WP



Back

Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**

* White available with front pocket.

- Available Colors:
- White*
 - Orange
 - Blue Dusk
 - Charcoal

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 AVAILABLE COLORS:
 Blue Dusk, Charcoal

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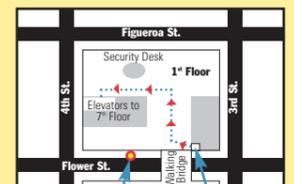
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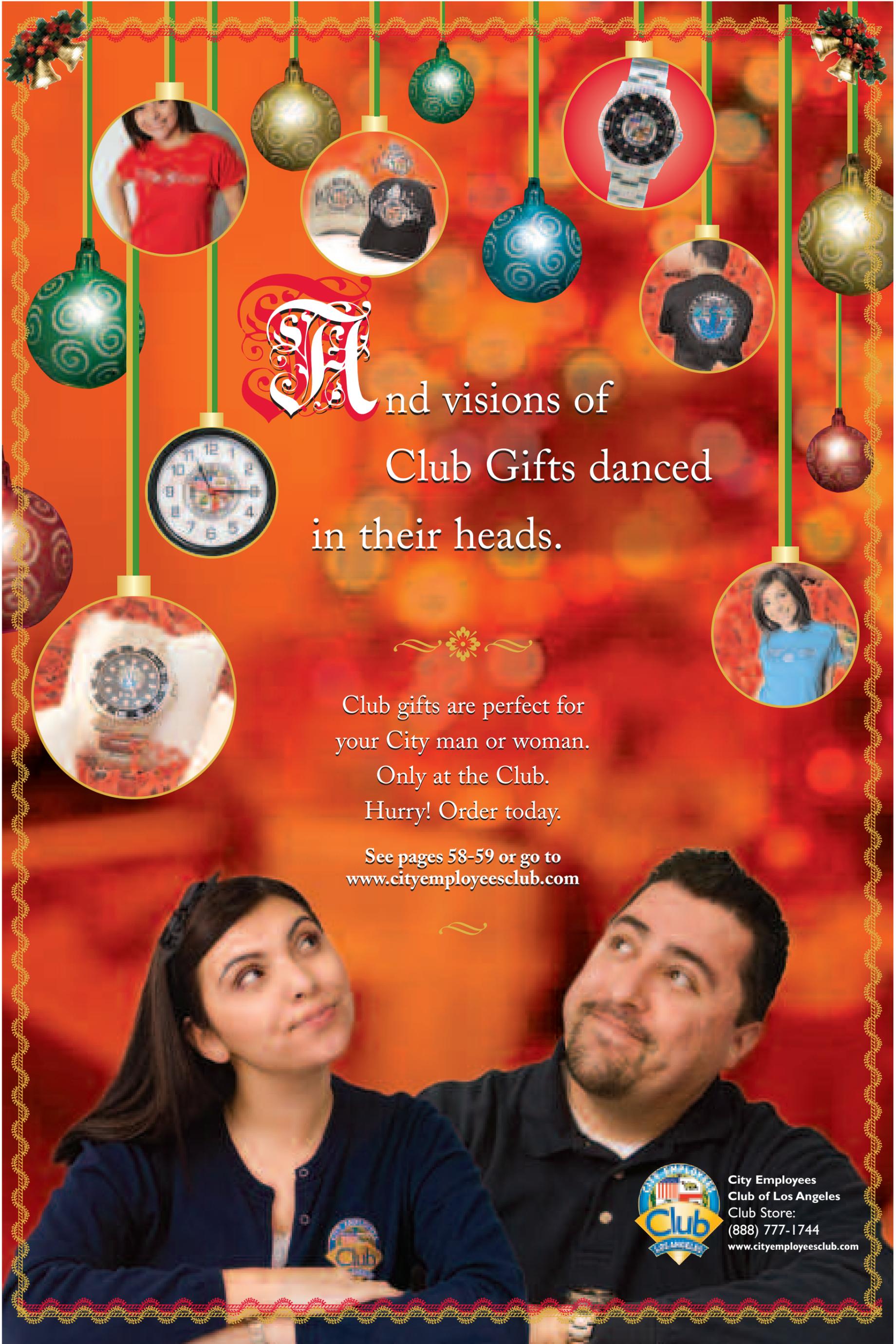
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