

Could City's Budget Crunch Affect Your Job?

■ Will projected \$155 million shortfall impact your job?



COUNCIL — A sagging economy and other factors have left the City short of funds. Is that bad news for City Employees?

At press time, the City Council is trying to figure out how to cut the budget – or raise additional funds – to make up a projected \$155 million shortfall (and counting).

Officials are trying to accomplish this feat without cutting employees or service hours, but final decisions have not been made as of the time *Alive!* is going to press.

Early proposals include employing a hiring freeze and asking some employees to take unpaid furloughs.

What do you think? Send us your thoughts at: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

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DWP Starts New Project to Catch the Wind

■ DWP breaks ground on the largest city-owned wind farm in the United States.



An example of a wind farm.

DWP — The City's plan for serious green energy production took a major step Jan. 31 as the DWP broke ground on its Pine Tree Wind Project in the Owens Valley.

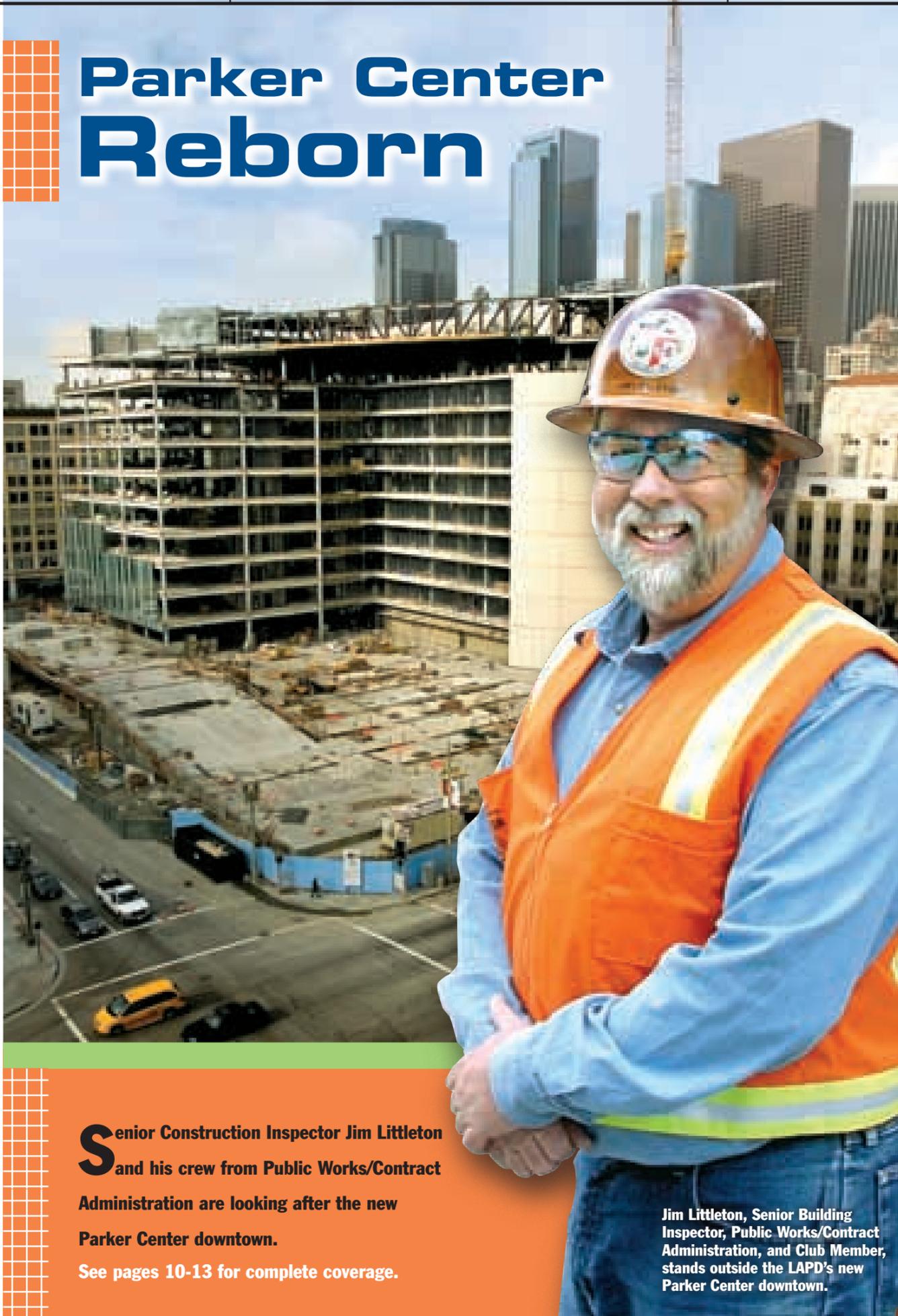
The wind farm, which will be the largest municipal wind farm in the United States when it opens next year, is expected to reduce greenhouse gases significantly.

"Pine Tree is the start of a new model of clean energy," said the Mayor at groundbreaking press conference.

When completed next year, the 8,000-acre wind farm will deliver 120 megawatts of wind power to Los Angeles, enough energy to power 56,000 homes.

For more information, see the story on page 17.

Parker Center Reborn



Senior Construction Inspector Jim Littleton and his crew from Public Works/Contract

Administration are looking after the new Parker Center downtown.

See pages 10-13 for complete coverage.

Jim Littleton, Senior Building Inspector, Public Works/Contract Administration, and Club Member, stands outside the LAPD's new Parker Center downtown.

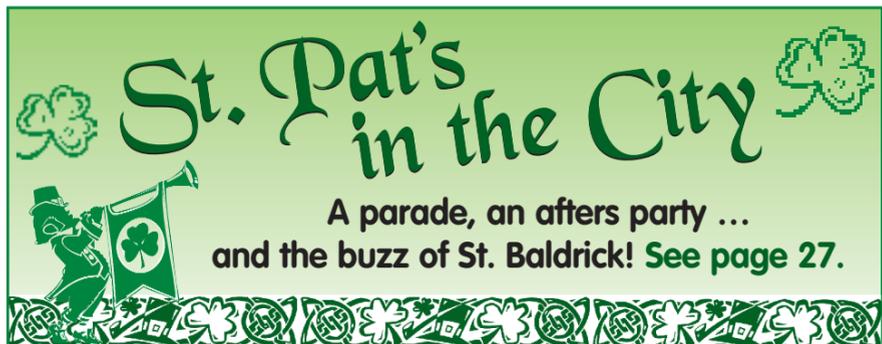
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and the buzz of St. Baldrick! See page 27.

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** A Message From the CEO **

From One City Icon to Another

by John Hawkins
President and CEO, The Club

Well, I hope you enjoyed last month's issue, which featured the "ever in motion" Councilman Tom LaBonge. It was a pleasure working with such a class act, which we so often get to do when writing stories for *Alive!*

This month we bring you news of another L.A. icon, Parker Center; the only difference is that this icon is going through a much-needed metamorphosis.

That's right: After more than 50 years, we're going to have a brand new Police Headquarters. By the way, do you know who designed the original Parker Center? It was Welton Becket, who's also famous for designing Hollywood's Capitol Records Building and Cinerama Dome as well as the Los Angeles Music Center and Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. The story of what we can expect starts on the front page. The new Parker Center should be a very nice addition to the area surrounding the Civic Center.

Also, it's very encouraging news to see the DWP at the forefront of the nation's solution to producing green energy with their Pine Tree project. Basically it's going to be one of the largest wind farms in the nation, and our fellow DWP employees are going to make it happen. The story starts on the front page. Make sure you give it a read and share the news with your co-workers.



Senior Construction Inspector (and Club Member) Jim Littleton (left) explains a detail of the new Parker Center to Club CEO John Hawkins.

And, it's that time of year again: St Patrick's Day! That means three things ... the St. Baldrick's fundraiser, the Los Angeles St. Patrick's Day Parade, and the Pershing Square "after parade" party. The St. Baldrick's fundraiser is set for March 15 at Station 89; the parade is set for Monday March 17, so if you work anywhere downtown it's an easy walk. And of course, the "after parade" party is right after the parade and at Pershing Square. Get out, get some exercise and get a little green! Check for all the details on page 9.

In addition, Earth Day is just around the corner, too. One great way to celebrate it is to make a point of taking the family to the City's Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in San Pedro. There are going to be guided walks to the salt marsh and beach cleanups; the story is on page 8 with all the details.

There's so much more but I'll let you do the rest of the exploring. Enjoy yet another issue of the paper that truly *Celebrates the Lives of City Employees!*

Have an excellent March!

JOHN

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**Cecilia Talbot,
Claims Administrator**

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

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— Derek McCullough, January 2008

Your service was "excellent! Each person I spoke to has been polite and expressed sympathy and concern in helping me sort through all City of Los Angeles matters related to the death of my husband."
— Barbara Parmenter, January 2008

"The service received from City Employees Club of Los Angeles has been great, especially in moments like this, when I lost a love one, my beloved wife. You have supported me in a very special way. I am very grateful for the card you sent me, showing me that you were with me in this painful situation. May God bless you in a very special way."
— Jesus Padilla, January 2008

Your Club Insurance Dollars at Work

**Total claims paid back to Club Members
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Claims paid:

Life insurance claims paid this month: **\$279,237.35**

Life insurance claims paid this year: **\$279,237.35**

Long-term disability claims paid this month: **\$102,610.97**

Long-term disability claims paid this year: **\$102,610.97**

Long-term care claims paid this month: **\$25,033.33**

Long-term care claims paid this year: **\$25,033.33**

Cancer insurance claims paid this month: **\$0**

Cancer insurance claims paid this year: **\$0**

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2004 President's Award Recipient
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LETTERS To the Editor

Tell us what you think! talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

LETTER OF THE MONTH



We All Have Names and Stories; We Are All Human

You know, I see the guy you featured in your "People We See" section, Mike McDowell, all the time, but I never really gave him the time of day. Now I usually buy him a sandwich when I go to Quizno's, and best of all I can call him by name.

Thanks *Alive!* You are always thinking of new ways to connect with fellow humans.

— Tommy Langsley

Is the Red Carpet Really The Best Place for Mayor?

Hi, *Alive!* Here's just an off-the-wall comment. My wife was looking at all the Oscar Award pictures online, and suddenly she let out a cry of disgust. I ran over to see what all the fuss was about, and she was pointing at a picture of Mayor Villaraigosa on the red carpet. First thing she said was, "What's he doing there?"

Anyway, I have to admit, it does look silly when he's supposed to be a man of the people. He should have been out with the poor street people who were displaced by the Oscar show, making sure they had warm food and shelter. But instead, he donned his tux and schmoozed with the celebrities. Maybe one day we'll start electing politicians who are really there for the people -- you know, people like Councilman Tom LaBonge or Janice Hahn. Oh well, one day, I guess.

— Michael, Public Works

Where's the Mayor? I haven't heard anything about him like I used to.

— Jim Russell, Rec and Parks

Well, we know one place he was. See above. — Ed.

Apparently the City Created At Least 2 More Lovebirds

Now I really wish I had sent my Valentine story of my and my hubby. We too met in the City. Hopefully next year *Alive!* will do this again. I loved this article!

— Edwina Johnson, GSD

It was one of our favorites, too. Congrats to Yvonne Liu, Finance, who came up with the idea, found the couples and wrote a nice story for Valentine's Day. — Ed.

Downtown Revival: Better Place for City Employees

I really like the redevelopment that is going on in Downtown Los Angeles. I remember 10 years ago, it was a dismal place to go, but how

things have changed with the new business coming in, the creation of Staples Center, the new housing opportunities, and there's even a Ralph's supermarket, the largest in California. I also hear that Trader Joe's is coming in along with Whole Foods Market. My how things have changed.

— Reggie Jones, General Services

The new Parker Center is looking great! Those construction workers are really moving. I remember it was just a few weeks ago that all I saw were the steel beams and in just a few weeks, walls and windows have been put up. I hope that when it's all said and done that the building is inviting and pleasant to look at as well as inviting to the community.

— Lori Trاملة, Transportation

If Only Tom LaBonge Could Represent Her District, Too

I really don't know how you guys do it. That story last month on Tom LaBonge was fantastic. It really captured the essence of his energy and enthusiasm. I wish he were the Councilman in my district!

— Lucy Hartman, LAPD

Nice job on the interview with Tom LaBonge. Keep up the great work!

— Salvador Menendez, Public Works

Tax on Home Sales Could Pay for Local Street Services

I look forward to the day that all of our streets and sidewalks are redone. I hear that the City Council wants to add a tax to homeowners when they move out to help pay for the services needed on the streets. There are pros and cons to that, but the day my neighborhood potholes and cracked sidewalks are redone, I know my property value is going to skyrocket. That's something for us all to think about.

— Julie Hewitt, Retired

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!

You can take only one item with you while stranded on a deserted island. What would it be?

"My wife."
— Mario Macias, Refuse Collection Truck Operator, Public Works/Sanitation, 3 years of City service, Club Member since 2006.



"The Bible."
— Christy Sherrod, LAX, Club Member since 2002.

"A crate of tequila!"
— Pete Vega, Refuse Collection Truck Operator, Public Works/Sanitation, 7 years of City service, Club member since 2003.



"My wife, Susie."
— Roland Cooper, Refuse Collection Truck Operator, Public Works/Sanitation, 3 years of City service, Club member since 2008.

"The Bible."
— Latisha Swader, LAX, 24 years of City service, Club Member since 2002.



"A giant knife."
— Manuel Placencia, Refuse Collection Truck Operator, Public Works/Sanitation, Club member since 2002.

"A water-filled canteen."
— Ken Fox, Refuse Collection Truck Operator, Public Works/Sanitation, 21 years of City service, Club member since 2005.



"A cell phone. No, wait ... a satellite phone with fully charged battery pack."
— Steve Hall, Refuse Collection Truck Operator, Public Works/Sanitation, 18 years of City service, Club member since 2002.

"A high carbon stainless steel survival knife."
— Jeff Quemada, Refuse Collection Truck Operator, Public Works/Sanitation, 23 years of City service, Club member since 2004.



"The Bible."
— Anthony Hatten, Refuse Collection Truck Operator, Public Works/Sanitation, 20 years of City service, Club member since 2007.

In this monthly feature, Club CEO John Hawkins and Member Services Manager Angel Gomez introduce you to people you see every day, but you might not know who they are. The Club reminds you that we all have names and stories to tell.

People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.

No. 3 in a series.
MARCH 2008



Meet Eugenio (Eugene) Alvarez

HIS NEIGHBORHOOD:
City Hall East. He lives in "the Mission."

AGE: 64

MARITAL STATUS:
Single, never married

BIRTHPLACE:
Jalisco, Mexico. "I moved to L.A. in 1969 and worked in a metal shop."

FAMILY:
Two brothers, one sister

EDUCATION:
Through the fifth grade

MILITARY:
Yes, in the Mexican military

IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE?
"Peace on earth."

LAST JOB:
Restaurant busboy

FAVORITE SPORTS:
Soccer, baseball

TROPHIES OR AWARDS:
"I got a plastic trophy when I was a young boy."

FAVORITE FOOD:
Tacos, pizzas and McDonald's

FAVORITE MOVIE:
The Professional

FAVORITE MUSIC:
Country

FAVORITE CANDY:
Caramels

FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY:
"The main library. I like to talk to other people."

ADVICE:
"Always be respectful to the homeless. We are people, too."

DATE WE MET MIKE:
Jan. 9, 2008

The Club gave Eugenio a \$25 Starbucks card and a blanket.



Who are the people you see every day?

Translated from Spanish by Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager.

Newsbrief

HARBOR HOMELAND SECURITY:

The Port of Los Angeles will receive more than \$10 million in state homeland security grants to beef up security at the nation's busiest container port, state officials announced Feb. 14. The grants will fund new training, technology and facilities for the Los Angeles Port Police and other law-enforcement agencies that operate at the Port, enabling them to speed communications and emergency responses, and inspect commercial vehicles more thoroughly.

"Our ports are the lifeblood of our prosperity, and this makes them an obvious target for those who would harm us in this age of terrorism," said Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. "Protecting this great asset – the largest ports complex in the nation – is a crucial task. This injection of \$10 million in Proposition 1B funds will be used to tighten vehicle inspection operations, expand training for our port police officers, buy improved equipment and implement a resource tracking system to aid first responders in the event of an emergency."

"Our Governor and State Legislature should be commended for moving this security funding process forward in such an expedient manner," said Harbor Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D. "These are funds we can use to bolster our facilities, training and field operations for the benefit of both San Pedro Bay ports and the myriad of agencies that provide our multi-layered security network."

Matthew Bettenhausen, executive director of the California Office of Homeland Security, who announced the security grants, said Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has worked extensively with the State Legislature to increase funding to secure California's ports.

"The threat to our port system is one of the most fundamental challenges we face," Bettenhausen said. "The threat to California's economy is very real if our port system is vulnerable to a terrorist attack."

The grant money represents the first homeland security funding available from California's Proposition 1B, passed by California voters in November 2006 to improve air quality and goods movement, and enhance the safety and security of the state's transportation system. The Port received the single largest chunk of the \$40 million in total security funding announced Feb. 14.

The projects to be funded at the Port include a new vehicle inspection facility where, among other things, a new X-ray imaging system will be used to examine commercial vehicles bound for the World Cruise Center. Law-enforcement agencies also will benefit from new boat-mooring docks and piers, a mobile air-compressor system for divers, training classes in maritime security and a state-of-the-art system for electronically tracking personnel as they operate at the Port and in surrounding communities.

Here's an allocation breakdown of the \$10,060,000 that the Port will receive from the state's Proposition 1B security funding:

- Commercial vehicle inspection area with X-ray imaging system -- \$3.864 million;
- Electronic "Blue Force" tracking system that will enable command and dispatch centers to see where police cars, boats and other equipment are located at all times -- \$3.375 million;
- Temporary mooring and dock facilities for multi-agency law-enforcement vessels, to facilitate joint agency operations -- \$2.377 million; and
- Maritime training for law enforcement -- \$450,000.

REINING IN THE PAPARAZZI:

Councilman Dennis Zine introduced a motion into the City Council Feb. 1 to allow the City to more strictly regulate paparazzi photographers.

Paparazzi are becoming increasingly aggressive in their tactics, posing a clear danger not only to the people they are trying to photograph, but to the general public around them, according to the Councilman's office. Reckless driving is already illegal, but laws must be consistently applied to paparazzi in vehicles and on foot, so there is a clear message that the law applies to everyone. The City respects the press' First Amendment freedoms, but public safety must be paramount. The motion calls for stricter regulations of paparazzi, including a minimum "personal safety zone" of several feet of clear space between paparazzi and the individuals they are photographing, including their vehicles. Vehicles must be given more space as required for safe movement.



Ontario Promotions

■ LA/Ontario International Airport job promotions improve service.

Story and photos by Harold Johnson, Public Information, LA/Ontario

AIRPORTS — A wave of job promotions at LA/Ontario International Airport (ONT) swept in the new year by providing advancement for selected employees and advancement opportunities for others.

In Airport Operations, Tom Boylan and Fermin Gomez were promoted to Superintendent of Operations II. Boylan and Gomez are assigned to the Terminal Operations Group, where they will be in

charge of operations in the passenger terminals, Federal Inspection Station, Ground Transportation Center, Film Desk and other assigned duties.

For Gomez, it's a return to familiar grounds. He worked at Ontario as an Airport Operations Coordinator before being promoted to Superintendent of Operations I at Van Nuys Regional Airport (VNY).

Robert Haines and Victor Rocha were promoted to Airport Maintenance Superintendent in the Construction and Maintenance Section. Haines, formerly an Airports Maintenance Supervisor III, will manage the Building Mechanical Unit and Facility Cleaning Unit. Haines will also oversee contract administration/compliance

for jet bridge maintenance, parking lot cleaning, terminal window washing and aircraft ramp maintenance.

Victor Rocha was promoted to Airport Maintenance Superintendent at Van Nuys, covering duties and responsibilities at Van Nuys and LA/Palmdale Regional Airport.

Rick Martorana, formerly a senior Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, was promoted to Airport Safety Officer and is now training at the Los Angeles Police Academy. He will enter the Fire Academy and will join the Ontario Safety Officer force upon completion.

Lynne Wright advanced to Principal Communications Operator at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX).

Congratulations!



Lynne Wright shares a farewell dessert treat with co-workers after being promoted to Principal Communications Operator at Los Angeles International Airport.



Bob Haines (left) and Victor Rocha are excited about their new positions as Airport Maintenance Superintendent.



Rick Martorana, Senior Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, spent his last day in the Ontario Fleet Maintenance garage working on a fire rescue vehicle he hopes to drive after finishing Airport Safety Officer training.



Tom Boylan (left) and Fermin Gomez are new Airfield Operations Superintendents II. They will handle the day-to-day operations of the passenger terminals, Federal Inspection Station, Ground Transportation Center, Film Desk and other assigned duties.

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 All individuals meeting given are welcome to participate in the parade. Arrive at staging area at 10:00 A.M. Enter the STAGING AREA on MAIN STREET from CANAL & CHRYSLER AVE. (101) Pay Booths will Broadway to Canal (Leave Bus, right to Main St., 101 Pay Booths will Alameda St., right to Canal Street, left to Main. Return East 9-10th Street to Union Station, with Alameda Street).

For floats, marching groups, and corporate sponsors, please see the guidelines and entry form online at www.lacity.org.

HOW TO GET TO THE PARADE & CONCERT
 PARADE: MAIN STREET between GRAND ST. & CHRYSLER AVE. Enter East Los Angeles St. off 101 Freeway, park in one of many public lots on Los Angeles St., walk one block north to Main Street. Return City Center.

CONCERT: 12:30 P.M. at PERSHING SQUARE
 Arrive East 5th St. away off 101 Freeway, continue on 5th St. to Pershing. Turn left to parking lot. Return Pershing Square.

PERSHING SQUARE CONCERT: 12:30 P. M. (following parade)
 Olive Street between 5th Street & 6th Street

IRISH & AMERICAN FOOD FARE - \$1.00 O'DOUL'S
 Food & Beverage available for purchase at venue at 11 A.M.

PARADE: 11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P. M.
 Main Street & Arcadia St. to 5th Street & Pershing Square
 Staging Area: El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic Monument, Olvera Street.

Spectators and community participants! • Irish Bagpipers • Marching Bands • Leprechauns • Celebrities
 Historic Los Angeles Fire Dept. Trucks • Historic LAPD Trucks, Cars & Motorcycles • Color Guards
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Earth Day at Cabrillo

■ Aquarium celebrates the 'ocean planet' with free programs April 19.



Photos by Gary Florin, Photographer, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

REC AND PARKS — You are invited to join the 28th annual Earth Day Celebration of our "ocean planet" at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, Saturday, April 19, with a day of free programs, including a beach cleanup, speakers, information and activities. Participation options include joining the beach cleanup, sharing information, grunion egg hatching, guided walks to the salt marsh, and more.

You can be a part of the solution by joining in a beach cleanup from 8 to 10 a.m.; supplies and refreshments are included. Then you can stop by the auditorium to view selected presentations of the day and visit with more than 40 organizations and agencies as they share how they are working to care for the earth. Musicians will be sharing their thoughts about the ocean through songs. And you can educate yourself about choices we can make every day to make a difference in protecting our planet.

Throughout the day, the Aquarium will be open with opportunities to examine Southern California marine life, where you can visit the touch tank; search the Virginia Reid Moore Marine Research Library for more information about local sea life; observe the aquarium's newest arrivals in the Aquatic Nursery; and investigate the interactive Exploration Center.



A previous Earth Day at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.



A previous Earth Day at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.

Free parking is available at 22nd and Miner Streets with access to a shuttle in each direction. Guests can also connect to the shuttle from the Marina station of the Pacific Red Car Line along the Port Waterfront.

Red Car info: www.railwaypreservation.com/page8.html. Limited car parking at Cabrillo Beach is \$1 per hour.

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is at 3720 Stephen M. White Dr. in San Pedro, and is a Rec and Parks facility. For more information, call (310) 548-7562 or go to: www.cabrilloaq.org



A previous Earth Day at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.



A previous Earth Day at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.

March of Dimes WalkAmerica 2008

Date: Saturday, April 26
Registration: 7:00 a.m.
Walk Begins: 8:00 a.m.
Location: In Griffith Park near the Carousel on Crystal Springs Drive

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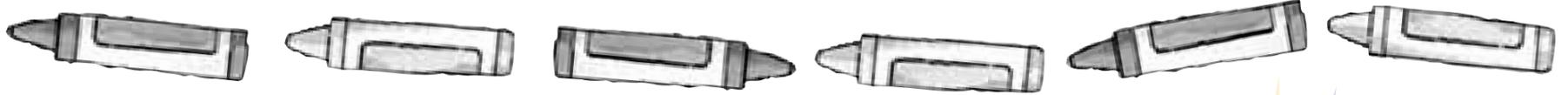
Make sure you tell us:

- The name of the graduate.
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- Their future plans (briefly)
- The name and department of the Club member they're related to (and how they're related)

Digital photos are preferred. Send them to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

If you have a paper print, send a duplicate (we prefer you not send the original) to:
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 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700
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Print photos will be returned within two months after publication if you request it, and if you write your name and address on the back.

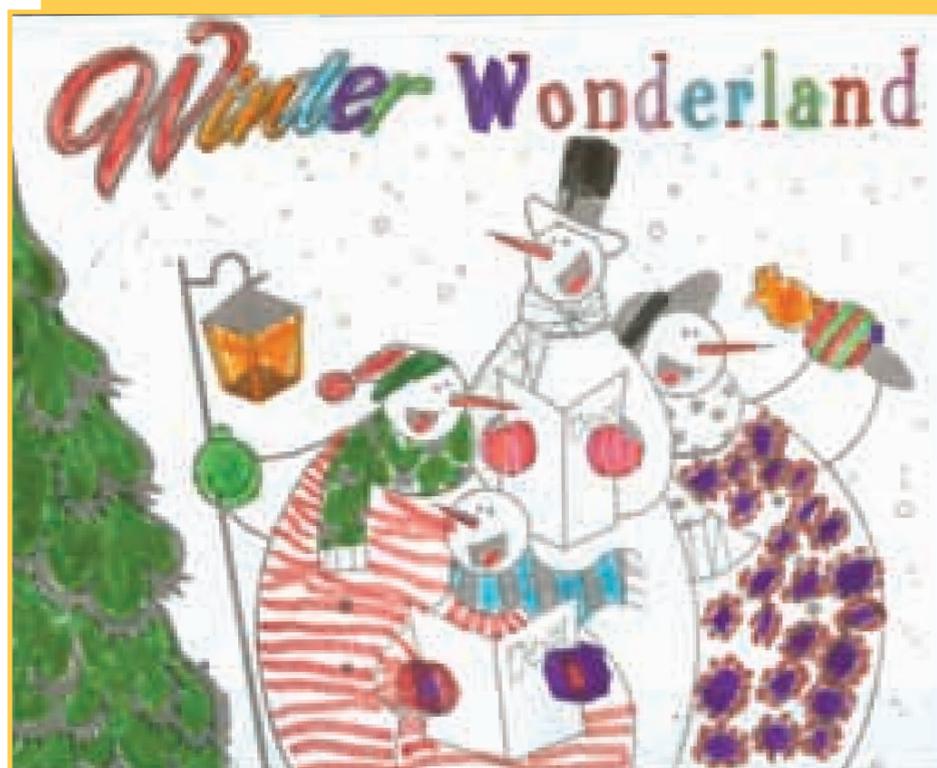


Congratulations to the WINNERS!

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 April edition of *Alive!*



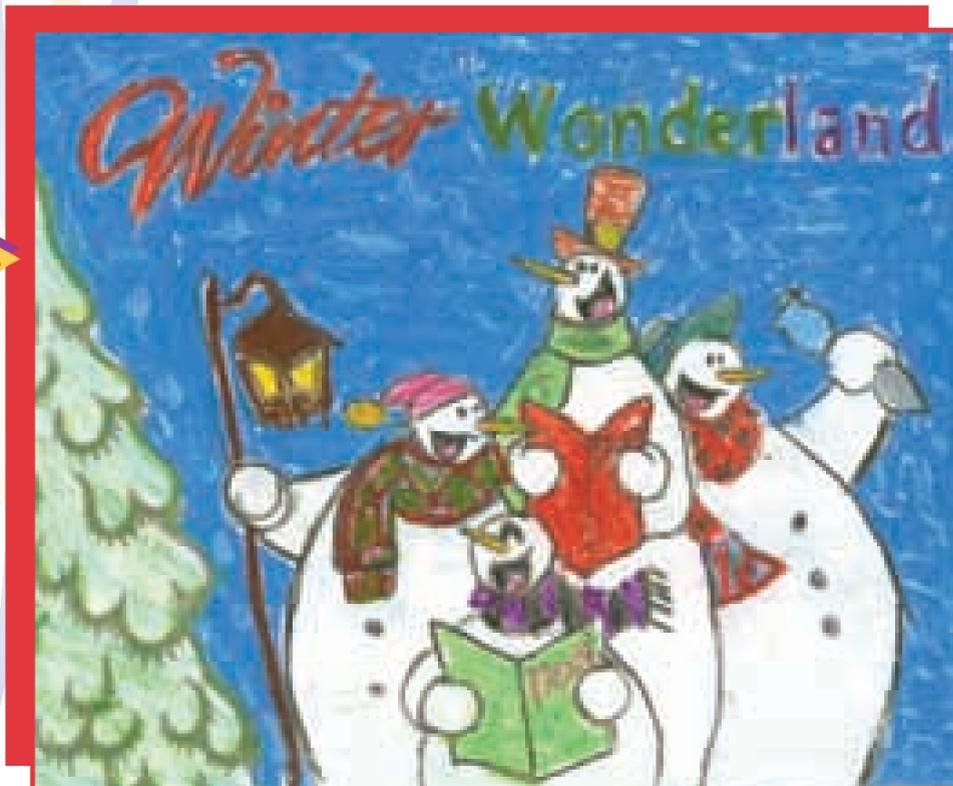
Peter Otoshi, 5

- FAVORITE TV SHOW: *Cars*, the movie
- FAVORITE SNACK: All fruit
- BEST FRIEND: Joseph and Mommy
- PARENT: John T. Otoshi, Contract Supervisor – DWP
- WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: Disneyland, because I've never been there.



Julia Llovera, 6

- FAVORITE TV SHOW: *Sponge Bob Squarepants*
- FAVORITE SNACK: Pepinos con Limon
- BEST FRIEND: Celic
- PARENT: Felicitas Barajas, Crossing Guard – LADOT
- WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: Legoland because I like the dinosaur rollercoaster the best!



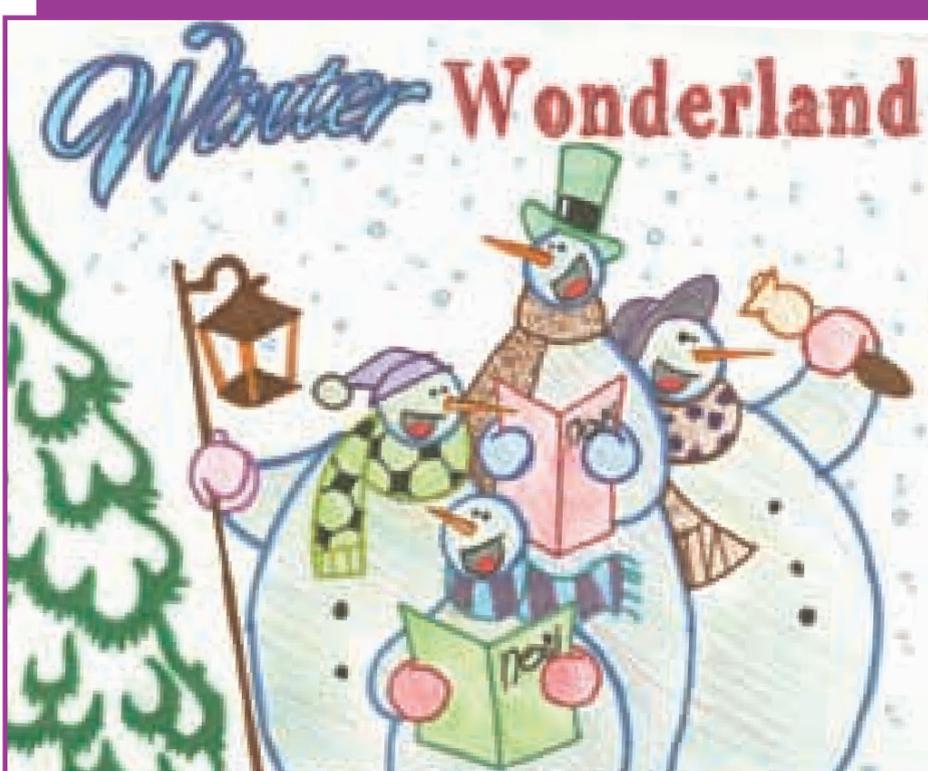
Honorable Mention

CHILD	AGE	PARENT/GUARDIAN	DEPT
Addison Sousa	(1)	John Sousa	Airports
Darius Dove	(3)	Damon Dove	Zoo
Milana Gatfield	(3)	Jason Gatfield	Public Works
Angel G-Cooper	(4)	Araceli Galicia	Transportation
Jarden Ream	(4)	David Ream	LAPD
Thomas Sestich	(4)	Mike Sestich	Carpenter
Mia Brown	(5)	Karen Rohaly	Library
Vanessa Hall	(5)	Sean A. Hall	Gen. Services
Hannah Lee	(5)	Jimmy Lee	CDD
Hendrix Lopez	(5)	Belinda Nieves	City Atty.
Abby Morales	(5)	Fernando Morales	Electrician
Denielle L. Parks	(5)	Carol Parks	Public Works
Zuri Quarterman	(5)	Jennifer Quarterman	Rec and Parks
Angela Reyes	(5)	Roberto Reyes	DWP
Erika Thomas	(5)	Kemia Thomas	Finance
Erika Consebido	(6)	Cecilia Consebido	Public Works
Alyssa Aryanna	(6)	Jennifer Curiel	Animal Svcs.
Vian De La Torre	(6)	Anthony D.L. Torre	Airports
Kaela Dutson	(6)	Dalan Dutson	DWP
Zhariya Francis	(6)	Jeena Ennis	Transportation
Emily Hibma	(6)	Dan Hibma	LAFD
Boglarka Horvath	(6)	Robert Horvath	Public Works
Jesus Lopez	(6)	Jesus Lopez	DWP
Sierra Parra	(6)	Charles Parra	Transportation
Mary Pena	(6)	Nichole Pena	LAPD
Arturo Peralta	(6)	Eddie Pree	Maint.
Matthew Ponce	(6)	Sophia P. De Leon	LAPD
Alexa Rosales	(6)	Alex Rosales	DWP
Angel Rosas	(6)	Xanat Rosas	Housing
Michael Stringer	(6)	Straleshia Hampton	General Svcs.
Anthony Wiley	(6)	Lisa Wiley	DWP
Viviana Arredondo	(7)	Jaime Arredondo	Airports
Ashley Bernal	(7)	Ramon Bernal	Rec and Parks
Haley Chun	(7)	Reginal Chun	City Atty.
Chris Cordero	(7)	Catherine Cordero	DWP
Cassandra H.	(7)	Eduardo Hernandez	Rec and Parks
Josiah Jimenez	(7)	Geraldo Jimenez	Retired
Nathan Lam	(7)	Peter Lam	Retired
Kelly Launchbaush	(7)	John Foltz	DWP
Kaitlyn Lee	(7)	Jimmy Lee	CDD
Vanessa Lucero	(7)	Christopher Lucero	Const.
Ashley Orantes	(7)	Sonia Galan	Transportation
Joseph M. Otoshi	(7)	John T. Otoshi	DWP
Samantha Ruelas	(7)	Julio Ruelas	Mechanic
Daniela Sestich	(7)	Mike Sestich	Carpenter
Riana Sellers	(7)	Gary Sellers	LAPD
Daniela Tapia	(7)	Daniel Tapia	DWP
Araly Cruz	(8)	Mardoqueo Cruz	Truck Op.
Alexis Anica	(8)	Zeyna Gonzales	LAPD
Jacklyn Espinoza	(8)	Oscar Espinoza	DWP
Kaviah Jalali	(8)	Mahmoud Jalai	DWP
Savannah Liedke	(8)	Raymond Atkinson	Airports
Andres Maldonado	(8)	Noe Maldonado	Events
Cassandra Murillo	(8)	C. Paredes-Murillo	Library
Mary Reynosa	(8)	Lisa Martellaro-Palmer	Public Works
Ashley Rodarte	(8)	Sergio Rodarte	LAPD
Abigail Diaz	(9)	Myrna Diaz	Harbor
Trent Dutson	(9)	Dalan Dutson	DWP
Leslie Espinoza	(9)	Sergio Espinoza	DWP
Aaron Loriso	(9)	Richard Loriso	Retired
Michelle Perales	(9)	Larry Perales	Rec and Parks
Mijo Sestich	(9)	Mike Sestich	Carpenter
Kyssandra S.	(9)	Robert Stefanovich	LAX
Peter Trinh	(9)	Thai V. Trinh	Public Works
Iveryana Bufford	(10)	Latrease Bufford	LAPD
Valerie Cortez	(10)	Juan Cortez	Rec and Parks
Devyn Cordero	(10)	Catherine Cordero	DWP
Danielle Espinoza	(10)	Debra Espinoza	C. Affairs
Clarrisa Estevane	(10)	Gabriel Estevane	Public Works
Adriana Garcia	(10)	Gilbert Garcia	DWP
Melissa Lava	(10)	Amy Lava	ITA
Dylan Lee	(10)	Jimmy Lee	CDD
Alyssa Rodarte	(10)	Sergio Rodarte	LAPD
Karen Trinh	(10)	Thai V. Trinh	Public Works
Falysha S.	(11)	Robert Stefanovich	LAX
April Vega	(11)	Maria Conchas	Airports



Tina Sanchez, 11

- FAVORITE TV SHOW: *Rob & Big*
- FAVORITE SNACK: Cinnamon Rolls
- BEST FRIEND: Marissa
- PARENT: Tommy Sanchez, Truck Operator
- WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: I would love to go to Disneyland because I hardly go there.



Compiled by Lupe Medina





Parker Center Reborn



Senior Construction Inspector Jim Littleton and his crew from Public Works/Contract Administration make sure the new LAPD building downtown is done right.



Alive! staff photo.

Jim Littleton, Senior Construction Inspector, Public Works/Contract Administration, and Club Member, on the site downtown for the new LAPD Headquarters.



Out of the Ground, a New Police Building



This photo by Club Tech Guru Summy Lam from the top of City Hall, shows the new Parker Center's construction progress.

■ Public Works is on top of managing the construction of the new Police Headquarters.

Photos by Alive! staff and courtesy Public Works and the LAPD.

PUBLIC WORKS — Starting sometime after summer 2009, the big building going up between First and Second, and Main and Spring Streets will transfer to its principal occupant, the Los Angeles Police Dept.

But right now, approximately halfway toward completion, the new Police Headquarters Building belongs to Public Works and its team of inspectors, making sure that the massive project is being done right and on time.

Jim Littleton is the Senior Construction Inspector in charge. "This high-profile project is an exciting and unique experience to be a part of," he said as he gave *Alive!* a progress tour in mid-February of the building, which is growing fast. "The professionalism, dedication and positive outlook from my inspection staff and our Bureau Management help make this a positive experience.

"I feel blessed to have such an impressive team from the City family, the Consultants, and the Contractor's personnel to work with," he said.

"Parker Center is more than 50 years old, as such it lacked many of the modern systems required for efficient operations," Julie Sauter, Project Manager, Public Works, told *Alive!* "The LAPD has grown over these past 50 years.

"More than 30 community meetings and workshops were held during the design phase of this project, which resulted in such features as a one-acre green space on Second Street, a café and retail space, and a public auditorium."

The building is estimated to be complete in Summer 2009.

On Jan. 22, 2007, ground was broken for the project, which had been in the planning stages for years. Present at that ceremony were Chief William Bratton, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Councilmembers Tom LaBonge, Eric Garcetti, Jan Perry, Jack Weiss, Wendy Greuel, Dennis Zine, Greig Smith and Police Commissioner Andrea Sheridan Ordín.

The project will have three components. The first will consist of a ten-story 500,000-square-foot main building with underground parking for 350 vehicles. The second will be a vehicle maintenance facility and parking garage on Main Street between Second and Third Streets. This separate 300,000-square-foot facility will provide parking for approximately 800 vehicles, a mechanic garage, a fueling station and office space for Motor Transport Division personnel. The third and final component will be a public plaza with underground parking for approximately 300 vehicles at First and Judge John Aliso St.

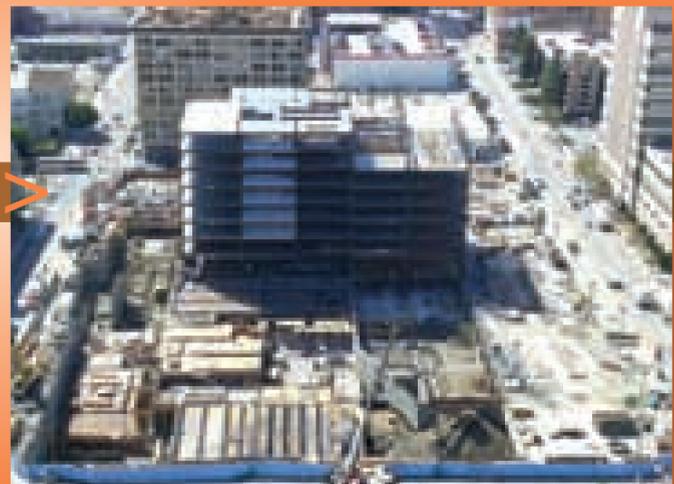
The new police facility will replace Parker Center, which was built in 1955. Parker Center is roughly half the size of the facility under construction.

"This new police facility will bring us into the 21st century," Chief Bratton said. "As society and advancements in technology change, so to must we as a police department. This state-of-the-art facility will enable us to do just that."

The cost of the all three components combined is estimated at \$396.9 million.

Parker Center Reborn

These photos, courtesy Senior Construction Inspector Jim Littleton, show the progress from a hole in the ground.



The Design

The building site is directly south of City Hall, to the east of the Los Angeles Times Building and west of the new Caltrans District 7 headquarters and its associated plaza space.

The structure proposed for the new PAB is a ten-story building with two levels below ground. The first two levels of the building contain the public entrance lobby, conference facilities, cafeteria, fitness center and Police Commission hearing room and offices. The remainder of the floors is for police administrative operations. Also located at grade is an auditorium facility intended to support the needs of the LAPD as well as other City and community functions. A helipad is located on the roof.

The urban and architectural design approaches to the PAB have been driven by the goal of responding to the community, addressing the importance of the site location and the requirements of LAPD. The design has evolved from its initial state through refinements made by the design team, LAPD, Public Works/Engineering, City family, as well as reviews, comments and collaborations with other stakeholders including the City Council; offices of the Mayor, CAO and CLA; and the community.

Site Issues

The important location of the site makes it imperative to consider a number of conditions of the surrounding context and to respond to each in an appropriate way. Most obvious of these conditions is the relationship of the site to City Hall and the South Lawn. As the City's seat of government, a strong complimentary response is merited. Several other structures adjacent to the site deserve consideration in the planning of the block, in particular, the south tower of the Los Angeles Times complex and historic St. Vibiana's, and Caltrans' new headquarters.

Urban Design Approach

One important aspect of the urban design approach to the site has been to create a series of exterior public open spaces, each specifically scaled and designed to complement their respective context. One of these spaces, a civic plaza, is planned along First Street in response to the open space of City Hall's South Lawn. Within this space, areas have been planned to accommodate an existing Police memorial and capable of meeting the needs of Police ceremonies. The portion of this space directly adjacent to First Street is designed to accommodate the regularly occurring rallies and protests at the existing Parker Center. The auditorium, an integral part of the plaza design, has been located at the corner of First and Main Streets to help activate and define this space. This auditorium will be available for LAPD, City and public use and will be the location of one of the PAB art pieces.

The design's second major space is the community park that is planned along the length of the site's Second Street frontage. This space, almost one acre in size, provides a landscaped open space for public use and supports the pedestrian activity of Second Street. Besides being a useful amenity, this space recognizes the south tower of the Times building and results in increased light and air for all buildings surrounding the southern end of the site. Pedestrians will be able to move freely through the site. From north to south, the series of spaces create connections across the site and beyond, linking the open space of the civic center mall, to the north, across the site to St. Vibiana's and the corner of Main and Second Streets to the south.

Architectural Design Approach

The massing of the building supports the urban design approach, the goal to provide efficient and flexible floor plans and the desire to achieve an architectural character appropriate for a civic building and the LAPD. The typical floor plan of the PAB is an efficient and flexible L-shape. The placement of the building core functions and the width of the respective legs of the "L" have been planned to create a healthy work environment in a cost-effective manner.

The composition of various types and patterns of glass that make up the exterior of the building and the sheer glass wall that allows clear views in and out of the building to and from the internal circulation spine of the building support the desire of the LAPD to give the building a sense of transparency, yet without compromising the safety of officers and employees working within the building. The triangular form is composed of pre-cast concrete, light in color, yet with a sense of mass and permanence and therefore in keeping with City Hall and many of the other civic buildings north of First Street.



The new Caltrans Building (left) is next to the new Parker Center.



A rendering of what the building will look like.

City Inspectors



The Public Works/Contract Administration team of Inspectors working on the new LAPD Building, front row, from left: Ferdinand Marquez, Construction Inspector, 3 years of City service; James Feagin, Construction Inspector, 7 years; Richard Rubino, Senior Electrical Inspector, 19 years; Harry Sepe, Construction Inspector, 23 years; and Fred Milani, Construction Inspector, 5 years. Back row: Dean Lee, Senior Construction Inspector, 8 years; Doug Ehlen, Construction Inspector, 3 months; Anthony Garcia, Senior Construction Inspector, 22 years; Clark Rozas, Construction Inspector, 14 years; Eric Hess, Senior Construction Inspector, 20 years; James Littleton, Senior Construction Inspector, 19 years, Club Member; Patrick McKay, Construction Inspector, 30 years; Willie Zapata, Construction Inspector, 17 years; and Paul Dominguez, Senior Construction Inspector, 22 years.



John's Picture Perfect Contest



"This is a close-up photograph of a dandelion seed pod, taken with a Canon D20 SLR and a Sigma 28-70 MM/2.8f lens. The edges were processed with Corel Pro Photo X2 to give the photograph an artistic look. It's amazing that a simple monochromatic weed can look totally different with a few lighting changes."

— Carlos E. Ojeda, Transportation

John's comments: Yes, it really is amazing to see simple seeming objects in a different light – it's a good reminder that human eyes see very little of the light spectrum."

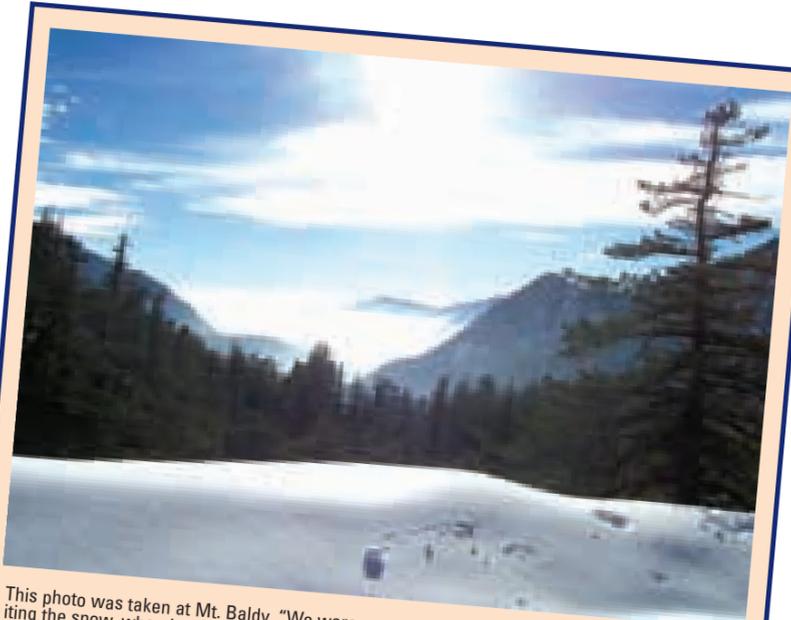
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This photo was taken at Mt. Baldy. "We were on our way back down the mountains, after visiting the snow, when I spotted the picture perfect view. I couldn't resist, so I pulled over onto the side of the road and snapped this beautiful shot of the mountains peeking through the clouds."

— John Sousa

John's comments: Yes, a picture perfect view it is – thanks for sending this in John. It's amazing how beautiful Southern California can be.



"This is a picture from the roof of the Duomo di Milan Gothic Cathedral church of Milan."

— Daniel Garcia

John's comments: Nice job capturing the amazing architectural elements of this cathedral. Too bad our skyscrapers downtown couldn't be this beautiful!



"A calla lily after the rain."

— Rick Lowry, Retired, Rec and Parks

John's comments: It doesn't get much better than this Rick! Simply beautiful!

Runners Up:

Robbie Horvath; Jacqui Dreben, LAPD; Renne Gardner; and Bob Hill.

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

- When you send digital photos through the Internet, please send the full, original digital file yourself, rather than using digital photo software like Kodak EasyShare, Kodak Gallery, Flickr, etc. These programs send very low-resolution images, and they don't look good in print.
- We want you to look your best, so send us the original digital file, please! Thanks!
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- 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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Bringing Back BROADWAY

■ **Councilman José Huizar announces grand plans to renovate the Broadway theatre district downtown, revitalizing the area where many City Employees work and play.**

COUNCIL—On Jan. 28, City Councilmember José Huizar, joined by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and property owners of the largest theater district west of the Mississippi, unveiled a vision for Bringing Back Broadway and announced an initial \$36.5 million investment for projects that will restore downtown's historic Broadway District to its former glory.



The Los Angeles Theatre announces the news.

The district, in the heart of downtown, is also heavily populated with offices of the City, where many City Employees work and socialize.

"All great cities have a bustling theater district—London, New York, and Paris would not be the cities they are today if their theater districts, and all the great things to do nearby the theaters, did not exist as the cultural hearts of those cities," Councilmember José Huizar said during a news conference at the Los Angeles Theater. "Now is the time for Los Angeles' cultural heart to beat again on Broadway."

Bringing Back Broadway is a public-private partnership between Councilmember Huizar's office, the Mayor's office, the City and owners of properties on Broadway. For the initial phase of the initiative, Councilmember Huizar has identified more than \$16.5 million in City, state and federal resources to help pay for streetscape design, property for a new parking facility, and the next steps in the streetcar revival plan.

"Bringing Back Broadway complements the dynamic revitalization efforts that are transforming downtown Los Angeles into a world-class destination," the Mayor said. "A restored Broadway District will keep Los Angeles rooted in history as we grow into our future."

Property owners committed to invest more than \$20 million for façade lighting and improvement, historic rehabilitation, business improvement district activities and state-of-the-art technical upgrades.

"Bringing Back Broadway is a long-range



Councilman José (right) at the press conference announcing the Bringing Back Broadway campaign.

vision and a passion project for everyone involved," Huizar said. "This is just the beginning. We will see great progress this year and over the next several years, with a decade of work before us to make Broadway revitalization a reality to benefit our entire City. It's a great feeling to get things started and see the opportunities ahead."

Huizar envisions a Broadway that harkens back to its glory days, while providing entertainment, eclectic cultural amenities and diverse retail options for downtown residents and visitors enjoying one of the city's most remarkable pieces of history.

The Bringing Back Broadway initiative will link Broadway's past to its future. The City is studying the feasibility of reviving the downtown streetcar. The streetcar served as a popular mode of transportation along Broadway until 1961. The revived downtown streetcar would connect the revitalized Broadway district to new, large-scale downtown developments, such as L.A. Live and the Grand Avenue project.

Under the plan, private investments, such as property rehabilitation and technical upgrades necessary to sustain programming, will be made while the City improves the public way, increases parking and focuses on transit connectivity with the streetcar.

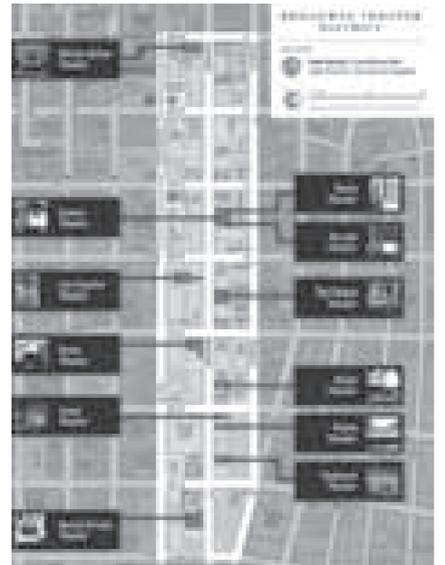
Before Hollywood became the worldwide center for the entertainment industry known today, Broadway was the birthplace. Vaudeville acts and early century cabarets found great success inside the ornate theaters that lined Broadway. The Marx Brothers performed on Broadway, and many of our nation's greatest entertainers – Bing

Crosby, Bob Hope, Jack Benny and George Burns – honed their craft on Broadway. Later, the theaters evolved into the grandest of movie palaces. Charlie Chaplin premiered "City Lights" at the Los Angeles Theatre, and Broadway was the launching pad for numerous Hollywood stars and starlets on the silver screen.

"Broadway holds just as important a role in shaping our City's main business into what it is today as El Pueblo's Olvera Street, known as the birthplace of Los Angeles, played in forming our cultural destiny," Huizar said.

"The Broadway of tomorrow will be a strolling boulevard that offers a wide variety of options – concerts, plays, musicals, sidewalk dining, shopping and others services – to meet the desires of current Broadway retail patrons, and our growing and diverse Downtown community," Huizar said. "There will truly be something for everyone on Broadway, day and night."

To learn more about the Bringing Back Broadway initiative, visit online at www.BringingBackBroadway.com.



A diagram of the Broadway Theatre District.

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If you are part of a mother and son/daughter team who works for the City, we'd like to talk to you for our annual and popular Mother's Day feature.

Same thing with Dads and sons and daughters who work for the City – you could be featured in an Alive! story for Father's Day.

Let us know (including your contact information), and we'll get back to you:
talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



Catching the Wind



A sample of a wind farm that the DWP is now building.



■ DWP breaks ground on the largest city-owned wind farm in the United States.

DWP — Delivering on a goal that the DWP outlined in *Alive!* last October, the department and City leaders broke ground Jan. 31 on a massive wind farm in the Owens Valley.

The department's Pine Tree Wind Project will be the largest city-owned wind farm in the United States, according to the DWP.

When completed next year, the 8,000-acre wind farm will deliver 120 megawatts of wind power to Los Angeles, enough energy to power 56,000 homes.

The clean energy produced by Pine Tree will also displace at least 200,000 tons of greenhouse gas emissions, the equivalent of taking 35,000 cars off the road. It will also cut eight tons of nitrous oxide and 11 tons of carbon monoxide.

"Pine Tree is the start of a new model of clean energy, in which the City of Los Angeles is no longer satisfied with only buying clean power, but is taking the lead nationally in producing its own," Mayor Villaraigosa said.

The mayor also announced plans to develop the Pine Canyon Wind Project on 12,000 acres of adjacent property recently purchased by the DWP. The 150-megawatt wind farm will surpass Pine Tree as the largest wind farm in the United States by an output of 25 percent.

Located in the rugged Tehachapi Mountains within sight of the first aqueduct to feed water to the City, Pine Tree is unique in that it will be the largest municipally owned and operated wind farm in the nation. By comparison, the second largest City-owned farm -- Sacramento Municipal Utility District's Solano County project -- outsources its operations to a third party.

Pine Tree's energy will come from 80 1.5-megawatt wind turbine generators, a new high-voltage transmission line and the new Barren Ridge electrical substation, at a total estimated cost of \$425 million.



The project's construction will generate hundreds of green contract jobs, in addition to the dozen full-time jobs for the farm's long-term maintenance, according to the DWP.

"The Pine Tree Wind project speaks volumes about our commitment to renewable, clean energy," said Councilwoman and Club Member Jan Perry, Chair of the City Council's Energy and Environment Committee. "Through innovative and creative programs like this, I am confident that we will be able to reduce our carbon emissions and reach our goal of 20 percent renewable energy by 2010."

Since 2005, the City has nearly tripled its current renewables portfolio (from three percent) while approving numerous projects now in the pipeline that will come online by 2010.





Carpenter Bill Kakara.



Electrician Gerardo Mora.



Carpenter Mike Matthews.



Carpenters Andrea Williams and Bill Kakara.



Electrician Gary Morrison.

In With the New At LAX



■ **LAX's new Construction Division builds new bathrooms during Terminals 1 project.**

Story by Carlos Gomez and Gary Arso, LAX Construction Division; Photos by Alive! staff

AIRPORTS — A little over a year ago, Airports established a new Construction Division. Superintendent India Griffin hired us -- Gary Arso and Carlos Gomez, both Construction and Maintenance Supervisors Level 2 -- to manage this section. Although the Construction Division has been busy during 2007 with many projects throughout the airport, the primary focus has been

on Terminals 1 and 6, which are part of the CTA (Central Terminal Area) Rehabilitation Program.

During the past 12 months at Terminal 1, nearly 40,000 square feet of carpet was replaced; more than 16,000 square feet of travertine was honed and polished; and more than 60,000 square feet of ceiling tile was replaced. The construction crews have been extremely busy at Terminals 1 and 6 repairing, replacing or adding plumbing lines, plumbing fixtures, air conditioning ducts, flooring (both ceramic and carpet), lighting, painting and remodeling the men and women's restrooms. When we talk about remodeling a restroom, we are talking about completely demolishing the old and starting from the ground up. The Construction crew makes safety its number one priority, followed very closely by hitting the set deadline.

The first phase of remodeling a set of restrooms was the demolition. Foreman Adan Gonzalez and his demolition crew started by removing the existing partitions, walls and ceilings, and they busted out the floor by using several jackhammers. The demolition crew can usu-

ally complete this part of the job in about a week. It is amazing to see how rapidly this crew can go into demolition mode and have everything hauled out in such a short period of time.

Hauling the material out was one step, but hauling the material away was another project in itself. The Construction Division depended very heavily on the assistance of Airports' recycling section, run by Superintendent Thomas McHugh and Airport Maintenance Supervisor Dave Takemoto. During the demolition phase, it was not uncommon to have a 40-yard trash bin hauled out full every day.

After the demolition was completed, the plumbers came in and removed the old fixtures. All the restrooms needed to have the old sewer lines replaced; this was accomplished by using a jackhammer to break up the concrete to expose the old lines, and replace them with new cast-iron lines. Plumbing Foreman Robert Bustamante and his crew also replaced the hot and cold water lines, installed new valves, and replaced fire sprinklers. The urinals, toilets and sinks were replaced with automated valves and



Plumbers Michelle Payan and Albert Colin.



One of the beautifully renovated bathrooms in Terminal 1.



From left: Construction and Maintenance Supervisor Gary Arso; Construction and Maintenance Supervisor Carlos Gomez; and Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager.



Construction and Maintenance Second Level Carlos A. Gomez points out a design element to Club Member Services Manager Angel Gomez (middle) and Construction and Maintenance Second Level Supervisor Gary Arso (left).



From left: Carpenter Foreman Adan Gonzalez; Carpenter Foreman Martin Morton; and Electrician Foreman Kirk Nelson.

low water consumption fixtures.

Airports construction crews also relied on the assistance of Plumber Supervisor Hart Brauer and his crew. Hart knows the plumbing system better than anyone at LAX, and his expertise on knowing what valves to shut off or what model of a fixture to use made the Construction Section's job run very smoothly.

Carpenter Foreman Marty Morton and his crew were responsible for framing the restrooms as per the blue prints. The crew removed the old studs and replaced them with new ones, added backing for partitions and counter tops, and framed openings for items including baby changing stations, trash receptacles and automated paper towel dispensers. After they set the tile, they installed all the accessories and made sure everything was ADA-compliant. Bill Vasquez, Senior Carpenter, was a key element in assisting the newly formed Construction Division. When the Construction Division first started out, he was our go-to guy because he knows who all the vendors are and where everything is, and the operational practices used at LAX. Billy assisted us in getting material on short notice and went above and beyond what anyone could expect.

Kirk Nelson, Electrical Foreman, and his crew had the task of installing several conduit runs to supply power to all the automated fixtures. The

electricians also replaced the old lighting with new energy efficient lighting systems. Instrument Shop Supervisor John Dever worked very closely with the Construction Division electricians in installing as well as having the Fire Life and Safety strobes tested and inspected.

Construction Paint Foreman Robert Louis and his crew were responsible for taping all the joints, and laying down the primer and finish coats of paint. The paint crew took tremendous pride in the work that they accomplished, and it shows in their quality of work. Paint Supervisor Michael D'Aviro was very beneficial in assisting the Construction Divisions painters. Mike and his staff helped in correctly identifying the standard colors used at LAX, which was a tremendous help to the Construction Division.

Airports Construction Division is very fortunate to have three fantastic Tile Setters -- Jose Franco, Florenzo Casarez and Martin Patin, who were assisted by a core of helpers who prepare

the walls and floors for the new ceramic tile. The tile setters and helpers had a very grueling task. On average, each set of restrooms uses 300 94-pound sacks of "mud." This "mud" had to be mixed and hauled to each restroom via a wheelbarrow. It took about four weeks to complete the tile installation.

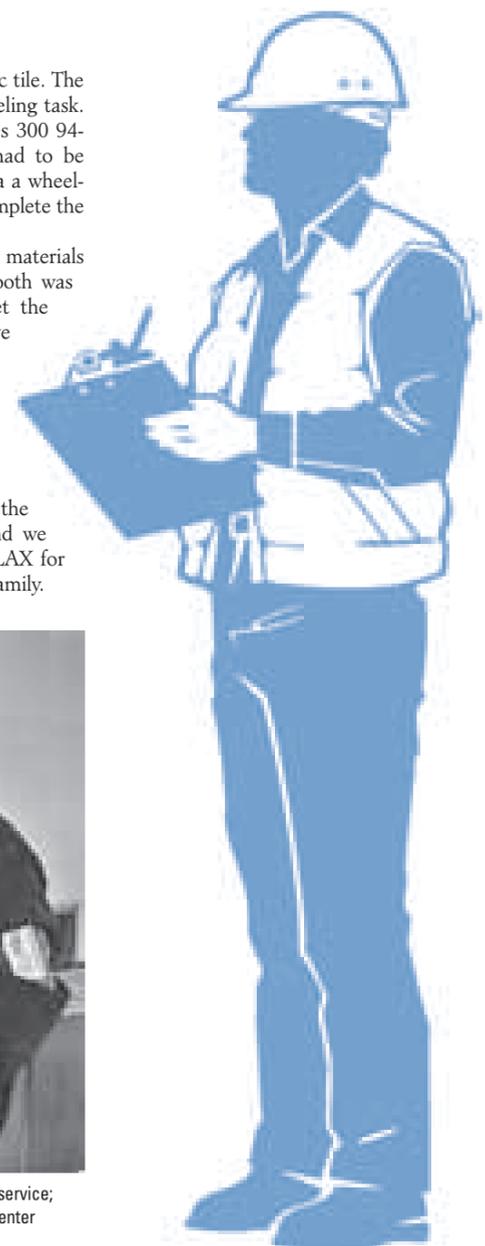
On any given day, the amount of materials ordered for these projects to run smooth was pretty incredible. We could not meet the deadlines if not for the support we received from our Purchasing Department.

Gwynn Menefield, Graciela Almada, and Patresea Buckley assisted in generating all the paperwork needed to keep us running smoothly.

It took a complete team effort for the Construction Division to succeed, and we would like to thank everyone here at LAX for allowing us to be part of the Airports family.



In one of the renovated bathrooms in Terminal 1 are (from left) Jose Franco, Tile Setter Foreman, 2 years of City service; Carlos Gomez, Second Construction Maintenance Supervisor, 24 years of City service; and Adan Gonzalez, Carpenter Foreman, 1.5 years of City service.





It's holiday cheer all around as (from left) Security Officer Antonio Vasquez, Police Officer Spencer Chow, Sgt. Robert Payan, and dispatcher Emilia Cota deliver presents to their "adopted" families.



Sgt. Robert Payan (right) accepts a hug as he and Security Officer Antonio Vasquez (left) deliver gifts for the holiday.



From left: Sgt. Robert Payan and (in back) Officer Spencer Chow deliver a little Christmas cheer.



From left: Officers Hector Graciano, Julio Palomo and Alan Sepulveda delivered bikes to their "adopted" holiday families.



From left: Security Officer Antonio Vasquez, Police Sgt. Robert Payan, P.O. Spencer Chow, Dispatcher Emilia Cota and Clerk Typist Enriqueta Espinoza distribute gifts to their "adopted" family.

Public Safety's Holiday Giving

■ Office of Public Safety gives to those in need over the holidays.

Story and photos courtesy Club Rep Lorena Dela Torre and Saida Beckum, Public Safety

GENERAL SERVICES — The Office of Public Safety was very successful in fulfilling the wishes from letters written to Santa by a few families in need. Many of the OPS family members opened up their hearts and collectively donated more than \$2,500 in cash and gifts to be distributed to seven families. The OPS team even received two pre-owned laptops, which the recipients were very grateful for.

With the cash donations, they were able to purchase items including food gift cards, Payless Shoes gift cards, Old Navy gift cards, blankets, clothes, movie tickets, boom boxes, dolls, an iPod Shuffle, a refurbished Nintendo DS, air mattresses, heaters and various toys. A few officers even donated bicycles and a Christmas tree.

The OPS team gives a great big thank-you to all for coming together to make it all possible, and a special thank-you to Sgt. Payan, officers Chow and Antonio Vasquez for donating their time and taking the team around town to deliver the gifts. And another special thank-you goes to Emilia Cota for initiating the experience.

Giving From the Heart

■ Annual DWP Christmas Motorcycle Run delivered gifts to children at the Harbor UCLA Medical Center.

Story and photos courtesy Toy Run volunteers

DWP — The fourth annual Christmas Motorcycle Toy Run was held Dec. 2 to benefit the children of the Los Angeles County Harbor - UCLA Medical Center, and it was a success! Participating employees of the DWP and the Sundowners Motorcycle Club/San Fernando Valley co-sponsored the event.

Santa Claus, who resembled Ray Reynoso (founder of the Toy Run), was amazed by the number of riders who participated in this heart-filled event. The two satellite meeting locations brought their groups into downtown, to the official starting location, the Catch 21 restaurant on Fifth Street and Central Avenue. This is the second year Catch 21 allowed us to use their restaurant and parking lot for this event. The organizers give special thanks to Kenny, the owner.

The huge raffle was a success, with all the prizes being donated by great organizations. Many Harley-Davidson dealers donated wonderful prizes including gift cards, shirts, hats, coffee mugs and a jacket. Many restaurants including Acapulco, Red Robin, Millie's, Islands and Bubba Gump donated gift cards. Four special brunch gift certificates were donated by Jerrod Diaz from *i Cugini* of Santa Monica (Jerrod is the son of Tom Diaz, DWP). Other raffle prizes included three-day/two-night stays in Laughlin at the Riverside and the Pioneer Hotels. Work Boot Warehouse donated a \$50 gift certificate, and La Pera donated a custom motorcycle seat.

Also, the City Employees Club was very generous with its donations.

Wisam Petch, DWP Communications Technician, is an example of "giving from the heart." Wisam donated the event T-shirts sold as part of the fundraiser. He also donated T-shirts for the children in the hospital. Another outstanding donor was Rick Koenig from ROK Enterprises, who donated 300 Toy Run flags to be put on the bikes.

The DWP 1966 Kenworth truck driven by Greg

Algorri, DWP Senior Water Utility Supervisor, started the run from the restaurant to the hospital. Santa Claus led more than 150 bikes. Making sure no bikes were lost was Ray Algorri, DWP Water Utility Superintendent, in his 1953 Chevy pickup, followed by the trucks full of toys. The LAPD (thanks, LAPD!) escorted the bikes from Catch 21 to the freeway, and LA County Sheriff's Dept. (Thanks, Sheriff's Office!) escorted the bikes exiting the freeway to the hospital. People were seen pulling over on the freeway to take pictures of the awesome sight.

The bikes lined up and filled both sides of the walkway leading to the hospital. Many more bikes had to park in the parking lot. The gifts filled three pickup trucks. The bikers formed two lines from the back of trucks to the hospital entrance. The toys were handed in "fire-line" formation and collected just outside the hospital.

The patients, who were able to come down to watch were excited to see all the gifts, bikes, riders and Santa Claus. One little girl, Kelly, kept changing her mind on what gift she wanted as the pile grew larger. The patients who were not able to go downstairs heard the roar of the bikes as the riders arrived.

Jesus, a young patient, was asked to choose the bike to be taken into the hospital's children's ward. He chose a beautiful white Harley-Davidson Heritage Softtail. The eye-catching bike was clean and polished, and sparkled like a diamond.

The 2007 Toy Run raised a record amount for Child Life Services at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. An astounding \$2,123 was given to the director of the program, Cristie Suzukawa, who said that Child Life Services is in constant need of donations, especially for infants and toddlers. Monetary donations and volunteers are needed throughout the year. For further information feel free to contact Cristie Suzukawa at (310) 222-5278, or by email at csuzukawa@ladhs.org.

It is never too early to mark the calendars. This year's Toy Run will be held Sunday, Dec. 7. This year, the participating employees of the DWP and the Sundowners would like to welcome the new co-sponsor, Our Gang. This year is expected to be bigger and better! Anyone wanting to volunteer time or have ideas is welcome to contact Ray Reynoso at (562) 857-9888, or Ruben Montoya at (818) 634-9475.



Holiday in the City



Laia Weaver, Clerk Typist, WLA, Club Member, and her husband, Jamar.



From left: Mario Macias, RCTO, North Central, Club Member, and his wife, Lessly; and Art Sanchez, RCTO Supervisor, North Central, Club Member, and his wife, Mina



From left: Andy Morales, RCTO, North Central, Club Member; and Cynthia Ruiz, President, Board of Public Works.



From left: Octavio Chapa, RCTO, North Central; Toni Chagolla, Sr. Clerk Typist, West LA, Club Member; and Andy Morales, RCTO, North Central, Club Member, 23 years of service.



Standing, from left: Mauricio Mateo, guest; and Jorge Hoyos, RCTO, North Central, Club Member. Seated: Yahaira Mateo, guest, and Yvonne Hoyos, wife of Jorge.



Carolyn and Harold Emery, RCTO, West LA.



From left: Bertha Flores, Accounting Clerk, CAO; and Adriana Nunez, Sr. CT, North Central, Club Member.



From left: Gerald Lopez, RCTO II, North Central; Raymond Lopez, brother; Linda Lopez, guest; and Dianna Mejia, guest.



Standing: Jose Lopez, RCTO, NC, Club Member, and his wife, Leticia. Seated, from left: P. Vega, RCTO, NC, Club Member; and Beatrice Bermudez, guest.



From left: Maria Robinson, guest; John Salcedo, RCTO, North Central; John Wagoner, RCTO II, 20 years of service; and Janie Wagoner, Sr. Clerk Typist, 30 years of service, Club Member.



Cynthia and Jonathan Polk, Superintendent, South LA.



Standing: Guests Roland and Eva Oliver. Seated: Olivia and Jesus Jimenez, Supervisor, North Central.



From left: Irma Rizo, Clerk Typist, NC; and Hugo Rizo, Warehouse Worker 1, General Services.

Getting Together for The Holiday

Sanitation's four yards come together for holiday dinner party.

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

PUBLIC WORKS — Sanitation held its holiday dinner reception Dec. 15 at Quiet Cannon restaurant in Montebello. More than 300 guests were expected for the event.

It was the first time that four Sanitation yards – West LA, North Central, Harbor and South LA -- came together to celebrate the holidays. Thanks to Adriana Nunez and Toni Chagolla for inviting the Club!



Jesse Cruz, Superintendent II, North Central, and his wife, Brenda.



Sean Horace, GA, Harbor; and Moniquea McKee, Clerk Typist, South LA, Club Member.



From left: Ofelia and Andy Morales, RCTO, North Central, Club Member; Maria Duenas, guest; and Alicia Priedo, guest.



Carmen Martinez, guest, and Fernando Mirando, RCTO, North Central, Club Member.



From left: Mary Montoya, spouse; Debbie Villasenor, guest; and Michael A. Montoya, Maintenance Laborer, North Central, Club Member.



Steven Thompson, RCTO, West LA, Club Member; and Judy Thompson, Communications Operator, DWP.



From left: Terrence Barber, RCTO, South LA, Club Member; Jodie Jennings, RCTO, South LA; and Trina Hill, Traffic Officer, Transportation, West LA.



Shawndy and David Carlson, RCTO, North Central, Club Member.

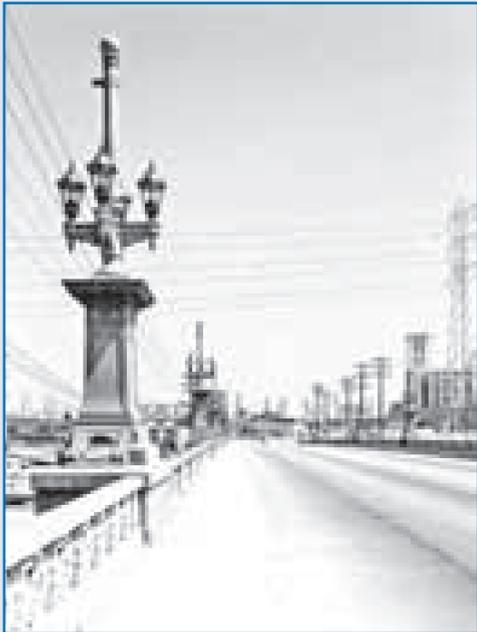


From left: Jana Martinez, Sr. Clerk Typist, SRSSE; Leo Martinez, Assistant Division Manager 1, Club Member; and Cynthia Ruiz, President, Board of Public Works.

See these photos and more, in color, at cityemployeesclub.com on the Web!

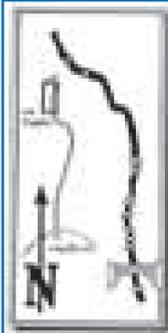
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The Alive! tradition of covering the City's parties is now on the Web!



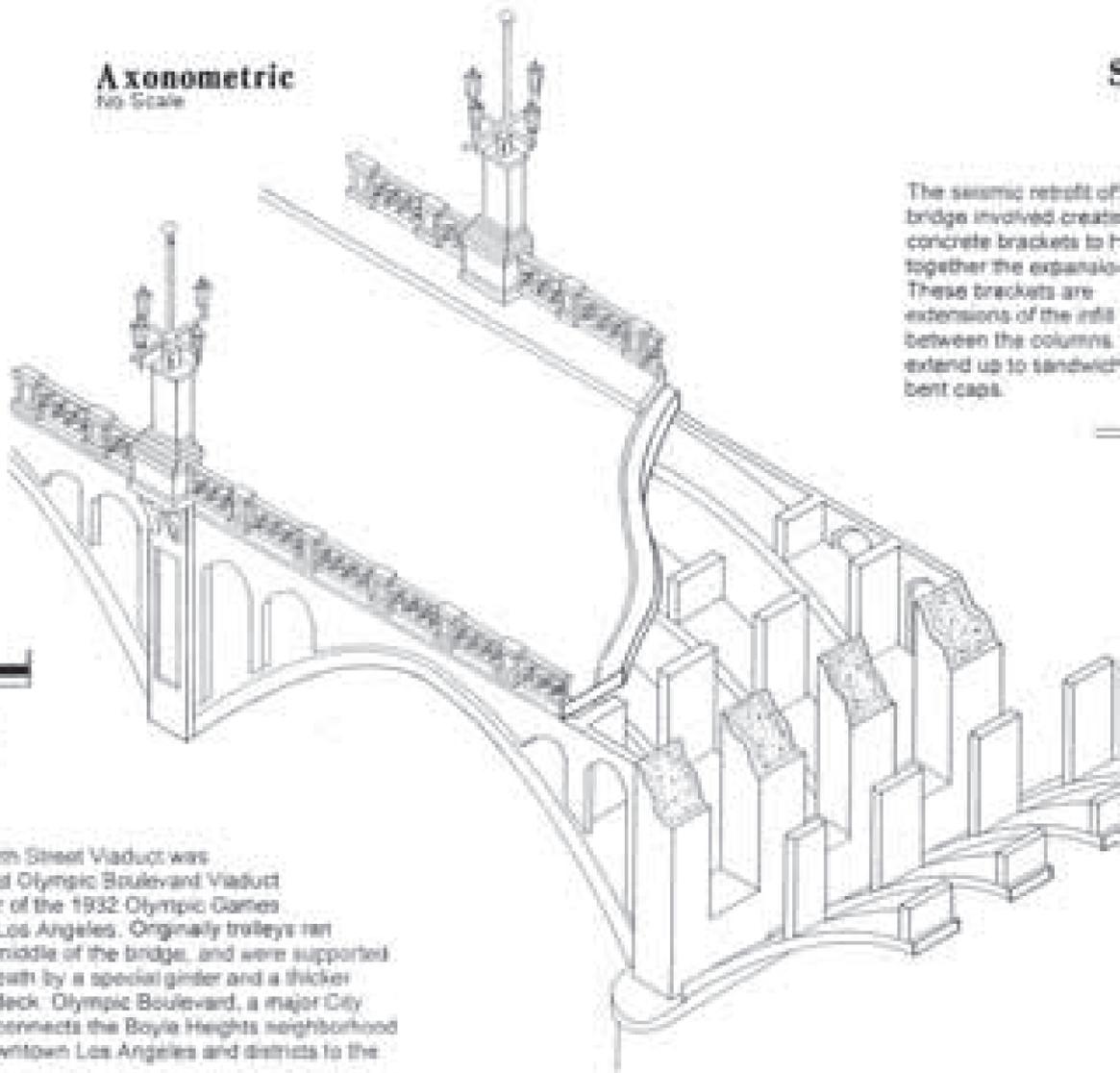
The Olympic Boulevard Viaduct in the 1990s.

Olympic Boulevard Viaduct

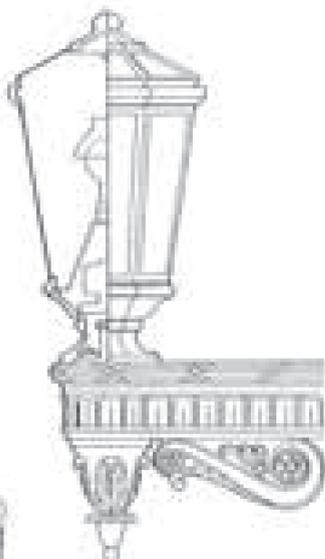


OLYMPIC BOULEVARD VIADUCT

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The seismic retrofit of bridge involved creating concrete brackets to hold together the expansion joints. These brackets are extensions of the infill between the columns and extend up to sandwich bent caps.



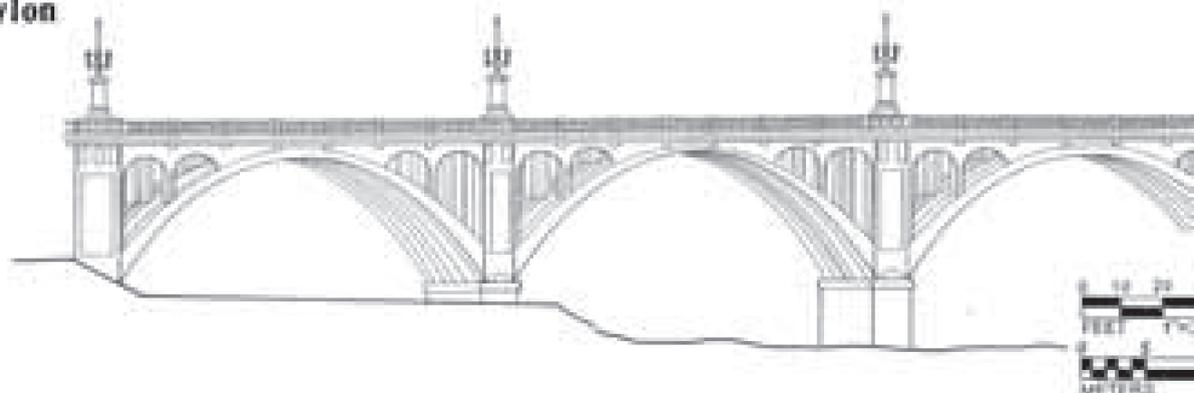
Lamp
FEET 1"=1'-0"
METERS 1:1

The Fifth Street Viaduct was renamed Olympic Boulevard Viaduct in honor of the 1932 Olympic Games held in Los Angeles. Originally trolleys ran on the middle of the bridge, and were supported underneath by a special girder and a thicker bridge deck. Olympic Boulevard, a major City artery, connects the Boyle Heights neighborhood with downtown Los Angeles and districts to the west.



Ornamental Pylon

FEET 3/8"=1'-0"
METERS 1:30



FEET 1"=1'-0"
METERS 1:30

History Comes Alive!

Tales From the City Archives

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



■ Third in an occasional series of historic bridges and viaducts in the City.

Historic construction photo courtesy the Security Pacific Collection, Los Angeles Public Library, Carolyn Cole, photo director.

The Los Angeles River Bridges Recording Project team documented 15 historic bridges in the City. Twelve of the bridges cross the Los Angeles River. Two others span deep ravines, and a third is an important grade separation. Built between 1909 and 1934, the river bridges group contains many of the finest examples of City Beautiful bridges and viaducts in the United States.

This system of bridges and viaducts has played a crucial role in the development of the Los Angeles metropolitan area. Key elements in the establishment of traffic and settlement patterns, the structures allowed people to move themselves and goods across land and water barriers and promoted the successful establishment of commercial and residential areas.

Through the use of the reinforced concrete arch, bridge builders harmonized architectural beauty and structural integrity, creating structures that unified the city and created pride in its public works.

On June 5, 1990, following the Oct. 17, 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake in Northern California, the voters in the City of Los Angeles passed Proposition G, a \$376 million seismic bond issue that included \$78 million for the retrofit of the Los Angeles River bridges. Over the last decade, Public Works/Engineering has seismically retrofitted those bridges. All of the bridges have been rehabilitated in keeping with their historical architectural character. The retrofit and restoration of the fifteen bridges is as much an outstanding engineering

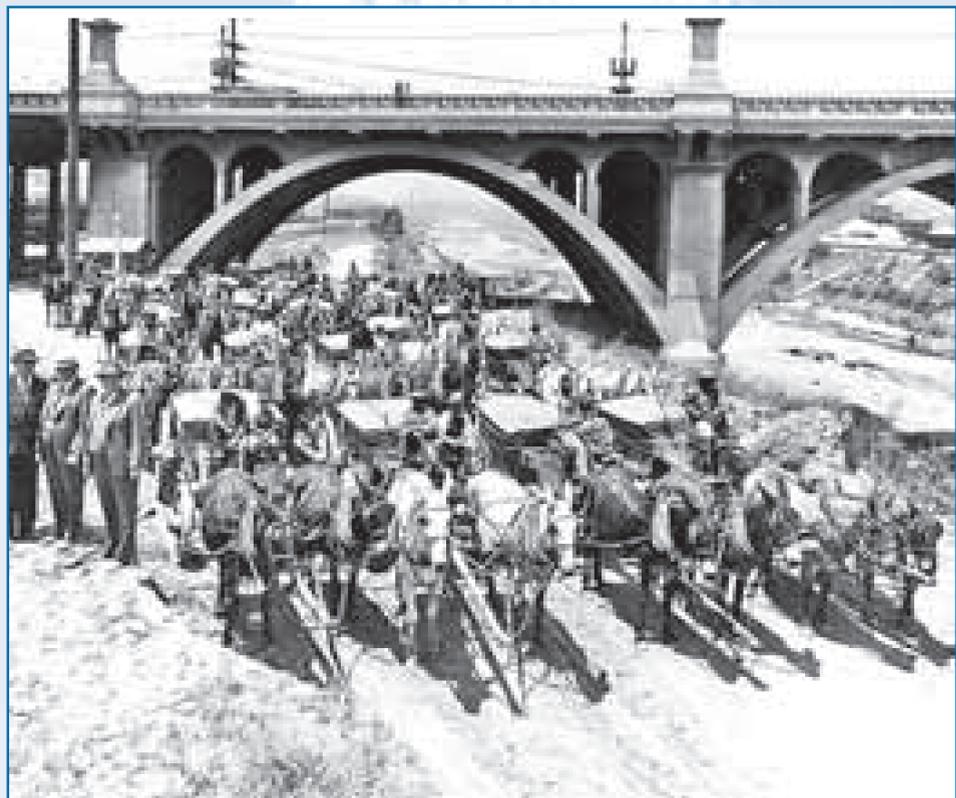
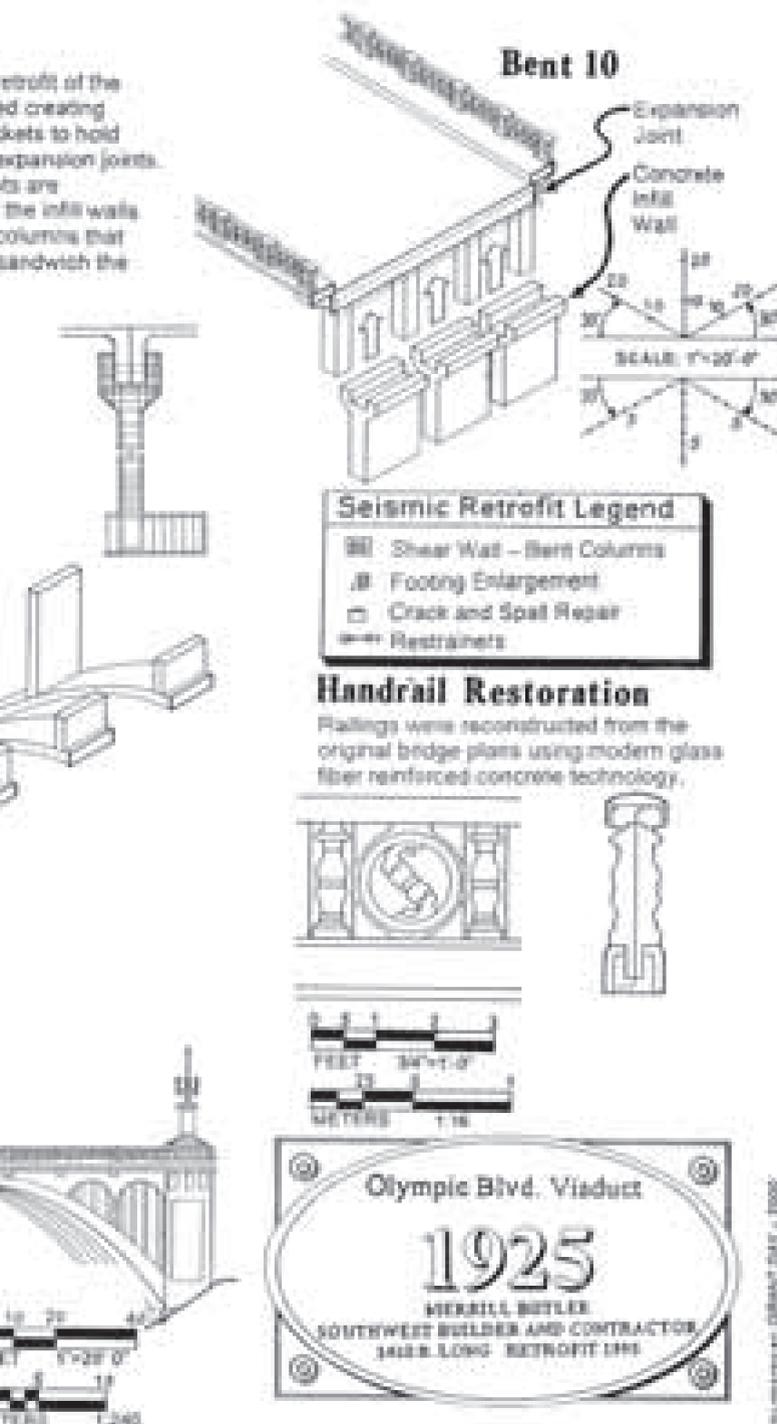
achievement as their original design.

The Olympic Boulevard Viaduct was one of these projects. But this construction site has an interesting history. It was built in 1925 and originally called the Ninth Street Viaduct, which in time was changed to the Olympic Boulevard Viaduct as part of the name change of Tenth Street to Olympic Boulevard in 1930, honoring the 10th modern Olympics, held in Los Angeles in 1932.

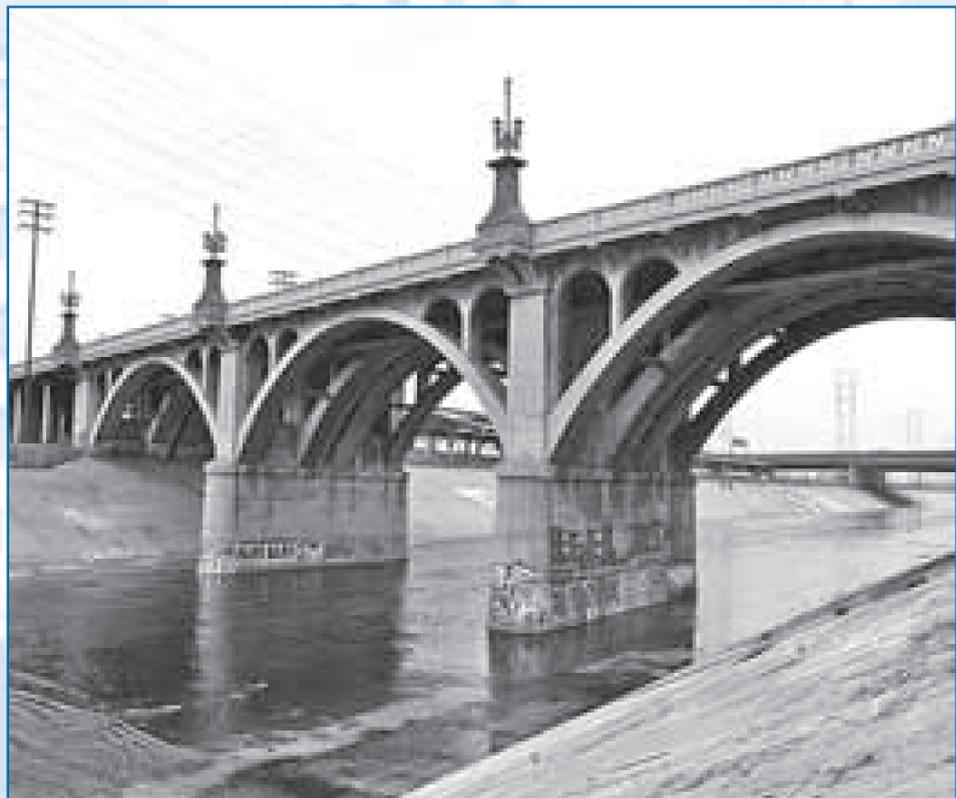
Olympic Boulevard has always been a major City artery that connected Boyle Heights in the east, downtown and the Westside of Los Angeles. Originally trolleys ran on the middle of the bridge in both directions.

VIADUCT

Seismic Retrofit



The (then) Ninth Street Viaduct under construction circa 1925. Work was being done by the North Pacific Construction Co.



The Olympic Boulevard Viaduct today.

photo by Angel Gomez

Job Interviews: Ten Do's, Don't's

By Emily Gutierrez



Club Member and expert Emily Gutierrez sheds light on the job interview process.

Over the past few years, I have interviewed many candidates for entry-level positions and jobs that have the potential for supervision, and I have noted an alarming trend. In short, most of the interviews were dismal and dismaying, as well as hopeful and heartening. I was very disappointed by the poor showings of people who are already in the Civil Service system; conversely, I was quite impressed by those coming in from outside of the system. The candidates who showed up for the interviews completely unprepared were quite noticeable, as were those who prepared. Most people are blissfully unaware of the consequences of a lack of preparation. Therefore, I have condensed the results of my observations, as well as the observations of my co-interviewers, and submit the following recommendations so that candidates can make sure the loss of a potentially great job does not happen to you.

- 1. Don't show up for the interview late.** Do give yourself ample time to arrive early (no more than 15 minutes early).
- 2. Don't dress for the interview like you're going to a nightclub or doing some gardening.** Do try to dress like you care about the job for which you are interviewing.
- 3. Don't wear loud prints and colors or splashy ties;** do tone it down. Plan your outfit in advance; get a second opinion, and even a third.
- 4. Don't wear strong perfume or cologne;** in fact, don't wear any scent. Do make sure you do not smell of anything stronger than soap. Many people have allergies to cosmetics scents. Being trapped in a small room with someone who reeks can cause an interviewer to subconsciously score you on the low end or rush you through the interview, just to escape the odor.
- 5. Don't overdo the make-up, hair, jewelry and accessories;** remember, less is more. Do remove all but the simplest jewelry; limit yourself to one ring. Hair should be clean, neat, combed, and conservatively styled. Stay away from hair color that doesn't appear in natural hair; no spiky pink Mohawks, please.
- 6. Don't let your piercing(s) or tattoo(s) speak for you.** I understand that body art and piercing is a matter of self-expression; however, as an interviewer and potential employer, I am not interested in how you feel about whatever your issue is. These are unnecessary distractions for the interviewer and can leave a potential employer with discomfort, which translates very easily to a lower score. Do make an effort to disguise and/or cover your artwork.
- 7. Don't answer interview questions off the top of your head.** Do some preparation. I recommend having a friend ask you three typical interview questions and record your responses. More importantly, listen carefully to your responses and have your friend critique them; take notes. Afterward, answer and record the same three questions again and repeat the process until you are satisfied.
- 8. Don't let your résumé go past a single page.** Do pare it down and keep it relevant to the job. Research résumé preparation and construct it carefully. Keep in mind that your résumé will speak for you before you arrive.
- 9. Don't list your employment experience chronologically;** oftentimes, this information can be redundant. Do condense your experience and use bullet points to point up experience relevant to the position.
- 10. Don't come to an interview without doing some advance work.** Do research the department/division/section where your interview is; talk to someone who works there; ask questions. Go online and read about the Department; find out what the mission statement is, and keep it in mind. If you have an opportunity to segue the Department's mission statement into your response, do so but only do so once.

There are many more helpful hints that come to mind but, just like a good interview candidate, I decided to limit myself. Striking a balance between giving a thorough answer and telling a long (and tedious) story is a tricky business. Recording and listening to your responses with a critical ear can be a real "aha!" moment. You catch yourself rambling and imparting useless information and you can't seem to find your way out of the situation; that's when panic can set in. When this happens, take a deep breath and relax. The interviewers know that any interview comes with a certain level of nervousness and take that into account when scoring.

The content of your responses is the most important aspect of your interview. The information you impart should be brief and to the point. Introducing an answer with a seemingly pointless and irrelevant explanation can cause a lot of frustration for the interview board. I have often had to "reel in" the candidates and bring them back to the question at hand. I once heard someone speak of a poor interviewee as follows: "If you ask him what time it is, he tells you how to build a watch." Don't be a watch-builder.

Please keep in mind that a job interview is not an opportunity for you to show off your stand-up comic abilities. Although an interview is serious business, any time you can lighten things up using self-deprecating humor can help you and the board relax and the interview will go smoothly. Again, this is tricky business and I would try it out on a friend before I brought comedy into an interview.

Interviewers will often ask a candidate to relate an experience to illustrate their answer. It is not necessary to give the interview a history of your world. Use your most recent experiences to illustrate your answer; keep it brief and keep in interesting (more tricky business).

If you follow these basic rules, and any other do's and don't's you can think of, your success may not be guaranteed, but you will stand a much better chance of getting that really great job you've been searching for, and your employer will be getting someone that demonstrates that their professionalism is of paramount importance.

Mania Gutierrez is a Management Analyst II, Homeland Security Division, LAFD. She has worked for the City for more than 30 years. One of her previous job requirements was to teach interview preparation skills for LAFD civilians. She has also conducted numerous mock interviews of firefighter candidates.

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.

Newsbrief

RECORD-BREAKING BOAT TOURS:

As reported by the Harbor Jan. 30, during 2007, 11,471 fifth-grade students from 125 schools participated in the Port's School Boat Tour Program – a 24 percent increase in school participation and an 11 percent increase in student participation over 2006, a new record for the 11-year-old program, which was created in cooperation with the Los Angeles Unified School District. The tours are provided free of charge by the Port as well as a subsidy for bus transportation.

In addition to the school program, the Port hosted boat tours for more than 16,700 visitors from business and community groups during 2007, including an estimated 9,800 visitors during the World Trade Week free boat tours last May. This year, the Port's World Trade Week free boat tours will be offered May 17 -18.

In 2007, 139 classes took boat tours over a 41-week period. Schools from the San Fernando Valley -- including Woodland Hills, Reseda, Northridge and Sylmar -- accounted for nearly 10 percent of the total number of tours. The Port's Speakers Bureau conducted more than 40 elementary school classroom visits to prepare students for their boat tour experience, a 62 percent increase over 2006. Students participated in the program as a complement to their LAUSD local history curriculum.

"Our students were thoroughly interested in the entire tour! The tour really tied into our study of California and geography. Great links to economics as well. The tour combined many facts as well as a boating experience my students had not had before. This was a terrific experience!" said J. Keppel, a teacher at Cold Water Canyon Elementary School.

With a narrated 55-minute boat tour departing from Ports O' Call Village in San Pedro, the Port's School Boat Tour Program provides a unique, up-close opportunity for youths to see the daily operations of the nation's leading con-

tainer port. For younger students, the Port arranged rides on its Waterfront Red Car Line to provide a transportation adventure of days gone by when the red cars ruled the Southern California transportation system.

The School Boat Tour Program has grown in popularity as teachers have discovered that the tours add real value to their classroom curriculum. Teachers have also found that the tours bring to life the concept and scale of global trade as students see shipping containers being loaded and unloaded from massive cargo ships by giant cranes. Students also experience the diversity of operations within the Port, as well as a myriad of places of interest.

Greater Los Angeles metropolitan area schools, learning institutions, groups or organizations that are interested in Port of Los Angeles boat tours can receive more details by calling the Community Relations team at (310) 732-3508. For more information on the Port, please visit the website at www.portoflosangles.org.



HOT CLUB OFFER!!



Dodgers Deals

VERSUS	DATE	SPECIAL NIGHT
San Diego Padres	Fri: 4/11	(Mini Helmet Radio Giveaway)
New York Mets	Mon: 5/5	
ST. Louis Cardinals	Fri: 5/23	(Fireworks Night)
Chicago Cubs	Fri: 6/6	
Chicago White Sox	Thur: 6/26	
Florida Marlins	Sat: 7/12	(Fireworks Night)
Washington Nationals	Sun: 7/27	(Autograph Night)
Arizona Diamondbacks	Sun: 8/3	(Dodger Build-A-Bear Night)
Philadelphia Phillies	Thur: 8/14	
San Francisco Giants	Sun: 9/21	(Fan Appreciation Day)
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The Year of the Rat

■ Three City Departments welcome the Chinese New Year.

By Yvonne Liu, Office of Finance, Club Member

One function that all City departments share is our commitment to public service. Sometimes public service means educating the public, furthering cultural exchange and understanding, and stimulating the local economy. In February, three City departments did these things by celebrating the Chinese Lunar New Year.

Chinese New Year began Feb. 7.

The Chinese zodiac dates back to 2,600 BC and is based on lunar cycles, which means the starting date of each year varies between late January and mid-February. Lunar year 4706 began on Feb. 7. This year is the Year of the Rat, the beginning of the zodiac cycle of the 12 venerable beasts.



Central Library Senior Librarian Madeline Bryant reads the story, *Cat and the Rat*.



Library

On Feb. 2, Senior Librarian Madeline Bryant and Librarian Joanna Fabicon performed a storytelling program titled "Groundhog Presents Year of the Rat" at the Los Angeles Central Library. Madeline is one of five librarians in the Children's Literature Department who designs and implements the storytelling program from 2 to 3 p.m. every Saturday. The program for Feb. 2 incorporated a variety of Groundhog Day stories and Chinese Lunar New Year stories. One such story Madeline brought to life was *Cat and the Rat* by Ed Young, a story on the origin of the order of the Chinese zodiac and why the cat and the rat are enemies to this day.

The program filled all 63 seats with children and their parents.

breaker over the usual 8,000 visitors per day. The Chinese Lunar New Year is one of eight celebrations, including Black History Month and Reindeer Romp, that she prepares annually.

Gina, who is familiar with all 12 animals of the Chinese zodiac, said, "We try to highlight and work in the animal of the year into our educational program."

"I was glad that we found five rodents, including the guinea pig and the prairie dog, to join the program," she said. "These are animals that visitors would otherwise miss out on [during a regular visit]."

El Pueblo/Olvera Street

El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument is not only the birthplace of the City of Los Angeles, but also the home to the Chinese American Museum. This historical traditional site of Los Angeles' first Chinatown has hosted the Lantern Festival since 2001. This year's festival took place Feb. 23. All activities were free to the public; the Lantern Festival traditionally marks the official closing of the Lunar New Year period, which lasts 15 days.

The one-day festival includes family-oriented programs including stage performances, art workshops on Chinese lantern making, children's workshops and water coloring demonstrations.

The festival has customarily drawn more than 12,000 event participants every year. This year, book signings by two popular Chinese American authors added a special touch to the educational program. Award-winning author Icy Smith, along with the book's illustrator, Gayle Garner Roski, debuted her first children's book, *Mei Ling in China City*, based on an 80-year-old woman's experience in Los Angeles' "China City" during World War II. In celebration of this year's astrological animal and the qualities of those born under this sign,



A lantern at the Lantern Festival, an event celebrating the Chinese New Year at the El Pueblo Historical Monument.



Celebrating Chinese New Year at the Los Angeles Zoo.

Oliver Chin introduced the third book in his Chinese zodiac animal series, *Year of the Rat*, which follows the adventures of a baby rat named Ralph.

El Pueblo Historical Monument's General Manager, Robert L. Andrade, said, "We are very proud to be part of this wonderful festival."

"The Chinese American Museum staff does a fantastic job in organizing the Lantern Festival. The festival brings together families from all over Southern California and is a very popular event."

"This is a wonderful opportunity, at a family-oriented venue to learn of and share with all our neighbors the Chinese culture."



The Lantern Festival at El Pueblo Historical Monument.

"It is hard to find a story short enough on Chinese New Year to read aloud" Madeline said.

"We try not to put an age group on our children's program," she continued. The librarians plan the programs with some short, simple picture books and some longer, more involved stories so to appeal to a variety of children's ages. This way, parents are reminded to read aloud to their children beyond the pre-reading age. She recommends Jim Trelease's *The Read*

Aloud Handbook as an excellent resource for parents and caregivers who want to share the gift of reading with children.

Librarian Wanda Fong of the Chinatown Branch Library juggled even more activities during February. From Feb. 1 to 23, she told Chinese New Year stories, hosted a Chinese calligraphy demonstration, and invited Miss Chinatown and her court for a visit.

"Usually, we have a Chinese knotting and Chinese lantern making program to celebrate the Chinese New Year," Wanda said. She has been with the Chinatown Library since the grand opening in February 1997.

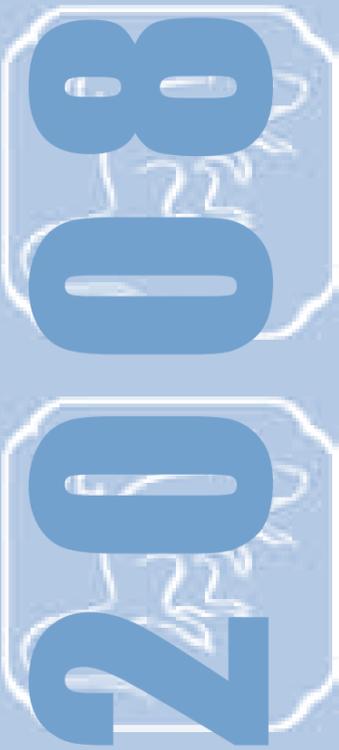
"I think the children are really lucky to celebrate Chinese New Year," Wanda continued. "It is a joyous and festive holiday for them -- they receive 'lai see' [lucky red envelopes]. As my children were growing, they were very anxious to see the 'Grand Dragon New Year's Parade.' That tradition still continues today. It is also a time for family gatherings -- good food (the preparation of the food) and fellowship," she said.

Zoo

The Los Angeles Zoo celebrated the Chinese Lunar New Year on Feb. 9 and 10 with martial arts demonstrations, Asian foods, festive music and a special educational program on rodents. Gina Dartt, the Zoo's Promotions Coordinator for the last seven years, took two months to prepare for the weekend event that drew more than 24,000 visitors over two days. That's a record



Celebrating Chinese New Year at the Los Angeles Zoo.





Karl Pan

Harbor's New CFO

■ Port of LA names Karl Pan as its new Chief Financial Officer.

HARBOR — Karl Pan, an experienced domestic and international finance expert and a former Chief Financial Officer, Airports, has been appointed Chief Financial Officer for the Port of Los Angeles. In his new position, Pan will oversee development of the Port's multi-billion-dollar annual budget as well as conduct audits to evaluate and improve operations at the agency, among other things. He will supervise approximately 60 employees in the Port's Accounting and Budget, Financial Management, Debt Management, Risk Management and Internal Management Audit divisions.

"Karl brings a world-class level of expertise to this position, and that's exactly in line with our financial management needs as the leading container port in the Western Hemisphere," said Molly Campbell, Deputy Executive Director of Finance and Administration for the Port of Los Angeles. "As we implement our 'green growth' strategy and a 10-year capital improvement program that encompasses more than \$3 billion in construction projects, Karl will play a key role in ensuring that we retain our AA bond-rating and leverage our financial assets in the best possible ways."

With nearly 30 years of domestic and international finance experience, Pan has expertise in operating and capital planning, economic resource allocations, risk assessments and a wide variety of other financial functions. He began working for the City in 2004 as a financial manager with Airports, and became that agency's Chief Financial Officer in April of 2006.

Prior to working for the City, Pan served as an executive vice president at the Bank of Hawaii, where he spearheaded global market activities. Before that he worked for Chemical Bank in New York and the Bank of China in Los Angeles. He earned his Bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin, and has an M.B.A. in finance from UCLA.



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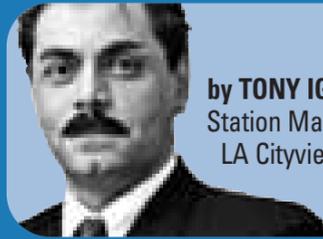
Haven House is the oldest shelter of its kind in the United States, founded in 1964 to shelter families of violent alcoholics.

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
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- 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



Tuned In



by TONY IGHANI
Station Manager,
LA Cityview 35



Springtime Programming Looks at Teen Dating, DWP

Springtime will be here soon, and that is a perfect time to start planning fun activities with your family as the weather warms up. We are working on a new program that will help in your planning, as this show will feature and highlight the theater and music scenes in Los Angeles. The pilot for the program will be in production later in March, and we hope to have the show premiered in May or sooner. It is very exciting to bring a new program to our viewers that help the performing arts communities in Los Angeles.

Thank you for watching LA Cityview 35, and don't hesitate to send comments or questions to me at www.lacityview.org

Programming Highlights for March

DWP Career Opportunities

To assist the DWP's workforce development and employee recruitment program, LA Cityview 35 has produced a video showcasing the City-owned utility's career opportunities.

The program content centers largely on interviews with current DWP employees who work in diverse fields at locations ranging from a power generating station, to a water filtration plant, to a water laboratory and to a training center.

In addition, the production provides information on careers that the DWP is offering in cutting edge technology, specifically in the area of renewable energy. Further information on career opportunities at the DWP can be obtained by logging onto the utility's Website at www.ladwp.com/jobs.

Airs: Monday, March 3, 17 and 31 at 11 a.m. and 10 p.m.; Thursday, March 6 and 20 at 1:30 p.m.

Teen Dating Violence

Airing this month is an important and critical new half-hour video on teen dating violence. If we take a brief look into the world of teen dating, studies show

that 20 percent of ninth- to twelfth-graders are affected by teen dating violence. In addition, according to a recent report from the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, approximately one in five 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 less 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 interlinked. At the conclusion, the viewer is left open to discuss what those issues are and how they can be resolved.

Airs: Friday, March 7 and 21 at 1 p.m.

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



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See you on LA Cityview 35!



St. Patrick's Day in the City



A Close Shave for Charity



Last year, Firefighter Aaron Girvan, Station 89A, halfway through his shave from Debbie.

■ **LAFD, LAPD to take part in popular nationwide St. Baldrick's fundraiser to fight childhood cancer. Any City employee can take part.**

FIRE, POLICE DEPTS. — On Saturday, March 16, Los Angeles City Fire and Police personnel – and other City personnel -- will take part in their fifth annual combined St. Baldrick's event.

Participants, or "shavees" as they are known, will be collecting pledges from friends and family in exchange for shaving their heads. The bald heads signify solidarity with child victims of cancer, who often lose their hair while undergoing treatment. All money raised goes to the St. Baldrick's Foundation, and is distributed to doctors and other researchers on the front lines of the war on childhood cancer.

Participants and helpers are needed to staff this event. If you are able to help, please contact Sgt. Greg Doyle at (818) 778-4152, or Firefighter Danny Wu at (626) 590-6240. If you would like to be a "shavee" or you are interested in pledging, you can sign up at www.stbaldricks.org.



Last year, Clemons, sporting her Mohawk, still keeps the smile on her face.



Last year, nine-year-old Daniel Senda, son of Victoria Rodriguez, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member, showed off his shaved head, complete with his St. Baldrick's sunglasses.



Last year, PSR Debbie Herdrich, Club Member, provided PSR Paul Russo, a first-year "shavee," his "Friar Tuck" look, complete with a four-leaf-clover sticker on his forehead.



Last year, Firefighter Bob Motherla, Station 88A, looked mighty comfortable.

St. Baldrick's

- **Who:** LAPD and LAFD Personnel
- **What:** Fundraiser for Childhood Cancer Research
- **When:** Saturday, March 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Where:** LAFD Fire Station 89, 7063 Laurel Canyon Blvd., North Hollywood
- **Why:** Raising money to fight childhood cancer
- **How:** Sign up or donate at www.stbaldricks.org. Click on "Find an Event," and locate Los Angeles, Fire Station 89. For more information, contact Lt. Greg Doyle, (818) 778-4752, or LAFD Firefighter Danny Wu at (626) 590-6240.

It's Parade Time



The Los Angeles Police Emerald Society Bagpipers.

■ **Annual St. Pat's Parade downtown set for Monday, March 17.**

DOWNTOWN — City employees downtown are encouraged to spend their lunch hours enjoying the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade downtown Monday, March 17.

The parade route follows last year's modified

route, beginning at Main and Arcadia Streets at 11:30 a.m. and ending at Pershing Square, which leads directly into Rec and Parks' Pershing Square St. Pat's party.

The parade is expected to include dignitaries, bagpipers, vintage LAPD and LAFD vehicles, marching bands, color guards and lots of folks having a good time.

Information: (310) 537-4240, or <http://lafd.org/stpats.htm>

... and Onto Pershing Square

■ **Young Dubliners highlight Rec and Parks party in Pershing Square after the parade.**

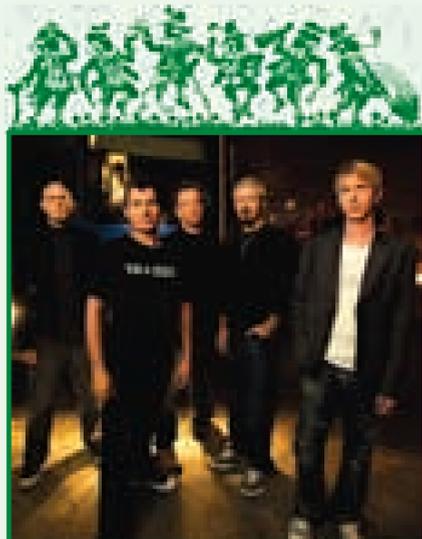
REC AND PARKS — At the conclusion of the St. Patrick's Day Parade, the festivities continue at a party at 12:30 p.m., sponsored by Rec and Parks.

The Pershing Square party will feature food, drinks and a concert by the well-known local Irish band the Young Dubliners.

Food and drinks, including \$1 drafts of O'Doul's non-alcoholic brew, will be available beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Parking is available in the lot underneath Pershing Square. Pershing Square is at 532 Olive St. downtown.

Information: (213) 847-1970 or www.laparks.org



Young Dubliners



Angel's Be Alive!



Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager



Here's where you start. Remember to buy your Adventure Pass before you go.

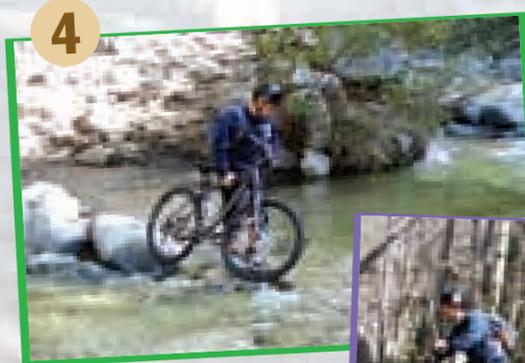
The Gabrielino Trail



The trail starts out fairly flat and smooth. Make sure you slow down when you approach hikers.



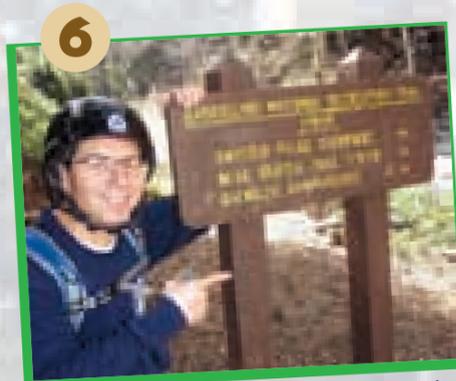
You will soon encounter rough terrain. Just go slow and easy.



You'll be crossing the Arroyo Seco many, many times; and on most occasions, you'll be carrying your bike on your shoulder.



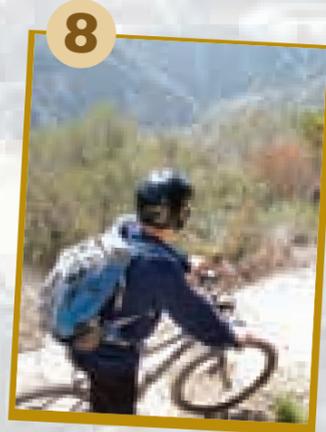
You'll also be traversing quite a few boulders



At 1.28 miles, you'll come to this sign. Bear to the right crossing the stream and going up a steep switchback. Continue up the trail for a half-mile and be very careful -- the canyons are extremely steep.



At 1.62 miles, you'll come to a fork in the trail. This is a good place for a break. Bear right.



And now it's time for some very enjoyable single-track riding! At 2.35 miles you'll start the descent into the canyon and at 2.86 miles the trail will start flattening out and getting nice and shady.



At mile 4.5, you'll come across some remnants of what looks like mining equipment.

I did this ride as a shuttle ride; that's where you and a buddy leave one car at the parking lot near JPL and drive the other car with your bikes up to Switzer campground. When you're done, you drive yourself, your bikes and your buddy back to your car at Switzer's to pick up your second car. That allows you to make a one-way trip, and not have to trek all the way back to get back to your car.

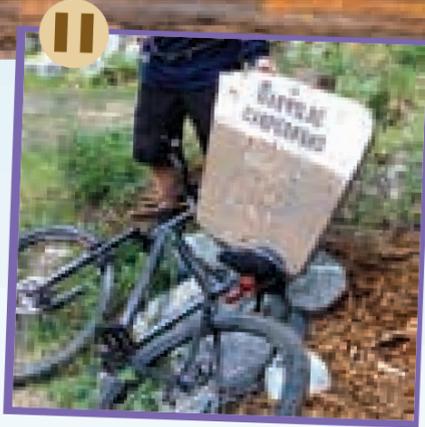
A one-way trip on this trail can take three to five hours.

Note: Cougars (mountain lions) have been seen in the area. Go to: www.arroyoseco.org/cougar.htm for cougar safety tips.

Be Alive! and have fun!



10 At mile 4.92, you get to the Shangraws rest area. Take a break, but keep an eye out for ticks.



11 At 5.56 miles, you'll come across the Oakwilde Campground.



12 Look for the sign that points you in the direction of Gould Mesa (you'll cross the stream here).



Stay on the Gabrielino route.



13 At 6.87 miles, you'll reach the Paul Little picnic area. Veer left and cross the road (there may be water crossing the road). Continue heading downstream, and be prepared to get wet; you'll be making numerous stream crossings. At 10.8 miles, if you arrive at JPL, find your car and then check for ticks.

I had one on my neck, but thanks to a special tick removing tool that I bought at Sport Chalet, I was able to get it off me in no time. I carry this tick removal tool with me anytime I go into the mountains and it came in handy this trip.



Directions:

Getting to Switzer's Campground:

From the 210 Freeway, take the Angeles Crest Highway exit (also known as the 2 Highway). Go north. Reset your trip odometer because the turnoff to the campground will be almost exactly 10 miles up Angeles Crest Highway (the sign for Switzer's was knocked down when we visited, so unless you set your odometer you may have trouble finding it). Just shy of 10 miles, you will see this sign. Keep going toward Mt. Wilson. About a quarter of a mile past this sign, keep your eye out



for a turnoff on the right. This is the entrance to Switzer's Campground (mile marker 34.2). You can either park up off the highway or go past the big pipe gate down to the campground. If you go past the pipe gate, make sure you know you're going to be back before 4:30 p.m., because that's when they lock the gate. (This ride can take from three to five hours.)

Parking near JPL:

From the 210 Freeway, exit at the Windsor/Arroyo exit. Go north for about a mile and park in the paved lot at the left. The trail starts just past this parking lot beyond the big pipe gate.

March Events

Cabrillo Whalewatch

- Sunday, March 16
- 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Join Larry Fukuhara, CMA Programs Director, in the John M. Olguin Auditorium at 9:30 a.m. for an informative and fun slide presentation, followed by a voyage in search of Pacific gray whales, other marine mammals and sea life, returning at 2 p.m. Fee: \$20 (\$18 Friends members). Pre-registration required. For further information, call Programs Director Larry Fukuhara at (310) 548-7562, x223.

St. Patrick's Day Parade and Party

- Monday, March 17,
- 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Enjoy the LAFD's annual St. Patrick's Day parade, which begins near Olvera Street and winds its way through downtown, ending at Pershing Square. There, in the Square, Rec and Parks presents its annual St. Patrick's Day party, with food and drink (for purchase) and a free concert by well-known local Irish band the Young Dubliners. See the stories on page 27.

- Information: www.laparks.org/pershing-square/stpaddys.htm

Easter Egg Hunts

- Easter Saturday, March 22

Rec and Parks sponsors dozens of Easter egg hunts to celebrate the holiday. The biggest is probably at Pershing Square, but chances are there's an event in a Rec and Parks facility near you.

- Information: www.laparks.org

Warner Grand Theatre

- All month

Have you been to the revived Warner Grand Theatre in San Pedro? The theatre, which retains its atmosphere and décor from the day when it was built, in 1931, is managed by Cultural Affairs and presents a lively schedule of film festivals (both classic Hollywood and foreign), live performances from area entertainers and theatre companies, and is the launch location for area walking tours and preservation tours. It is truly one of the City's gems.

- Information: www.warnergrand.org

Ticket Guy Recommends:

Movie tickets, purchased with the great Club discount, are a perfect way to survive L.A.'s rainy season. "Take somebody you like," Ticket Guy says. "And if you can't find anybody, take me!"





Jon Kirk Mukri (right), General Manager, Rec and Parks, with Armando Hogan, Public Information officer, LAFD.



Armando Hogan, Public Information Officer, LAFD, with Margaret Hernandez, Director of Contracts and Purchasing, Harbor.



From left: Alvin Blain, General Manager, General Services, with Armando Hogan, Public Information officer, LAFD,



Richard Wuerth, Building Emergency Education Director, leads the meeting.

BEEP

Building Emergency Education Program



From left: Maggie Whelan, General Manager, Personnel, and Valerie Melloff, Chief Management Analyst, General Services.

Honoring the GMs



■ General Services honors five general managers for their dedication to being prepared.

Story courtesy Richard Wuerth; Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Communications and Marketing, and Club staff

GENERAL SERVICES — On Jan. 16, Emergency Preparedness' BEEP Program (Building Emergency Education Program) honored five excellent General Managers/division leaders for their dedication to the important preparedness program.

The five given certificates of appreciation were Alvin Blain, General Services; Margaret Whelan, Personnel; John Lewis, Zoo; John Reamer Jr., Public Works/Contract Administration; and Jon Kirk Mukri, Rec and Parks.

The honors were presented by both co-chairs of the Fire Life Safety Subcommittee (FLSS): Richard Wuerth, BEEP Program Director and Jeff Elder, Fire Captain II. FLSS is a subcommittee of the Emergency Management Committee. Also presenting was Armando Hogan, Fire Captain II, representing City of Los Angeles Fire

Chief Douglas Barry. BEEP creates emergency plans, schedules trainings, creates safe refuge areas and facilitates evacuation drills for City facilities.

Some General Managers have made the BEEP training mandatory for all of their employees.

In response to concerns arising from the 1987 Whittier earthquake, in January 1989, the Emergency Operations Board (EOB) approved the *Building Emergency Coordinator Program (BEC)* now known as the Building Emergency Education Program (BEEP). In September 1989, the City Council approved a City Administrative Office (CAO) report recommending that General Services implement the BEC Program. General Services is responsible for the overall operation of the program, and works with the Fire Department (LAFD), which is mainly responsible for BEC, Floor Warden and Emergency Response Team training and the review and approval of building emergency procedures manuals and building emergency signage.

The BEEP Program is designed to provide proper coordination of emergency training, planning and response in City facilities (owned or leased) occupied by ten or more City employees. Building Emergency Coordinators (BECs) are responsible for the preparation and maintenance of emergency plans; training for building evacuation and re-entry; supervision of Floor Wardens and City Emergency Response Teams; damage assessment observation; and decisions regarding evacuations and re-entry of the building after a disaster. The program is divided into three phases by the significance of service rendered to the community.

The Program is in phases I and II and well into phase III. Phase I and II have designated Building Emergency Coordinators, Floor Wardens and other building emergency respon-

ders (building emergency response teams). Phase I is also known as the "Big Eleven," which consists of 11 major City facilities. Phase II includes the next 35 significantly important City-owned and leased facilities. Phase III has added 84 City facilities in the last 3 years and is working on adding another 220 + buildings meeting the program criteria and will involve requests to department heads to designate BEC's and schedule Fire Life Safety training for these facilities.

Congratulations to the honorees, and thanks to Richard Wuerth, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator 1, General Services, for his assistance.



Fire Captain II Jeff Elder, co-chair of Fire Life Safety subcommittee and head of LAFD Certification Training Program.



Jon Kirk Mukri, General Manager, Rec and Parks, gives credit to the four employees who did the "lion's share" of the coordination for training, from left: Anthony Gonzalez, Safety Training Coordinator, 24 years of service; Enrique Hernandez, Safety Training Coordinator, 8 years of service; Kecin Reagan, Assistant GM, 24 years of service; and Regina Adams, Chief Executive Officer, 28 years of service.



Maggie Whelan, General Manager, Personnel, with Armando Hogan, Public Information officer, LAFD.



John Reamer Jr. (right), Director, Public Works/Contract Administration, with Armando Hogan, Public Information officer, LAFD.



John Lewis (right), General Manager, LA Zoo, with Armando Hogan, Public Information officer, LAFD.

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 high resolution photos with the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com or 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	Harbor	Sanitation	Transportation
Juan Aguilar	Maria Antonio	Yolanda Silva	Mario Gonzales
Robert De La Cruz	Alex Juarez	Daniel Loo	Michael Hernandez
Miguel Hernandez	Radames Macias	Thomas Omorogieva	Thomas McGinn
Tamiko Higashiyama	Juan Tafolla	Street Services	Antonio Mendieta
John Hong		Theresa Jimenez	Marilyn Menefee
Man Lu	General Services	Jimmy Newsom	Leanne Stewart
Norma Reynoso	Lydia Alegria	Ernie Urena Jr.	Nestor Zuniga
Animal Services	Rigoberto Martinez	Rec and Parks	
Juan Aguilar	Fernando Morales	Amamda Canales	DWP
Wei Cheng	Anton Whorton	Ofelia Garay	Stephen Brockman
Kenneth Crowder	Planning	Alejandro Garcia	Ruth Fuentes
Brita Gorman	Diana Kitching	Carolina Gonzalez	Ramon Gonzalez
Nyoka Lamar	LAPD	Lorenzo Gonzalez	John Guillen
Donald Lambelet	Beverly Austin-Johnson	Adriana Lage	Ted Hickman
Cori Mitchell	Shaudi Pishvaie	Juan Leon	Regina Perez
Marissa Rangel	Erica Rodriguez	Kene Lewis	John Tarnowski
Alfredo Rosales	Public Works	Carlos Mateos	Bert Yoshinaga
Luz Ruiz	Engineering	Uriel Matus	
Candido Silva	Rod Navarro	David Meyer	Retired
Personnel	Joanna Tesoro	Michael Minnifield	Audrey Anderson
Jansen Hodge	Hugo Monroy	Leticia Ocegueda	Willie Calloway
City Council	Sandra Rodriguez	Maria Ramirez	Edward Johnson
Tricia Carey		Dwayne Randolph	
		Boris Rivera	Other
		Danielle Smith	Balldette Berry
		Robin Tyus	Grace Fletcher
		Sonia Weatherall	Cynthia Hernandez
			Iris Larson

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	Ruby Harnagel, Rec and Parks, 27
Scott Eritano, Housing, 8,	Charles Hood, Airports, 30
Dana Love, Rec and Parks, 18	Robert Howard, Public Works, 30
Mozella Moseley, Rec and Parks, 2	Alla Humphrey, Public Works, 34
Damaris Quiles, General Services, 7	Arthur Hunter, Airports, 25
Christina Winzer, Animal Services, 1	Fred James, Public Works, 27
Retired	Walter Jones, Public Works, 15
Marie Bender, Building and Safety, 14	Ruth Jordan, Public Works, 3
Annet Bergman, Library, 16	Norma Morgan, Library, 32
William Birchim, Public Works, 32	Henry Porter, Public Works, 30
Homer Broome, Public Works, 6	David Rochelle, Public Works, 37
John Brouwers, Airports, 28	Robert Schaffeld, Public Transportation, 25
William Butler, Public Works, 27	Henry Shapiro, Public Works, 29
Cornell Calloway, Public Works, 34	Albert Sidell, Public Works, 13
Wilbur Chatwell, Public Works, Not Disclosed	Barbara Simon, General Services, 17
John Chen, Transportation, 25	Vernon Sipes, Public Works, 31
Robert Dieguez, Rec and Parks, 36	Phillip Stanley, Public Works, 35
Beverly Everman, Treasurer, 32	Arch Strickland, Harbor, 17
Joseph Finocchiaro, LAFD, 18	Boots Tiemann, LAPD, 12
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Retirements

NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS
Alfred Barron	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Dianne Kartiala	Council Aide	Council	11
Diana Brueggemann	Council Aide	Council	10	Jay Kepner	Sr. Equip. Mechanic	LAPD	31
Gloria Campbell	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Jim Koga	Communications Electrician	IITA	27
Jay Carsman	Parking Systems Coord.	Transportation	28	Clifford Milar*	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Laura Daniels	Custodian Supervisor	Zoo	26	Eva Montoya	Personnel Analyst	LAPD	19
Patricia Delkhaste	Librarian	Library	30	Johnny Morris	Ch. Industrial Waste Insp.	Public Works	38
Diane Dinse	Crime and Intelligence Anaylst	LAPD	30	David Norris	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Redencion Escario	Retirement Benefits Specialist	LACERS	26	Isiah Parker	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	22
Reva Fabrikant	Sanitary Engineer Assoc.	Public Works	10	David Petzold	Management Analyst	CDD	15
Henry Gomez	Port Police Officer	Harbor	35	Martin Shives	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Abbas Gorgin	Equipment Mechanic	General Services	16	Ellis Stanley	General Manager	EPD	22
Lawrence Gray	Airport Police Captain	Airports	29	Joseph Tyler	Pr. Construction Inspector	Public Works	25
Gaylin Griffie	Sr. Storekeeper	Airports	32	Linda White	Sr. Customer Services Attn.	Airports	31
Steve Gurrola	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Patricia White	Sr. Police Serv. Rep.	LAPD	30
Rene Gutierrez	Golf Starter	Rec and Parks	12	John Williams	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Jolaine Harkless	Asst. City Attorney	City Attorney	32	Lawrence Yee	Management Analyst	Building and Safety	23
Richard Hawkins	Signal Systems Supervisor	Transportation	46	Ronald Young*	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Ismael Hernandez	Systems Analyst	Public Works	30				
Vivian Jackson	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed				

* Club Member



Births



Gael Rocco Gudino, born Jan. 21 to Gilbert and Irene Guadino, Sr. Clerk Typist, DWP. Grandmother is Wilken Quon, SC&M Fund Financial Accounting Division, Office of Accounting, Public Works.



Maylia Marie, born Dec. 24 in Birmingham, England. She's the first grandchild of Russell Brown, Park Ranger, Rec and Parks.



Dylan Thomas Rodriguez, born Dec. 14 to Club Member Kevin Rodriguez and Arlene Levy. "He is our pride and joy," Kevin says.

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Quinceañera



Brenda Garza celebrated her *quinceañera* in January. With her to celebrate was her brother, Eduardo. They are the niece and nephew of Alicia Marquez, Club Rep, Housing.

Alive! is delighted to publish photos of Club members quinceañera. Have a photo of a recent quinceañera? Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



Military



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Major Richard I. Ward, son of Lorna Ward, Retired Public Works Street Maintenance Supervisor, and Allen Ward, Convention Center Building Repair Supervisor, is a Signal Officer stationed at Fort Hood, Tex. Richard is a graduate of West Point and has been stationed in Korea and throughout the United States for 14 years.

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Arlene Herrero



Liz Montes



Howard Pompel



By Jimmy Hill;
Fire Marshal, LAFD

Be Ready When The Weather Turns

This time of year, Californians are dealing with weather conditions that can change very rapidly. This could endanger your safety whether at home or on the road.

Here are some tips to be prepared ahead of time for severe weather, and to deal with it when it comes.

- Plan for bad weather before it arrives by storing emergency supplies including flashlights, water, bedding, radio, medical supplies, shovels, plastic, tape, and gloves.
- Never drive or wade across moving or running water.
- Never leave children unattended during flooding or severe weather.
- Be careful of high tide warning. (Never turn your back to the ocean.) Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths.
- Teach children *not* to play or ride bikes near deep puddles or flood control channels.
- If you see someone in the water, call for help. Don't jump in and become a victim.
- Stay away from downed power lines and electrical wires.
- Call 9-1-1 to report all emergencies.
- Have sandbags, hand tools and plywood ready for use if you live in the canyons, hills or areas that are prone to flooding.
- In the City of L.A., you can get sand bags at your local fire station.
- If the weather forecaster calls for a chance of flooding, make sure you listen to a radio or television station for updates.
- If you are told to evacuate, *do not wait*. Evacuate the area immediately.
- Do not forget your pets. Have leashes, crates, food and identification for them.
- Be sure your entire family knows where your emergency meeting place is.

- Take photographs of important objects and documents for insurance purposes.
- During a power outage, have flashlights available. Never use candles.
- Never use a hibachi, barbeque or cooking stove indoors for heating or cooking.
- Keep family and emergency telephone numbers available. Keep cell phones charged.

For more information, go to www.lafd.com

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Saturday, April 12, 2008

Saturday, April 19, 2008

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To confirm your attendance or for additional information, contact:
Mona Curry at the Emergency Preparedness Department
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The volunteers who made the 2007 North Central Yard open houses happen.

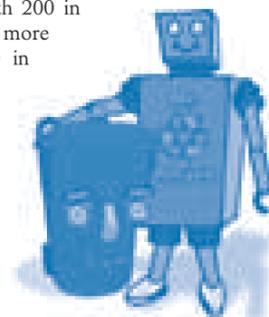
Thanks to the Volunteers

■ **Public Works recognizes volunteers who helped produce the North Central Yard "Discover Recycling" Open Houses.**

PUBLIC WORKS — On Jan. 30, Public Works recognized 55 employees from the North Central Yard who volunteered for the 2007 Bureau of Sanitation Open Houses held at the yard in the Lincoln Heights and Cypress Park area.

At the crack of dawn before 6 a.m., refuse drivers, yard mechanics and clerical staff gathered to be thanked and recognized by Board of Public Works President Cynthia M. Ruiz, Sanitation Director Enrique Zaldivar, Solid Resource South Collection Division Manager Chris Johnson, Solid Resources Manager Leo Martinez and North Central Yard Superintendent Jesse Cruz. Each volunteer was greeted and presented with a

certificate of appreciation. The employees were congratulated for their volunteer support with City's recycling and conservation efforts directly tied to achieving the 70 percent diversion rate of trash from the waste-stream by the year 2015 and the Solid Waste Integrated Resources Plan (SWIRP) or "Zero Waste" Plan. Residents and their children visiting the open houses have grown with each passing year starting with 200 in 2003 to more than 3,200 in 2007.



Fire Station 62 in Mar Vista.

FS 62 Opens in Mar Vista

■ **Fire Dept. opens its new facility.**

Story by Brian Humphrey, Public Information Officer, LAFD

FIRE DEPT. — The men and women of the Fire Department welcomed Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Councilmember Bill Rosendahl, Fire Commissioners, Fire Chief Douglas Barry, City Engineer Gary Lee Moore and civic and community leaders at the public dedication and grand opening of LAFD's new Neighborhood Fire Station in Mar Vista on Jan. 5.

The new facility is at 1970 Venice Blvd. in West L.A.

Following Saturday's dedication ceremony, there was food and fun as well as a chance to tour the new station. All members of the community were welcome at this family-themed public event.

The facility it replaced was built in 1950. Built in the days preceding the Korean War to serve a then lightly populated and primarily residential six-square-mile district of ocean view homes, former Fire Station 62 was designed to house a small cadre of male firefighters and one limited-role fire apparatus.

The demands of emergency service and operational advances at the LAFD in the past half-century, made that 4,190-square-foot station and only slightly larger parcel of land inadequate for providing timely and effective response to the community's needs.

Former Fire Station 62 not only grew cramped and inefficient during its 57 years of service, but also proved deficient in meeting seismic safety, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, electrical, plumbing, Building Code, ADA and separate gender accommodation issues.

In stark contrast, new Fire Station 62 is a capable and appealing long-term asset for all who live



On hand for the grand opening of Fire Station 62 in Mar Vista were (from left): City Engineer Gary Lee Moore, Board of Public Works Commissioner Paula Daniels, Fire Chief Douglas L. Barry and Fire Commission President Genethia Hudley Hayes.

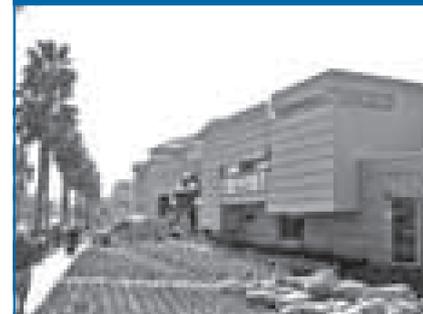
in, work and visit Mar Vista, Venice and west Los Angeles.

The new energy-efficient 16,130-square-foot facility was designed with strong community input and built with to support multi-role emergency response needs for many years to come; all while enhancing the effectiveness of a diverse and omnipotent workforce.



Fire Station 62 in Mar Vista.

Fire Station 67 Opens



The new Fire Station 67 at Playa Vista.

■ **Unique public/private project in Playa Vista opens in festive style.**



FIRE DEPT. — Fire Station 67 in Playa Vista had its official opening ceremonies Saturday, Feb. 16, in the new planned community that's just west of Playa del Rey and north of LAX.

The construction of the new Fire Station, which was managed by Public Works to the Fire Dept.'s specifications, was funded entirely by the parent company of the Playa Vista development. Staffing is funded by the City.

Battalion Chief Ronnie Villanueva was the host. Area Councilman Bill Rosendahl presented a City Proclamation. Councilman Tom LaBonge and John Reamer Jr., Director of Contract Administration, gave speeches.

Economic Director for Harbor

■ Port of LA names Ralph Hicks as the new Director of Economic Development.

HARBOR — Ralph Hicks, a former top official with the San Diego Unified Port District who has broad experience in urban redevelopment projects, has been named to the newly created post of Director of Economic Development for the Port of Los Angeles.

Hicks will help shape a variety of crucial development projects at the Port that will leave a lasting legacy of increased business, employment and training opportunities, as well as community-oriented waterfront redevelopment. The latter will include the San Pedro Waterfront Project, which will create enhanced public access and open space together with a variety of development opportunities throughout 400 acres of Port property.

"The San Pedro and Wilmington waterfront projects demonstrate the Port's commitment to enhancing the surrounding communities with redevelopment that's not only attractive and people-oriented, but improves residents' quality of life," said Kathryn McDermott, Deputy Executive Director of Business Development for the Port of Los

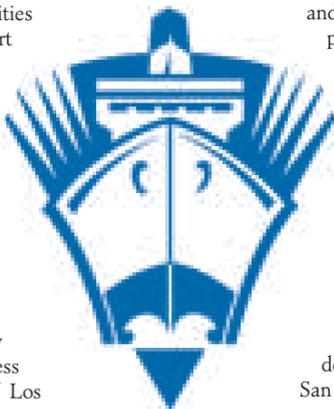


Ralph Hicks

Angeles. "Ralph Hicks will help us ensure that community residents are true partners with the Port in making these projects a reality. We're delighted to have him."

Hicks spent 17 years at the San Diego Unified Port District, where he was named Director of Land Use and Planning in 1997. Known for his collaborative approach, he was the team leader for master-planning San Diego Bay redevelopment, and led several complex urban redevelopment efforts, including the North and South Embarcadero redevelopment and Chula Vista's bay-front master plan.

Hicks has received awards for community outreach and strategic planning initiatives, and believes in providing better government through community involvement and transparent decision-making. He received his Bachelor's degree in Law and Society from the University of California at Santa Barbara, and his law degree from the University of San Francisco School of Law.



Newsbrief

ENFORCEMENT VEHICLE:

Public Works has a new tool in its arsenal to combat blight, illegal dumping, and related violators within the city limits, Board of Public Works President Cynthia M. Ruiz said Jan. 31. "It is a retrofitted white 2007 Dodge Charger Bureau of Street Services Investigation and Enforcement vehicle to allow our investigators to perform their tasks more effectively," Ruiz said.

Funded through a \$300,000 Waste Tire Grant from the California Environmental Protection Agency's Integrated Waste Management Board, the new vehicle has been designed to augment Investigation and Enforcement Division efforts in conducting surveillance activity, making arrests and transporting violators to community police facilities.

"With black and sliver accessories, the new vehicle has an inside cage, light bar, front push bar to push offending inoperable illegal dumping vehicles from the street, an inside microphone, outside speakers, and spotlights on each side," said Chief Street Services Investigator Gary Harris. "A laptop computer bay to download data gathered from a surveillance camera is included to allow investigators to run license plates and complete related tasks."

Street Services Investigation and Enforcement Division primarily is responsible for public property and protecting citizens from injuries and accidents that could occur from hazardous and dangerous conditions on public property. "The Division enforces a variety of Municipal Code Sections and Board of Public Works regulations enacted to protect public property, ensure public safety and minimize the City's exposure to liabil-



The new Public Works Enforcement Vehicle, to combat blight, illegal dumping, and related violators within the City limits.

ity," Harris said.

"Investigators eagerly welcome this new state-of-the-art unit. We expect it to give us a critical advantage in combating blight and apprehending illegal dumping violators," said Senior Street Services Investigator Rodney Lucas. "It will allow our investigators to perform their tasks more effectively throughout the City, particularly in severely impacted locations of Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley."

Over the past two years, the Investigations and Enforcement Division has been responsible for 125 illegal dumping arrests, saving more than 500 hours of sworn police officer patrol time. Investigators also have issued 4,320 Notices to Abate Nuisance and conducted 1,810 administrative hearings for illegal dumping during the same time period.

The City offers a \$1,000 reward for information resulting in the identification, apprehension and conviction or final adjudication of persons committing the act of illegal dumping. To qualify, the person reporting the crime must have been involved in the conviction or final adjudication. To report an act of illegal dumping, call 3-1-1, the City's 24-hour, non-emergency hotline.

REST INSURED

by JEFF GELINEAU

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



Renters Have Much That Needs Insuring



With the incredibly high cost of housing in Southern California, many people find that they are unable to buy a home. This trend will probably continue until most people, like Europeans today, simply rent all their lives.

Just because you rent doesn't mean that you don't own anything valuable. Like a homeowner, you should make every effort to ensure that you are protected in the event of a disaster.

Although landlords do carry insurance policies, they don't protect your personal assets in your apartment. You are responsible to make sure that you can replace anything "within" the walls of your apartment or rented home in case of a problem.

What would happen if you returned home tonight, and all you saw was some smoldering ashes and a few firemen reeling up their hoses? Renters also experience much higher rates of burglary and theft than homeowners. Renter's insurance also covers theft, and can help you replace any stolen items that you might have.

There are several types of residential insurance policies. The HO-4 policy is designed for renters, while the HO-6 policy is for condo owners. Both HO-4 and HO-6 cover losses to your personal property from 16 types of perils:

- Fire or lightning
- Windstorm or hail
- Explosion
- Riot or civil commotion
- Damage caused by aircraft
- Damage caused by vehicles
- Smoke
- Vandalism or malicious mischief
- Theft
- Volcanic eruption
- Falling objects
- Weight of ice, snow or sleet
- Accidental discharge or overflow of water or steam from within a plumbing, heating, air conditioning or automatic fire-protective sprinkler system, or from a household appliance
- Sudden and accidental tearing apart, cracking, burning or bulging of a steam or hot water heating system, an air conditioning or automatic fire-protective system
- Freezing of a plumbing, heating, air conditioning or automatic, fire-protective sprinkler system, or of a household appliance
- Sudden and accidental damage from artificially generated electrical current (does not include loss to a tube, transistor or similar electronic component)

You'll notice that earthquakes aren't on the list. If you have lots of property to insure, you'll need to buy a separate policy to cover earthquakes.

Renter's insurance also provides you liability coverage. If someone falls in your apartment and gets hurt, you might be liable.

Surprisingly, a basic renter's insurance policy usually costs only around \$200 per year.

Renters with expensive personal possessions or who need larger liability coverage will pay more. Your own quote will depend on a number of factors, including your previous insurance history and where you live. Despite the low cost and high benefits, a recent poll found that 64 percent of people living in rental properties had no renter's insurance.

You will also have to decide between Actual Cash Value (ACV) or Replacement Cost Coverage for your belongings. ACV coverage will pay only for what your property was worth at the time it was damaged or stolen. Replacement cost coverage, on the other hand, will pay what it actually costs to replace the items you lost, again minus the deductible. Replacement cost coverage will cost you a little more in premium, but it will also pay out more if you ever need to file a claim.

Make sure to inventory all of your personal belongings. Your inventory should list each item, its value, and serial number. Photograph or videotape each room, including closets, open drawers, storage buildings and your garage. Keep receipts for major items in a fireproof place.

If your apartment or condominium becomes uninhabitable due to a fire, burst pipes, or any other reason covered by your policy, your insurance will cover your Additional Living Expenses. Generally, that means the policy will pay for you to live somewhere else. This coverage has a limit of about 30 to 50 percent of the total value of the policy.

Feel free to call our agency if you have any questions about renter's insurance, or would like a quote.

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Will Budget Crunch Affect City Employees?

■ At press time, Council is deciding how to fix a \$155 million deficit.

COUNCIL — Will the current City budget crisis affect you? Has it already?

At *Alive!* press time, the City Council is deciding how to solve a big – and growing – problem: a City budget deficit estimated at \$155 million.

The City budget is vulnerable to a number of economic factors, including the real estate crunch, the just-ended Hollywood writer's strike, and the general softness of the economy.

At the end of January, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa held a press conference to ask the City Council to reduce the City budget by suspending most hiring, asking some workers to take unpaid furloughs, and selling vacant fire stations.

"My priority has got to be public safety," Villaraigosa was quoted as saying at a City Hall news conference. "Keeping the City safe is the

answer to how we support revenues."

The Council began its hard work trimming the budget in early February, in some instances looking for ways to increase revenue. But at that session, the Council froze new hires in most departments and delayed the opening of two police stations by several months. And two potential cuts – halting the purchasing of new books by the Library Dept., and cutting funds for graffiti removal – were delayed.

More controversial proposals, including selling surplus property and sharply restricting the program that allows some City employees to use City vehicles and take them home, were also delayed.

The City Council must vote on the first round of budget cuts, a vote that had not taken place by press time in February.

How is the budget crisis affecting you? Write to *Alive!* and tell us your thoughts!

talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Phone Tax Passes; Service Crisis Averted

■ City voters approve amendments to telephone tax that could have made City budget even more difficult.



Fire Chief Douglas Barry

CITY HALL — For weeks, Police Chief William Bratton and Fire Chief Douglas Barry were on TV, warning of the dire consequences if Proposition S didn't pass. And, in good news for City Employees, they were plenty convincing.

In a nearly two to one landslide in the election Feb. 5, City voters approved Proposition S, a measure that, while reducing the tax from ten to nine percent, also guaranteed that the tax would be secured in place, and that it would be applied consistently across a wide variety of devices.

The measure was estimated to be worth nearly \$250 million in annual revenue for the City. That revenue, as Chiefs Bratton and Barry voiced in commercials, is critical to keep the LAPD and LAFD strong. Without it, they said, services could be cut. With the passage of Proposition S, that is longer the case, at least as far as phone taxes are concerned.



Police Chief William Bratton

Proposition S technically reduced the tax on telephone usage from ten percent to nine percent, but it also broadened the tax to cover all calls regardless of the technology used. Measures are advancing through the courts that could challenge the ways taxes can be applied to telephone technology, but the passage of Proposition S supersedes those court challenges.

Newsbrief

HARBOR IS 'CLIMATE ACTION LEADER':

Announced on Jan. 30, the Port of Los Angeles has earned the designation "Climate Action Leader" from the California Climate Action Registry, becoming the first port in the state with this distinction. The Leader status was granted the Port of Los Angeles upon acceptance of its 2006 baseline greenhouse gas (GHG) emission inventory by the California Climate Action Registry, a nonprofit public/private partnership that serves as a voluntary greenhouse gas registry to protect, encourage and promote early actions to reduce GHG emissions.



"This is just one more step to show the region, state and country how serious we are about greening and growing the Port of Los Angeles," said Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., Port of Los Angeles

Executive Director. "The Port of Los Angeles voluntarily tracked greenhouse gas emissions and created a baseline from which we are able to gauge changes in the gases going forward. We are proud to be the first port in California to be included in the Registry and to hold the 'Climate Action Leader' designation."

The Port has taken a proactive position to recognize and reduce the impacts of greenhouse gases in the Port area. The Port included the impacts of greenhouse gases in its recently-approved Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for its Tra Pac Terminal Project – the first Port in the country to include GHG emissions in an EIR document. The Port's 2006 GHG emission inventory may be viewed at www.climateregistry.org/CAR-ROI/public/reports.aspx.

The Port has embarked upon an unprecedented array of environmental initiatives aimed at reducing the effects of Port operations on the environment. Chief among these is the Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP), created in concert with its neighbor, the Port of Long Beach. This comprehensive Plan addresses emissions created by the trucks, oceangoing vessels, trains, terminal equipment and harbor craft that serve the Port and outline measures that will decrease those emissions by nearly 50 percent by 2011.

For more information about the California Climate Registry, please see its Website at www.climateregistry.org.

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Why: To Fight Kids' Cancer, Donate Blood, Register with NMDP and Childwatch.
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For additional information please contact:
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Club CEO John Hawkins explains how *Alive!* has always been about celebrating the lives of City Employees.

Club Celebrates 80 years

■ **At its 80th annual meeting, the Club celebrates a strong 2007.**

Photos by Summy Lam, Club Tech Guru

CLUB HEADQUARTERS — “I am pleased to report that 2007 was yet another year that represents a continued commitment to celebrating the lives and work of City Employees,” said Club Board President Regner Globus, Property Manager, Harbor.

Regner then listed the Club’s great success in 2007:

- Club Membership continues to increase and now stands at more than 18,000;
- The Club reached 99.3 percent of its revenue



Robert Larios, the Club’s Director of Marketing and Communications, congratulates Club Rep Irene Castillo, Animal Services, for winning the Club Rep of the Year Award.



Robert Larios, the Club’s Director of Marketing and Communications, explains that 2007 was the best year ever for *Alive!*



Club CEO John Hawkins announces that more than 12,000 City Employees had their picture published in *Alive!* during 2007.

goals, and the Insurance Services side reached 96.2 percent of its goal

- Insurance in force held strong at \$2.1 billion
- Last year, *Alive!* published photos containing more than 12,000 City Employees and their families
- The Club continued to update, streamline and expand its Website
- The Club negotiated and entered into the City’s first-ever “City Seal” licensing agreement. “This agreement has allowed us to add a host of new City Employee-themed merchandise to the Club Store, giving City Employees many more reasons to celebrate their life as a City Employee.”

After Regner’s report, Club CEO John Hawkins and Director of Communications and Marketing Robert Larios led a brief “tour” through each of 2007’s issues of *Alive!*, noting that the paper has increased the quality of its stories, photos and design. John and Robert then reported that in 2007, *Alive!* published more than 12,000 photos of City Employees, an all-time record.

“As always, the Association’s staff continues to offer the City Employees of Los Angeles the ultimate in customer service – while at the same time celebrating their lives,” Regner concluded. “It’s what the Club is all about.”

“The continued success of the Club will be made possible by the team effort of the staff, partners, the Department Reps, and the Board.”



At the Club’s 80th Annual Meeting, the new Board was sworn in. They are (from left): Regner Globus, Harbor; Rita Robinson, Transportation; David Muraoka, LAPD; Robyn Barnes, Fire and Police Pensions; and Mike Biagi, Airports.

Let’s make 2008 another stellar year!”

In other business at the Club Meeting, the Board was elected and sworn in. Members include:

- Michael Biagi, Airports, Chair;
- Regner Globus, Property Manager, Harbor, Secretary;
- Robyn Barnes, Fire and Police Pensions, Secretary/Treasurer;
- David Muraoka, LAPD;

- Rita Robinson, Transportation; and
- Alan Bound, the Club’s Information Systems Programmer, won the President’s Award, which goes to the year’s outstanding Club staff member; and
- Irene Castillo, Animal Services, won the Club Rep Award, which goes to the year’s outstanding Club Rep.

LAPD Communications Division 2nd Annual Golf Classic



Four-Person Scramble:
Friday, April 4, 2008
Registration – 11:30 a.m.
Tee-off – 1 p.m.

Knollwood Country Club
12024 Balboa Blvd.
Granada Hills, CA 91344
(818) 360-2101

Cost: \$125 per player

Registration 11:30 a.m.

144 Golfers – 36 Teams

Enjoy a complete program of special events, 18 holes of golf (including cart), lunch, door prizes for each player and an exciting awards banquet

All for just \$125 / player



Several “winner” categories, including:

- LAPD Team, mixed team, and others.
- Putting contest
- Longest drive contests
- Closest to the pin challenge
- And a Hole-in-One chance for a car

This year’s event will be held Friday, April 4, at the well-manicured Knollwood Country Club in Granada Hills.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., with tee-off at 1 p.m.

The cost for this event is only \$125. The price includes: 18 holes of golf, range balls, shared cart, BBQ lunch, buffet dinner and various awards.

There will be an awards presentation and dinner directly after golf. For those who would like family and/ or friends to join us for the award presentation and dinner only, the dinner is \$30 per person.

Golf attire is required: collared shirts and slacks. No steel spikes are allowed on the course.



Registration is now open.
Please pre-register or sponsor the event by March 15 at
<http://lapdcommdiv.golfreg.com>

For Retired Club Members



The Best Years

City Retiree Associations:

DWP Retirees Association



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

Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association



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

Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



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

Change of Address?

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

- April 10: General Membership Meeting at Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center. Lunch at noon; meeting at 1 p.m.
- June 4: 30th Annual Retirees Golf Classic at Alhambra Golf Course
- Aug. 7: Annual Picnic at Grace E. Simons Lodge, 11:30 a. m.
- Oct. 16: Annual Corporation Meeting and Elections at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center. Lunch at noon; meeting at 1 p.m.
- Dec. 4: Christmas Party at noon at Grace E. Simons Lodge

RLACEI:

Three Retiree Groups To Meet About Joining



By Phil Skarin,
RLACEI Publicity Chair

President Ed Harding reports:



Ed Harding

In just a few weeks, April 10, we will be attending one of our General Membership Meetings at the Van Nuys / Sherman Oaks Senior Center, 5056 Van Nuys Blvd. The meeting starts at 1 p.m. You can come for a free lunch at noon, but only if you have made a reservation at least a week in advance by calling one of the officers on the Retirees Helpline.

Director Americo Garza, in charge of entertainment, reports that our luncheon will be better than our last one. He has ordered lemon chicken, legs and thighs, and all the goodies.

On Feb. 28, we are scheduled to meet with President Robin Welborn and Director Lee Kebler of the L.A. Retired Fire and Police Association, Inc., and Dolores Foley of the Retired Water and Power Association. One idea we will be discussing will be the Preliminary Audit Recommendation to Create a New Investments Function. It seems the City Controller wants to commingle the Pension Funds of the L.A. Fire and Police Pension system (LAFPP) and our Pension System (LACERS) and create a new com-

mission and staff to do all of the investing for both funds.

Keith Richman has been circulating petitions for an initiative titled Public Employee Benefits Reform Act (also known as the Richman initiative) to go on the state ballot. As of this writing, I don't know if he has received enough signatures to have it put on the ballot. It would eliminate all current pension systems for all public agencies in the state and replace them with a 401-K or similar system.

Your Medicare Part B premiums could be affected if you sell a home or other asset in which you have built up significant capitol gains. Each year, Social Security reviews your most recent tax data to determine your Medicare premium. The higher you're adjusted gross income, the higher will be your premium.

RLACEI has a new e-mail address rlacei@verizon.net. Check it out to find the latest retirement news. If you call, the RSVP mailbox is 701, after dialing (800) 678-4125.

If a retiree marries after retirement, the new spouse doesn't get any retirement benefits. The Retired Fire and Police Associations is trying to have a charter amendment put on the ballot that could give the new spouse some retirement benefits by reducing the retiree's pension to

finance it. If this gets approved by the voters, then LACERS will attempt to obtain a similar benefit for its members by amending the Administrative Code. They do not require a charter amendment. Stay tuned.

The L.A. Federal Credit Union is offering its members the opportunity to develop a Home Equity Line of Credit, so they can access cash to cover any expense including home improvements, education, etc. Call (877) 695-2328, ext. 7702 or stop at a branch office. LAFUC also offers investment and insurance services with CFS, a broker-dealer.

If you are enrolled in a LACERS medical plan, you are eligible for Evercare-Solutions for Caregivers. Experts are available 24/7 free-of-charge to: Identify community resources; an onsite assessment and consultation; and arrange two free hours of consulting/ services with an Elder Law Attorney. Simply call (866) 896-1895 for assistance. If you have questions, contact LACERS at (213) 473-7200 or (800) 779-8328.

If you are interested in being considered for nomination for a director office on the RLACEI Executive Board, contact Nominating Chair Neil Ricci at 458 21st Pl., Santa Monica, CA 90402. Send him a resumé of your experience and qualifications.

Legislative Update:



Ken Spiker

The California Supreme Court has accepted the San Diego case for review. Legal advisers expect a decision by this fall.

Some time ago, my committee (Benefits Administration) and the LACERS Board of Directors unanimously approved authorizing a dental subsidy for our surviving spouses. Currently we have 3,084 surviving spouses, and 1,274 are in a LACERS dental plan.

Councilmen Bernard Parks and Dennis Zine were kind enough to put in a Council motion to support the subsidy.

The CAO report to the Council indicated the cost would be \$1.9 million per year with \$1.3 million from the General Fund and \$600,000 from special funds. (I disagree with both numbers.) The CAO further reported that all benefit enhancements should be considered in the content of all benefits available to retirees. Also, the City has only considered cost neutral benefit enhancements. The CAO said, "We cannot recommend that this benefit

be approved." The matter was "received and filed."

The matter of combining the LACERS and Fire and Police Pensions investment programs is again being considered. A new department and commission (without a retiree member) would be formed. Unless supplemental information is generated, I intend to oppose the audit recommendation. If it's such a good idea, why isn't the Water and Power investment program included?

Recession or not, our retirement fund is still healthy.

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



Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe



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 2008

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

Committee Chairpersons for 2008

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

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



Falling for Zimbabwe

■ Hal's African adventure continues at Victoria Falls. Part three of four.

Let's continue the story of our trip to Africa.

After lunch at Camp Duma Tau, our baggage was loaded into the Land Rover and off we went to the airstrip to catch our plane. This plane was a Cessna 206, a seven-seater, just large enough for the pilot and the six of us. We were flying to Kasane on the border of Botswana and Zimbabwe, and then we would drive across the border to Victoria Falls. Because of the continuing unrest within Zimbabwe, I had some concerns about traveling within the country and was waiting to see how we would be treated as we crossed the border. A guide from Wilderness Safaris met our plane, and we started the short drive to the border crossing. I asked our guide how long the trip would take, and he said about an hour, unless we were held up at the border. When we reached the border, we were the only people crossing. We all got out and entered the office and presented our passports and a \$30 visa fee, which had to be paid in hard cur-

rency (dollars). They stamped our passport, and we were on our way in about 10 minutes; so much for my concerns. During the remainder of the drive to Vic Falls, we had to stop twice to let elephants cross the road.

Zimbabwe is a land-locked country in central-southern Africa that straddles the Tropic of Capricorn. It is about the size of California and has a population of about 13 million. Britain annexed Southern Rhodesia from the South Africa Company in 1923. A 1961 constitution was formulated to keep whites in power. In 1965, the government of Ian Smith unilaterally declared its independence, but

Britain did not recognize the act and demanded voting rights for the black African majority in the country, now called

Rhodesia. United Nations sanctions and a guerrilla uprising finally led to free elections in 1979 and independence, as Zimbabwe, in 1980. Robert Mugabe, the nation's first prime minister, has been the country's only ruler and has dominated the country's political system since inde-



A mile marker.

pendence. English is the official language.

Driving up to the Victoria Falls Hotel was like taking a step back into history. The hotel was built in 1904 when the Cape to Cairo railway reached the falls. It has played host to visiting members of the royal families, international and local statesmen and celebrities and maintains an atmosphere steeped in history, combining the charm of the old with the comfort and convenience of today. The rooms have all been refurbished to provide a perfect balance of modern amenities without losing the grand Edwardian architecture. It is set in acres of lush lawns and exotic flora. It is only a short walk from the center of town and only ten minutes from the actual falls. From our room we could see the large clouds formed by the spray over the falls, while the rest of the sky was clear and blue.

After checking into our room, we left for our visit to the falls. Victoria Falls is one of the seven natural wonders of the world and is the largest curtain of falling water on the earth. It was discovered by David Livingstone in November 1855 and is known by the local name of "Mosi Oa Tunya," or the "Smoke That Thunders." The falls creates its own weather, and we each received plastic ponchos to protect us from the rain. The trail we followed was about a mile long, and we were able to see the falls from a number of different viewing points. One of the most dramatic is Cataract View, the westernmost point, which requires climbing down a steep stair-



The Falls.

ADVENTURES with HAL!



Wearing our rain gear.

way in (and out of) the gorge. While the sun was shining brightly all around us, the sky above the falls was covered with clouds and we were rained on the whole time. The area around the falls is a spray-generated rain forest unlike the normal environment. Before returning to the hotel, we stopped to view the Zambezi Bridge and watch the tourists bungee-jump.

That evening we had dinner at the buffet in the hotel. It was one of the best buffets we have had, and we also enjoyed the entertainment, which was local dancing.

The next day was a free day to allow us a little rest and a chance to see the town and do some shopping. The town of Victoria Falls was built on tourism and reminded us of Tijuana. The streets are lined with small stores selling locally made souvenirs and crafts. Prices were fixed, but you could negotiate the rate of exchange. This brings me to our story on the rate of exchange.

On the drive to Vic Falls, I had asked our guide what the exchange rate was between the Zimbabwean dollars (ZWD) and the U.S. dollar. He told us between 90 and 100 ZWD to \$1. (The rate of exchange has changed dramatically since our trip, and is now \$1USD to \$30,000 ZWD). When we arrived at the hotel, I had noticed that the hotel was giving 70 ZWD to \$1, but I figured that you get the best rate of exchange at a bank or the official bureaus de change. We weren't too concerned about exchanging money because we could use our credit cards and you always get a better rate of exchange using the card (not including credit card service charges and fees). On the way to town, we stopped at a bank to see what the official rate was and were surprised to see it posted as 52 ZWD to \$1. This got us to thinking, and as we walked to town I saw a bureaus de change and they were offering 80ZWD. By this time we were a little confused, and I when into a shop and asked what rate they would give, I was told 100 ZWD. To



David Livingstone.

make a long story short, we ended up exchanging U.S. dollars for between 110 and 120 ZWD and used only ZWD to pay while we were in Zimbabwe. When we returned to the hotel we immediately paid our bill in ZWD instead of charging it to our credit cards. It was the first time we had come across reverse arbitrage. Because the official rate was 52 ZWD and we were getting over 100 ZWD, we did get some very nice bargains -- this area of Zimbabwe is known for its stone carving, and we purchased a nice piece to bring home. To close out the money story, at our next camp in Zimbabwe they had a store priced in U.S. dollars, so we exchanged our ZWD back at the official rate. So we made out coming and going.

We returned to the hotel in the afternoon and had high tea at Stanley's Terrace overlooking the falls. At our good rate of exchange it was about \$3.50 per person, which included tea, finger sandwiches and dessert. We also had a light dinner on the Terrace later that evening. We really enjoyed our stay at Victoria Falls; we got to catch up on the news (CNN and BBC) and read a newspaper and we called home to see if everyone was all right.

The next morning, we were picked up and driven to the Victoria Falls Airport and boarded another Cessna 206 for the flight to our next safari camp.

Next month I'll finish up the trip.



Afternoon tea at the hotel.



The Victoria Falls Hotel.

RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

Jack Williams has been the Tournament Chairman for the L.A. City Employees Golf Club for 25 years. He's really on the ball.

Carlos Quiroz, Yucca Valley, writes, "Congratulations on your re-election as Publicity Chairman. Keep up the good work."

Bob Paul, Tennessee, writes, "We are living on the Cumberland Plateau and have traveled throughout the United States. We are very loyal Tennessee Volunteer sports fans. My wife is a volunteer at the hospital and I drive a local county dial-a-ride van."

Nick Buckroff, former Director of the Van Nuys/ Sherman Oaks Senior Center, has finally completed the restoration of a 1941 Chevy Special Deluxe Coupe after five years of painstaking effort. Pictures of the car and a full-page story of every detail of the restoration process was on page D2 of the Jan. 18 edition of the *Antelope Valley Press*.

Ronald Skarin, Principal Building Inspector, and son of Phil and Miriam Skarin, is retiring Feb. 29 after 34 years of City service. This makes Phil, who retired 20 years ago, feel a little older!

If you have news about yourself or other retirees, send it to Phil Skarin at 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411, or fax (818) 906-3722, or phone (818) 784-0130.

An information sheet titled "Upon the Death of a Retired City Employee" is available by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to Phil Skarin. See above address.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

A Piece of the Puzzle

Puzzles are usually composed of many pieces of different shapes and sizes. But, when the pieces are put together in their proper places, the puzzle takes on the intended shape.

An organization too is like a puzzle. Many different tasks must be performed by many people of various skills and talents.

*There are the Presidents and vice presidents,
Managers and supervisors,
Secretaries and treasurers,
Editors and parliamentarians*

But an essential part of the organization is the average member who comes to meetings and dinners, and votes and pays dues, for they are all integral Pieces of the Puzzle.

— 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

Retiree Question of the Month

Alive! asked retirees...

What was your first car?

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"A 1927 Chevrolet."
— Edison Goodrich, Retired, Public Works/Street Maintenance



"A '46 black Plymouth, second-hand."
— Marian M. Jacobs, LACRTA



"A 1949 Ford two-door."
— Sam Hochbera, Retired Convention Center



"A 1950 Plymouth."
— Lee Burrell, Retired, General Services



"A Chevrolet Coupe."
— Barbara Smith, Retired, Personnel



"A 1951 Chevy."
— Robert Jacobs, Retired, Public Works/Street Maintenance



"A 1931 Chevy."
— Jimmie D. Wright, Retired, Public Works/Street Maintenance



"A '58 Oldsmobile convertible."
— Bebe Jacobson, Retired, LAPD



"A 1945 three-quarter-ton Ford [pickup]."
— Joe Etheredge, Retired in 1993, Airports in 1993



"A 1964 Galaxy 500XL."
— Martha Harding, wife of Ed Harding, President, RLACEI



"A 1995 Toyota Tercel."
— Bre Jacobs

FOR RETIRED CLUB MEMBERS

Water for His Homeland



■ **Street Services' Tom Eng builds water wells in five villages in his native Cambodia.**

Story and photos courtesy Public Works

PUBLIC WORKS — The Board of Public Works honored Bureau of Street Services Maintenance Laborer Tom S. Eng Jan. 28 for his humanitarian work to bring wells to five villages without water and power in his native Cambodia.

A survivor of the Khmer Rouge of Cambodia, Eng fled his village in Kandal Province, Cambodia, during the war and regime that led to the execution, starvation and forced labor of an estimated 1.6 million people out of a population of 7.5 million between 1975 and 1979.

Impoverished, without food, clothing or medicine, Eng left his village in Kandal Province, approximately 28 miles north of Phnom Penh, the capitol of Cambodia. He walked for one

month, approximately 300 miles, to reach the Cambodian and Thailand border to escape the Khmer Rouge. There he spent the next six months in a Thailand refugee camp and the following two years learning English. On Aug. 16, 1983, the United Nations brought Eng to the United States as a Khmer survivor where he arrived in Los Angeles to begin a new life.

Eng began his career with the City in October 1999 with the Bureau of Street Services (BSS). He was employed as a vocational worker assigned to the Resurfacing Division and then was promoted and reassigned as a maintenance assistant with the Lot Cleaning Division. He was promoted in August 2005 to maintenance laborer and currently drives an over-cab-loader in the removal of illegally dumped debris. He recently obtained a Building and Safety Equipment License, allowing him to be trained in heavy equipment.

In October 2006, he traveled back to Cambodia to help his surviving family members and neighboring villages with the support and donations from his colleagues at BSS. Eng has one brother and four sisters who live in Cambodia. Eng went to Cambodia to construct five wells in five villages that have no water or



Family, friends and officials gather around Tom Eng after he received his commendation Jan. 28.

electricity. The World Health Organization estimated that access to potable water had improved by 2003, but the projection included nearly two-thirds of the rural population and one quarter of city inhabitants relied on unsafe water sources.

Eng returned to Cambodia in November to contract and construct six new wells in five more villages with donations from BSS employees in the Lot Cleaning and Resurfacing Division as well as Jorge Sanchez of Local SEIU. Eng received donations totaling \$1,300 and matched their donations with money he had saved working overtime. The six wells brought water to an estimated 320 families that had previously walked miles to the local source with four-gallon containers. The estimated cost for the construction of each well was \$300 to \$600.

Eng said that, after receiving his certificate of recognition, he intended to return to Cambodia this November to deliver medicines, dried goods, cooking oil and clothes. The United Nations Population Fund estimated that the average per capita income is at no more than \$290 annually, and that close to 40 percent of the entire population lives below the poverty line. The fund also projected that rural households comprise up to 90 percent of the country's poor.

Ron Olive, Assistant Director of the Bureau of Street Services, and his colleagues from the Lot Cleaning and Resurfacing Divisions, with representatives from SEIU, all expressed their support and admiration for Eng's effort to give back and

make a difference for his native country.

"Existence without water places people under extraordinary stress so the nexus between clean water and a better quality of life is clear for locations that must rely upon retaining ponds or far-away rivers—everything changes for the better with the addition of a well," said Cynthia M. Ruiz, president of the Board of Public Works. "We are extremely proud of Mr. Eng and the support he received that resulted in a more sustainable environment for these villagers in Cambodia."

All the members of the Board of Public Works commended Eng's commitment to help bring well water to villagers in his native country and praised his efforts and the efforts of his supporters as emblematic of our humanity and collective duty to try and help the destitute and needy.



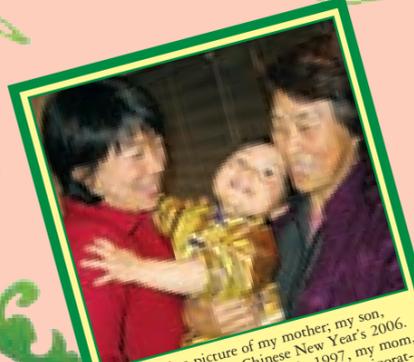
Participating in the commendation ceremony were, front row, from left: Raul Henriquez; Jonathan Weathington; Enrique Palmas; Tom Eng (holding certificate); Michael Holmes; Phyliss Meyi; and James Johnson, SEIU Local 721. Back: James Washington, SEIU; Jorge Sanchez, SEIU; Martin Alarcon; Deon Jones; Ron Olive; Sherarade Nichols; and Jeff Costa.



Tom Eng receives his commendation at the City Hall ceremony Jan. 28.

Pay Tribute to Your Mom!

Moms love tributes. It's the least you can do, after all she has done for you!



"Here's a picture of my mother, my son, Benjamin; and I on Chinese New Year's 2006. Since my father passed away in 1997, my mom, Martha Liu, has bounced back with invigorating energy and put it in her grandchildren, which is why I am able to concentrate on my work and have a career with the City. Thank you, Mom, for giving me the peace of mind and the opportunity to do the best job I can."



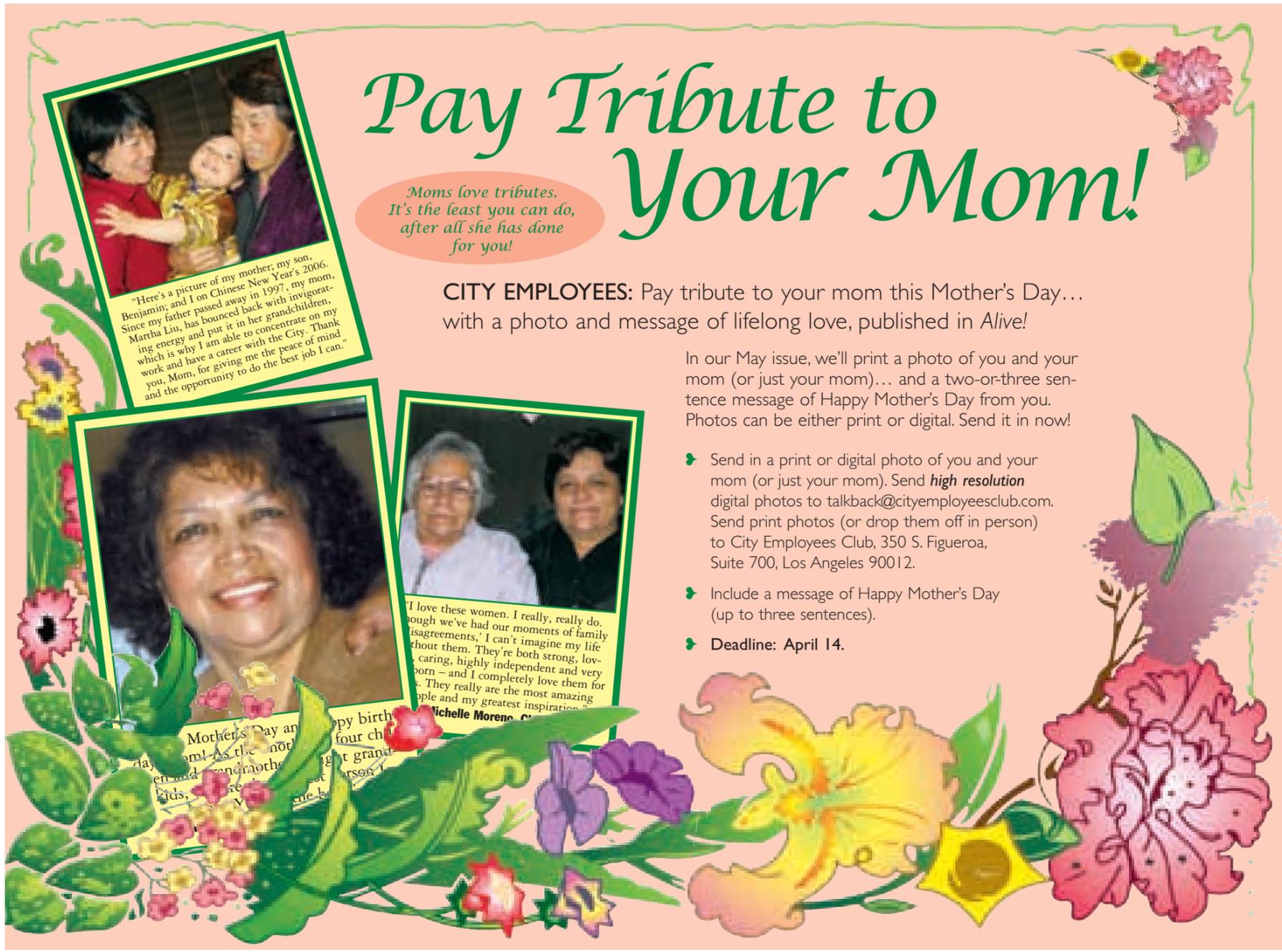
"I love these women. I really, really do. Although we've had our moments of family disagreements, I can't imagine my life without them. They're both strong, loving, caring, highly independent and very hard-working – and I completely love them for it. They really are the most amazing people and my greatest inspiration."
Michelle Moreno, City of Los Angeles

Happy birthday to my mother, my son, Benjamin; and I on Chinese New Year's 2006. Since my father passed away in 1997, my mom, Martha Liu, has bounced back with invigorating energy and put it in her grandchildren, which is why I am able to concentrate on my work and have a career with the City. Thank you, Mom, for giving me the peace of mind and the opportunity to do the best job I can."

CITY EMPLOYEES: Pay tribute to your mom this Mother's Day... with a photo and message of lifelong love, published in *Alive!*

In our May issue, we'll print a photo of you and your mom (or just your mom)... and a two-or-three sentence message of Happy Mother's Day from you. Photos can be either print or digital. Send it in now!

- Send in a print or digital photo of you and your mom (or just your mom). Send **high resolution** digital photos to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com. Send print photos (or drop them off in person) to City Employees Club, 350 S. Figueroa, Suite 700, Los Angeles 90012.
- Include a message of Happy Mother's Day (up to three sentences).
- **Deadline: April 14.**



Dreams Happen Daily



The Year of a Million Dreams continues in 2008 with new additions to the celebration—like **Pixar Play Parade** (begins March 14) and **Toy Story Mania!** (opening Summer '08)—plus all-time favorite attractions and entertainment in both Parks. Get your tickets today and come celebrate with us!

For specially priced Disneyland Resort tickets, call "Member Rewards" at (888) 777-1744.

Year of a Million Dreams
Disneyland

Pixel Play Parade is subject to the Disneyland Resort's "Toy Story" Mania! is subject to the Disneyland Resort's "Toy Story" Mania! is subject to the Disneyland Resort's "Toy Story" Mania!

Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



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Dubai, United Arab Emirates



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

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

When you send digital photos through the Internet, please send the full, original digital file yourself, rather than using digital photo software like Kodak EasyShare, Kodak Gallery, Flickr, etc. These programs send very low-resolution images, and they don't look good in print. We want you to look your best, so send us the original digital file, please! Thanks!



"The pictures were taken last January in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The first one is in front of a wooden dhow (before a dinner cruise), while the [second] one was taken in the Heritage Village, where they display the old Dubai artifacts and cottages. The third one shows the famous Dubai icon, the Burj Al Arab seven-star hotel."

— Leticia G. Yapana, DWP

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:

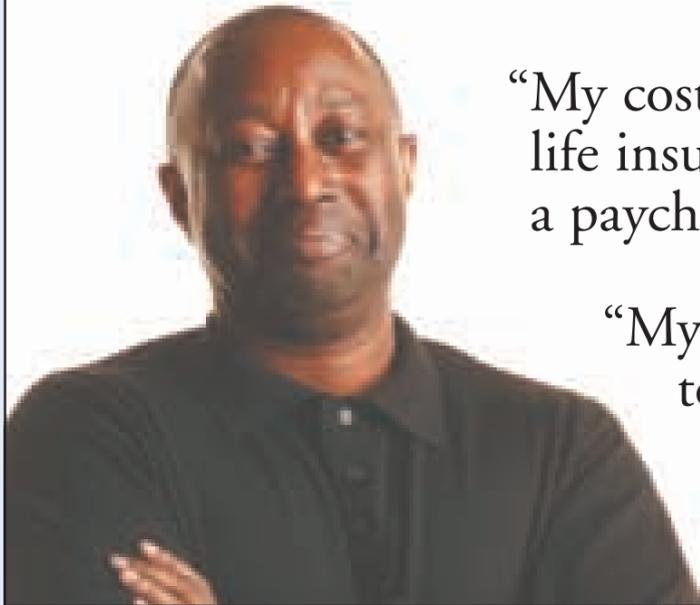
- Can you get the amount you need to adequately protect your family?
- Can you also get coverage for your spouse?
- Will the premiums for the amount of coverage you want be easy for you to handle?
- Is it easy and convenient to apply for?
- Is the underwriting company highly rated and financially strong?

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.

AG5539

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.

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**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 Retire Life Plan.



**Questions?
Call 1-800-464-0452**

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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.

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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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Family plan covers spouse for 50% and children for 20%. <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

G-19027L AG5539 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**

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.

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.

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Sign Here

X

City/DWP Employee _____ Date _____

Code _____ Deduction _____

ENTERTAINMENT

Reviews by Fellow Club Members

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.
- Have fun!
- 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.

MOVIE REVIEWS


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

This is a shot of life for the dying genre of monster movies. This film far exceeds your average \$100 million-dollar-budget catastrophe movie. It gives one the perspective of the assault from

ground level and plays a bit on the emotions one must have felt during the 9/11 attack. It is shot entirely from the viewpoint of the victims via a Handycam, and gives you no information on why, how or where this monster comes from.

Don't expect a wrapped-up, perfect ending. Rather, sit back and enjoy a well-written and smart movie.

— Robert Garcia, Airports

Cloverfield
 My Score: 0 (out of 5)

Where do I start? It should be easy. It was dreadful. On a scale of 0 to, well, any number you like, it was a 0.

This movie starts slowly and fails to introduce any of the main characters. Thirty minutes into the movie, we still had no idea who the people were or what their relationship to each other was, and we had even less of an idea what the movie was about. It was laden with extremely poor camera work. The scenes were shot with a single handheld camera tilted at unusual angles and bobbing back and forth as if the camera operator were suffering an epileptic attack.

The sound effects were deafening and ear-shattering, and the imagery was poor at best, with a constant reddish tint. We tried to find a storyline, and finally an hour into it we both were having headaches from the flashing pictures and ear-blasting sounds. If you do insist on seeing it, don't forget your Dramamine.

We suffered through an entire hour of this useless garbage before leaving the theater to gather our wits.

Our analogy of this movie is, *Blair Witch* meets *Godzilla* (both 10s in our book). Unfortunately in this case, 10 plus 10 is 0.

If you have a good chiropractor and some sleeping pills, you may be able to sleep the night you see the movie, providing you don't forget your earplugs.

— Jean and Ron Sarfaty, LAPD


The Spiderwick Chronicles
 Rated PG
 My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This is a fantasy adventure movie starring Freddie Highmore as Jared and Simon Grace, Sarah Bolger as Mallory Grace, Mary Louise Parker as Helen Grace,

Seth Rogen as Hogsqueal (voice), David Strathairn as Arthur Spiderwick, Martin Short as Thimbletack (voice), Nick Nolte as Mulgarath (voice) and Joan Plowright as Aunt Lucy (Lucinda Spiderwick).

Upon moving into the rundown Spiderwick Estate with their mother, twin brothers Jared and Simon Grace, with sister, Mallory, find themselves pulled into an alternate world filled with fairies and other creatures. Jared must keep the book, *Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide to the*

Fantastical World Around You, safe from the ogre, Mulgarath, and his goblins, or the Spiderwick secrets will be revealed.

There are some similarities from other movies including *Jumanji* and *Narnia*, but the twists and turns in the movie will keep the audience mesmerized. The movie is filled with rich fantasy and emotion, suspense and action. I highly recommend this movie for the whole family. There are some scary scenes.

— Linda Rorex, Personnel


There Will Be Blood
 Rated R
 My Score: 3 (out of 5)

There Will Be Blood is the story of an early 20th century California oilman, Daniel Plainview (Daniel Day Lewis), based on the Upton Sinclair novel, *Oil*. Well-acted, beautifully filmed,

and with film music second to none, *Blood* suffers from its length (nearly two and one-half hours) and sparse story style. Lewis' Plainview character is greedy, cruel and thoroughly hateful.

California history is an interesting backdrop to this noir-ishy told tale, best enjoyed on a large screen with a good sound system.

Note: Radiohead's Jonny Greenwood wrote the excellent film score.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks


27 Dresses
 Rated PG
 My Score: 4 (out of 5)

I really enjoyed this movie. Katherine Heigl (from TV's *Grey's Anatomy* and last year's movie, *Knocked Up*) plays a woman who has planned 27 of her friends' weddings. During one of the

weddings she meets James Marsden, who semi-stalks her.

This is a great "chick flick" as well as date movie. Katherine is just adorable and captivating. The story is something new and fresh. There are two scenes I loved the most, one where she is showing all the dresses to James' character, and another in the bar. I highly recommend this one.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP


Fool's Gold
 Rated PG-13
 My Score: 3 (out of 5)

I thought this was a cute but corny movie. Kate Hudson and Matthew McConaughey were adorable and have definite onscreen chemistry. They definitely need to make more movies

together. Actually alone or together, both these actors have quite the appeal.

The story about the hidden treasure was interesting, but I wasn't too sure if some of the supporting characters really added to the movie. I don't highly recommend the movie, but I think it's still worth seeing.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP


Mad Money
 Rated PG-13
 My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This is a cute comedy about three girls who decide to get what they want. Life hits hard for Diane Keaton and when she is forced to take a job after 20 years she decides she wants more than just

cleaning bathrooms. She joins up with Queen Latifah and Katie Holmes for some fun and a whole lot of money. Good cast and good plot. The end will have you cheering for the bad girls while wishing you had some mad money of your own.

— Lisa Solis, DWP


In Bruges
 Rated R
 My Score: 5 (out of 5)

In Bruges is a genre-buster that turns from a comedic satire of the gangster genre to a psychological thriller. The story is interesting, the acting is excellent, and the cinematography is

beautiful.

Additionally, the film takes many swipes at political correctness. The ending is very suspenseful, and had me on the edge of my seat. After seeing this film, I want to spend next Christmas in Bruges.

— Erin Knight, LAPD

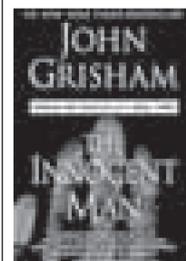

No Country for Old Men
 Rated R
 My Score: 2.5 (out of 5)

The movie was about a cowboy (played by Josh Brolin) who finds a large amount of money left behind by drug dealers in the desert. Brolin comes upon the dead drug dealers, though one is still alive, and finds a lot of money. That night he goes back to give the one he thought was still alive some water.

Javier Bardem's character is very scary and finds out that Brolin has the money and tracks him all over Texas. The movie was very violent and bloody, so don't take children. The movie was disappointing and the ending was worse.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

Book Reviews


The Innocent Man
 John Grisham
 Crime Non-Fiction, 400 pages, Doubleday
 My Score: 5 (out of 5)

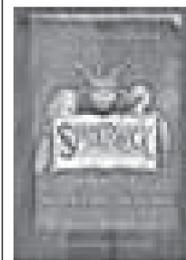
This is a book of murder and injustice in a small town. Ron Williamson left the small town of Ada, Okla., to pursue his dreams of becoming the next Mickey Mantle on the Oakland As baseball team in 1971. His dreams were broken when he moved back home after breaking his arm and succumbing to drinking, drugs and women.

A cocktail waitress named Debra Sue Carter was supposedly raped and murdered by Ron Williamson and his friend, Dennis Fritz. Fritz was found guilty and is serving a life sentence. Ron was also found guilty and was sent to death row.

In a trial filled with lying witnesses and tainted evidence, the real killer goes free. It took Grisham 18 months of investigation to write this true crime book. The Innocence Project later freed Williamson and Fritz, but with a price.

Read this true crime novel; it will shock you if you believe that you are innocent until proven guilty.

— Linda Rorex, Personnel


The Spiderwick Chronicles
 Tony DeTerlizzi and Holly Black
 Children's Fiction, 672 pages, Simon and Shuster
 My Score: 5 (out of 5)

The Spiderwick Chronicles is a fantasy adventure about three children, twins Jared and Simon; their sister,

Mallory Grace; and their mother, who move into their great-great Uncle Spiderwick's estate. Jared discovers his Uncle Spiderwick's secret library and Field Guide and realizes there is much more to the world around them than they would have imagined.

Jared, Simon and Mallory must keep their Uncle's book, *Arthur Spiderwick's Field Guide to the Fantastical World Around You* away from the evil ogre Mulgarath, and his goblins, or the secret will be unleashed and evil will take over.

Coming to the children's aide are a house brownie, Thimbletack, and a hobgoblin, Hogsqueal. This book is packed with magical adventures and odd creatures.

The book is divided into five volumes: Book 1, *The Field Guide*; Book 2, *The Seeing Stone*; Book 3, *Lucinda's Secret*; Book 4, *The Ironwood Tree*; and Book 5, *The Wrath of Mulgarath*. You will really enjoy this book.

— Vicky Rorex, daughter of Linda Rorex, Personnel

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DVD Reviews



Family Guy Presents Blue Harvest (Special Edition boxed set)

Rated TV-14

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

There was an excited disturbance in the force... In early 2007 there were whispers of the creators of *Family Guy* creating a *Star Wars* spoof with the blessing from George Lucas himself. With the rumors confirmed, eager fans saw the union of *Family Guy* and *Star Wars* comparable to Butch and Sundance, Belushi and Aykroyd, and dare I say the marriage of Luke and Laura (no, not Luke Skywalker! Sorry for the obscure *General Hospital* reference). The result was an enjoyable DVD that had me laughing from start to finish. The special edition features a myriad of treasures, including a T-shirt, 3-D glasses for selected scenes, and a booklet with trading cards. It is highly recommended.

— Robert Garcia, Airports



Sunshine (2007)

Rated R

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

This science fiction thriller about a group of cosmonauts lost in space recalls *Alien*. Someone is killing off the crewmembers one by one, and it's up to the hero to save the ship's mission.

The sets and costumes play major roles, and the ubiquitous electronic gadgets throughout the spaceship are as annoying as cell phones on the freeways. The film's special effects, specialized without being too distracting, are the highlight of the film. The final sequence snowballs with suspense, but it went on a little too long. Still, I recommend it highly for sci-fi fans.

— Erin Knight, LAPD



3:10 to Yuma (2007)

Rated R

My Score: X (out of 5)

I'm not a big fan of Western movies, but if you want to see a good Western, definitely watch this movie. Russell Crowe and Christian Bale do deliver in this movie. I'm not a big fan of Russell Crowe, but I thought he did a really good job in this movie. This movie really kept my interest the whole time.

— Gwen Lew, DWP



The Assassination of Jesse James by the Coward Robert Ford (2007)

Rated R

My Score: X (out of 5)

Don't bother! This was sure a waste of good talent. I thought, with a cast of Brad Pitt, Casey Affleck and Sam Shepherd, this would be a good movie. *Not.* I almost fell asleep. It moved really slowly and was away too long. I'm glad I didn't go to the movie theater to see this one. What a disappointment, after watching *3:10 to Yuma*.

— Gwen Lew, DWP



Funny Games (1997)

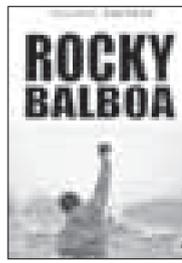
Unrated

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This film by Austrian director Michael Haneke examines our desire to see violence as entertainment in media. However, the violence in this film is never shown on screen. We are shown many protracted scenes of agony

and suffering, as we question our relationship to violence—what about it we find emotionally gripping, and engaging. *Funny Games* is hard to watch—it's a very disturbing film that does not satisfy our need for typical "good vs. evil" archetypes, it is more of a study in violence and why we watch it. This film is not for the squeamish.

— Erin Knight, LAPD



Rocky Balboa (2006)

Rated PG

My Score: 2.5 (out of 5)

Sylvester Stallone of course does another *Rocky*. I must say from the neck down, Stallone looks like a 20-year-old, but his face looks like Joan Rivers. *Rocky* is now a restaurant owner, but he comes out of retirement. He is going to fight a current champ who is a lot younger. It's your typical underdog movie, but it's entertaining and if you like boxing, this movie is worth watching for pure entertainment. The kids can definitely watch this one. I want to know: Will the next *Rocky* be called *Rocky on his Walker*?

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD



Mr. Brooks (2007)

Rated R

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

I really liked this movie, but of course I like suspenseful whodunit-type movies. Kevin Costner, William Hurt and Demi Moore are the main actors. Costner plays a serial killer who is haunted by a voice in his head, played by Hurt. Costner kills people and has been getting away with it for years. Moore plays a detective who investigates serial killers. There are twist and turns to this movie that you have to see it for

yourself. I do not recommend letting children or young teens watch it because it's too violent.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD



Gone, Baby, Gone (2007)

Rated R

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Casey Affleck's performance holds together an otherwise preachy whodunit about police corruption, drugs and bad parenting in this portrait of a high-crime part of Boston. The plot has unpredictable twists that kept the suspense high, but the whole film hinges on an afterschool-special plot involving a missing girl and a police chief with a heart of gold. I greatly enjoyed Casey Affleck's performance, though, and for this reason alone I recommend this film.

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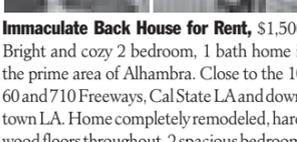


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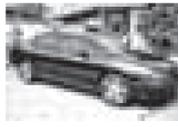


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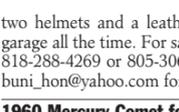
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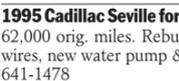
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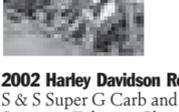
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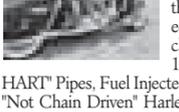
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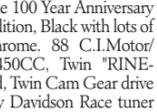
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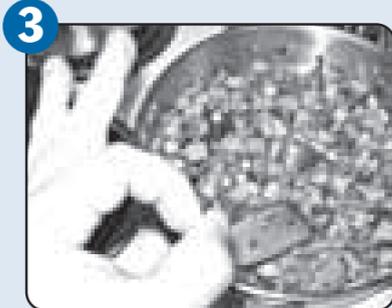
DIRECTIONS:



Step 1: Wash and prepare all ingredients. Dice the celery, potatoes, the red onion, asparagus, parsley and tomatoes.



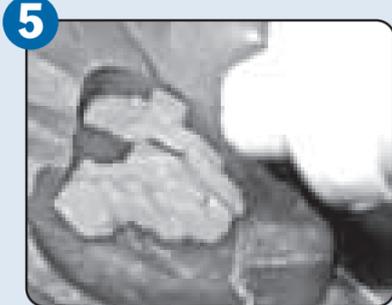
Step 2: Place diced ingredients on a platter and add salt and pepper here.



Step 3: In a pan on medium heat, place extra virgin olive oil and transfer diced ingredients to the hot pan. Stir occasionally and allow the ingredients to brown. This may take about five to 10 minutes.



Step 4: Prepare the parsley and diced tomatoes by leaving them on a plate for a quick cook on the pan just before plating the tuna.



Step 5: Add the mustard to the albacore tuna steaks. I like adding it to just one side, but feel free to add mustard to cover both sides.



Step 6: Add the cumin, salt and pepper on both sides.



Step 7: Place the albacore tuna steaks on iron skillet (or a grill or pan). Cook on medium heat and remove when both sides are golden brown. Once removed, place some parsley and the diced tomatoes to cook for about one minute and remove as well.



Step 8: Plate the albacore tuna steak on top of a bed of the sautéed vegetables.

For this month's recipe, I was supposed to bake albacore tuna steaks in a banana leaf wrapping. But it didn't work out, since I had a tough time locating banana leaves. (Wouldn't you know it, though, a new stock of leaves arrived at the market a day after the photo shoot for this article.) So, while that recipe is in the works for a future column, I thought I would offer an excellent recipe with mustard and albacore tuna steaks.

It might be hard to believe, but mustard goes very well with fish. I've experimented with many types of mustards, and I can tell you that you cannot go wrong with any of them. One of my favorites is Dijon mustard for its slightly spicy taste. Some of the best fish recipes use a foundation of just mustard, salt and pepper. Actually, give that a try sometime, too. It's simple but highly delicious.

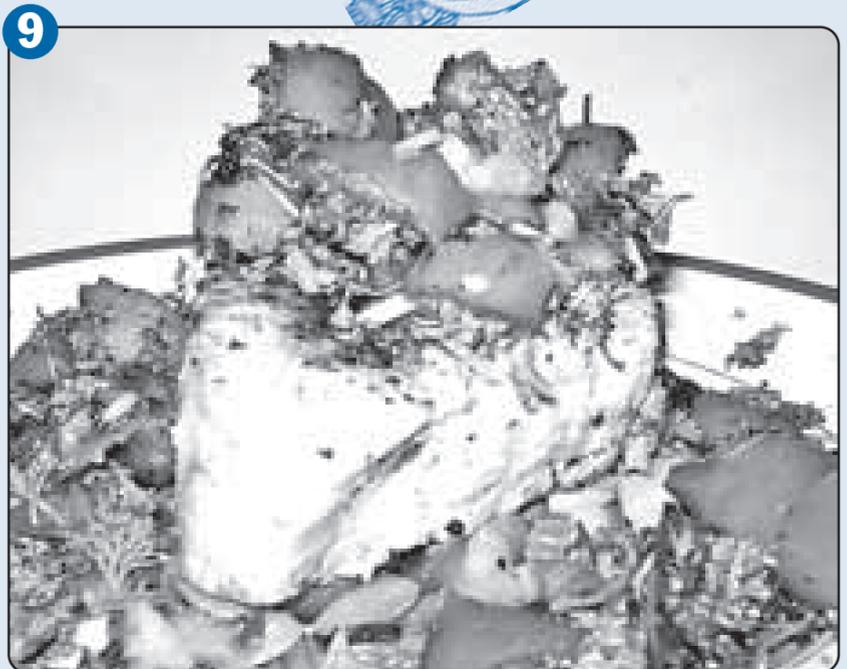
In this recipe, I used a seasoned iron skillet, but you may use a nonstick pan as well or a grill. Please be careful using any other type because the fish may stick to the pan and tear.

Pan-Seared Albacore Tuna Steaks a la Mustard

Serves 2, Prep Time: 30-40 Minutes

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 pound of Albacore tuna steaks
- 1 celery stalk
- 2 small white creamer potatoes
- 1 red onion
- 4 asparagus stalks
- 1/4 cup Italian parsley
- 2 small Roma tomatoes
- 1 lemon
- 1/4 cup extra virgin oil
- 1/4 cup mustard (enough to generously cover one side of the albacore tuna steak)
- Salt and freshly cracked pepper
- 2 tablespoons of ground cumin



Step 9: Add the tomatoes and parsley at the end. If you like parsley like I do, feel free to add more. Enjoy!

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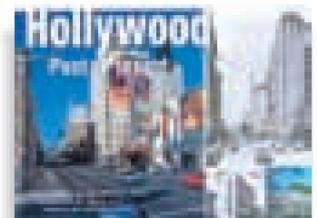
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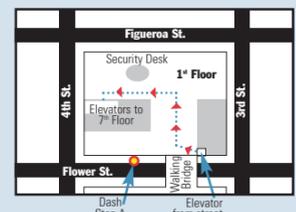
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ITEM: #T1500

LA City "B-Label" Sweatshirt (with Depts.)
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price:
\$22
 per shirt*

Size: **3XL**

\$23

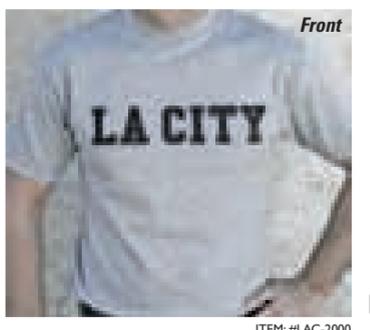
Available Colors:

Navy Blue

Black

ITEM: #LAC-6000

LA City "Alma Mater" T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price:
\$5
 per shirt*

Available Colors:

Gray Black Navy Blue

ITEM: #LAC-2000

LA City T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price:
\$7
 per shirt*

Front

Available Colors:

Black Navy Blue

ITEM: #LAC-3000

LA City "Olde English" T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price:
\$8
 per shirt*

Front

Available Colors:

Black Navy Blue

ITEM: #LAC-4000

Short Sleeve "Classic" T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL (all colors)**

Available Colors:
 Texas Orange Sport Gray White* Leaf Green Indigo Blue
 Light Pink Maroon Blue Dusk Orange Olive

Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

Non-Member Price:
 \$25 per shirt
 *Plus tax and shipping

*White available with front pocket.

Sizes: **3XL**

\$13

Available Colors:

White Blue Dusk Indigo Blue Sport Gray

Sizes: **4XL**

\$14

Available Colors:

Indigo Blue Sport Gray

ITEM: #T1000

L.A. City Polo Shirt

LA City Polo Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

Available Colors:

White

Black

Navy Blue

Pink

Close-up of Embroidery

ITEM: #PS1000

DWP T-shirts

DWP "Bold" T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price:
\$8.50
 per shirt*

Available Colors:

Black Navy Blue

Front

ITEM: #T3000VVP

DWP "Classic" Long Sleeve T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price:
\$15
 per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:

Gray

Front

Back

ITEM: #T2500VVP

Water & Power T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price:
\$10
 per shirt*

Available Colors:

White Navy Blue

Black Orange

Front

ITEM: #T2002WVP

Back



Available Colors:

White* Navy Blue

Black Orange

*White available with front pocket.

Front

ITEM: #T2003WVP



Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

Available Colors:

White Navy Blue

Black Orange

Blue Dusk Charcoal

Size: **3XL**

AVAILABLE COLORS:

Blue Dusk Charcoal

\$13

Front

ITEM: #T2000WVP

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Womens T-shirts

City Women's - LA Hall V-Neck T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL**

Member Price:
\$8
 per shirt*

NEW!

Available Colors:



(On white shirt, emblem is pink)

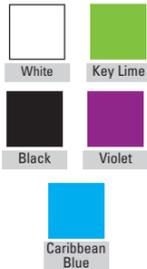
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City Girl "Classic" T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL**

Member Price:
\$10
 per shirt*

V-Neck Style Colors:



Crew Neck Style Colors:



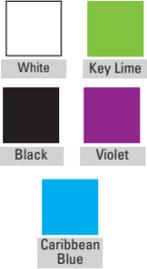
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ITEM: #T-W1000

City Girl "Retro" T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL**

Member Price:
\$10
 per shirt*

V-Neck Style Colors:



Crew Neck Style Colors:



Caribbean Blue

ITEM: #T-W2000



Diver Watches with City Seal

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



NEW!

Mens Watch
 Leather Band,
 ITEM: #SF2000
 PRICE: \$25.00*



NEW!

Mens Watch
 Leather Band,
 ITEM: #SF1000
 PRICE: \$25.00*



NEW!

Mens Watch
 Silver Band,
 ITEM: #RF1000
 PRICE: \$25.00*



NEW!

Ladies Watch
 Silver Band,
 ITEM: #VRF2000
 PRICE: \$25.00*



Extended Discount!

Mens Watch,
 Silver
 ITEM: #WGS3000
 PRICE: \$50.00* **Now \$25**



Extended Discount!

Ladies Watch,
 Two-tone gold and silver
 ITEM: #WGSV1000
 PRICE: \$50.00* **Now \$25**



Mens Large Seal,
 Stainless Steel Band
 ITEM: #WS2500
 PRICE: \$55.00*



Mens Large Seal,
 Leather Band
 ITEM: #WL2600
 PRICE: \$45.00*



Mens Small Seal,
 Stainless Steel Band
 ITEM: #WS2501
 PRICE: \$55.00*



Mens Small Seal,
 Leather Band
 ITEM: #WL2601
 PRICE: \$45.00*



Mens Small DWP Seal,
 Stainless Steel Band
 ITEM: #DWPWS2700
 PRICE: \$55.00*



Mens Small DWP Seal,
 Leather Band
 ITEM: #DWPW3050
 PRICE: \$45.00*



*Plus tax and shipping

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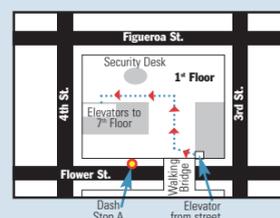
Complete the order form to and mail to:

Ticket Guy
 City Employees Club of Los Angeles
 350 S. Figueroa St., Ste. 700
 Los Angeles, CA 90071

PICK-UP

350 South Figueroa St.
 Suite 700

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Go to the Club Store on pages 53-55.

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City Seal Hats

Save 20%



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NEW! Lady's Silver Band Watch

Watches

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(on select styles)

