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Read all the details on page 14.

Great Kids Mean More Scholarships

Club nearly triples the number of Scholarship recipients, due to quality of submissions. Zavala takes top honors.



Jorge Zavala

CLUB HEADQUARTERS – Members sent in so many great submissions for the Club Scholarship 2008 program that the Club nearly tripled the number of winners!

And the Club is proud to announce that Jorge Zavala, son of Jose Zavala, Airports, has won the top prize: \$3,500 toward college expenses.

"We were amazed at the quality of scholarship applications we received this year," said John Hawkins, Club CEO. "We feel honored to increase the number of grants we provide, from five or six to 14.

"It's all because of the great people we have as Club Members."

Zavala graduated from Hesperia High School in June and now attends the University of California, Irvine, as a scholar and baseball player. "Life is such a wonderful thing, and we must enjoy it," he wrote in his scholarship essay. "The whole world is in front of us; all we have to do is take advantage."

For all the winners, see page 36.



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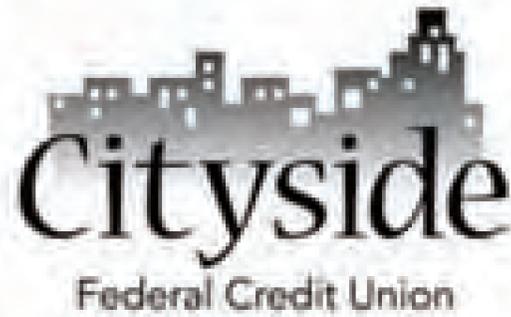
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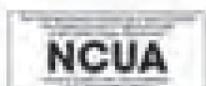
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** A Message From the CEO **

I love ClubFest. No doubt about it.

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

What's the best part of it for you? Some (especially the guys!) love the food. The games are fun. The live music rocks. Everyone loves the great raffles, of course. Even the puppet show brings smiles to everyone's faces.

There's plenty to love about ClubFest!

But let me tell you my two favorite things about it. First, I just love being outdoors in the open, clean air, with blue sky and trees. Like most of you, I presume, I live in the City. And I love it. But there's nothing like getting into the great outdoors on a beautiful day. And I know that many of you enjoy that, too.

The other thing I love is the camaraderie, the feeling that, when we all come together, it really is special. Club Members are not just a group of people who happen to work for the same employer; any company or institution can pull that together. But ClubFest shows that people who work for the City really do have a fun outlook and great character in common. That's what the Club is all about.

Thanks to **Robert Larios** and **The Ticket Guy** for producing what's sure to be another great ClubFest.



CEO John Hawkins and son Isaiah enjoying the foam at a past ClubFest.

Well, let's see, in other news ... as you know, the Club is for everyone who works for the City: young and old, GMs and rookies, etc. But this month, there was a lot of news about General Managers with strong Club connections. I want to wish huge congratulations to Club Member **Tony Royster** for his permanent appointment to the GM position at General Services. Tony has been a big supporter of the Club since its very first days. He's been happy for our success, and now we return the favor.

Also, we say goodbye to City Librarian **Fontayne Holmes**, another great friend of the Club who retired after a "storied" career with the Library. I have to say, the project that built or refurbished almost 100 new libraries in the City a few years ago was one of the most impressive projects I've seen, and Fontayne is to be congratulated for it. A few years ago, *Alive!* did a big two-part story on the new libraries, and Fontayne really welcomed us. Congratulations on a great career with the City, Fontayne. Godspeed.

And finally, we're happy to report on **BongHwan Kim**, Neighborhood Empowerment, and **Sally Choi**, LACERS, as the first two Asian-American General Managers in City history. Congratulations!

There are a couple of really exciting things happening at **The Ticket Guy's** Club Store. I'm glad he's telling everyone in this issue about the Club's E-ticket service, where he can send your Disneyland or SeaWorld tickets right to your email inbox. We're the only City association who can do that; it's part of our great customer service.

And don't miss one of the Club Store's "Hot Tickets" – *Walking With Dinosaurs*. This is a hugely popular national tour (kids just love dinosaurs!), and it's quite a coup that **The Ticket Guy** was able to snag some tickets – and offer them to you at the great Club discount, of course. Get 'em while you can!

Well, I write this just before Labor Day. That's an important day for all of us – both here at the Club, and among those who work for the City. We appreciate all you do for the citizens of Los Angeles. The City is grateful.

Have a great September.

JOHN

(jhawkins@cityemployeesclub.com)



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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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— Gilbert Campos,
July 2008

"I thought your service was excellent. Your excellent service began with the sympathy card we received from your office. Cecilia and her staff were so nice and helpful to our family with the questions we had. Cecilia was a great help during this very difficult time. We thought *The Fall of Freddie the Leaf* was a

very touching book."

— Christiane Alzner,
June 2008

You offer "very good and fast service."

— Dennis Dosey,
June 2008

Your Club Insurance Dollars at Work

**Total claims paid back to Club Members
So Far in 2008: \$2,335,612.24**

Claims paid:

Life insurance claims paid this month:
\$141,109.16

Life insurance claims paid this year:
\$1,365,064.26

Long-term disability claims paid this month:
\$82,970.10

Long-term disability claims paid this year:
\$664,554.59

Long-term care claims paid this month:
\$24,330.03

Long-term care claims paid this year:
\$190,993.39

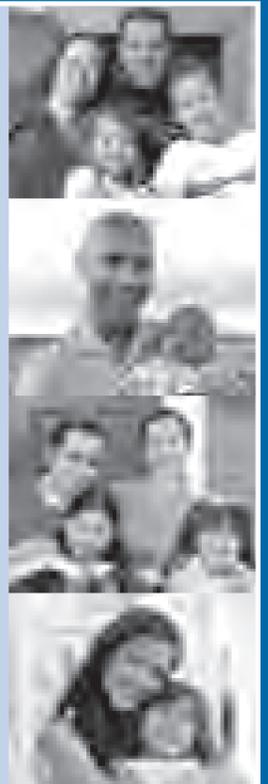
Cancer insurance claims paid this month:
\$10,000.00

Cancer insurance claims paid this year:
\$115,000.00

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These are the faces behind the Club. Our staff is dedicated to helping our members receive the maximum benefit from their membership. If you have questions, concerns or suggestions about your Club, our counselors are ready to help.

Need help? Contact your Counselor:



Arlene Herrero
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Questions? We're here to help.

Call between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

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Brian G. Trent
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Officer



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Director of
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LETTERS To the Editor

Tell us what you think! talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

LETTER OF THE MONTH

Councilmembers Should Follow LaBonge by Thanking Employees



At the July 17th City employee appreciation barbeque, from left: John Hawkins, Club CEO; Tom LaBonge, Councilman, District 4; Alan Willis, Transportation, 21 years of City service; Jeanne Min, Council District 4 Director of Finance; and Zaki Mustafa, Chief of Field Operations, Transportation.

I went to the event at Friendship Park that Tom LaBonge and his staff put together last month, and I really think that more of the City Council should do things like this for the community and the City Employees who work in each of the Council districts. It really lifts morale for everyone, and it makes us think that the top people who run the City really care about us. Now I'm thinking that Tom LaBonge is a leader for the people, and this is the kind of leadership we need in the City for years to come. Others should look to him as a perfect example.

— Reggie Knoll, Rec and Parks

New Animal Adoption Column's A Pet Project for Animal Lover

I really like the pet club column; it's right down my alley. I have three cats and three dogs already with the help of Animal Services. It is downright hard to turn the page after seeing these adorable cats and dogs. It makes me want to adopt more of these furry critters!

— Gina Thompson, General Services

We agree, Gina. Channel 35 took the lead with its very popular Home Shopping Petwork, and we sought a way to take that concept and translate it for the newspaper. But we were a little concerned that it takes a long time from when Animal Services submits the material, to when we publish. But Animal Services' great rep, Mikki Shaler, places holds on the animals featured in Alive! So get out there and take a look at these great, pre-screened pets. As you know, they can change your life. —Ed.

Why Not Sell Other City Gear, Like Ties, Backpacks and Undies?

The convenience is super with the Club Store just a block away from my office at Parker. Let me say that the Club Store is very classy as well. I think the store, along with its shirts, should offer more stuff like sweatshirts and pants, backpacks, shorts and even underwear.

Yes, I wrote it! Underwear!

Hmmm, and maybe some City of LA ties for the office types?

Last thing, I really like those comfy leather sofas – they're worth the short trip to the store by themselves.

— Billy Lawndale, LAPD

We're happy to pass along your suggestions to Robert Larios, the Club's Director of Operations, and the Ticket Guy. We'll pass them along ... with the exception of the underwear. We'll leave that to you, next time you visit those nice comfy leather sofas! —Ed.

QUESTION of the Month

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

CLASSIC

from September 2006

What will you remember most about this summer?

"I spent my summer working at the Evergreen Recreation Center, making sure all the kids went home safely with their parents."

—Irene Gomez, Recreation Assistant II, Rec and Parks, 10 years.



"Having fun with my family and being really busy at work."

— Elizabeth Núñez, Detention Officer, LAPD, 2 years.



"This has been one of the all-time hottest summers for me."

— Judy Martin, Principal Detention Officer, LAPD, 17 years.



"Preparing for my daughter's senior year in high school."

— Yvette Vasquez, Principal Detention Officer and Assistant Officer in Charge, LAPD, 19 years.



"I got engaged!"

— Suzanne Meuser, Sr. Clerk Typist, LAPD, 20 years.



"My family and I were involved in power outages during the incredible heat waves."

— James Lemos, Principal Detention Officer, LAPD 18 years.



"Just like most people who experienced it, the heat wave!"

— Willie Owens, Senior Detention Officer, 15.5 years.



"The crazy lines at the airport when I got back from vacation overseas due to the terrorist activity in England."

— Dorothy Keller, Management Analyst, Rec and Parks, 14 years.



"Moving to a new house!"

— Sarita Williams, Detention Officer, LAPD, 2 years.



"I got to see three separate car chases this summer."

— Tina Tsai, Management Analyst, General Services, 2 years.



Newsbriefs

NEW DEPUTY MAYOR:

On Aug. 4, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa announced the appointment of foster care, homelessness and early development policy veteran Miriam Long as Deputy Mayor for Education, Youth and Families.

"Miriam is an inspired addition to our team who brings years of know-how and a thorough understanding of the issues that matter most to families in Los Angeles," Villaraigosa said.

For 12 years, Long has served as a key policy adviser to Los Angeles County Supervisor Yvonne Burke on all issues related to foster care, seniors, homelessness, early childhood development and child care, LAUP, the First 5 Commission and the County Department of Public Social Services.

In her new role, Long will oversee education issues and services for children and families in the City. She will also serve as a top-level liaison with the City's departments of Recreation and Parks, Disability and Cultural Affairs, the Los Angeles Public Library, El Pueblo and the Commission on Children Youth & Their Families.

As Supervisor Burke's lead deputy for reforming Los Angeles' overwhelmed foster care system, Long was a major force behind a nationally-acclaimed "Point of Engagement" program in the County that emphasizes early, upfront assessment and family services for children at risk of entering foster care.

Under the program, the Department of Children and Family Services – instead of immediately removing a child from a household – works with community partners to provide the child's family with comprehensive services to keep the child safely within the home.

During Long's tenure, foster care placements in the County dropped from 70,000 children in 1997 to under 20,000 in 2008.

In addition to launching the POE pilot project that was replicated County-wide, Long shepherded a similar program through the County's First 5 Commission, bringing \$50 million into County services for children at risk of abuse and neglect.

Before joining Supervisor Burke's office, Long served for five years as the Manager of Government and Public Affairs for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, where she managed a \$16 million Hollywood Construction Impact Program, served as the City Council liaison for the Executive Director, and supervised a team of consultants of transportation projects in the Western side of Los Angeles County.

Long has also served as a legislative analyst for the City of Los Angeles for six years and a ratings specialist for Standard & Poor's for three years. She graduated from the University of Southern California with a Bachelor of science degree in public administration and has a Master's degree in public policy from Princeton University.

CONVENTION BUSINESS SOARS:

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa today announced that downtown revitalization efforts have resulted in a record high number of convention bookings that will pump hundreds of millions of dollars into the Los Angeles economy.

The Los Angeles Convention and Visitors Bureau booked an unprecedented 53 Citywide conventions in fiscal year 2007/08, with a projected economic impact of \$360 million. This 29 percent increase over last year's record-setting bookings – coupled with a 22 percent increase in hotel room nights booked – bodes well for Los Angeles' growing reputation as a hot convention destination.

"The tourism and travel industries are keeping us strong despite a slowdown in the national economy and we are adding new attractions to make sure this upward trend continues," Mayor Villaraigosa said. "The record high number of convention bookings in Los Angeles is a testament to the strength of the hospitality sector, which is a cornerstone of our local economy."

The big increase in convention bookings is in large part attributable to downtown LA's resurgent nightlife, which has greatly benefited from the opening of L.A. LIVE and Nokia Theater. LA's efforts to attract conventions have also benefited from direct involvement from Mayor Villaraigosa and executives from AEG, which owns L.A. LIVE.

the pet club

Your friend is waiting for you!



The City Employees Club partners with Animal Services each month to showcase some of the pets that are available for adoption.

This Month's Pets For Adoption:



ralphy boy

Ralphy Boy is a 18-month-old male orange Tabby brought to the Care Center as a stray in May. He is a very handsome guy that loves attention and to be held.

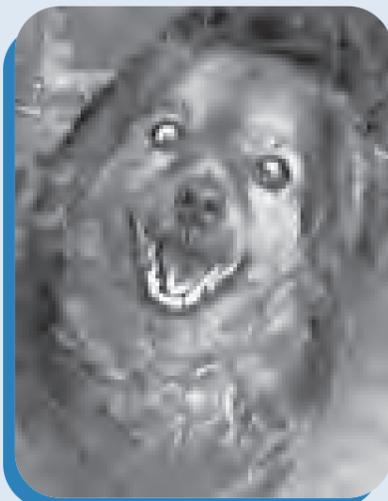
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katrina

Katrina is a two-year-old female domestic long-hair cat. She has been at the Care Center since May. She is very friendly and loves to talk!

ID #: A0946813 – West Valley Animal Care Center.



jimmy

Jimmy he is an eight-year old neutered Yorkie/Chihuahua mix. He is very sweet and loves people. He is blind in his right eye and has cataracts, which give him a bit of a "crazy dog" look. He is a great Seniors-4-Seniors candidate!

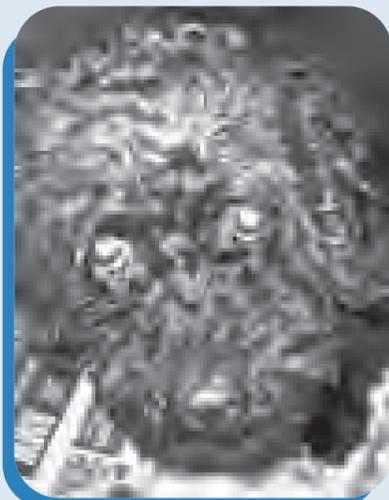
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kellie

Kellie is a white male rabbit bought to the Care Center as a stray. He is very soft and loves to be held. Although he is very independent, he likes to be around people.

ID #: A0964108 – West Valley Animal Care Center.



ford

Ford is a neutered eight-year old Border terrier surrendered by his owner. He is very cute and great with other dogs. Ford is the perfect Seniors-4-Seniors candidate!

ID #: A0955473 – West Valley Animal Care Center.

Meet your new hope coordinator!



These animals are available for adoption at the West Valley Animal Care Center, 20655 Plummer St., Chatsworth, CA 91311. Contact Larry Herskovic, New Hope Coordinator for more information at (213) 485-8405.

ANIMAL SERVICES

Spay/Neuter: It's the Law

Spay or neuter your pet: It's the law. Enforcement begins Oct. 1.

On Feb. 12, the City Council approved a new law that requires all cats and dogs in the City to be spayed or neutered after the age of four months, with some specific exemptions allowed. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa signed this ordinance into law Feb. 26, making Los Angeles the national leader in efforts to humanely decrease the number of pets abandoned and euthanized each year.

If you live in the City, Animal Services has several programs to assist with the cost of the sterilization of your companion animal at participating veterinary hospitals.

Please visit www.laanimalservices.com for more information.

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Storied Career Ends

City Librarian Fontayne Holmes retires from Los Angeles Public Library after 34 years of City service.



City Librarian Fontayne Holmes (center) was honored for her 34 years of distinguished and dedicated service to the Los Angeles Public Library at a retirement party in Maguire Gardens July 10. Among those honoring her at the reception were Councilmembers Wendy Greuel (left) and Tom LaBonge (right).



Enjoying the *Harry Potter* festivities at Central Library downtown last year were front, from left, Ilene Abramson, Children's Services Director, and Fontayne Holmes, City Librarian. Back: Betsy Hoage, Assistant Director, Branch Library Services, and Pat Kiefer, Assistant City Librarian.



Fontayne Holmes (right), City Librarian, is pictured here with Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa as she receives Urban Libraries Council's 2007 "Urban Player" award.



City Librarian Fontayne Holmes joined Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa, Dist. 15 Councilmember Janice Hahn, Library Commission President Robert A. Chick, State Librarian Susan Hildreth and other dignitaries Feb. 1 to cut the ribbon announcing the opening of the new Harbor City-Harbor Gateway Branch Library, at 24000 S. Western Ave.

Fontayne Holmes, City Librarian for the City of Los Angeles, retired from the Los Angeles Public Library in August. Holmes was responsible for the administration of the City's library system, which serves four million people—the largest population of any library in the United States—through the Central Library, 71 branches and online resources at www.lapl.org. Holmes also oversaw the department's \$120 million budget and 1,200 employees.

A retirement party was held in her honor at the Central Library July 10. Councilmembers Wendy Greuel and Tom LaBonge presented Fontayne with a City Resolution in recognition of her strong leadership that has made the Library Department a model for libraries around the world, and for her exemplary dedication to public service. A crowd of more than 200 staff and retired library employees, Board of Library Commission members, City officials and community members, and other invited guests turned out to wish her farewell.

A 34-year veteran with the department, Holmes' accomplishments include successfully building 64 branches on time and under budget in the largest library construction program in the nation. She also spearheaded the restoration of library service following the 1992 civil unrest that destroyed two branches and the devastating 1994 Northridge earthquake that damaged and closed more than 30 branches. Following both disasters, Holmes restored full library service within a year.

"Fontayne Holmes has served the people of Los Angeles admirably for 30 years at the Library and as the City Librarian has shepherded the Library system into a new era, with greater access, more resources and on-target programming for all Angelenos," Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said.

During Holmes' tenure, the Los Angeles Public Library has become more popular than ever, experiencing record levels of use. Last year, more than 16 million people visited the library, more than 15 million books and other items were checked out, and Web-based services and resources were accessed more than 115 million times.

"It has been an honor to work with great staff in fulfilling the public trust by building new libraries and expanding library services across the City," Holmes said. "It has been even more rewarding to see people in every neighborhood

use their library and its services in record numbers, and to see how much they value the Los Angeles Public Library."

Holmes has served as City Librarian since 2004. She previously served as Assistant City Librarian, Central Library Director, Director of Library Facilities and Director of Branch Library Services, among others.

For the past 20 years, Holmes has guided the library's massive branch library building program, which is the largest in the nation and was completed on time and under budget. Under Holmes' leadership, the program rebuilt more than 90 percent of the City's libraries, doubled library space to more than 1.4 million square feet citywide and increased the number of libraries from 62 to 71 branches. Cost savings and efficiencies allowed libraries to be added to the program, which was funded through two bonds passed by voters in 1989 and 1998. Holmes played a key role in effectively leveraging the original \$232-million in bond funding into \$317 million, which provided funds to build additional libraries.

Holmes' other notable accomplishments include increasing library hours to provide equity of access to all neighborhoods and expanding the Adult Literacy Centers to 19 libraries. Holmes is also recognized for her success in bridging the "digital divide" by expanding the library's technology system to include 2,300 public access computer terminals in libraries citywide and expanding the library's offerings of electronic resources to include downloadable electronic resources including, books, music, films and audiobooks.

Holmes has made services to youths a high priority by implementing new programs such as "Live Homework Help," a service that provides real-time on-line tutoring; "Student Smart" seminars that help teens improve study habits and practice SAT/ACT test taking; and "Let's TLK," a series that help kids explore alternatives to gangs and other at-risk activities.

As City Librarian, Holmes also served as an ex officio board member of the Library Foundation of Los Angeles, which raised more than \$30 million during her tenure for enhancements to Library programs and services.

Holmes received many honors in recognition of her leadership and vision including the Urban Libraries Council Urban Player Award and UCLA's "Distinguished Alumni Award."



From left: Director of Children's Services Ilene Abramson and City Librarian Fontayne Holmes presented the Library's Reader Leader Award to Julie Andrews.

LIBRARY

A Wayans at the Library

Actress and author Kim Wayans and her husband, Kevin Knotts, read to children at two library branches. One more reading is set for September.

Authors Kim Wayans and Kevin Knotts read segments from their "Amy Hodgepodge" children's book series at two Library branches in August, and one more reading is set for September.

The "Amy Hodgepodge" series explores the life of a multiracial child who, after years of being home-schooled, attends public school for the first time and finds it difficult to fit in and make friends. The series tells the story of a shy young girl who receives the nickname "Amy Hodgepodge" because of her mixed African-American, Caucasian, Japanese and Korean heritage. After moving to a new town, Amy and her dog, Giggles, use a scrapbook to document her adventures as she deals with being "unique," making friends and navigating elementary school.

The readings were followed by question and answer sessions.

The first reading was held Aug. 11 at the Echo Park branch. The second reading was held Aug. 12 at the Baldwin Hills branch.

You can still be a part of the reading series, as one more is scheduled in September. That reading by Wayans and Knotts is to be held at 2 p.m. Sept. 21 at the Central Library's KLOS Theater. The Central Library is at 630 W. Fifth St. downtown.

Wayans and Knotts, a husband-and-wife writing team, are also actors based in Los Angeles. They were inspired to write the series by their nephews and nieces, many of whom are of mixed race, and by the observation that with every generation, we are all "becoming more of a hodgepodge." Sharing the series with children at the Library is the perfect setting, the couple said.

"Some of my fondest memories from childhood are of the library and getting lost in imaginary worlds through the magic of reading,"

Wayans said. "For me to be able to share 'Amy Hodgepodge' with children in a place that was so sacred and special to me as a child, is incredibly gratifying."

Information: (213) 228-7000.



Authors Kim Wayans (left) and Kevin Knotts (center top) talk to youths at the Baldwin Hills library branch Aug. 12. They appeared as part of children's book reading series.



Authors Kevin Knotts (left) and Kim Wayans (second from left) read from their "Amy Hodgepodge" series to youths at the Baldwin Hills branch Aug. 12.



Authors Kim Wayans (front left) and Kevin Knotts (front right) and a group of youths at the Baldwin Hills library branch. Wayans and Knotts read excerpts from their "Amy Hodgepodge" series to the youths at the library.

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Summer Camp at the Library

Library's Camp LAPL Summer Literacy Program promotes library services to disadvantaged youths.

Summer camp 2008 took on a new meaning at the seventh annual Camp LAPL, a literacy program benefiting disadvantaged children hosted July 14-18 by Los Angeles Public Library's downtown Central Library. The program is designed to bring children living in shelters and hotels from nearby downtown neighborhoods to the library and introduce them to library services, Reading Clubs and other resources.

During the Camp LAPL week, the children participated in storytelling workshops, magic shows, science projects, crafts and performing arts. They also received a docent tour of the historic Central Library and were treated to a puppet show in the Children's Literature

Department. The participants were selected from Los Angeles Unified School District's targeted programs.

"Children come back to the library throughout the year," said Ilene Abramson, director of Children's Services. "We see them working on their homework, using the computers and attending programs."

Camp LAPL communicates to children that libraries are non-threatening, informative and entertaining places open to everyone. The program is supported through the Library Foundation of Los Angeles and sponsored by the Union Pacific Foundation, Betty McLaughlin and Richard Neri.



Camp LAPL kids at a dinosaur education session with (standing, from left) Angela Chandler, LAUSD; Eva Mitnick, Senior Librarian, Children Services Dept.; Richard Wade, performer; Maureen Wade, Senior Librarian, Children's Services Dept.; and Jamie Corral, LAUSD.

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Environment / LA



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Toward a Green L.A.

Environmental Affairs Dept. continues striving to make L.A. a world leader in environmental responsibility.

By Yvonne Liu, Office of Finance

The City's Environmental Affairs Department seeks to protect and enhance the environmental quality of life for residents, communities, workers and visitors in the City by: recommending environmental policies and programs to the Mayor and City Council; implementing and coordinating Citywide environmental initiatives; securing and assisting others in securing resources for the implementation of environmental initiatives; facilitating public education; providing assistance to businesses; responding to requests for information on environmental issues; and ensuring that solid waste facilities in the City are operated in a manner that protects the public health, safety and environment.

Four of the department's main focuses are green enforcement, managing and slowing climate change, sustainability and green building.

The Environmental Affairs Dept.'s new Assistant General Manager, Beth Jines, is helping to forge a new future for the City.

Beth Jines came to the City in August 2007 from California state programs, having worn hats as the Chief Deputy Director of the State Water Board and the Assistant Secretary for Water and Waste Management at Cal/EPA.

"[The biggest difference between] a state position and a City position is that the environmental issues are much more personal to the Councilmembers, to the employees and to the residents of the City," she explained. "At the state, the issues are, for the most part,



Detrich Allen,
General Manager



Beth Jines, Environment / LA Asst. General Manager (left), talks to *Alive!* correspondent Yvonne Liu.

more regional, less personal and take longer to have an effect. At the City, the effects of government action are more immediate and more personal," she said.

She is frequently impressed by the quality of the work her employees produce and the level of expertise that they possess.

"Environment/LA employees have shown me that incredibly talented and well-educated people work here in the City," she said.

In October 2007, the City Council convened for two days to discuss the future of the environment for Los Angeles. Two major themes emerged from those hearings – the need for City-wide strategies to address climate change, and sustainability. The department of 35 employees went through a thorough reorganization and realignment to meet these new research objectives that focus on climate change, air quality, sustainability, adaptability and vulnerability. As part of the reorganization, EAD has changed to Environment/LA and has developed a new portal to environmental information for the City: EnvironmentLA.org

Mainly, these topics are interconnected in the sense that poor air quality and a climate change of increasing temperature will cause increased draughts and wildfires, as well as storms, to become more severe. Adaptability means how humans and wildlife will adjust to these changes, including rising sea levels, hotter temperatures and the use of more energy to cool or warm our habitat. More severe fires, doubled number of heat waves per year and more intensive storms mean public health is exposed to new threats.

"We want to make the City of Los Angeles the leader in environmental change," Beth said.

So far, 15 departments have completed Climate Change Action Plans, and all departments have completed Sustainability Plans. These departments, including large ones such as the DWP and Rec and Parks, have pledged to become more sustainable in their operations. Specifically, they will curb their carbon emissions and increase more green space in future planning.

Saving the environment sounds like a daunting task. Can we really stop global warming dead in its tracks?

"If we act together as a world, we can effect the severity of global warming," Beth said.

Environment / LA

Established:
June 28, 1989, by ordinance

Number of employees: 45

Leadership:
Detrich Allen, General Manager
Beth Jines, Assistant General Manager
Wayne Tsuda, Enforcement
David Thompson, Enforcement
Gretchen Hardison, Climate Change Initiative
Craig Tranby, Climate Change Initiative, Green Building
Karin Christie, Sustainability Initiative
Melinda Bartlett, Sustainability Initiative

Mission statement:
"Leading Los Angeles to protect and improve our environment."

Purpose:
To manage the City's Local Enforcement Agency that is responsible

Profile

for regulatory permitting, inspecting, and enforcement of all landfills and solid waste facilities in Los Angeles City; to implement the Los Angeles Brownfields Initiative to redevelop underutilized and contaminated properties for economic, residential and green space uses; to assist City departments and businesses in developing cost-effective strategies for regulatory compliance with federal, state, and local air and water quality rules and regulations; and to administer the City's Mobile source Air Pollution Trust Fund to promote projects that reduce mobile source air pollution emissions.

Headquarters:
200 N. Spring St.,
Suites 1905 and 2005

Website: www.environmentla.org

Phone: (213) 978-0888

Los Angeles as Environmental Leader

Los Angeles pioneered many of the most innovative environmental improvements in the country. Southern California's notoriously poor air quality has forced local governments to invest in clean air technology.

As proprietors of the largest port complex and municipal utility in the country, Los Angeles has also been able to institutionalize environmental improvements beyond City boundaries. Finally, there is an "environmental consensus" among civic leaders, community organizations, non-profits, and the business community. Working as allies, this broad coalition has helped advance sustainability initiatives.

• **Fuel-cell vehicles:** Los Angeles is the first city in the country (second in the world) to incorporate hydrogen fuel-cell vehicles into its municipal fleet.

• **Ultra-low sulfur diesel (ULSD):** Los Angeles was the first large city to demonstrate ULSD (15 parts per million sulfur or less) in heavy-duty applications. General Services (GSD) converted to ULSD for all diesel engines, including those in vehicles and stationary generators, three years before required by regulations.

• **Solid waste diversion/recycling rates:** Los Angeles established the nation's first curbside combined ("blue-bin") recycling program and has surpassed the state-mandated municipal solid waste diversion rate of 50 percent, currently boasting a 62 percent rate.

• **Alternative-fuel refuse trucks:** The City owns and operates the largest municipal alternative-fuel refuse truck fleet in the United States, with 262 vehicles

operating on natural gas.

• **Green city buildings:** All new City buildings of more than 7,500 square feet must be built to standards under the LEED system. The City has constructed, or is in the process of constructing, 47 LEED-certified buildings. Including completion of the first LEED Platinum public building in the country, the Lakeview Terrace Public Library, Los Angeles has invested more than \$890 million in green building construction.

• **Solar roofs:** The DWP has provided more than \$50 million in customer incentives to install photovoltaics to generate electricity, representing about 10 megawatts of solar capacity.

• **Traffic signal controls:** Los Angeles boasts an extensive ATISAC system at 3,226 intersections, which provides real-time ability to monitor and modify signal timing according to current traffic conditions. Studies show the system reduces vehicle idling time, and associated pollutants, by 10 percent.

• **Green power purchases:** LAWA purchases 15 percent of its electrical power through the DWP's Green Power program, helping to fund the purchase and installation of renewable energy for the City.

• **Biogas to energy:** The Hyperion Treatment Plant, the largest wastewater plant on the West Coast, sends methane gas produced during the digester process to the City's Scattergood Generating Station, producing 80 percent of its electricity.

• **Building energy retrofits:** Los Angeles has completed energy efficiency retrofits on 63 City-owned buildings, generating savings of nearly 731,000 kilowatt-hours to date, or the equivalent reduction of 502 tons of CO₂.



Environmental Affairs, front row, from left: Heloise Froelich, Felicia Truong, Nellie Abrot, Tess Gan, Keylaundra McClelland, Belkis del Valle, Elissa Jackson, Kim Yapp and Carolyn Lin. Second row: Paul Teensma, Melinda Bartlett, Karla Cortez, Wayne Tsuda, Craig Tranby, Andy Kao, David Thompson and Martin Rosen. Behind Paul and Melinda is Billy Henderson. Behind Karla and Wayne is Jose Gutierrez.

GENERAL SERVICES

Tony to the Top

Club Member Tony Royster becomes the permanent General Manager of General Services.



From left: Beverly S. Pleasant, Club Member, Executive Administrative Assistant III, General Services; Tony M. Royster, General Manager, General Services; and City Purchasing Agent Biniko Y. Hawkins, Executive Administrative Assistant II, General Services.



Tony Royster, General Manager, General Services.

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations

Tony Royster, who had been interim General Manager of General Services since the retirement of Alvin Blain in March, was appointed to the permanent position July 16 by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.

Friends, coworkers, family and the City Council joined him in a swearing-in ceremony in City Clerk chambers in July. Here's the oath he took, as specified in City Charter Section 215:

"I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California and the Charter of the City of Los Angeles, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of General Manager and City Purchasing Agent, Department of General Services, according to the best of my ability."

Royster has 25 years of shared experience in General Services and general services management in both the public and private sectors. From 2004 until March 2008 he has served as the Assistant General Manager of General Services Administration and Building Support, serving as Acting General Manager as necessary, and directing the activities of 11 units in this section: Office of Public Safety, Budget and Finance, Accounting, Payroll, Personnel Services, Emergency Preparedness, Parking, Custodial, Mail, Recycling and Special Events. He has helped develop the Department's annual budget of \$261 million; overseen accounting for \$500 million in expenditures; and directed an operational staff of 1,300 employees and personnel activities for 3,000 employees.

Previous to this, Royster served as General Services' Chief Management Analyst from 2001 to 2004 and as General Service's Director of Building Services from 1993 to 2001, where he directed activities for four Departmental Divisions: Parking, Mail, Custodial and Recycling; lead the consolidation of 100 LAPD Custodians into GSD's existing staff; developed work standards for a staff of 300 employees; and increased employee productivity by 50 percent.

From 1985 to 1993, Royster was a District Manager for American Building Maintenance Industries in Los Angeles, managing 100 facilities for building maintenance and preventative maintenance, and Area Manager for Southeast Service Corporation in Memphis, Tenn., directing operations for building maintenance-related services for commercial and retail properties.



Tony's family, from left: Michael Royster; Daniel Royster; Tony's wife, Quinnaella, and Tony M. Royster.

Royster has been awarded a number of achievement and service honors over the last dozen years, including the City of Los Angeles Productivity Awards for 1993, 1995, 1997, 1998, 2002 and 2006; the City of Los Angeles Career Service Award in 2001; the U.S. Conference of Mayors Recycling Awards in 1989 and 1999; and the International Professional Manager Association Distinguished Service Award in 1997.

Royster holds an Educational Specialist Degree (ED.S.) in administration and supervision from Tennessee Technological University, and a Master's degree in administration and supervision from the University of Tennessee, where he also earned a Bachelor's degree in human services.

Congratulations, Tony, from the Club! And many thanks to Beverly Pleasant and Karen Kalfayan for their assistance.



Mr. L.A., Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member, with Tony Royster.



Tony Royster, Club Member, in the Council Chambers, answering various questions from the City Council.



Tony Royster takes the oath from Karen Kalfayan, City Clerk, in the City Clerk's chambers.



From left: Valerie Melloff, Acting Assistant General Manager for General Services; Tony M. Royster; and Deborah J. Ramos, Assistant General Manager, General Services.



From left: Councilwoman Wendy Greuel, Councilman Bernard Parks, Tony Royster and Councilman Eric Garcetti.



Tony Royster signs the "Oath Book" in the City Clerk's Chambers.



From left: Capt. Gerry M. Perez, Office of Public Safety, General Services, and Tony Royster, General Manager, General Services.



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



Even the notorious (and sometimes annoying) Zuma Dogg had something to say about Tony's new job.

OBITUARY

Remembering Gonzalo Acosta

Transportation employees hold fundraisers in memory of Gonzalo Acosta, who died trying to save his daughter in a swift river.



Lorraine Acosta.

Story and photos courtesy Zaki Mustafa, Transportation

On June 28, Gonzalo Acosta, Assistant Signal System Electrician, Transportation, lost his life in a swift river incident. He was 38 and was assigned to the Central Yard Traffic Signal Construction Division at the time of his death.

Gonzalo, his wife, Lorraine, and their four children were attending a weekend getaway at the Kern River with family and friends. His 16-year-old daughter and his wife, Lorraine, were enjoying their time at the river when his daughter

accidentally got swept into the rough waters. Lorraine and several others attempted to make a human chain to reach her and pull her out of danger. Gonzalo jumped into the water and pushed her toward her mother. He managed to get his daughter to safety, but he tired from his efforts and succumbed.

The Kern County Sheriff's office conducted a search and rescue effort, and within a day, his Transportation family and friends took personal time off to go to the river and assist in the search. At press time, his body has not been recovered.

His extended Transportation family found ways to support the Acosta family. A Department-wide bulletin was e-mailed, and many donations were collected. At the Transportation picnic July 19, his coworkers set up a memorial table, and funds were raised for the Acosta family.

On July 23, his extended Transportation family — Signal Systems Electrician, Lou Barrera, his wife, and the rest of the Central Yard family -- held a lunch fundraiser. This luncheon was a huge success. Other departments participated, including the LAPD; the LAFD; the DWP; Public Works Engineering, Street Lighting, Street Services and Sanitation; and General Services. Lou Barrera raised more than \$11,000 for the family that day.

A future pancake breakfast fundraiser at Transportation headquarters is pending.

An account has been established for the Acosta family at Wells Fargo Bank to accept donations. Please make checks payable to: Acosta Family Support Fund, memo line: Account # 5307321116. You may walk in to any



Gonzalo Acosta
Presumed drowned in Kern River



At a fundraiser for the Acosta family.

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At a fundraiser for the Acosta family.

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ClubFest 2008



Schedule of Bands

11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Rick's Jamnesia

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

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



1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

SoulShot

While SoulShot sounds like it's new to ClubFest, it really isn't – it's the same band you've loved the last two years, when it was called Bad Boyz and Company. SoulShot covers James Brown, Marvin Gaye and Sam Cooke, to Led Zeppelin and The Red Hot Chili Peppers, and performs an exciting style of funk, rock, oldies and originals. Based in San Pedro, the band has appeared in the Harbor area at Music by the Sea, the Brewing Company and the Warner Grand Theatre, winning the "battle of the bands" at the Taste of San Pedro in 2006. SoulShot has also played Latitudes in Manhattan Beach and the Brass Elephant in Monrovia and are seen monthly at Taco Beach in Long Beach.

SoulShot consists of Horace Coleman, vocals; Chris (Doc) McCollum, keyboards/vocals; Byron (Kenny) Cole, bass; Dave Dominguez, guitar/vocals; and Adam Idell, drums.





Sunday, Oct. 5

ClubFest 2008 Is Almost Here!

Discount has been extended. Don't wait!

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

ClubFest is set for Sunday, Oct. 5, at Calamigos Ranch, in the hills above Malibu.

The presale ticket discount has been extended to Sept. 30! See the ad for pricing details.

ClubFest 2008 once again includes party bands with a City employee connection: both bands entertained you last year, too. We saw you dancing ... and so we're bringing them back.

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

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

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- The return of the Ferris wheel!
- Raffles
- Foam!
- Bingo
- Pony rides and hayrides
- Face painting

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- on the Club Website (login required)
- at the Club Store and Service Center, or
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See the ad on page 43 for ticket information.



CLUB HEADQUARTERS

E-Tickets: Your Ticket to Convenience

Club Store and Service center now delivers Disneyland, SeaWorld tickets to your email. Take advantage!

As part of its dedication to great service to City Employees, the Club one year ago introduced an E-ticket system, to deliver your Disneyland and SeaWorld tickets right to your email box.

The test succeeded!

More Disneyland and SeaWorld tickets are delivered via email now outnumber those picked up physically at the Club Store, and those sent by U.S. Mail.

And there's no postage fee. The E-ticket system adds nothing to the Club's already low prices on tickets.

"We're working on bringing other events and attractions to the E-ticket system," said the Club's Ticket Guy, Navin Cotton. "We expect Universal Studios to begin in October, and Legoland sometime after that. And then, we hope, more!"

The Club is the only City association to offer the E-Ticket service to City Employees. You can't get this service anywhere else.

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Here's how to take advantage of the Club's E-ticket system:

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Name: _____ Title: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Active City Employee Retired City Employee

Recruiter Agreement - Must Be Signed to Qualify for \$1000 Bonus

I agree that I am a representative of the City of Los Angeles and I am authorized to recruit for the City of Los Angeles Police Department. I understand that the City of Los Angeles will pay a bonus of \$1,000 to me if I successfully recruit a candidate who enters the Academy and graduates. I agree to sign and submit this agreement to the Personnel Department. I understand that this agreement is valid for 90 days from the date of signing. I agree to provide the City of Los Angeles with the name and contact information of the candidate I have recruited. I agree to provide the City of Los Angeles with the name and contact information of the candidate I have recruited. I agree to provide the City of Los Angeles with the name and contact information of the candidate I have recruited.

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Police Officer Recruitment Incentive Program (PORIP)

CANDIDATE

Name: _____ Title: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Active City Employee Retired City Employee

Candidate Agreement Please Read Carefully and Sign Name in Order to Qualify

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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 three participants Win 4 Free Tickets to SEAWORLD!

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



Ryan Briegel, 5

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Elmo's World" • FAVORITE SNACK: Fruit • BEST FRIEND: Joshua • WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: Seaworld, because I have never been. • PARENT: Bill and Manchi Briegel, Storekeeper and Senior Clerk Typist



Jessica Funches, 6

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Elmo"
 • FAVORITE SNACK: Sandwich
 • BEST FRIEND: Stephanie • WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: Soak City because I water and have fun. • PARENT: Gloria Funches, Clerk Typist, LAPD



Honorable Mention

CHILD	AGE	PARENT/GUARDIAN	DEPT
Mikey Aki	1	Joe Aki Jr.	Retired
Mia Alvarado	2	Elmer Alvarado	Animal Services
Meilani Kerr	2	Robert Kerr	DWP
Jack White	3	John A. White	City Clerk
Michael Bagmanian	4	Angela Bagmanian	Rec and Parks
Ashley Brad	4	Erica Washington	Com. Develop.
Milana Gatfield	4	Jason Gatfield	Public Works
Theresa M. Hall	4	Sean A. Hall	General Services
Jalynn Holt	4	Johannie Holt	General Services
Olivia Jimenez	4	Valente Jimenez	DWP
Clarissa Murillo	4	Carolina Paredes-Murillo	Library
Elisa A. Ruiz	4	Robert Ruiz	DWP
Clarissa Armendariz	5	Ester Monterosa	Airports
Luke Belanger	5	Dorothy Belanger	Zoo
Taylor Cervantes	5	Gerardo Cervantes	Transportation
Jeffery Mararac Jr.	5	Jeff Mararac	Airports
Peter Otoshi	5	John T. Otoshi	Public Works
Zuri Quarterman	5	Jennifer Quarterman	Rec and Parks
Jordon Ream	5	David Ream	Ld. Carpenter
Desiree Rendon	5	Luis Rendon	Public Works
Maurile Velasquez	5	Maria E. Diaz	Housing
London Wright	5	Hope P Wright	LAPD
Robert Brymer	6	Bob Brymer	DWP
Chayanne Clayborn	6	Carmen Clayborn	Housing
Andrea C. Diaz	6	Guadalupe Ramos	Laborer
Valerie Funches	6	Gloria Funches	LAPD
Kate Gabon	6	J. Audie Gabon	DWP
Victoria Glade	6	Gary Glade	LAPD
Nina Hamsayak	6	Karin Hamsayak	Finance
Emily Hibma	6	Dan Hibma	LAFD
Arely Navarro	6	Julio A. Navarro	Public Works
Gaby Palz	6	Jose Palz	Library
Giselle Ponce	6	Cesar Ponce	Transportation
Destiny Prieto	6	Bonifacio Prieto	Animal Services
David Ramirez	6	Bertha Cuevas	Rec and Parks
Alexa Rosales	6	Alex Rosales	DWP
Vivaldo Torres	6	Vivaldo Torres	Airports
Jordan Walters	6	John M. Loper	DWP
Viviana Arredondo	7	Jaime Arredondo	Airports
Cyedham Banks	7	Malika Givehand	Personnel
Kaitlin Calleros	7	Edward Calleros	DWP
Haley Chun	7	Reginald Chun	City Attorney
Alyssa Curiel	7	Jennifer Curiel	Animal Services
Imelda Franco	7	Imelda Vega	DWP
Priscilla Fuentes	7	Sonia Romero-Fuentes	DWP
Isaiah Gutierrez	7	Raul Gutierrez	Retired
Brianna Holquin	7	Robert Holquin	Harbor
Maya Horvath	7	Robert Horvath	Public Works
Sharlyn Lopez	7	Teodoro Lopez	Electrician
Patrick Miranda	7	Patrick Miranda Sr.	Trash Op.
Lance Nua	7	James Nua	Harbor
Angel Rosas	7	Xanat Rosas	Housing 1
Samantha Ruelas	7	Julia Ruelas	Equip Mech.
Michael Soto	7	Michael Soto	Housing
Isaac Truong	7	Richard Truong	City Clerk
Brandon R. Valdez	7	Ralph Valdez	DWP
Isabella Veljadic	7	Walter Veljadic	DWP
Karen Yip	7	Daisy Cheung	DWP
Samantha Barajas	8	Jorge Barajas	Sanitation
Ashley M. Bernal	8	Ramon Bernal	Rec and Parks
Niava Brown	8	Jene Brown	Library
Samantha Cadenas	8	Tania Arzate	Housing
Marc Gamboa	8	Maribel Gamboa	General Services
Natalie Glade	8	Gary Glade	LAPD
Nadia Gutierrez	8	David Gutierrez	DWP
Cassandra H	8	Eduardo Hernandez	Rec and Parks
Josiah Jimenez	8	Geraldo Jimenez	Retired
Nathan Lam	8	Peter Lam	Retired
Kelly Launchbaugh	8	John Foltz	Retired
Gabriela Navarro	8	Julio A. Navarro	Public Works
Christian Netzel	8	Don Netzel	S. C. Cable Wk
Alyssa L. Ortiz	8	Chrysthea Flores	LAPD
Joseph M. Otoshi	8	John T. Otoshi	Public Works
Arylene Rizo	8	Aracely Galicia	Transportation
Dominick Romero	8	Angelita Espino	F&P Pensions
Sofia Salcedo	8	Rafael C. Salcedo	DWP
Daniel Tapia	8	Daniel Tapia	DWP
Valerie Truong	8	Richard Truong	City Clerk
Araly Cruz	9	Mrdoquer Cruz	Truck Oper.
Abegail Diaz	9	Myrna Diaz	Harbor
Joseph Funches	9	Gloria Funches	LAPD
Jake Hibma	9	Dan Hibma	LAFD
Mariah M.	9	Tishandra Merriweather	Truck Op
Laura J. Reyes	9	Alfredo Reyes	Public Works
Mary Reynosa	9	Lisa Martellaro-Palmer	Transportation
Amanda Salamanca	9	Emilio A. Salamanca	Finance
April Tate	9	Dorothy Tate	Ex Admin Asst.
Joshua Tapia	9	Cynthia Jaquez	DWP
Aleena Wiley	9	Lisa Wiley	DWP
Natalie Woo	9	Jill Woo	LAPD
Dominique Wright	9	Hope Wright	LAPD
Jonai Brown	10	Gale Howard	COM. Info Rep
Leslie Espinoza	10	Sergio Espinoza	DWP
Briana Fierros	10	Artemio Fierros	Public Works
Adriana Garcia	10	Gilbert Garcia	DWP
Raymond Garcia	10	Susan Garcia	Housing
Christopher Gomez	10	Irma Vega	Library
Carolina Gonzalez	10	Marcela Casio	DWP
Makenzie Jacobs	10	Douglas Jacobs	Public Works
Melissa Lava	10	Amy Lava	ITA
Destiny Lea	10	Dan Lea	DWP
Alexandra Mia	10	Miguel Valerio	Public Works
Francesca M.	10	Manuel Hernandez	Building and Safety
Natalie Realegeno	10	Edwin Realegeno	Rec and Parks
Aneisa Sanchez	10	Tommy Sanchez	Truck Driver
Jessica E. Sousa	10	John R. Sousa	Airports
Maddie O. Tanda	10	Manuel M. Tanda	LAPD
Alejandro Vizcarra	10	Maria C. Vizcarra	Airports
Justine King	11	Manuel Frausto	LAFD



Mary Reynosa, 8

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Spongebob" • FAVORITE SNACK: Cheese • BEST FRIEND: Tylor • WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: I want to go to Seaworld because I love sea animals. • PARENT: Alfredo Mendo, UDCM, DWP





Everyday Heroes in Action

Alive! looks at Everyday City Heroes, in pictures.
 Photos by Mike Meadows

On June 1 at 4:50 a.m., 31 companies of Los Angeles Firefighters, 9 LAFD Rescue Ambulances, 1 Arson Unit, 1 Urban Search and Rescue Unit, 2 Rehab Units, 1 Hazardous Materials Team, 4 helicopters, 4 EMS Battalion Captains, 7 Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams, Emergency Air 1, Foam Tenders 60 and 100, the Heavy Equipment and Dozer Company, Supply and Maintenance Mobile Mechanic, 1 CERT Coordinator, under the direction of Agency Representative Assistant Chief Greg West, responded to assist the L.A. County Fire Department to a backlot Soundstage Fire at Universal Studios, 3900 Lankershim Bl. in the Studio City area.

A Unified Command was established to combat the spectacular fire at Universal Studios backlot. More than 400 Firefighters from the combined agencies fought the blaze, which could be clearly seen from the 134 Freeway. Firefighters worked diligently for hours saving several buildings. Facades constructed on the backlot for several television shows (New York street, the courthouse from *Back to the Future*, and the "King Kong" building) proved to be a monumental task. Firefighters used unconventional methods of obtaining water after experiencing low water pressure, by drafting from lakes on the property.

Other challenges facing the Firefighters were explosions caused by compressed gas containers, propane tanks and tire and gas tanks of private vehicles from the intense heat.

A knockdown was called eight hours after the initial dispatch. The cause and dollar loss is currently under investigation. There were 10 reported minor injuries: four members from L.A. County Fire, five members from L.A. City Fire and 1 Sheriff's Deputy.



Everyday Heroes in Action



HARBOR

LobsterFest on the Way

Meal prices to remain at 2005 levels at Harbor's popular annual lobster event, scheduled for Sept. 19-21.



Welcome from last year's LobsterFest.

Rising fuel prices may be driving up the cost of everything else, but not the price of lobsters at the Port of Los Angeles Lobster Festival. Bargain hunting diners will find 2005 prices for the festival's signature meal as well as the same low cost of admission. The festival's signature meal, a 1.25-pound whole steamed Maine lobster meal with coleslaw, roll and buttery dipping sauce, will cost only \$17 for the fourth consecutive year.

The LobsterFest is set for Sept. 19-21 at the Port, at the end of the 110 Harbor Freeway. Parking and shuttle buses are free.

In addition to the food, the main stage will feature up and coming young bands of the LA music scene.

Admission is \$8 for adults; kids under 12 get in free. Discount coupons good for \$2 off admission are widely available and downloadable at www.lobsterfest.com. Festival hours are: 5 to 11 p.m. Fri., Sept. 19; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sat., Sept. 20; and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sun., Sept. 21.

Tons of fresh cooked Maine lobsters will be served for only \$17 per meal (while supplies last), and also on the menu will be a 2.5 pound "two-on-a-plate special" for only \$31. For the hearty eater there's also barbecued chicken, Thai and Mexican food and desserts along with beer, wine and flavored drinks. Craft booths, games and rides, arts and crafts and other activities for kids will be available at an additional cost. Free activities include a pirate camp and a magic show.

Information: www.lobsterfest.com



At last year's LobsterFest, lobster hat souvenirs, anyone?



The place was packed at last year's LobsterFest!



At last year's LobsterFest, Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor.

Newsbrief

DON'T WASTE WATER:

A City Council committee approved Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's plan to curtail excessive water usage, doubling fines for residents and quadrupling them for businesses.

The plan crafted by the DWP seeks to punish residents who water their lawns between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., car owners who wash their cars without "shut-off devices" on their hoses and restaurants that serve water without being asked.

DWP General Manager H. David Nahai had originally urged the council to approve the plan before the start of summer in June. With full Council approval, the plan could go into effect this month.

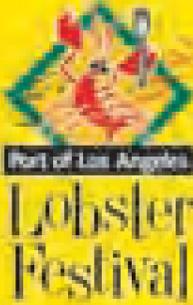
As many as 16 DWP employees will be assigned to issue warnings to first-time violators of the rules and fines to those who are caught two or more times. The DWP also operates a hotline for the public to make anonymous water waster complaint calls.

Some of the rules are already on the books but have not been enforced, such as a ban on using hoses to wash down sidewalks and driveways.

Such behavior will be permitted only when there is a health and safety issue, or when a device similar to a pressure washer is used to spray the concrete, DWP officials said.



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PUBLIC WORKS

A Big Hit

Sanitation Open House at West Los Angeles Yard sets record attendance.

On July 10, more than 1,900 residents attended the Public Works/Sanitation open house in West Los Angeles. Scores of families with children came to take a first-hand look at the variety of sanitation collection trucks on display and to learn about City services. Sanitation trucks served as the main attraction as parent after parent stood in line and told myriad stories about their children waiting to watch the collection trucks come by their homes to lift-up and take away the refuse and recyclables in the black, green and blue bins.

"In our sixth year, with more residents attending year after year, our open house program has succeeded in expanding the City's partnerships with residents to share information, improve recycling practices and environmental protection," said Cynthia M. Ruiz, president of the Board of Public Works. "The key to our future success is to continually encourage children, families and residents to reduce, reuse and recycle as we move toward the goal of zero waste."

Visitors were escorted by Sanitation personnel and youths from the Los Angeles Conservation Corps. Equipment demonstrations and hands-on experience with a variety of collection truck autoloaders and the pulling of truck air horns thrilled children and their parents. Information booths on the City's recycling, refuse and green waste programs were provided along with information on the Hyperion Treatment Plant and new Solid Waste Integrated Resources Plan (SWIRP). Carnival-like games focused on recycling knowledge and the proper sorting of recyclables, green waste and hazardous waste. Small prizes were given to those who tried the recycling games, and refreshments were provided to all.

The West Los Angeles District Yard was the last of six open house events held throughout the City, which included the East and West San Fernando Valley, North Central, South Los Angeles and Harbor yards. This year, Councilmembers Richard Alarcon, Tony Cardenas, Tom LaBonge, Jan C. Perry, Ed P. Reyes, Bill Rosendahl and Dennis P. Zine attended the open houses.

Established in 2003, the annual open house program focuses on recycling to improve and enhance the public's use of its black waste, green yard trimmings and blue recycling bins. For a second year, the program partnered with Million



One of many children who learns to operate a compactor on a collection truck.



Residents line up for the collection truck exhibits.

Trees LA and provided tree adoption opportunities with the distribution of free mulch from its green waste program. With public attendance at an all time high, another program record was set with more than 330 City Employees who volunteered their time over the weekends to host the open houses for the public. For more information on the Bureau of Sanitation, visit www.lacity.org/bos/.



Displays and presentations at the West LA Yard Open House.



Sanitation characters Mr. Recycle and Grease Avenger extend their hands to welcome everyone.

REST INSURED



BY JEFF GELINEAU

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



Med Pay, Explained

There's this line on the quote for your auto insurance: Medical Payments - \$5,000. What is that? How important is it? Do you really need it?

Medical payments (Med Pay) are one of the broadest forms of coverage on your auto insurance policy, and yet they are often the most misunderstood, and frequently the least utilized coverage.

Simply put, medical payments coverage insures against medical bills that you, your family members, your passengers, or any pedestrians might incur as a result of an accident involving your car. Med pay also covers any medical bills incurred if you or your family members are injured as pedestrians, even if you are not in or around your own vehicle.

The great thing about med pay is that it pays *regardless of fault*. Unlike liability coverage, which kicks in only as a result of a lawsuit and you being held legally liable for the claim, Med Pay simply provides coverage if someone is hurt. End of story.

This simple, little \$5,000 coverage can do wonders to smoothen people's emotions and hurt feelings, and will *reduce the amount of lawsuits* in the end. If someone is hurt while riding in your vehicle, it is a good idea for the insurance company to offer to pay for their medical expenses (up to \$5,000), as that will often make the person feel cared for and appreciated, and they won't need to pursue any legal action. Too often people sue out of frustration because they feel that their basic needs are not being taken care of.

If you have any type of accident with your vehicle and you have any injuries, whether they're to yourself, your family members, or other passengers, feel free to contact your insurance company about medical payments for these people. If you frequently drive passengers who are not family members, then you definitely should make sure that you have this coverage.

Another of the great things about Med Pay is that it is not restricted solely to automobile accidents. The coverage extends to any physical damage that happens "in, on or around" the vehicle. A common injury for young children is slamming their fingers in the door. This painful experience can be very serious and can result in some significant medical bills. Even if you weren't driving and the kids were just playing in the driveway, your medical payments coverage will respond if someone were injured.

California law does not require you to buy this coverage, but we think it's a good idea. You can buy limits lower than \$5,000, but the premium is generally very low, and if you've been to the emergency room lately, you know that you can blow through

\$5,000 really quickly at the hospital.

To save money, many people will buy excess medical payments coverage. This is a smart idea. If the injured person has medical insurance that would normally cover a broken finger or a cut hand, then they should file their claim with their health insurance company first. The auto insurance medical payments then will cover any "excess" expenses that might arise, including deductibles, uncovered expenses, or individuals who don't have health coverage.)

If you would like to save some money on premiums, and you are fully covered by your health insurance plan, be sure to talk to your agent about excess medical payments coverage. If you don't have health insurance, or you frequently find yourself carrying passengers who don't have health insurance, then you may want to pay the extra dollars and buy full coverage.

Your Med Pay coverage also follows you when you are driving someone else's vehicle, a passenger in their car, or even walking down the street as a pedestrian. Basically, if you purchase Medical Payments coverage, and you are hurt anywhere at anytime "in, on or around" a vehicle, you should talk to your insurance company about submitting a claim.

Med Pay coverage also extends to some of the expenses associated with the accident including lost wages, transportation costs, durable medical goods, and even the cost of a funeral (in the event of death).

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

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LAPD

Back in the Saddle Again

Police Dept. hosts Mounted Unit reunion.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

After 28 years, the LAPD Mounted Unit finally hosted its first reunion.

The reunion, held July 25, was organized by Club Member and Mounted Unit Officer Ron Terrazas.

From 1980 to 1988, the LAPD Mounted Unit existed as a 100 percent volunteer unit, according to Officer Terrazas. Officers worked their own regular assignment and came together, even using their own horse.

Today the platoon is made up of 35 officers, four Sergeants, and one Lieutenant, who is female. Lt. Ann Barrera is the first female Lieutenant in history to be part of the platoon.

Guests enjoyed coming together with good food, good music and good friends, sharing stories back and forth of the days that used to be and how far the unit has come.

Congratulations on the reunion, and thanks to Officers Ron Terrazas and Rudy De Leon, Club Members, for their assistance.



From left: Retired Sgt. II Gene Fretheim, served from 1979-88; and Nancy Fretheim, Retired P3 EODD, served from 1983-88. Through Sgt. Fretheim, the Mounted Unit was born.



From left: Rudy De Leon, P3+1, Club Member, served from 1991 to the present; Sgt. Darwin White, Office of Operations, served from 1988-97; and Burt Strogatz, P3+1, served from 2003-05.



From left: Bill Pollard, Retired Det. II, Served from 1979-82; and Retired Sgt. John Santry, served from 1980-84.



Standing: Chris Campagna, P3, served from 2007 to the present. Seated: Miguel Dominguez, P3, served from 2007 to the present; and Rich Hurtado, P3, Served from 2007 to the present.



From left: Norma Stang, P3, served from 2006-08; and Nhut Huynh, P3, served from 2006 to the present.



The old wagon holding cell.



From left: Donna Jones, Retired PSR III, Club Member; Allan Jones, Club Member and Lead Equine Keeper since 1993 to the present; Sgt. Tere Akune, LAX Detail, Served from 1994-95; and Sr. Lead Officer John Morris, served from 1981-2002.



From left: Retired Sgt. II SWAT Bob Brannon, served from 1988-91; and Retired Det. III Dexter Owens, served from 1983-88.



From left: Pete Repovich, Director, LA Police Protective League; Det. III Tyler Izen, served from 1994-1995, Director, LAPFCU.



Officer Ron Terrazas, Club Member, thanks everyone for coming.



From left: Ed Kinney, P3+1, Club Member, served from 2001 to the present; John Buckley, P3+1, Served from 2002 to the present; and Sgt. Wes Albin, Served from 2004-08.



From left: Joe Cordova, Retired P3, served from 1980-85; Billy Smalling, Retired P3+1, served from 1992-94; Capt. John Incontro, LAPD Training Division, Club Member; Lt. Chuck Wampler, Major Crimes, served from 1994-98; and Lt. John Delvecchio, served from 1995-96.



From left: Steven Lee, Reserved Officer and North Hollywood; Sig Lo, P3, serving since 2007 to the present; and Katherine Hervert, Civilian Horse Trainer.



From left: Lucille Booker, guest; and Sean Mulford, P3, served from 2003 to the present.



From left: Lt. Warren Jones, served from 1986-92; and Gary Copeland, P3+1, served from 2000 to the present.



From left: Matt Bennyworth, P3, Club Member, Serving since 1996 to the present; Marcos Rubio, P3, serving since 1996 to the present; and Kevin Scott, P3, Club Member, Serving since 2007 to the present.



From left: Ruth and Trey Baskett, P3, served since 2007 to the present.



From left: Nobel Merriett, Equine Keeper from 2005 to the present; and Janice Stegner, Equine Keeper since 2005 to the present.



From left: Sean Mulford, P3, served from 2003 to the present; and J.T. Alpaugh, Reserved Officer, served from 2007 to the present.



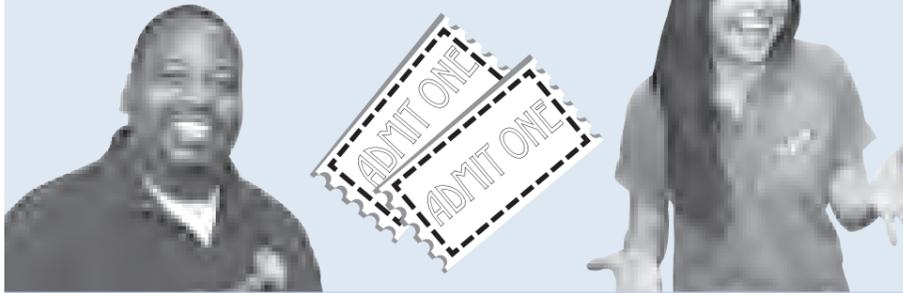
From left: John Morns, guest; Art Rumble, Retired P3+1, served from 1990-96; and Jimmy Jones, Retired P3+1, served from 1983-92.

This Month at the Club Store

Here are the highlights of the Club Store and Service Center for September:

TICKETS

Try the Club's E-ticket system! Buy your Disneyland and SeaWorld tickets, and have them delivered to your email box. It's that simple! See the details on Page 14.



MERCHANDISE SPECIALS



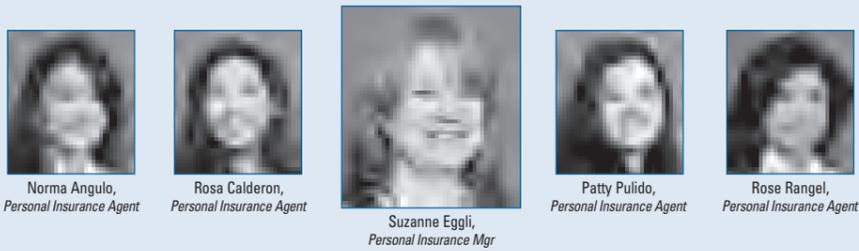
The new City T-shirts are in stock!

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Sept. 5 Norma Angulo, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Rosa Calderon, 12 p.m – 4 p.m.	Sept. 19 Rosa Calderon, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Patty Pulido, 12 p.m – 4 p.m.
Sept. 11 Norma Angulo, 12 p.m – 4 p.m.	Sept. 25 Patty Pulido, 12 p.m – 4 p.m.
Sept. 12 Patty Pulido, 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Norma Angulo, 12 p.m – 4 p.m.	Sept. 26 Norma Angulo, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Rosa Calderon, 12 p.m – 4 p.m.

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Note: The Club Store and Service Center will be closed Monday, Sept. 1 for Labor Day.



LAFD

A New Fire Station for Palms

Fire Station 43 opens in Palms.



FS 43 Opens.

On Aug. 16, the men and women of the Los Angeles Fire Department warmly welcomed dignitaries, community leaders, fellow employees and neighbors at the public dedication and grand opening of the LAFD's newest Neighborhood Fire Station, FS 43, 3690 Motor Ave. in Palms.

Food, entertainment and tours were offered as part of the festivities.

Housing an Engine Company and Paramedic Rescue Ambulance, and protecting a 4.3-square-mile district centered in Palms, new Fire Station 43 replaces a cramped and inefficient facility on National Boulevard that opened in 1942.

Former Fire Station 43 was designed prior to World War II, and built at the height of the battle to house no more than four male firefighters and two limited-role (now antique) fire apparatus to serve a residential neighborhood.

Constructed for \$35,000, the 66-year-old former facility was deemed deficient in meeting modern seismic safety, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, electrical, plumbing, Building Code, ADA and separate gender accommodation issues.

In fact, when built, the first crew assigned to the former station (some of whom joined the LAFD in 1922) boasted of working in one of the few Fire Stations heated by the modern marvel of "air forced across hot water pipes from a 200-gallon storage tank."

LAFD operational and societal advances over nearly seven decades made that station and land inadequate for providing timely and effective response to a community that now includes sizeable commercial and industrial properties as well as large multi-story apartments and filming facilities.

The new energy-efficient 15,250-square-foot Fire Station 43 is built on a one-acre site and is designed to address modern response needs while bringing efficiency to LAFD's workforce - and therefore convenience and enhanced service to a vibrant neighborhood.

The ability of Fire Station 43 to now host community functions and training events in the new station's community room will allow Firefighters an even closer and more productive relationship with those they proudly serve.

The energy efficient six-bay facility also features an important "drive through" feature that prevents the need to block traffic on busy Motor Avenue when re-housing Fire Department vehicles.

Fire Station 43 was funded through monies generated by Proposition F.



FS 43 Opens.



FS 43 Opens.

For Retired Club Members



The Best Years

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Have News About Yourself?

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

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 23: 23rd annual Corporation Meeting and Election at the Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles 90027. It's just east of Los Feliz Boulevard. Thomas Guide 594 C2. Lunch at noon.

Dec. 4: Christmas party at Grace E. Simons Lodge, 11:30 a.m.

For reservations to above meetings and lunches, RSVP to (800) 678-4145, ext. 701.

RLACEI:

Health Premiums Rise 8.8%; New Dental Provider Proposed



By Phil Skarin,
RLACEI Publicity Chair

President Ed Harding reports:



Ed Harding

"We had a great time at our picnic Aug. 7. It is always nice to see people that you worked with. We had 150 who showed up and enjoyed barbecue ribs and chicken, put on by Chris & Pitts BBQ. I wish to thank Beth Figuls, Editor of El Pueblo, for taking pictures of our retirees, and for donating six gift certificates for door prizes. Also, thanks to the City Employees Club for sending Robert Larios who took pictures and donated four \$50 gas cards for our raffle. We missed John Hawkins, CEO of the City Employees Club, who was out of town.

"I am very sorry that Americo Garza, who put on this picnic, was unable to be there and enjoy all his hard work. But his wife, Ella, who also helps, is in the hospital.

"Neil Ricci, our health director, and his committee have attended and had a table at several of the LACERS health seminars at the Friendship Auditorium. We so enjoyed the Friendship Auditorium that we are going to have our annual corporation meeting and elections there on Thurs., Oct. 23, and not at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center on Oct. 16. We will have a

great lunch, so be sure to call and make reservations so we can order enough meals. We have also arranged to have our April 2009 general membership meeting at the Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., just east of Los Feliz Boulevard. There's plenty of parking.

"Lastly, I wish to thank LACERS for including us in their health meetings, and for sending Alex Rabrenovich, Sarah Hill and others to our functions and talk to our retirees about health plans and help with our problems."

"See you Oct. 23 at the Friendship Auditorium."

Legislative Update:



Ken Spiker

"Thanks to legal advice and opinions, Retiree Commissioner Steven Uranga and I will be able again to vote on items that would affect us personally. The San Diego case that prevented us from voting has not yet been heard by the California Supreme Court. Fortunately, during the hiatus we did not miss any votes that would have directly impacted upon retiree benefits. We were able to support and vote for the annual cost of living adjustment.

"The LACERS health care con-

sultant and staff have finished their negotiations with the providers and have recommended continuing with the current providers for the 2009 year, except for the dental provider. All benefits will remain but with an average premium increase of 8.8 percent (\$5.8 million). The individual premium increase will depend upon the usual claim/loss history. I am hoping that the annual subsidy vote will help reduce the premium increase for those retirees most affected.

"Separate evaluations were

made with the dental and vision providers. VSP Vision provider is recommended to be continued. Moving to another provider would cause too much disruption to current users, and no other service proposed any additional services or price advantage. However, regarding dental coverage, the health care consultant recommends MetLife for 2009 in place of the current Blue Cross claims experience. MetLife provides significant cost savings and offers more service coverage, including implants."

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

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The Best Years



Rocks at the tip of Baja.

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
• Michael Karsch	Ext. 704
• Jerry Bardwell	Ext. 706
• Harold Danowitz	Ext. 707
• Jack Mathews	Ext. 712
• Helen Salgado (membership)	Ext. 713
• Americo Garza	Ext. 710
• Tom Stemnock	Ext. 708

DWP Retirement Plan Office: (213) 367-1722

RLACEI:

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Todos Santos, for Artists

■ Part 2 of Hal's adventures in Cabo San Lucas.

Evelyn and I were in Cabo San Lucas at our timeshare (Playa Grande Resort) with our daughter's in-laws, Effie and Pierre. We spent our first day at a timeshare presentation, and then we were ready to start enjoying our vacation.

Each year we attend an update on our resort. They update us on the status of the timeshare and what new offers they have and always try to sell us additional weeks or a more flexible plan. It includes a breakfast and free gift, usually a \$50 certificate useable at the resort. It only takes a couple of hours, so it is not big deal.

Without having our grandkids with us on this trip, we had a lot of time to ourselves and spent most mornings around the pools. In the afternoons, we would walk into town and have a drinks and then dinner.

At our first timeshare presentation, we received two \$100 restaurant certificates, one to the V.O.S. and one to Las Quesadillas. It seems that both restaurants were in the same location -- the V.O.S. was upstairs and the Las Quesadillas was downstairs. They were on the corner of Lazaro Cárdenas and Boulevard Marina in the downtown area.

Our first choice was V.O.S., but the upstairs was closed, when we asked about it we were told we could order off the V.O.S. menu in Las Quesadillas. The menu featured tapas, and we ordered a number of dishes to share and of course a lot of beer. The food was very good and we really enjoyed the experience. The check totaled about \$80, so I told the owner to give the rest of the \$100 to the waitress. He told me he could not do it because the certificate could be used only for food, so we ordered dessert, and tipped the waitress ourselves.

On all of our trips to Cabo we have never gone out of the tourist areas, so this time we decided to rent a car and drive to Todos Santos, an artist community about 42 miles north of Cabo.

We rented a car from Advantage Rent-a-Car at our resort, and we could use the one-day-free car rental that I received at the resort timeshare presentation.

All of us have heard the horror stories about driving in Mexico, but I found it not a problem. The roads were well maintained and easy to follow. All of the drivers followed the rules of the road and, except for staying out

the way of the large trucks, it was a very easy and picturesque drive to Todos Santos.

Todos Santos is on the Tropic of Cancer on the Pacific side of Baja. The town is on a mesa to the west of the Sierra de La Laguna mountain range. It has become a haven for artists and craftsmen who enjoy a very mild climate and healthy lifestyle. It has a large number of art galleries, boutiques and historical sites.

We parked on the main street close to the Hotel California. It is rumored that this Hotel California is the hotel that the Eagles sang about in their 1977 single. The rumor is not true, but was started by the owner of the hotel to attract tourists, which he seemed to accomplish. And the falsity of the rumor doesn't stop the picture taking or the sale of T-shirts.

We walked around the town for a few hours visiting the galleries. Many of the streets were still paved with dirt and the sidewalks are not ADA-compliant. If you are interested in a nice day trip from Cabo, this is the place.

Picking a restaurant for lunch was not easy, as there was a large number to choose from. We picked the Tequila's Sunrise Bar and Grill (across the street from the Hotel California), which had a very good Mexican menu. The food was really good, and one of the highlights of the restaurant is that the walls are covered with the names of people who have dined there. Not one to pass up an opportunity to write on a wall, I managed to inscribe our four names, which should last until the next paint job.

The drive back to Cabo was just as easy, and my only problem was finding a gas station to fill up before returning the car. The first one I saw was on the wrong side of the highway, and then I missed the one in the middle of downtown Cabo. So I ending up at the Marina, but its station was only for boats. In the end I made my way back to the downtown station and got the full-service treatment. You can't pump your own gas in Mexico, and they don't take credit cards. We drove back to the resort and turned in the car and were very pleased with our little adventure.



A church in Todos Santos.



That evening, we used our remaining \$100 restaurant certificate for dinner at the Las Quesadillas. I found the food and drink to be good and we had a nice time.

One of the reasons we attended the time-share presentation was to get the dinner cruise aboard the *Caborey*. It is advertised as a sunset dinner-cruise with entertainment. We didn't know what to expect, but we were willing to take a chance.

The ship docked across the street from our resort, so we just walked over to the dock. The dock was the same one used by the cruise ships, so we had to go through security before we could board the ship.

because it wasn't spring break, and I was correct. There was a line at the Mexicana check-in counter, so the porter who had our bags dropped our bags close to the counter so we would not have to carry them while in line. Our flight was not checking in yet, but he said something to the person in charge and next thing I know they opened the check-in line for our flight and the line started behind us. After I tipped the porter, the security guard who had moved us to the front came over and I gave him a nice tip, also. It was nice not to have to wait in line. Going through security was no problem; our plane was almost on time, and we arrived back in Los Angeles on schedule.

We all enjoyed our time in Cabo without the grandkids and without spring break, but that will change next year as our week falls once again during spring break. We are already planning to rent a van and drive to La Paz for the day. But you'll have to wait to next year to hear about that.



Aboard the *Caborey*.

Our first stop was the dining room, where we were shown our table. It turns out that it was a sit-down dinner with table service. We then found a table on the outside deck and had a cocktail from the open bar. There was a rock band playing and everyone was having a good time. The ship left the dock and sailed around the harbor for about an hour, stopping at the rock formations at the tip of the Baja Peninsula for picture taking.

The dinner service was very good, and it was the best food we had had on this type of cruise. After dinner there were a couple of dance teams that performed, and they were very well received. The ship docked after the performance and we walked back to our resort feeling that it was a worthwhile cruise.

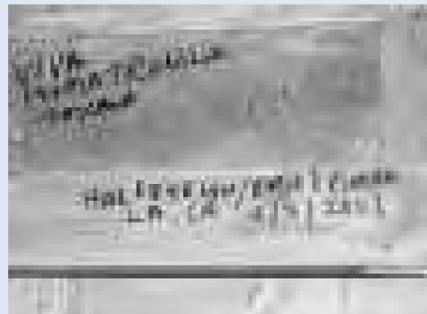
On our last night in Cabo, we decided to have dinner at the Galeon, which, while not part of the resort complex, was highly recommended by the Resort and just a short walk. It was an Italian restaurant with a great view of the marina. I found the food to be fair and nothing special. The highlight of the dinner was the Mexican coffee, which came with a great performance for which they turn off all of the lights so you can see this fiery coffee being poured from about three feet into your cup.

On our last morning, we always go for breakfast at the Office on Medano Beach, on the other side of the Marina. Tables were on the sand, and it was a great experience with great food.

Our car and driver picked us up at the resort for the trip to the airport. Last year, which was during spring break, the lines were so long you waited almost an hour to get through security and almost as long to get your boarding pass. After that, the plane was four hours late. It wasn't a pleasant experience. This year I didn't expect the same problems



Hal and Evelyn aboard the *Caborey*.



On the wall at the Tequila's Sunrise – at least until the next paint job.



The Hotel California in Todos Santos.



Dinner at Las Quesadillas.

RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

Americo Garza's wife, Ella, recently had a pacemaker installed, and then had an operation to remove a tumor. Send her a get well card to 8815 Tweedy Lane, Downey, CA 90240. Send a prayer for her, also.

Elaine Iverson has quilted many blankets for needy children.

Sisto Sandoval teaches CPR/AED for the Red Cross. He also speaks to high school students on having respect and honor for veterans and military personnel.

Hugo Sase, while in the service in WWII, served in France, Germany, Austria and Italy. After retiring as an administrator in Public Works/Sanitation, he has traveled to England, Italy, France, Morocco, Portugal, Singapore and the Spice Islands. He and his wife, Sdako, have two daughters and three grandkids.

Hal Lindgard lives on the Lost Lake Resort on the Colorado River and loves water sports. He winters in Mexico. He and his wife have a boy, two girls and six grandsons.

Roger and Linda Oldenkamp are enjoying retirement in an age-restricted development in Lincoln, Calif. "There are two golf courses and many amenities to keep us busy. I enjoy reading your columns each month," he says.

Ron Black provided musical and vocal entertainment at the recent RLACEI picnic. He is also a square dance caller and gives country and line dance instruction for parties. Call him at (818) 752-6810.

The 14th Annual Poetry Contest will be held this year. Entries are accepted in any style or subject that will be of interest to retirees. There will be separate categories for members and spouses and family members. Send typed copies, including your address, phone number and category by Oct. 15 to Phil Skarin, 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411. There will be valuable prizes for everyone.

Hal Danowitz asks you to visit our Website at www.rlacei.com to find the latest news. You can also e-mail us at rlacei@verizon.net

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If you have news about yourself or other retirees that you'd like to share, send it to Phil Skarin, or call him on the Helpline.



RLACEI President Ed Harding.



Miriam and Phil Skarin, RLACEI Publicity Chair.

Retirees Picnic

■ **RLACEI hosts annual summer picnic.**

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations

RLACEI — The Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) held its annual summer picnic Aug. 7.

The picnic was held at the Grace E. Simons Lodge in Griffith Park.

Thanks to Phil Skarin and Ed Harding for their invitation.



Tony Alvarez.



RLACEI Officer Tom Stemnock shuffles the tickets for the raffle prizes.



Martha and Ed Harding with Elmira Valencia Tarin.



Martha Harding wins a raffle prize.

Rogers Re-elected

■ **Rick Rogers re-elected to LACERS Board of Administration as employee representative.**



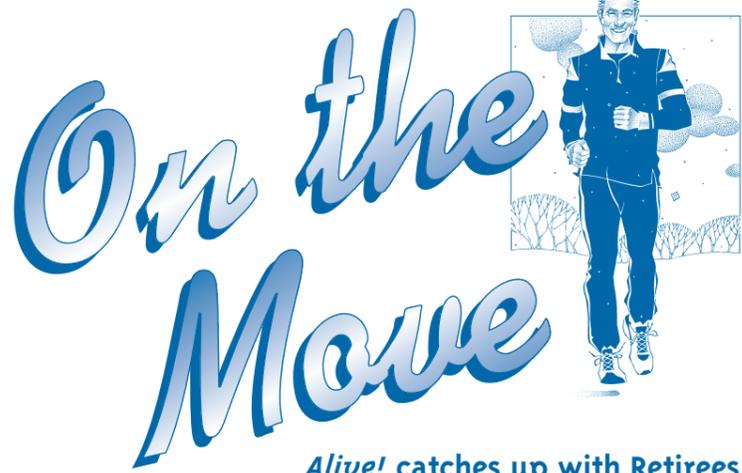
Rick Rogers.

LACERS — On May 13, Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System (LACERS) Board of Administration adopted the certified results of the election for Board of Administration for the 2008-09 fiscal year, meaning that Los Angeles City Employees have re-elected Rick Rogers as a board member. He will serve through June 30, 2013.

Rogers is an investment officer with the Los Angeles Fire and Police Pension System, where he analyzes and reviews the investment of domestic and international stocks, bonds, real estate, alternatives and cash. The City's Fire and Police Pension System, like LACERS, is a multibillion-dollar public pension plan.

Rogers graduated from the University of California, Riverside with a degree in history, and later earned a Master's degree in business administration from California State University, San Bernardino.

LACERS Board of Administration is comprised of four Mayoral appointees, two elected Active City Employees and one elected Retired City Employee. LACERS administers the City's pension plan to more than 30,000 active employees and 15,000 retirees and beneficiaries. LACERS has \$10.9 billion in assets.



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



Here's the Club's good friend, Ken Kochakji, Traffic Officer (retired), Transportation, after taking first place (men) at the July 4 Lakeside two-mile race in Calabasas. Keep on running, Ken!

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



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

Break Out

*Break out of traditional ways
Traditions are not innately restrictive,
so what's the problem?
We get stuck, no flexibility.
Flexibility is needed to determine the methods
most workable and appropriate.
Be creative, flexible, sensitive, open and enthusiastic.
Listen seriously to constructive suggestions.*

— 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.

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ASIAN AMERICAN ASSN.

Historic Asian-American GMs

City Asian American Assn. honors the first two Asian Americans to become General Managers with the City.

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations

The Los Angeles City Employees Asian American Association held a reception Aug. 7 to honor two members who have become General Managers with the City.

BongHwan Kim (Neighborhood Empowerment) and Sally Choi (LACERS) are the first Asian American City Employees to hold General Manager positions in the history of the City of Los Angeles.

The event was held in the courtyard between City Hall East and South. Departments included

ITA, LAPD, LAFD, Harbor, Neighborhood Empowerment, LACERS, and Community Development.

BongHwan Kim has been actively involved in advancing social, political and economic development in diverse community-based organizations for over 25 years.

Prior to his appointment at Neighborhood Empowerment, he served as the Executive Director of the MultiCultural Collaborative and the Korean Youth and Community Center in Los Angeles. He serves on a number of government commissions and corporate advisory boards. He serves on the Board of Directors of Workplace Hollywood, an organization established to diver-



BongHwan Kim, Neighborhood Empowerment, is the first Asian American general manager in the City of Los Angeles.



Sally Choi, LACERS, is the first Asian-American woman to become general manager in the City of Los Angeles.



From left: Joe Quan, ITA; Maychelle Yee, LAPD; Phyllis Yogi, LAFD (now Harbor); BongHwan Kim, Neighborhood Empowerment; Sally Choi, LACERS; and Michael Fong, Community Development.

sify the entertainment industry workforce. He has served as the co-chair of the Black Korean Alliance, the California Attorney General's Violence Prevention Policy Council, and the National Immigration Forum. He has been a lecturer at the University of California Los Angeles teaching in the areas of leadership and community building.

Sally Choi is a former LACERS Assistant GM and currently serves as Los Angeles' deputy mayor for finance and performance management. Choi succeeds Robert Aguillo Jr. Choi earned a Bachelor of science degree in public administration from USC and an MBA from the UCLA Anderson School of Management.

Established in 1971, the Los Angeles City Employees Asian American Association (LACEAAA) was formed to: represent employees of Asian/Pacific Islander decent and assist in protecting them from discriminatory acts; assist in their promotional advancement opportunities with the City of Los Angeles; and resolve unique work-related problems of its members. LACEAAA is a member of the Citywide AAC and is a founding member of the coalition of Asian employee associations from state, federal, and county governments. LACEAAA conducts training and social networking events for its membership and counsels and represents employees when necessary. LACEAAA has a Board of Directors elected by its membership.

The Officers are:

President:

Phyllis Yogi, Harbor;

Vice Presidents:

Michael Fong, Council;
Joe Quan, ITA;
Irene Sae Koo, LAFD.

Corresponding Secretary:

Maychelle Yee, LAPD;

Recording Secretary:

Glenn Kawahata, DWP;

Treasurer:

Mei Ong, Public Works/Sanitation

Congratulations to BongHwan and Sally! And thanks to Joe Quan, ITA, for his assistance.



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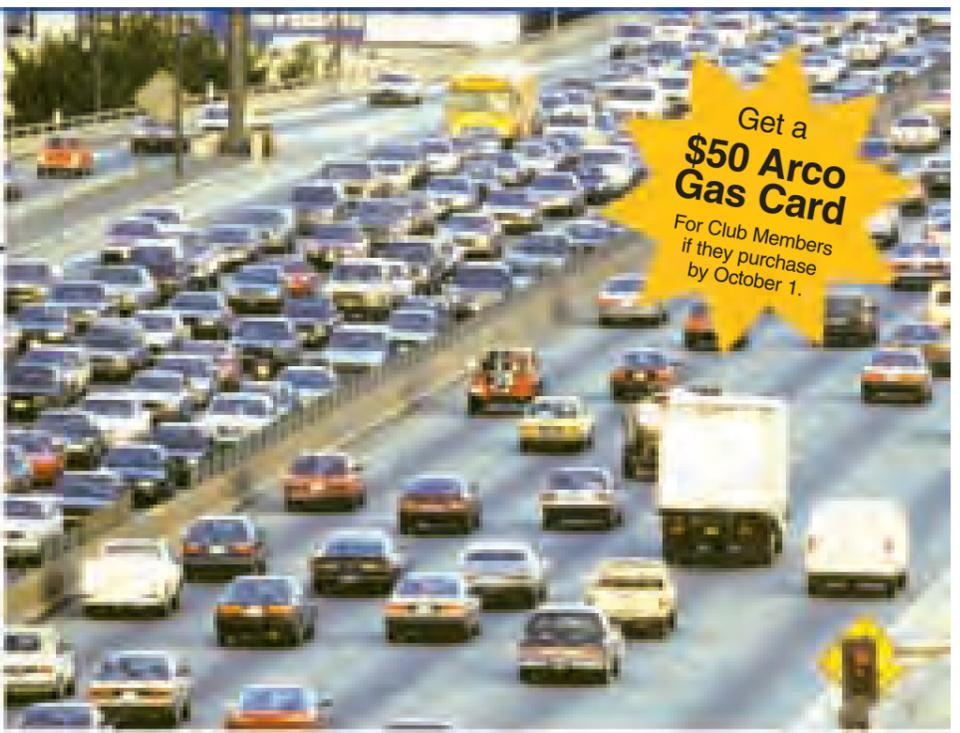
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Parade of Tall Ships

The LAFD's *Warner E. Lawrence*, the world's most powerful fireboat, leads the parade with its water cannons blasting.



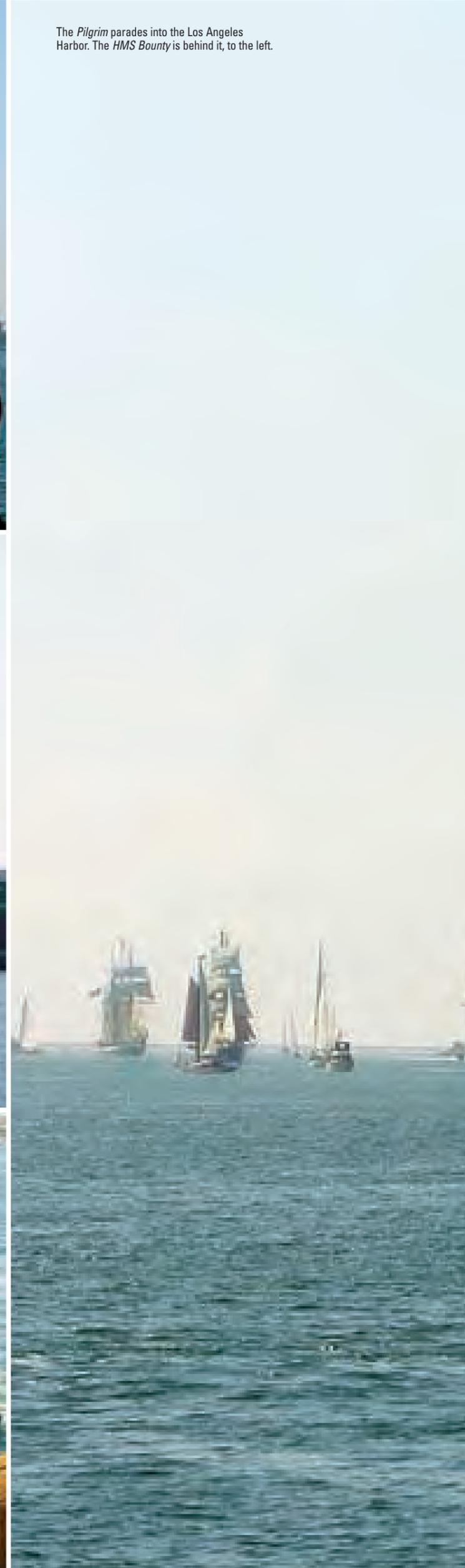
The *Californian*, the official tall ship of the State of California.



LAFD's fireboat 5 cruised the harbor during the tall ship parade.



The *Pilgrim* parades into the Los Angeles Harbor. The *HMS Bounty* is behind it, to the left.



HARBOR: AUGUST 15, 2008

Parade of Tall Ships

Tall ships event at the Harbor began with a majestic parade into the port.

The majestic Tall Ships returned to the Port of Los Angeles Aug. 15 with a grand parade of sail into port to kick off Festival of Sail LA 2008.

More than a dozen major ships participated, including the US Coast Guard's 297-foot *Eagle* as well as *HMS Bounty* and *HMS Surprise*, which have been featured in major Hollywood films.

Once at dock, the ships opened themselves to visitors for first-hand tours led by the crews. There were dockside demonstrations, maritime-themed entertainment, including singers, and an educational area for young and old alike.

Congratulations to the Harbor for another winning event.

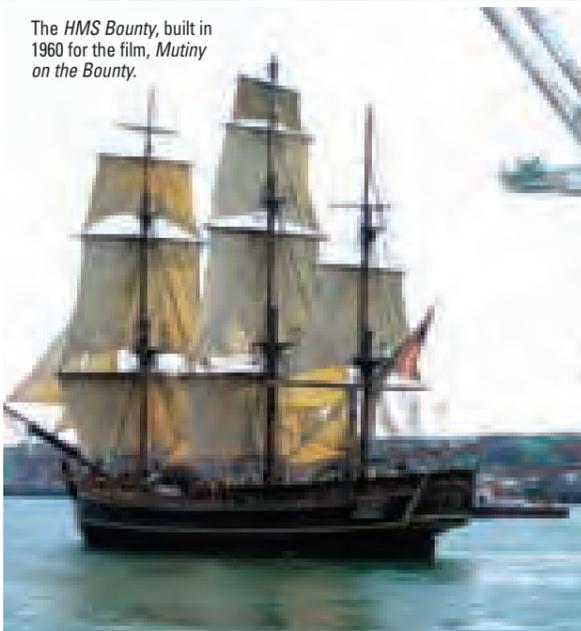


Parade of Tall Ships

The *Tole Mour* is the largest working tall ship based on the West Coast of the United States.



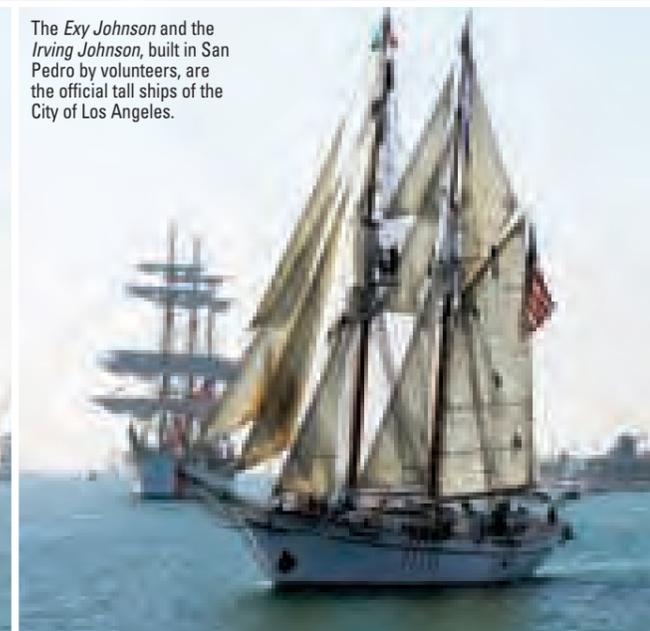
The *HMS Bounty*, built in 1960 for the film, *Mutiny on the Bounty*.



The *American Pride*, with its distinctive red sails.



The *Exy Johnson* and the *Irving Johnson*, built in San Pedro by volunteers, are the official tall ships of the City of Los Angeles.



HARBOR: AUGUST 15, 2008

The U.S. Coast Guard *Eagle* is tugged to the dock, ready to take on visitors.



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!

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"This is an example of the beautiful scenery off the coast of the Ko Olina resort on the island of Oahu. The lagoon is man made, and the people on the sailboat are so lucky."

- Alfred Sosa, DWP

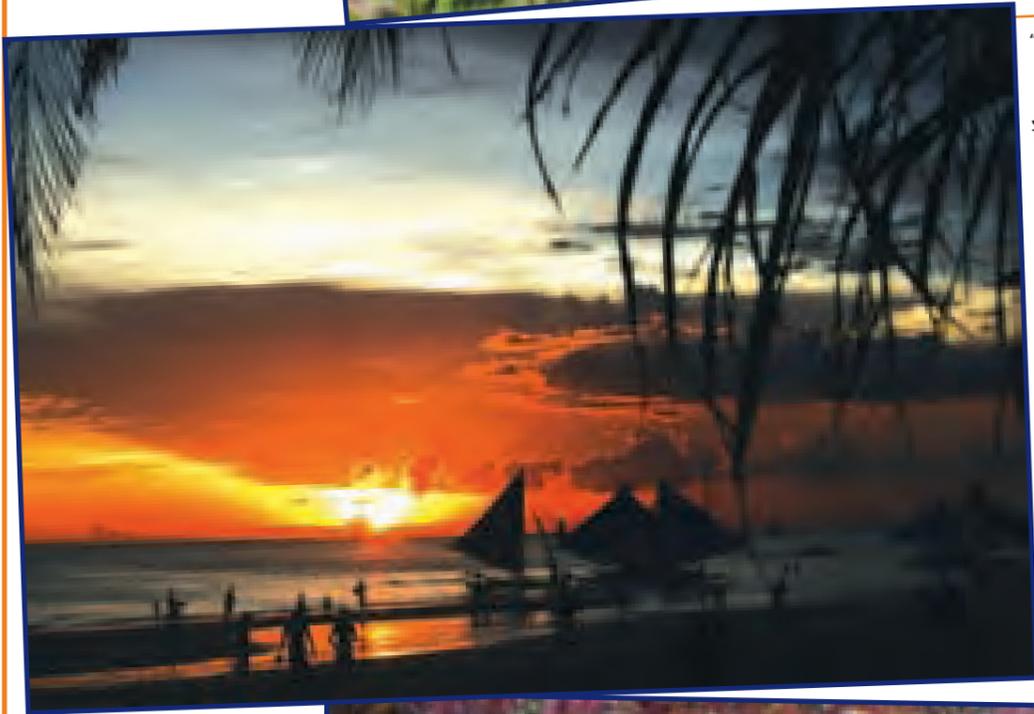
John's comments: Hey, I'd say you were pretty lucky, too! Not only for being in Hawaii recently but for getting the "picture perfect" shot with the sailboat in the background. Nice work, Alfred!

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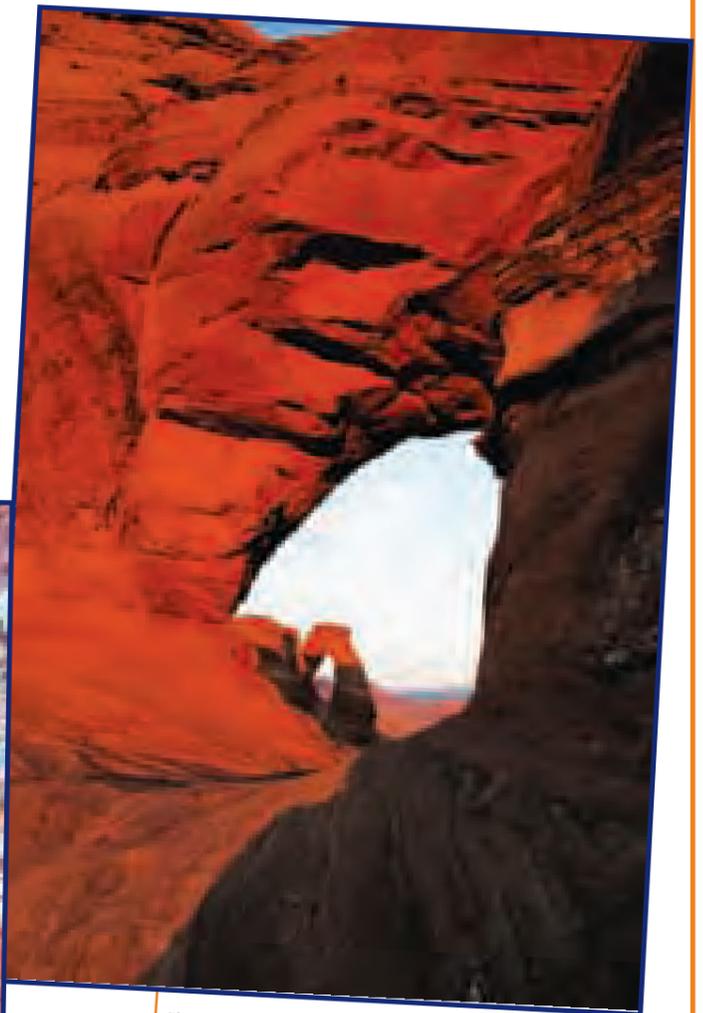
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"This picture was from my recent vacation to Boracay, the Philippines."

- Brian Doherty

John's comments: What a beautiful sunset -- the colors are rich and decadent. Thank you, Brian!



"I took a trip the week of July 10 to Denver. This picture was taken at Arches National Park in the afternoon, after a three-mile hike (I was exhausted but happy)."

- Luis Aguilar, Convention Center

John's comments: A shot like this would make just about any grueling hike well worth it! Very nice shot, Luis.



"Here is an underwater picture that I took in Cocos Island, 300 miles off of the coast of Costa Rica. In November 2006 I took the picture of two white-tip sharks, which were napping. I took the picture with an Olympus C5050, set on F8@60th, and it was taken at Isla Pajaro, Cocos Island, Costa Rica at a depth of 56 feet."

- Cathi Pearson, LAPD

John's comments: "Napping" or not, there is no way you'd find me 56 feet under water with sharks. You are a brave photographer, Cathi! And nice shot, too.

Runner Ups:

Jordan Price, Public Works; Steph Burkhart (I still think the photo of Brent and Andrew at the Dodger game is one of the greatest!); Rodney Lucas, Public Works; and Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD.

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.
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- Digital photos optimally should be between 100K and 2 megabytes in size and may be e-mailed to: pictureperfect@cityemployeesclub.com
- The contest is all in good fun: The Club cannot be responsible for delays in delivering *Alive!*, or for delays in the transmission of responses.

HARBOR

Fountains at the Harbor

Port unveils new Gateway Plaza water fountains that feature light and music, too.

On July 25, the Port of Los Angeles unveiled several lively water features as part of the Gateway Plaza that welcomes visitors to the Los Angeles Waterfront in San Pedro. The fountains were designed and developed by Los Angeles-based WET Design, which created the spectacular Fountains of Bellagio in Las Vegas.

"The Port is pleased to officially unveil this exciting and inviting new water feature, which links the Cruise Ship Promenade and Harbor Boulevard Parkway Promenade," said Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D. "The spectacular new fountains are a wonderful public attraction that will bring local resi-

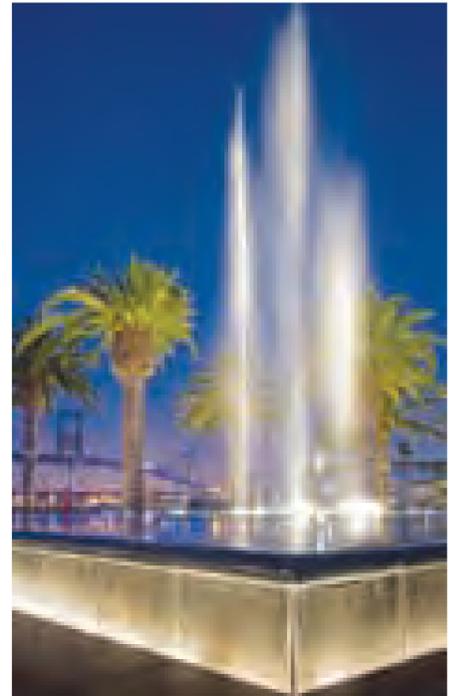
dents and out-of-area visitors alike to our waterfront for a fun and entertaining experience that people of all ages will enjoy."

The "Fanfare" fountain at the Gateway Plaza and a separate interactive children's fountain located on the Harbor Boulevard Parkway Promenade at Second Street are part of a series of projects completed, under construction or proposed – all collectively shaping an exciting new L.A. Waterfront for the harbor communities and worldwide visitors.

Fanfare at Gateway Plaza, at the bottom of the Harbor Boulevard exit of I-110 Freeway, features 58 choreographed water jets that build a dramatic waterfront entryway for visitors, whether they arrive by ship, by foot, or by the Port's popular Waterfront Red Car line that links the Cruise Center to Ports O' Call. An arc of Canary Island palm trees punctuates the length of the feature, while a fountain perimeter of wooden benches provides a place to relax and an intimate view of the liquid stage.

For an even closer look, a sunken pathway cuts directly through the main fountain, allowing visitors to be surrounded by vertical and fan-shaped jets that move to an eclectic mix of classical, popular and movie soundtrack music. "O Sole Mio" (Luciano Pavarotti), "O Marijana" (John Duda Tamburitzas), and "Fanfare for the Common Man" (Aaron Copeland/Leonard Bernstein/New York Philharmonic) are just a few of the musical standards choreographed to the dancing fountains.

A short walk south on the Harbor Boulevard Parkway Promenade is the interactive fountain at Second Street and Harbor Boulevard. At this



One of the new fountains at the Harbor Gateway.



One of the new fountains at the Harbor Gateway.

location, there is no boundary between people and water, and visitors can get as wet as they like in jets that leap playfully out of the pavement. More than 20 years ago, the fountain builders, Los Angeles-based WET Design, first introduced the then-revolutionary concept of a fountain emitting directly from the ground, not a pool.



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CONVENTION CENTER

Employee Appreciation

Convention Center hosts Employee Appreciation Day.

Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Operations

The Los Angeles Convention Center (LACC) family of employees held its annual Employee Appreciation Barbecue July 23, with the participation of more than 250 employees from all divisions.

The event highlighted the LACC's unprecedented achievements as it has positioned itself as a proud reflection and a worthy representation of Los Angeles before a local, national and international audience.

As part of this event, employees who made outstanding contributions toward providing excellent customer service and the achievement of the LACC's goals for the 2007-08 Fiscal Year were recognized. In addition, Los Angeles City Service Year Pins were awarded to 38 LACC employees.

The event was conducted this year by Greg

Lissow, Building Superintendent II, who was unanimously chosen by the organizers because of his great personality and charm.

The Club was present to document this fun and important event. Way to go, Los Angeles Convention Center! Thanks to Luis Aguilar, Convention Center, for his assistance.



Pouria Abbassi, General Manager and CEO, Los Angeles Convention Center, attended the event.



Food Services Director Duane Gornicki gives an award to Executive Fous Chef Francisco Kofonoy.



Accounting Clerk I Melby Orellana receives an award from Exhibitor Services Division Head Monica Shelton.



Building Superintendent II Greg Lissow was the host.



Set-up Section Supervisor Leopoldo Hernandez (white shirt) receives an award from Greg Rosicky, Director of Event Services.



Security Services Director John Shea presents an award to Senior Clerk Typist Karen Manson.



Facility clerical staff decorating the space, from left: Julia Lizarde, Hedy Guinto, Herbert Romero, Michael Bernard and Adriana Valles.



Building Superintendent I Tom Fields presents an award to Senior Electrician Reggie Chit.



Duane Gornicki gives an award to Director of Concessions Sue Franco.



Luis Aguilar conducts the game "Mad Lips."



Executive Chef Rick Wineman cuts the cake.



Accounting Clerk II Carlos Torres receives an award from Department Chief Accountant Mary Jane Aquino.



Retired Electricians, from left: Richard Quackenbush, Eugene Cheney, William Riddel, Aubrey Thompson, Ezequiel Gordon and Clem Linnebur.



Graduates!

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- Their future plans (briefly)
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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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CLUB HEADQUARTERS



Congratulations!

Club Honors 14

Scholarship Program for 2008

The Club is pleased to announce the winners of the Club's annual Scholarship Program for 2008.

Here are the recipients of the 14 scholarships:

- Jorge Zavala, son of Jose Zavala, Airports, \$3,500;
- Leslie Steward, daughter of Carmen Steward, Fire and Police Pensions, \$2,000;

- Talin Gharibian, daughter of Mary Gharibian, Cultural Affairs, \$1,000;
- Vincent Frias, son of Angel Frias, Animal Services, \$1,000;
- Zulima Pelayo, daughter of Ulises Pelayo, Airports, \$1,000;
- Carlos Garcia, son of Enrique Garcia, DWP, \$1,000;
- Stefanie Mahaley, daughter of Cinda Mahaley, Transportation, \$1,000;

Here are brief profiles of the awardees:

JORGE ZAVALA

Recipient of \$3,500 award



Jorge graduated from Hesperia High School and has been accepted at the University of California, Irvine, where he hopes to play baseball. At Hesperia, he earned a 4.3 GPA, taking mostly honors and

advanced placement courses. He was the school's valedictorian at its May graduation. He has received awards for the Principal's Honor Roll and the National Honor Society. He played baseball for all four years at Hesperia, and was the team captain for his junior and senior years. He participated in several service projects as part of the National Honor Society, collected donations for his church, helped in canned food drives, and performs peer tutoring.

"The hard work has surely paid off, and I am now set to meet UC Irvine with an athlete's strength but a scholar's wit."

He's the son of Jorge Zavala, LA/Ontario.

LESLIE STEWARD

Recipient of \$2,000 award



Leslie graduated from Rowland High School in Rowland Heights. She plans to attend Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach, Fla., this fall.

"My service involvement includes work at church, school and various organizations," she wrote. "My church involvement includes being a member of St. Stephen's McDonald's Gospel Fest award-winning Youth Choir; Acteens Mission Group; I am the editor of our new youth newsletter, the Youth for Christ Newsletter. I have been a hostess for many church events, and I have supported my mother greatly in the various ministries in which she is involved. At school I have been a member and co-founder of our African-American History Awareness Group, a member of Future Homeowners of America, and a varsity member of the Rowland Raiders track and field team for the past four years. I have also supported my community by participating in local Toys-for-Tots and Adopt-a-Family drives, and I volunteered for Meals on Wheels."

She's the daughter of Carmen Steward, Fire and Police Pensions.

TALIN GHARIBIAN

Recipient of \$1,000 award



Talin graduated with a 3.8 GPA from the AGBU Manoogian-Demirdjian School in Canoga Park. She plans to attend UCLA this fall.

At AGBU, she was the photo editor on the school newspaper; participated in Junior Statesmen of America; was the president of the Art Club; and a representative with student government. She was in the top tier of her class and maintained high honors. She has taken part in the prestigious California State Summer School for the Arts, and her work has been showcased in several exhibitions. She's been an assistant at Main Street Canoga Park, the Sun Valley Youth Arts Center, and the Canoga Park Library Branch.

"Acceptance of my calling as an artist was impossible to overlook as I realized that my purpose was and is to stand outside the box that is modern Armenian-American culture, and step over the edges of its occupational restrictions," she wrote. "Art ... is integral to whom I am and all I can contribute."

Her mother is Mary Gharibian, Cultural Affairs.

VINCENT FRIAS

Recipient of \$1,000 award



Vincent graduated from Golden Valley High School in Santa Clarita with a 3.85 GPA with an honors course load. He plans to attend UCLA this fall.

At Golden Valley, he was the vice president of the National Honor Society, treasurer of the Key Club, an ambassador for Safe School. He has volunteered for Animal Services, at the Ronald McDonald House, for Santa Clarita city events, and private tutoring of younger students.

"I can still remember the days when I couldn't life my arms [due to a condition from birth]," he wrote. "I matured a vast deal during those years, learning to control my emotions and accept that life throws obstacles from time to time. My strength and moral stability were pushed, but I refused to break down. I emerged a more confident, grateful young man."

He's the son of Angel Frias, Animal Services.

ZULIMA PELAYO

Recipient of \$1,000 award



Zulima graduated from Richard Gahr High School in Cerritos with a GPA of 3.42. She plans on attending UC Irvine in the fall as a biomedical engineering premed major.

At Gahr, she was the co-captain of the Color Guard Auxiliary Unit, the undersecretary general with the Model United Nations, and the director of publicity for the French Club. She was also a volunteer with Angel Tree, and at the Norwalk Social Services Center.

"It takes an individual to dream," she wrote. "Mine is a work in progress, where I would like to hold the title and knowledge of a doctor, the privilege of a student and loved daughter. However, I will be the first to admit I still have a long way to go. I know I cannot save the world, but I would like to make a difference by continuing my studies, joining small efforts in my community, and petitioning for causes I believe."

She's the daughter of Ulises Pelayo, Airports.

CARLOS GARCIA

Recipient of \$1,000 award



Carlos graduated from San Fernando High School in San Fernando with a GPA of 3.5 with an honors course load. He plans to attend UC San Diego in the fall, majoring in pre-med.

At San Fernando, he was a member of the color guard, the secretary of the drama club, the vice president of the California Scholarship Federation, and the recording secretary for the Junior Council. He volunteered at Pacoima Beautiful and as a tutor for Haddon Elementary and San Fernando High School.

"There are many aspects of life that remain a mystery, but when it comes to my beliefs and future, I know where I am headed, and I know what I want, so I know I will succeed. I love life, and all the challenges that come along with it. I am excited for my future, and I am ready to show the world what I have to offer."

He's the son of Enrique Garcia, DWP.

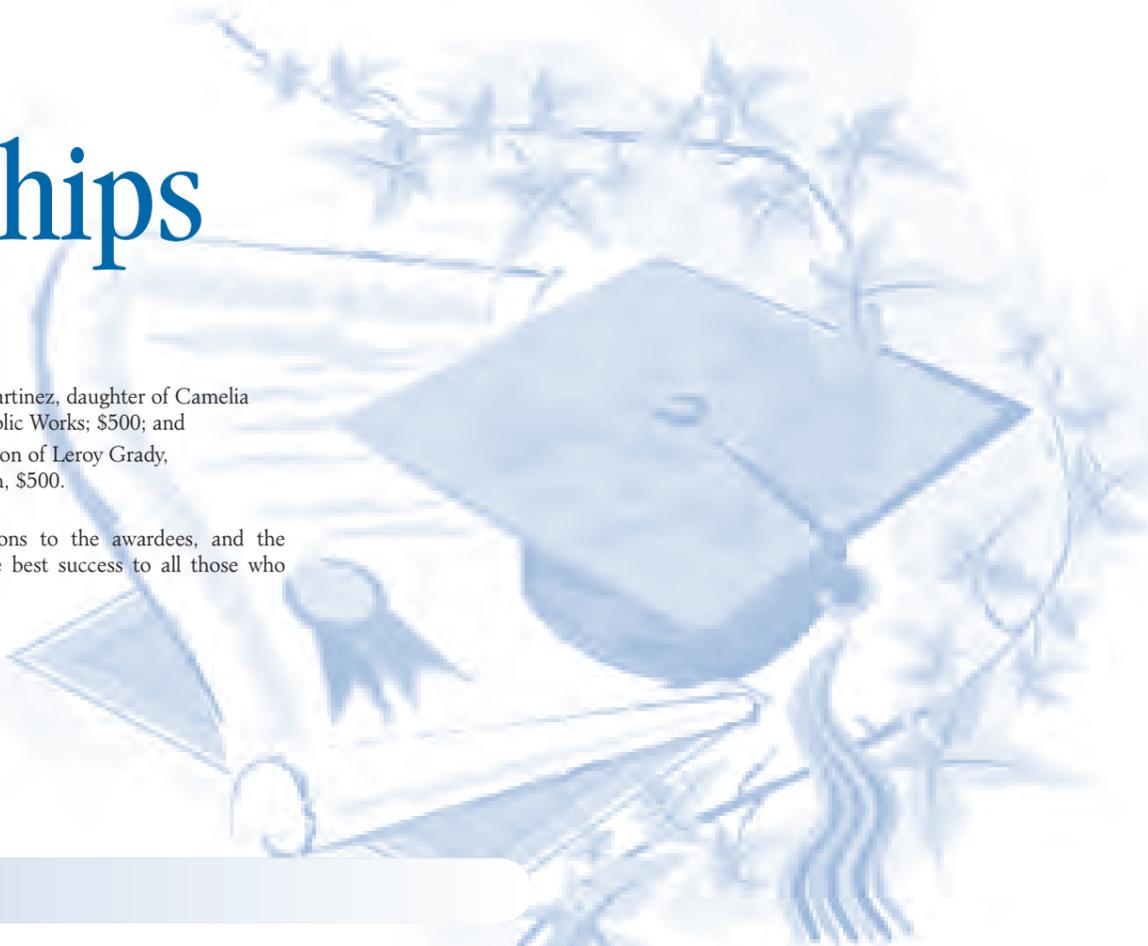
With Scholarships

nearly triples the awardees.

- Kathleen Fletes, daughter of Cynthia Fletes, Airports, \$1,000;
- Breealle Hollyfield, daughter of Jeffrey Hollyfield, Public Works, \$500;
- Davonda Williams, daughter of Yolanda Williams, Personnel, \$500;
- Soukeyna Moore, daughter of Jené Brown, Library, \$500;
- Gavielle Concepcion, daughter of Collin Concepcion, Airports, \$500;

- Cassandra Martinez, daughter of Camelia Martinez, Public Works; \$500; and
- Jarell Grady, son of Leroy Grady, Transportation, \$500.

Congratulations to the awardees, and the Club wishes the best success to all those who applied.



STEFANIE MAHALEY

Recipient of \$1,000 award



Stefanie graduated from Carson High School with a 3.3 GPA. She plans to attend UC Santa Cruz this fall.

At Carson, she was the varsity captain and a first team all-league scholar athlete on the volleyball team;

secretary and president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and a Peer Counseling team leader. She volunteered for Dig for Kids; was a member of the rock youth group at the Mission Eben-Ezer Family Church; and volunteers at the LA Jordan Mission.

"I volunteered for a program called Dig for Kids," she wrote. "The program brings elementary students from around the area to Carson High's campus, where we volunteer by tutoring them for two hours, then teach them how to play volleyball. The program experience revealed to me how much I enjoyed working with kids, and I later realized that I could tie working with kids and my love for volleyball together by being a coach. So, with that new revelation, I have decided to work toward that in college."

She's the daughter of Cinda Mahaley, Transportation

KATHLEEN FLETES

Recipient of \$1,000 award



Kathleen is currently a student at USC, where she carries at 3.59 GPA.

At USC, she is on the Dean's list, a member of the Chamber Choir, a Seymour Memorial Scholarship recipient, and a director of special events on the USC Program Board. She has volunteered as part of the Mexican American Alumni Association, the USC REAL Project, the Vista Murrieta High School Associated Student Body, and the Interact Club.

"I am extremely blessed to attend the school of my dreams, which is why I fully take advantage of all it has to offer. My education and experiences have allowed me to gain the personality and critical thinking skills necessary to be successful in life."

She's the daughter of Cynthia Fletes, Airports.

BREEALLE HOLLYFIELD

Recipient of \$500 award



Breealle graduated from Long Beach Polytechnic High School with a 3.3 GPA. She plans to attend Cal State L.A. this fall and pursue a degree in forensic science.

At Long Beach, she received academic honors all four years; was a manager on the girls basketball team; won a Presidential Award for leadership; and was honored in the Safeco Civil Law competition. She volunteered at the Vanguard Learning Center and Long Beach Memorial Hospital.

"I plan on being the first person in my family to receive both my Bachelor's and Master's degrees, in the field of forensics," she wrote. "I want to accomplish this career goal due to all the crimes that happen in my community today."

"The thing that keeps me going and moving toward my goals is a promise I made to myself to receive both by Master's and Bachelor's degrees and to become the leader in my community."

She's the daughter of Jeffrey Hollyfield, Public Works.

DAVONDA WILLIAMS

Recipient of \$500 award



Davonda graduated from Paramount High School with high honors and a GPA of 3.81. She plans to attend Cal State Long Beach in the fall.

At Paramount High, she was a rep and secretary for Student Government; a member with honors of the California Scholarship Federation; and a member of the Friday Night Live Club. She was a volunteer for the Cal State Long Beach Foundation, and Wirtz Elementary School.

"I find the involvement in my school has also made me a better person because of the knowledge of myself and about others that I gained throughout it," she wrote. "I have paved the way for myself later on and also for my bystanders to follow in my direction."

She's the daughter of Yolanda Williams, Personnel.

SOUKEYNA MOORE

Recipient of \$500 award



Soukeyna graduated from St. Bernard Catholic High School in Playa del Rey with a 3.22 GPA. She plans to attend Humboldt State University in Arcata this fall.

At St. Bernard, she was in the musicals all four years; won the varsity athletic award as part of the soccer team; was on the Dean's Honor Roll for two years; and was a member of the California Scholarship Federation. She volunteered as a teacher's aide at the Children's Enrichment Center.

"I must work very hard while keeping my eyes on the prize," she wrote. "Starting my journey with the necessary tools, one of which is college, is the key to my success. To reach my goals I am willing to work to the best of my capabilities in everything that I do. If selected, you invest in my dreams. I will take my education very seriously because my career in wildlife management and conservation is very important to me."

She's the daughter of Jené Brown, Library.

GAVRIELLE CONCEPCION

Recipient of \$500 award



Gavielle graduated from Alta Loma High School with a 4.3 GPA. She plans to attend UC Riverside in the fall.

At Alta Loma, she was the player of the year two consecutive years on the varsity tennis team; was on the Honor Roll for six semesters; and she was a member of the Advanced Women's Choir. She volunteered at the Arrowhead Regional Medical Center in Colton; is a lector and Eucharistic minister at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church; and a volunteer at the Grand Terrace Public Library in Grand Terrace.

"By being a pharmacist, I can give back to the community by assisting physicians and others in the medical field to prescribe and even research the best and most effective medicines for their patients," she wrote. "I believe that saving a patient's life is not only a physician's responsibility but also for everybody that made their commitments to help human lives. I hope for a bright future, one that includes not only a great career, but also a loving and caring family."

She's the daughter of Collin Concepcion, Airports.

CASSANDRA MARTINEZ

Recipient of \$500 award



Cassandra graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in El Sereno with a 4.14 GPA, with an honors course load. She plans to attend UC Berkeley this fall.

At Wilson, she received an academic achievement award, was on the Principal's Honor Roll, was the student board president, was the captain of the volleyball team, of which she was a member all four years. She volunteered as an altar server and at the annual church picnic, and she assisted with the church's Sunday preschool.

"As not many people from this small East Los Angeles town [El Sereno] graduate from high school, let alone attend a university, I am encouraged and challenged every day to succeed," she wrote. "I will be my own motivator, benefit from the excellent resources available and dedicate myself to performing my best in any course I take."

She's the daughter of Camelia Martinez, Public Works.

JARELL GRADY

Recipient of \$500 award



Jarell attends Morehouse College in Atlanta. At Morehouse, he's the team leader for the NHL Diversity Marketing Challenge, a student coordinator of the Morehouse Marketing Symposium, a participant in the MBA Spring Symposium, and a member of the Morehouse Business Association. He volunteers at the Frederick Douglass Tutorial Institute and at Veranda House, a senior citizen community.

"The significant event in my life that has caused me to become so ambitious and so conscious of society's ills was the day I stepped on the Morehouse College campus. The environment and the people pushed me to become a better person, a better student, and to become a leader."

He's the son of Leroy Grady, Transportation.



FINANCE

Finance Service Awards

Finance hands out its sixth annual Outstanding Service Awards.

On June 5, the Office of Finance celebrated the top 1.6 percent of its workforce at the department's sixth annual Outstanding Service Awards, held at the Kyoto Grand Hotel and Gardens. Antoinette Christovale, Director of Finance, presented awards to six employees for their exceptional performance and dedication to the job. "It gives me great pleasure to recognize some of our most dedicated, talented and innovative staff who have contributed to the Office of Finance and to the City of Los Angeles."

Christovale and Assistant Director Pamela Mooney closed the proceedings by praising all honorees for their exceptional professionalism and contributions to the office. They also took the opportunity to thank all Office of Finance staff for their service and dedication throughout the year.

Office of Finance was created in 2000 as a result of Charter reform efforts, and collects more than \$2 billion in revenue annually from various sources, including taxes, licenses, fees and permits. This revenue pays for essential municipal services to City residents and businesses.

Congratulations to the winners, and thanks to Andrea Angeles for her assistance in producing this story.

The following six honorees were recognized for their service during fiscal year 2007 – 2008 at levels above and beyond the normal duties of their jobs:

Administration Division

ALICIA VEGA

Tax Compliance Officer III

Alicia was recognized for her dedication to duty and her exemplary work ethic. Alicia began her City career in 1989 as a Clerk Typist with Pensions. She began working in the City Clerk's Office as a Senior Clerk Typist in 1990. She was promoted to a Tax and Permit Field Representative in 1995, became a Management Analyst in 1997 and has been a TCO III since 2003. For essentially 18 years she has worked for the Office of Finance. Some of her assignments over the years have been the Hollywood Public Counter and Hollywood Field Office. Alicia has been a Tax Compliance Officer III for 8 years and is currently supervising the Tax Code Analysis unit. Alicia is a very reliable employee. When new responsibilities were transferred to the unit such as the CPRA coordination and temporary assumption of the Taxpayer Advocate duties, she immediately jumped in and assumed a leadership role in administration of the programs. She organized meetings for information gathering and established data and document tracking processes to comply with legal, as well as internal office timelines. Additionally, she assisted in preparation of the Rate Reduction and Technical Changes to the Los Angeles Municipal Code Reports. Finally, she is the "go-to" person relative

to the many technical aspects of Ordinance application and historical perspectives of relating to the business tax reform program. She is a wealth of knowledge and maintains a positive approach to all assignments.

Citywide Collections Unit

KAREN DEAN

Finance Collection Investigator III

Karen was recognized for her dedication to duty. Karen began her City career in 1980 as a Legal Secretary I with the City Attorney's Office. She has been with the Citywide Collections Unit, which was then known as the Claims and Collection Unit, since 1984. She served as the training coordinator for new investigators and was also the coordinator for the private collection agency as well as the in-house training coordinator for the unit's collection system. Karen's first assignment with the Citywide Collections Unit was as a Legal Assistant, handling workers' compensation subrogation and City vehicle damage claims. She was then promoted to Investigator II, where she handled a significant caseload, including tax, statutory fees and permits, property damage and the often challenging and sensitive City employee salary overpayments. Karen has repeatedly demonstrated dedication to duty, an outstanding work ethic and consistently showed initiative in assuming responsibilities. Approximately two years ago, Karen was promoted to a supervisory role as an Investigator III. In addition to her designated supervisory responsibilities, she continues to maintain oversight and assumes a leadership role over the private agency referral program. With expiration of the original citywide collection contracts, she played an integral part in the setup, reporting and account referral processes with one of the Office's new vendors, Caine and Weiner. And, as a result of her added efforts, suggestions, and tenacity, the Office is implementing more efficient referral and agency monitoring routines.

LATAX Systems Division

MARY MAHER

Tax Compliance Officer III

Mary was recognized for her outstanding contributions and accomplishments. Mary began her City career in 1970 as a Tax and Field Representative. She became a Senior Tax and Field Representative in 1978 supervising the Van Nuys Branch Office until 1984, when she decided to stay at home with her two young children. She returned to the City in 1999 as a Management Assistant with the Tax and Permit Division. She supervised the TAPS Unit during the transition to LATAX and has been with the LATAX Systems Division since 2004. Mary is a key individual in the LATAX group who is solely



2008 Outstanding Service Award honorees and their supervisors.

responsible for a great many things to ensure the day-to-day operation of the system for this department. She coordinated all correspondence items between LATAX and our vendors that print and mail them along with monitoring the results of items generated by LATAX to ensure they are correct in quantity and content and monitoring the processing results and shipments by the vendor to ensure they did get mailed. Approximately 1.5 million correspondence items were generated and mailed by the system over the past year. Mary responded to requests for information and statistics about our tax and permit base and worked with the Office of the City Attorney as to the legal requirements of providing that information. Mary has had to complete these duties and more largely without assistance from other staff, and her dedication and professionalism in performing all these very important duties have greatly benefited Finance in meeting its goals and objectives.

Tax and Permit Division

FLORSERFINA AVILA

Tax Auditor II

Florserfina was recognized for her outstanding dedication to her work. Florserfina began her City service in 1999 as a Tax Auditor with Tax and Permit Division, and after a year, she was promoted to Tax Auditor II. Florserfina has consistently been the highest producer in the Office Audit Section, in terms of number of audits completed and revenue generated. Florserfina was assigned to initiate a pilot project that established an Office Audit presence at the Van Nuys location. She was able to implement a procedure to coordinate and obtain the cooperation and support of other division employees at Van Nuys. Stationed at Van Nuys, Florserfina worked diligently to make the pilot project a success. As testament to her efforts, Florserfina was able to exceed her audit goals for three consecutive years. This performance was instrumental in the decision to move the pilot project forward as a significant component of the Office Audit unit. Through Florserfina's efforts, the Van Nuys' Office Audit unit has provided outstanding customer service to taxpayers located in the Valley. Local businesses selected for a desk audit are able to eliminate travel to the Wilshire office, which saves a significant amount of hours for operation of their business.

Revenue Management Division

FLOYD NEAL

Tax Compliance Aide

Floyd was recognized for his exceptional service to the public. Floyd began his City service in 1995 as a Clerk Typist with the City Clerk's Office. He was promoted to Senior Clerk Typist in 1997 and was again promoted to Tax

Compliance Aide in 2005. Floyd consistently demonstrates initiative and assumes responsibilities above and beyond his job duties and is often relied on for this expertise with classifying difficult accounts and training new employees. He is very ambitious and frequently seeks opportunities to assist where needed, especially when the public counters are significantly impacted and during personnel shortages. Prior to filling the Principal Clerk vacancy, Floyd graciously assumed the responsibilities, on a temporary basis, assisting with the Brinks deposits, public counter coverage and providing backup coverage for the numerous Satellite Offices. Additionally Floyd translates when taxpayers are unable to resolve accounts; he willingly assists making sure that each taxpayer receives excellent customer service. He also assumed the responsibility of picking up the deposit for the seasonal office located at CD-8 Constitute Office. Floyd is hard-working, committed, and very reliable. He takes great pride in his work and does everything within his power to assure that the missions of the department are accomplished.

Revenue Management Division

DEBORAH SLAUGHTER

Principal Clerk

Deborah was recognized for her dedication to duty, her outstanding accomplishments, and her exceptional leadership that earned the designation as the Office of Finance Employee of the Year for 2008. Deborah began her City service in 1981 as a Clerk Typist with Building and Safety. She came to the Office of Finance in 2003 as a Principal Clerk. In Finance, Deborah has worked for the Accounts Receivable section and the Special Desks section. Deborah has consistently shown initiative, assumed responsibilities and exercised persistence in the timely resolution of problems. As the Special Desks Unit supervisor, Deborah prepared comprehensive written desk duties, which included the development of procedures for Oil Well Fire Permits. This required coordination with the Fire Department, the City Attorney, LATAX staff and her own staff. Further, she encouraged her staff to develop a tracking mechanism to efficiently and effectively monitor the inventory of the unit's work items. Deborah consistently performs her duties in an exemplary manner and maintains meticulous work habits. She often is required to provide immediate research and status reports to Executive Management for inquiries referred by elected officials and never falters when tasked to do so. She demonstrates admirable qualities, her strong work ethic, dedication to the job and integrity make her a good role model to all City employees. Her contributions to the City continually surpass her supervisors' expectations, which have consistently contributed to an increase in productivity and employee morale.



The 2008 Outstanding Service Award winners, from left: Director of Finance Antoinette Christovale; Karen Dean; Alicia Vega; Floyd Neal; Mary Maher; Deborah Slaughter; Florserfina Avila; and Assistant Director Pamela Mooney.

PUBLIC WORKS

Olympic Fanfare

Daughter of Club Member travels to China to play for the Olympics.

Angela Olinger, a clarinetist from Newhall who attends Fresno State, traveled to Beijing on a 20-day trip as one of the roughly 2,000 people selected to be part of the Beijing Olympic Orchestra.

She's the daughter of John Olinger, Principal Construction Inspector, Public Works/Contract Administration.

"I'm looking forward to playing there and seeing the type of audience and their reaction to the music," she was quoted as saying, before she left.

Olinger said the orchestra, which includes members from all over the world, was to perform for the Chinese people at various venues, including Tiananmen Square and the Great Wall of China.

She raised \$4,500 to fund her trip.

"Being able to come together with a group of people and share music is priceless," she said. "It's another example of how music can allow you to travel and gives you a world of opportunities."

Congratulations go to Angela and her dad, John.

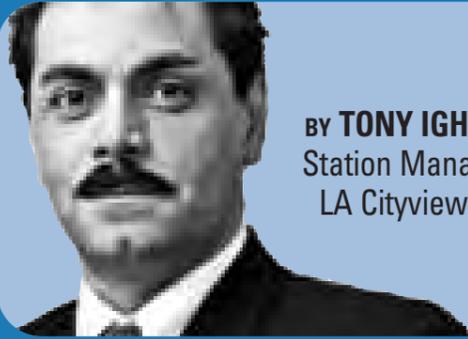


Angela Olinger poses before a performance at an Olympic venue in Beijing. She's the daughter of Club Member John Olinger, Public Works/Contract Administration.

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BY TONY IGHANI
Station Manager,
LA Cityview 35



Fall Brings New Shows

Now that summer is almost over, so are the reruns on broadcast channels. LA CityView 35 also will premier some great new shows that we hope you will tune in and watch. The list is long, so let's get to it. And on behalf of all of us here at LA CityView 35, we hope that you have had a fantastic summer.

Programming Highlights for September

Aging in LA

Hearing loss frequently goes unnoticed, even though it is the most common sensory impairment in adults over the age of 65. Estimates of those with hearing impairment are expected to double the number that is currently reported. These issues are explored in "Have You Heard," an episode of *Aging in LA*.

Airs: Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 1:30 p.m.

At Your Library: Life-Long Success

The Los Angeles Public Library has a wide variety of new and ongoing educational programs, workshops, special events and informational seminars for library patrons of all ages: from infants and toddlers, to older children, teens, adults and senior citizens. No matter what stage of life you're at, the library has a program for you – and it's free!

On this episode of *At Your Library*, host Franklin Neely visits with the library's ESL (English as a Second Language) programs, learns how visitors got their "Kicks on Route 66" during a lunchtime program, and discovers how residents can find library programs to pursue their dreams of United States citizenship.

Airs: Mondays, Sept. 22 and 29 at 11 a.m. and 10 p.m.

Faces of L.A.

Faces of L.A. is LA CityView 35's new series of short segments that takes an in-depth look at the work and contributions of the fine individuals who are making a difference in the lives of the people of Los Angeles. From organizations, such as *For Grace*, which helps women in pain, and the *St. Vincent de Paul Society*, assisting the poor; to individuals, such as a decathlon coach at Crenshaw High, an

LAPD Captain who is the first Hispanic female ever to hold that post; a "Project Runway" finalist; and an executive at Paramount Studios, "Faces of L.A." gives them the opportunity to tell their story.

Airs: Throughout the day.

The Home Shopping Network

On the latest episode of *The Home Shopping Network*, host Andrew Tarr talks to dog and cat experts at LA Animal Services to get the lowdown on what you need to know if you think you might be a dog person or a cat person.

Plus, LA Animal Services pet lovers Miki Shaler and Cori Mitchell bring along a whole new batch of pets who are shopping for a home.

Airs: Monday through Friday at 5 pm.

Inside the LAPD

Inside the LAPD takes us back to the wild, wild West with the LAPD Mounted Unit. Participate in a training demonstration with host Mary Grady, as she jumps in the saddle to learn how to maneuver a horse over urban terrain. Then we're off to Central Area to catch the bad guys.

Airs: Thursdays, Sept. 4 and 18 at 2 and 10 p.m.

L.A. Roundtable

LA Cityview 35's award-winning public affairs discussion program, *L.A. Roundtable*, offers new programs about some of the major issues facing us in Los Angeles and throughout Southern California.

The State Energy and Transportation Ballot Propositions: A very important general election is coming up on Tuesday, Nov. 4. Not only will we be voting for president, but there are also at least 12 critical propositions on our state

ballot and a number of local issues as well. This episode explores some of those ballot propositions.

The Newspaper Columnists Angelenos Love to Read: Like many other print journalists, columnists seem to be an endangered species. How do they find the interesting people and stories they write about, and will they survive the fast-moving transition to more and more online news?

Los Angeles County Supervisors: Kings and Queens of Their Own Realms? Now that some County residents are about to choose a County Supervisor in the first strongly contested election in 16 years, is it fair to say that the five County supervisors are "the most powerful people nobody knows?"

Airs: Mondays at 1:30 and 8 p.m.; Fridays at 1:30 and 9:30 p.m.

My Last Dying Breath

The long history of the LAFD includes many tragedies. The documentary *My Last Dying Breath* chronicles the experiences of those fortunate to narrowly escape the last call. These stories, told by the actual LA City firefighters, are true accounts of their life-altering experiences, presented candidly and in their own words.

Airs: Mondays, Sept. 22 and 29 at 12:30 and 9:30 p.m.

Second Chances: Union Made

Second Chances: Union Made tells the story of how job training programs have enabled convicted criminals to turn their lives around by learning construction jobs and contributing to the development of some of Los Angeles' largest building projects.

Airs: Wed., Sept. 3 and 17 at 2 p.m.; and Sat., Sept. 13 at 4:30 p.m.

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



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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**
Rhiawna Bracci
Lori Coleman
Kevin Ford
John Goodwin
Brenda Henderson
Misak Housepian
Shane Kekilian
Jose Marin
Roberto
Miramontes
Paul Mykietyn
Daniel Quezada
Perla Togonon
Marcus Wilder
- Animal Services**
Gloria Moreno
Tamralyn
Shepphird
Ponniahq
Thangarajah
- Building and Safety**
Lakeisha Wyatt
- City Attorney**
Mary Horton
Ann Pastorcich
- City Clerk**
Brenda Chambers
- Convention Center**
Johnnie Young
- LAFD**
Gabriel Martinez
Robert Rebbe Jr.
- General Services**
Arturo Alonso
Scott Brown
EbonyE Clark
David Escobado
Richard Kelly
Carlos Lopez
Fernando Meza
Victor Ryan
Rosa San Martin
Hermes Valtierra
Norris Wade Jr.
- Harbor**
Michael Alva
Jose Alvarez
- Joseph Arthur
Luis Bautista
Porfirio Blas
Christopher Brincat
Michael Canlas
Rodrigo Cayax
David Clements
Stacey Creech
Christopher Crispino
John Curry
Daniel Dayton
Susana Eldridge
Morgan Evans
Nathan Ewert
Miguel Fagins
Victor Fernandez
Scott Gaines
Michael Glimpse
Brent Grieger
Brandon Hamasaki
Tyler Hammon
Tyler Hellinga
Maria Hernandez
Frank Huang
Kenneth Huerta
Michael Hussein
John Ibrahim
Masaki Imoto
Michael Kettelkamp
Keli Legaspi
Edward Martinez
Fernando Martinez
Kevin McCloskey
Daniel Meadows
Patricia Montano
Aldo Morales
Alfredo Moya
Robert Myers
Jonathan Oceau
Mark Oliver
Mark Paliuca
Daniel Park
Livanios Pilitsis
William Price
Zoila Ramirez
Anthony Reitz
Mark Renteria
Rosa Reynoso
Charles Sanderson
Katrina Schutte
Jeffrey Shanaphy
Tracy Spinoso
William Tyler
- Andy Wang
Lee Warren
Aaron Ybarra
Travis Zoebisch
Pedro Zuniga
- Housing**
Michael DeSimone
Ericka Lake
Maria Orozco
- ITA**
Mesha McGowan
- Library**
Cheryl Funada
Katherine Villavicencio
- Personnel**
Oscar Acosta
- LAPD**
Carlos Barragan
Jason Cline
Paulina Gonzalez
Benjamin Harris
Anthony Jackson
Guillermo Lopez
Lidia Marcial
Brenda Nesby
Denise Ruiz
Denise Sawyer
Nicolas Torres
Brian Whitten
- Fire and Police**
Pensions
Ivy Garnett
Kimberly McCullough
- Public Works**
Engineering
Alfredo Garay
Sanitation
Stephen Deryiades
Annie Gulley
Erika Smith
Street Services
Kevin Frazier
Raymond Gonzalez, Jr.
Nick Mendoza
- Rec and Parks**
Keith Barbour
Andrew Clayton
Desiree Gaucin
Victor Hatem
Justin Nernsuan
Andrea Yrineo
- Transportation**
Luis Cervantes
Anthony Gaines
Jorge Gonzalez
Delicia Moore
Destiny Reynolds
- Finance**
Laura Obregon
- DWP**
Alejandro Escobar Jr.
Rodney Evans
Yang Kim
Carlos Luevano
Brian Mills
Brandon Pyle
Ernest Sands
Harry Smith
Gilbert Valencia
Felicia Young
- Retired Employees**
Rodney Almores
David Knight
Kenneth Maya
Dale Rogers
- Other**
Byron Abron
Arman Akserelian
Maria Divina Bautista
Ernest Dill
Amy Hung
Mark Knox
Daniel Leung
Edgar Maciel
Jose Magana
Joseph Martinez
Isaiah Muniz
Hector Olivo
Roberto Perez
Kimberly Pipkins
David Rosin

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**
Marie Goree, Public Works, 24
Kevin Johnson, Public Works, 0
Lisa Knight, Public Works, 6
Margarito Lopez, DWP, 22
Oliver Sims, Public Works, 28
James Jacobs, Controller, 21
Joe Kahn, Rec and Parks, 14
Wilbur Kaven, Airports, 10
Glen King, Public Works, 19
Willie Kinney, Public Works, 36
Kim Le Dinh, Airports, 32
- Retired**
Milo Anderson, Public Works, 22
Richard Bahl, Public Works, 10
George Bell, Public Works, 10
Edward Benham, DWP, 28
Barbara Bretzing, Rec and Parks, 10
Mary Busby, LAFD, 20
William Byron, Rec and Parks, 17
James Calbert, Public Works, 30
Allen Carlson, Airports, 41
C. Chamberlain, General Services, 35
Ira Clampitt, Public Works, 22
W.I. Daugherty, General Services, 28
Douglas Day, Public Works, 27
Leo Deadwiley, DWP, 32
William Ferguson, Public Works, 33
Charles Fisher, General Services, 32
Joseph Garcia, Rec and Parks, 17
Jean Gilbert, DWP, 28
Max Goar, Building and Safety, 17
Arthur Hall, Public Works, 33
David Haugh, General Services, 18
Lily Hayward, Mayor, 22
Gayle Holman, DWP, 36
Wallace Hooper, DWP, 38
Royce Houston, DWP, 27
Rathnavath Jacob, Library, 25
Veikko Liila, Building and Safety, 25
Debra Lipsey, General Services, 18
Herman Mandel, DWP, 11
Lee Moore, LAPD, 12
Hazel Nishinaka, Building and Safety, 13
Frances Owaki, ITA, 29
Ladislado Pacillas, DWP, 25
Robert Phillips, DWP, 35
Ray Powell, DWP, 21
Robert Rice, Transportation, 26
Duane Raschke, Public Works, 12
Louis Ravare, Building and Safety, 27
Carole Reavis, DWP, 43
Valerie Robertson, LAPD, 19
Rogelio Salinas, General Services, 28
Sylvia Schantz, Council, 36
Louis Smith Jr., DWP, 26
Charles Spillers, General Services, 8
Mildred Swartz, Rec and Parks, 5
Mosell Taylor, Public Works, 31
Suzano Vega, LAPD, 31
Frank White, DWP, 24

Retirements

NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS
James Batiste	Garage Attendant	LAPD	37	Modesto Nevarez	Gardener Caretaker	Airports	26
Ernani Bernardi	Comm. Info. Rep.	ITA	14	Melvin Nickelson	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech.	General Services	31
Irene Di Giorno	Police Service Rep	LAPD	19	Richard Nieto	Sr. Rec. Dir.	Rec and Parks	46
Dennis Dickinson	Build. Mech. Inspector	Building and Safety	21	Kenji Nishikawa	Sr. Construction Inspector	Public Works	42
Jimmy Guzman	Equip. Operator	Public Works	19	Manuel Obando	Truck Operator/One Man	Public Works	24
Audrey Hutchinson	ND	Payroll Analyst	34	Gilbert Palomares	Refuse Col. Supv.	Public Works	35
Robert Jennings	Traffic Officer	Transportation	17	Kenneth Peters	Information Sys. Mgr.	ITA	23
Lonnie Kell	Equip. Mechanic	General Services	26	Martin Renteria	Port Police Capt.	Harbor	22
Theodore Kottwitz	Heavy Duty Equip. Mech.	General Services	30	Christina Sanchez	Legal Secretary	City Attorney	39
David Kuntzman	City Planner	Planning	30	Clara Vallejo	Comm. Admin. Sup. Wkr.	El Pueblo	4
Charles Lawson	Maint. and Constr. Helper	Airports	26	Mario Vela	Traffic Officer	Transportation	38
Yoon Lee	Oper/Stats Res. Anl.	Housing	35	Jean Vermeer	Pr. Property Officer	LAPD	30
Jo Ann Legaspi	Clerk Typist	Harbor	31	Henry Villanueva	Industrial Waste Mgr.	Public Works	23
Dianne Myles	Clerk	Public Works	40				

Special Achievements



Happy third wedding anniversary to Jessica Grande, Rec and Parks, and Pablo Lopez. (And happy birthday, Pablo!)

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



As Leroy Plummer (left) transferred out of the Convention Center, he is thanked for his service by David James, Senior Carpenter, Convention Center. Leroy transferred to the DWP in Independence as a Mechanical and Construction Helper. He had been with the Convention Center for 10 years. Congratulations, Leroy!

Military



Does someone in your extended family serve their country as a member of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard? Send us a photo – either formal or on duty, along with your name, City department and relationship to the subject. Send photos to *Alive!* in the Military, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 350 S. Figueroa St. Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071. Send digital photos to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

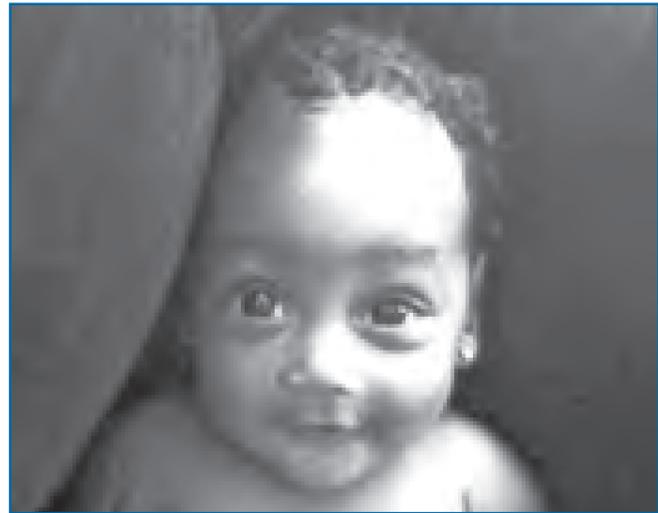
Weddings

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Quinceañera

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Births



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

Simone Nalani Wright, born April 16. Her father is Ofcr. Earl Wright III, LAPD West LA Division. Grandparents are Ofcr. Earl Wright Jr., LAPD Central Division, and Lynne Wright, Airport Police (LAX).

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Take advantage of the Club's purchasing power (strength in numbers!) to get great rates for your auto and homeowners insurance.

Your Counselor Can Help

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Arlene Herrero



Howard Pompel

Life's Important Moments

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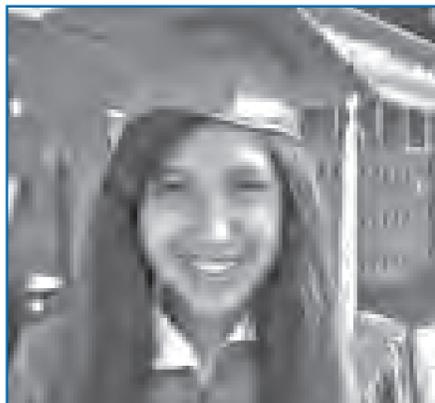


Graduations

Congratulations!



Rafael R. Esparza graduated from Western Kentucky University in May with a Master of arts degree in Communications. He received his Bachelor's degree in communications from Illinois State University in 2006. He plans to work in the entertainment field or in government. He's the son of Ralph R. Esparza (Club Member), former Assistant General Manager, Housing.



Miranda Medina graduated with honors from Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Montebello in June. She will attend Cal High in Whittier, where she made the freshman cheer squad. Go Condors! Miranda is the granddaughter of Red Medina, Const. Inspector, Public Works, and Lupe Medina, Club staff.



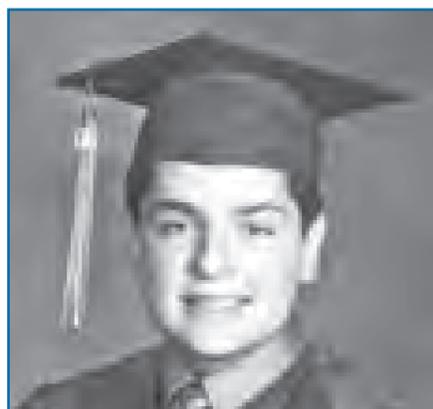
Phillis Ninofranco, Clerk Typist, Harbor, graduated from DeVry University, Long Beach, in 2007 with a Bachelor of arts degree in technical management in accounting. She hopes to become an accountant for the Harbor Dept. one day. Her parents are Pablo (Retired, Harbor) and Josie Ninofranco.



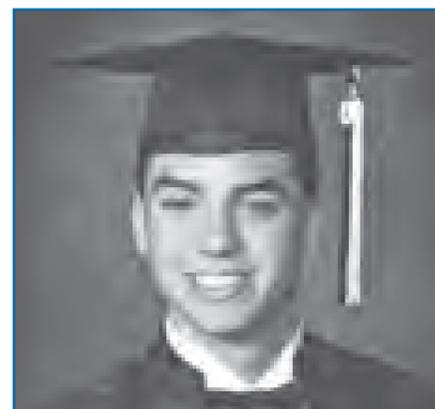
Jessica Moncayo, former Club Scholarship winner, graduated *cum laude* from Loyola Marymount University. She was a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Alpha Sigma Nu and the Dean's List. Her mother is Cynthia Beltran, LAPD.



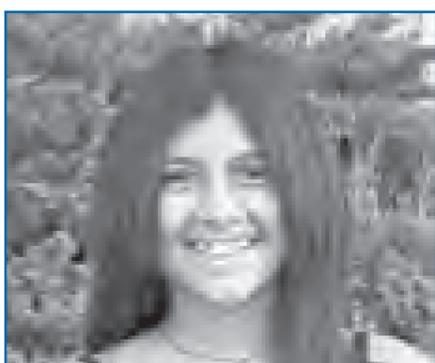
Earl Wright III graduated from the Los Angeles Police Academy on June 20. Earl is the son of Earl Wright Jr., Sr. Lead Officer, LAPD-Central Division (Club Member) and Lynne D. Wright, Principal Communications Operator, Airport Police-LAX (Club Member).



Gabriel Sanchez graduated from Calvary Chapel Christian High School. Future plans are to become an L.A.-certified welder. His father is Patrick "Rocky" Sanchez, DWP.



Vincent Frias graduated from Golden Valley High School in Santa Clarita with honors and a 3.89 GPA. He'll be attending UCLA this fall, majoring in pre-law. His father is Frank Frias, Animal Services.



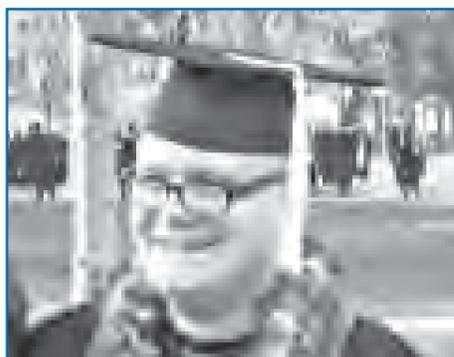
They are the children of Mary Rose Jaco, General Services.

Amber Rose Jaco graduated from the 6th grade at Dahlia Heights Elementary in Los Angeles. She has been accepted and will be attending Pueblo School for the Arts and Sciences in Pueblo, Colo. She plans to return to California in two years and attend the Los Angeles Police Academy High School Magnet Program. She's the daughter of Mary Rose Jaco, General Services.



Alex Ray Jaco graduated from Pueblo School for the Arts and Sciences in Pueblo, Colo., and will be attending South High School. He has already taken early college courses in Los Angeles during the summer months and plans to continue in Pueblo. He's the son of Mary Rose Jaco, General Services.

Share Your Moments!



Jeremy Patrich graduated from Cal State Northridge with a major in geography. He has been accepted at Cal State Northridge for his Master's degree. He is interested in doing more research at Owens Lake.



Sarah Patrich graduated from West Ranch High School with a Career Path Award and an award for Studio Arts and Drama. She plans to attend College of the Canyons in the fall. She also attended Cal Arts during high school and is a great artist.



Markota Patrich graduated from Live Oak Grade School with music excellence. He will attend Castaic Middle School and loves writing and art.

They are the children of Doriann and Larry Patrich, Labor Supervisor, DWP (Owens Lake).



1 **Canada**



Here are photos of **Alex Lopez, DWP**, and his son, Gabriel, at Niagara Falls, Canada. Thanks to Alex's daughter, Bridget, who took the photos of Alex and Gabriel.

3 **Panama**



"This is a photo taken from a ship transiting the Pedro Miguel Locks in the Panama Canal. The Panama Canal is considered the Eighth Wonder of the World. I was here on vacation with my family in July. Panama is a great place to visit."

- **Anselmo Collins, DWP**

2 **Michigan**



John Humphrey, Harbor, went on vacation to Michigan, visiting family.

4 **Indonesia and Malaysia**



"My family and I went to Bali, Indonesia, and Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from July 17 to 24."

- **Lorean Soo Hoo, LAPD**

Alive! AROUND THE WORLD

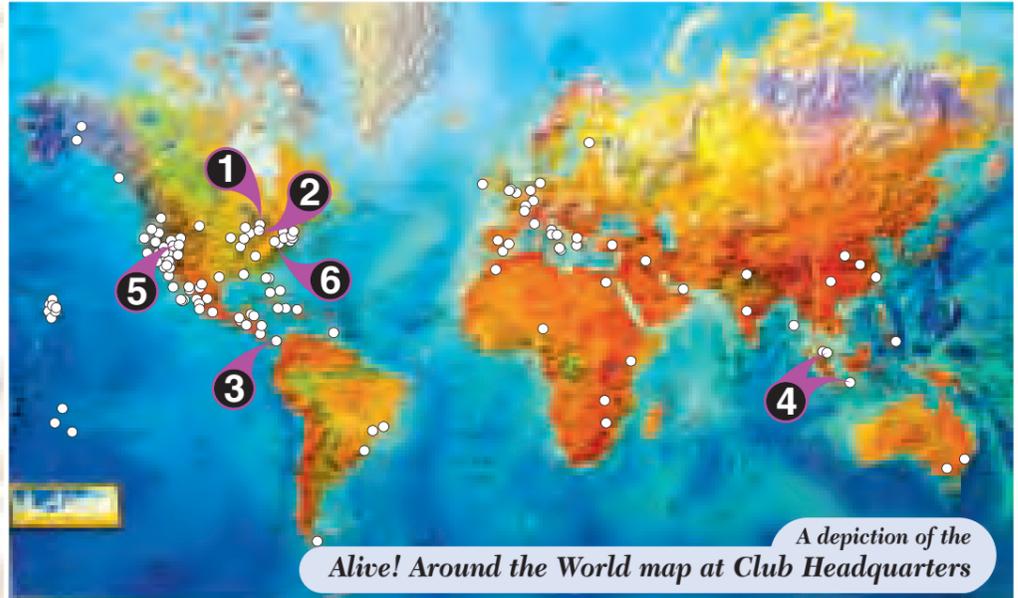
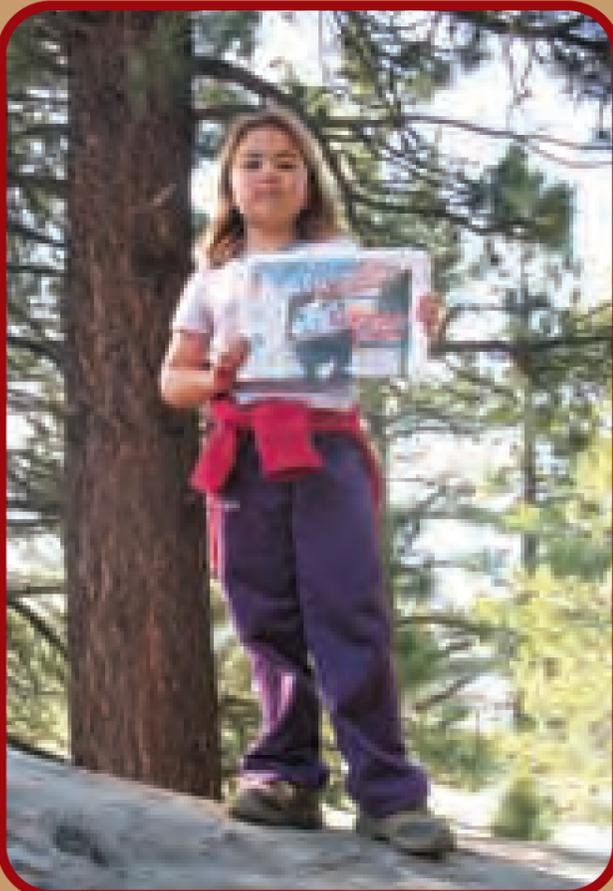


5 California



"I took the family for a week's vacation at the Rec and Parks-owned and -operated Camp High Sierra in Mammoth Lakes. Built in the mid-'20s, the camp is about two miles from the center of town and features campsites, 10 cabins, hot showers and a charming old lodge with games and activities for the kids. We stayed in one of the rustic cabins and spent one week fishing, hiking, roasting marshmallows, riding the Mammoth Mountain gondola and horseback riding." The photo depicts Renne's daughter, Alessandra, 8.

- Renne Gardner, Housing



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6 Maryland



Paul M. O'Carroll (Public Works/Contract Administration) and family visited his family in Annapolis, Md., for the Fourth of July, and enjoyed the Navy fireworks that night at the Academy. "We also enjoyed boating and crabbing on the Chesapeake Bay." (From left: Paul, Matthew and Susan O'Carroll.)

Life insurance:

How Much Is Enough?

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

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

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

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

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

Getting the coverage you need

When you consider these facts, you may find that your family would not be adequately protected should they lose you and your income.

"Typically, term life insurance offers you the most life insurance protection for your money," explained Robert Larios, the Director of Marketing and Communications for The City Employees Club of Los Angeles. "It becomes even more affordable when you can purchase it at an attractive group rate. If there is a gap between the amount of life insurance you have and the amount your family would need, term life insurance may be the most economical way to close it."

What to look for in a plan

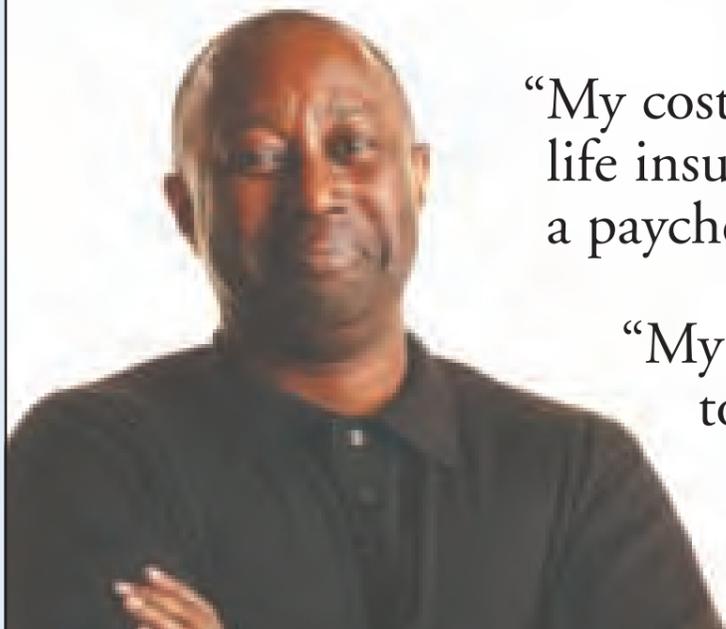
When evaluating term life insurance plans, here are some things to consider:

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

The City Employees Club of Los Angeles has selected a Group Term Life Insurance Plan underwritten by a member company of American International Group, Inc., The United States Life Insurance Company in the City of New York. This company has been awarded an A++ (Superior) rating from A.M. Best. This rating reflects The United States Life Insurance Company in the City of New York's superior overall financial strength and operating performance when compared to A.M. Best's standards. The rating is current as of October 1, 2007. For the latest A.M. Best's ratings and A.M. Best's Company Reports, please visit the A.M. Best Web site at www.ambest.com.

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

For active and retired City or DWP employees



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

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

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

Life Insurance from the Club is a smart, easy choice

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Term Life Insurance premiums based on bi-weekly payroll deductions

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

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

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



Questions?
Call 1-800-464-0452

The City Employees Club of Los Angeles
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Medical Information Bureau (MIB) Disclosure Notice: (Must be retained by the applicant) Information regarding your insurability will be treated as confidential. The United States Life Insurance Company in the City of New York, or its reinsurers may, however, make a brief report thereon to MIB, a not-for-profit membership organization of insurance companies, which operates an information exchange on behalf of its Members. If you apply to another MIB Member company for life or health insurance

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

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

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

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

7 EASY STEPS TO APPLY >>>

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

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

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

Summary of plan details

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

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

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

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

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

Cut out the application, fold and mail it to:

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



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

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

STEP 1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Choose the plan and indicate the benefit amount desired:

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

STEP 4. DESIGNATE YOUR BENEFICIARIES

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

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

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

AUTHORIZATION AND DECLARATION OF EACH PERSON GIVING A STATEMENT OF INSURABILITY

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

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

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

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

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

NEW POLICYHOLDERS: Club membership fees will be automatically deducted.

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

STEP 6. COMPLETE AND SIGN THE PAYROLL DEDUCTION AUTHORIZATION.

Payroll Deduction Authorization

Social Security #: _____ Name: _____ Department: _____

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

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

Sign Here

X

City/DWP Employee _____ Date _____

Federal Law P.L. 93-579 Section 7

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

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Newsbrief

HARBOR SECURITY:

The Port of Los Angeles has been awarded \$10.06 million out of \$40 million in fiscal year 2007 California Proposition 1B grant funds for four security projects: a multi-agency maritime facility; a multi-vehicle inspection facility; a law enforcement tracking system; and maritime law enforcement officer training. The reimbursement grant, which does not require cost share funding, was officially accepted by the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners at its meeting in August.

State of California voters approved the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality and Port Security Bond Act, Proposition 1B, in November 2006. The Proposition directs that \$100,000,000 of the bond funds be made available upon appropriation of legislature for eligible port and maritime security projects. In January 2008, the Port of Los Angeles applied for grants funds for four security projects which were reviewed by a Peer Review Panel appointed by the California Governor's Office of Homeland Security. The Port's projects were approved in May 2008 and the recent Board action officially accepts the grant, which must be used for the approved projects by March 31, 2010.

The projects funded under this Proposition 1B grant are:

Multi-Agency Maritime Facility – located at the Port Police Wilmington Substation on Water Street, the project upgrades the existing building to support multi-agency operations as well as add modular units to support boat crews of the different agencies. Also included in the project is installation of floating docks, gangways and piers

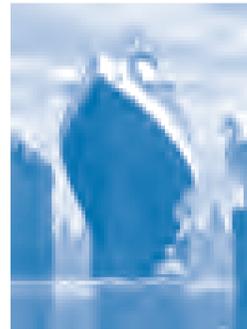
suitable to mooring the types of boats being used by law enforcement agencies in the Port. Also included are electrical and fresh water hook-ups. Total projected cost is \$3.9 million.

Cruise Center Vehicle Inspection Facility – involves improvements to the site where the high-powered scanner unit can be operated and improvements to a secondary inspection area to be utilized by other agencies performing security operations at the Port. Total projected cost is \$2.2 million.

Law Enforcement Resource Tracking System – includes procurement and installation of a state of the art resource tracking system for vehicles and vessels operating with the land and water areas of the Port. The project includes installing tracking system transponders on all of the vehicles and vessels of participating agencies. It also includes installing readout capabilities at all locations within the Port that may be used, as well as an incident command centers within the Port. Total projected cost is \$3.3 million.

Maritime Law Enforcement Officer Training – allows the Port, in conjunction with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, to develop a curriculum to provide additional training to the law enforcement agencies that currently operate within the Port. Instructors will be California Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) certified and will cover maritime law enforcement topics. Total projected cost is \$447,960.

The grant will be administered by the Port's Homeland Security Division.



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Cooking with the Club

by Chef Robert Larios



Send Us Your Recipes!

If you would like your recipe published in the next issue of *Alive!*, you may fax your recipes to (213) 620-0398 or e-mail us at talkback@cityemployeesclub.com.

Make It Margherita



DIRECTIONS:



Have all our tools and ingredients prepared on a clean cutting board and kitchen surface. Wash, pat-dry and dice the basil, then set aside.



Take flour and spread it over a clean cutting board. This helps keep the pizza dough from sticking to the surface as the dough is rolled out.



Begin kneading and flattening the dough so that it takes shape as a circle. Don't worry if it is not a perfect circle. I suggest a thin layer of dough so that the pizza becomes a thin-crust pizza.



Apply olive oil or nonstick cooking spray to the surface to a baking pan or pizza pan that has been wrapped in aluminum foil.



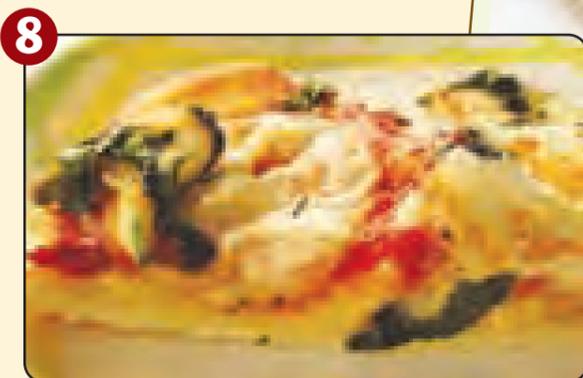
Place the dough on the baking pan. Add the pizza sauce over the dough and spread evenly.



Add the mozzarella cheese, basil and freshly cracked pepper over the sauce. Lastly, add a few drops of extra virgin olive oil.



Place in the oven and bake at 450 F degrees for about 20 minutes or until the crust is golden brown and the cheese has melted.



Cut a slice or two and serve.

As the story goes, around 1870, Chef Raffaele Esposito was ordered by Queen Margherita of Savoia, Italy (Margaret of Savoy) to bake a variety of pizzas. In honor of the Queen and the colors of the Italian flag, Raffaele made a pizza topped with tomatoes, mozzarella cheese and fresh basil. The queen loved the new pizza, and the word quickly got out about the pizza. It was named after her as well.

There are enough pizza varieties and ingredients used for them to fill a 1,000-page book. But for me, nothing is better than the simple creation of the pizza margherita. Simple yet extremely delicious, the flavor combination is perfection.

The amount of ingredients you use will depend on size and personal choice. One thing is for sure in the case of pizza -- more is likely going to be better here.

Pizza

Serves 2 to 4

INGREDIENTS:

- Pizza dough (amount is your preference)
- Pizza sauce, 16 ounces
- Pepper, to taste
- Mozzarella cheese, 1 pound
- Basil, 1/2 cup
- Extra virgin olive oil, 2 table-
spoons (to prepare the pan and
to drizzle on pizza;
optional)
- Flour, 1/4 cup

Cooking Tidbit: Feel free to add as much or little of the main ingredients. Obviously, more dough means a larger pizza, with the need for more pizza sauce, cheese, basil and cooking time. You are free to make homemade dough and tomato sauce as well if you have the time, and believe me it is well worth the extra time.

[A Cook's Dictionary]

Pizza:

Made popular in the United States by soldiers who brought the idea back from Italy at the end of World War II, pizza is thought to have evolved from early Egyptian flat bread. Literally translated, the word means "pie," but it has come to represent a round savory tart made with a crisp yeast dough covered with tomato sauce, mozzarella cheese and other ingredients such as peppers, onions, Italian sausage, mushrooms, anchovies and pepperoni. Variations such as deep-dish pizza, with its bread-like crust, have been popular over the years. Many menus now feature pizzas with just tomato sauce and mozzarella cheese. They're topped instead with ingredients such as sun-dried tomatoes, duck sausage, fresh basil, smoked salmon, goat cheese or wild mushrooms.

- From the *The New Food Lover's Companion*, Sharon Tyler Herbst, 1995, Barron's Educational Series.



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Be Prepared

Emergency Preparedness Fairs scheduled for September.

"The Great Southern California ShakeOut: Are You Prepared?" is the title of a series of three emergency preparedness fairs, scheduled this month by Emergency Preparedness.

The fairs, the 17th annual, are intended to educate City residents on the importance of being prepared for earthquakes and other disasters, and to provide preparedness information and tips.

Fairs are scheduled on the following Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.:

- Sept. 13, Page Museum at the La Brea Tar Pits, 5801 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles;
- Sept. 20, Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park, 25820 Vermont Ave., Harbor City; and
- Sept. 27, Panorama Mall, 8401 Van Nuys Blvd., Panorama City.

The fairs feature free admission, free giveaways, live safety demonstrations, disaster preparedness exhibits, a children's preparedness pavilion, and interactive programming for children ages 3-12.

Expected to be in attendance are representatives from the LAFD, the LAPD, Public Works, the DWP, Transportation, Rec and Parks, Building and Safety, Department on Disability, Community Redevelopment Agency, the American Red Cross and others who play significant roles during and after earthquakes, fires, floods, landslides and other natural or man-made disasters.

For more information:
www.lacity.org/emd or
call (213) 978-2222.

**A Fair for
Employees,
Too**

This fall's emergency preparedness fairs are not just for regular citizens – there's one for City Employees, too.

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 11, Emergency Preparedness will offer a preparedness fair just for City Employees. The fair will be held at the City Hall Farmer's Market.

City employees are required to be prepared to help citizens get through an emergency. Are you ready to help? That's what the City Employee Preparedness Expo is all about.

See the flyer to the right, for more information.

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DO YOU HAVE A FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN? HOW OFTEN IS IT PRACTICED?

Emergency Preparedness is YOUR responsibility!

City of Los Angeles employees are required to be prepared to sustain themselves and to assist fellow co-workers and residents, as needed, during and after major disasters. Join us at the City Hall Farmers Market on September 11 to learn how City Departments respond to disasters and how you can become better prepared.

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{ In this monthly feature, Club CEO John Hawkins and Director of Member Services 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. 9 in a series.
SEPTEMBER 2008



Meet Rico Dawson.

AGE: "58."

BIRTHPLACE: "Ohio."

MARITAL STATUS: "Married."

FAMILY: "Five brothers and six sisters."

FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY:
"Camping in the woods with friends."

MOVED TO THE CITY: "1986."

EDUCATION: "I graduated from high school and have some college."

MILITARY: "I was drafted into the Army in 1968, and got out in 1970. I was stationed at Fort Sill and Fort Ord, and then I did a tour in Vietnam, in particular at Phu Bai and Tainym. I saw quite a bit of action, and I was armed with an M-16."

IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE? "A home."

LAST JOB: "I worked for Intel in the accounting dept., back in 1988."

FAVORITE SPORT: "Football."

RELIGION: "Protestant."

FAVORITE FOOD: "Lamb."

FAVORITE MOVIE: "Little Caesar."

FAVORITE ACTOR: "Edward G. Robinson."

FAVORITE ACTRESS: "Greta Garbo."

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "I Love Lucy."

FAVORITE MUSIC: "All music, especially classical."

FAVORITE CANDY: "Hershey's bar."

WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "In Flag Park."

FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY:
"Hollywood Bowl."

ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "Try to do good, do right! Don't harm anyone."

LAST BOOK READ: "The Bible."

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE WAR IN IRAQ? "I hate war. I don't think it's right for young people to be dying. It's a senseless waste of life."

IF YOU WERE MAYOR, WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO HELP THE HOMELESS SITUATION?

"First, I would recognize that there are several types of homeless people, and not lump all of us into one category. I do not use drugs or alcohol, yet the only place to spend the night is in the mission, where most of the homeless are drug addicts and alcoholics. The mission is demoralizing and an embarrassment to me; if I were mayor, I would provide more respectable housing options, and I would try to funnel more money to the cause."

The Club gave Rico a "Club Earth-Friendly Bag," filled with three pairs of socks, water, snacks, an L.A. City shirt, \$20 and a \$25 McDonald's gift card. He was very appreciative.

The interview took place Aug. 19 at "Flag Park" at the County Administration Building, one block from City Hall.



Newsbrief

HARBOR SUPPORTS BANNING:

The Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners unanimously approved spending up to \$900,000 on a transportation exhibit at the Banning Museum in Wilmington. The exhibit, being coordinated by The Friends of Banning Park Corporation, spotlights the transportation history of the Los Angeles Harbor between 1850 and 1915 and will be separated by eras: Spanish and Mexican Era, American Era, Railroad and Port Development, and Transportation Legacy of the Los Angeles Harbor. The exhibit will be housed in 3,000 square feet and is expected to take two years to complete.

"It is important for the residents and visitors to this area to understand the history that brought us to the point of being a critical transportation and commerce hub for the nation," said Los Angeles Harbor Commission President S. David Freeman. "The Transportation Exhibit Project at the Banning Museum is an important addition to the area, and we are pleased to be able to assist with its financing through the existing community mitigation funds – this is what the fund was intended to support."

Funding for this project comes from the Port's Community Aesthetic Mitigation Program, created as part of the China Shipping lawsuit settlement in 2003. A total of \$13.3 million was set aside for projects in the Wilmington community. It is anticipated that \$3.1 million will be expended on the already-approved Wilmington Youth Sailing Center and \$2.7 million has been approved for an aquatics center at the Wilmington YMCA.

"The Board of the Friends of Banning joins me in expressing deep appreciation to the Harbor Commission, our founder Nancy Banning Call, our Museum Director Michael Sanborn, and a wonderful cross-section of individuals who helped us obtain this award," remarked Hank Hilty, President of the Friends. Hilty acknowledged the broad interest and excitement this project is generating as they continue to move closer to their Campaign fund raising goals. Additionally he mentioned that the Museum anticipates this exhibition will attract Museum visitors not only from this region but from around the country and international guests who are visiting this area.

A call for proposals in Wilmington went out to the community in 2007. Types of proposed conceptual projects being sought were those providing a nexus between the proposed project and the impact of Port operations. Viable concepts included: open space and parks; landscaping and beautification; and educational, arts or athletic facilities. Received proposals were reviewed by the Port Community Advisory Committee and then sent to the California State Lands Commission for evaluation of consistency with the Tidelands Trust and the Public Trust Doctrine. The project then came before the Board of Harbor Commissioners for approval. A similar fund and process is in place for projects in the San Pedro area.

ZOO LATINO HERITAGE:

The Los Angeles Zoo kicks off Latino Heritage Month (September) with Latino Heritage Celebration Sept. 13-14. The festive celebration focuses on Latino heritage and cultural traditions. Activities will include traditional Latin music and dances, fun crafts for kids, delicious food, handcrafted artwork, keeper talks and a self-guided tour of the animals native to Latin America. Come enjoy the sights, sounds and festive traditions of Latino culture.

The special event is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 13-14. The Zoo and Botanical Gardens is at 5333 Zoo Dr. in Griffith Park.

This event is free with paid Zoo admission. The Zoo is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. For information, call (323) 644-4200 or visit the L. A. Zoo Website at www.lazoo.org.

Who are the people you see every day?

Trivial Matters

■ It's time for trivia with Hynda. Here's a batch about the 1800s.

Photos from the Security Pacific and Herald-Examiner photo collections, Los Angeles Public Library photo archives, Carolyn Cole, director.

I am a really crazy for trivia. I like information short and sweet, and the more the better.

So I've put together some interesting facts. In this first installment, I'll feature Los Angeles City trivia from the 19th century.

Many of these pithy facts of Los Angeles history come from Larry Williams of Public Works/Contract Administration. Thank you, Larry. The remainder comes from obscure places and a publication, *Los Angeles: A Chronological and Documentary History, 1542-1976*.

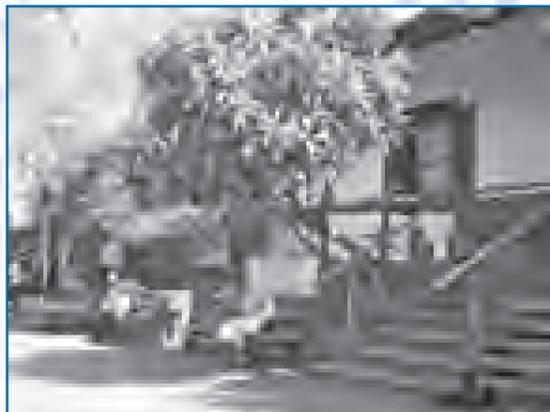
Sometime in the future I will deliver to you, dear readers, exciting 20th- and 21st-century tasty tidbits of our local history. For now, enjoy!



This picture, taken in 1859, is the earliest known photograph of the plaza (Olvera Street area). The building in the center is the city reservoir. The Carrillo home faces it on the south, and the Lugo and Del Valle homes face it on the east.

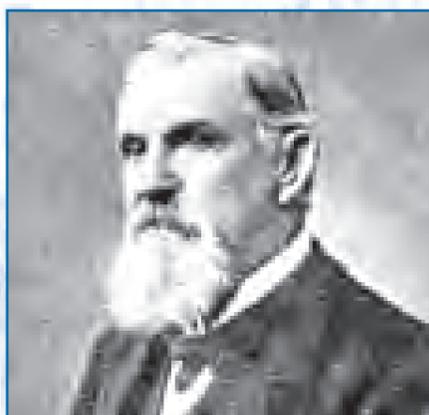
Los Angeles 19th-Century Trivia

- ⊙ In 1818, the Avila Adobe was built by Francisco Avila, former Mayor of the Ayuntamiento (Mexican city council). It is the City's oldest remaining building, located on Olvera Street.



Avila Adobe.

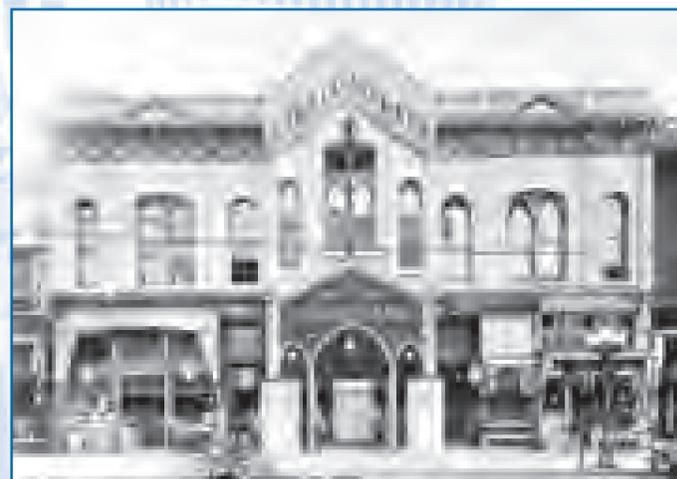
- ⊙ In 1847, construction of an adobe fort began on Fort Moore Hill, where the Los Angeles Unified School District headquarters is currently located.
- On April 9, 1850, the first Post Office was established in the City.
- ⊙ On July 10, 1851, the first City police force was formed by the Common Council.



John G. Nichols, President of Common Council, 1855.

- In 1854, the City of Los Angeles was granted its first City Seal. It depicted a cluster of grapes. It was replaced in 1905 with the current City Seal.
- In 1856, Catholic nuns from the Daughters of Charity order arrived and began the City's first orphanage, along with a school at Alameda and Cesar Chavez Streets. They also treated their first patients at what is known as St. Vincent Medical Center, the longest continuously run hospital in Southern California.
- In 1857, the first franchise for a water company was given to Judge William G. Dryden. He constructed a brick reservoir in the plaza and laid iron pipes along Main and Los Angeles Streets. Within the reservoir the pipes were wooden. The system was maintained until 1861.
- In November 1860, national elections were held. The City cast 179 votes for Abraham Lincoln, 263 votes for Stephen A. Douglas and 267 votes for John Breckinridge. This illustrates how the City was pro-Southern and pro-slave at that time.
- In 1861, Capt. W.S. Hancock was sent to Los Angeles to ensure that no arms were captured by the pro-Southern element. Also, the Los Angeles National Guard was mobilized to protect government property.
- In 1864, the City suffered its worst recorded year for the cattle industry, after two years of floods, drought and smallpox.
- In 1865, the City was badly in need of money and sold 35-acre lots for \$5 and \$10 an acre.
- In 1870, the records showed that there were 110 drinking establishments in the area.
- On May 25, 1874, prostitution was outlawed.
- In June 1875, the first class graduated from Los Angeles High School.
- In the summer of 1875, Caroline M. Severence helped start the first kindergarten in Los Angeles.

- In 1877, the City Marshal's office was abolished and J.F. Gerkins was appointed Chief of Police.
- In 1878, the responsibilities for the Department of Public Works were expanded to include sidewalk repairs. At the same time, the City Surveyor was ordered to begin house numbering.
- In 1881, the State Normal School, a forerunner of UCLA, was opened.
- On Dec. 4, 1881, the *Los Angeles Times* began publication.
- On April 3, 1882, a City ordinance granted the Los Angeles Telephone Company the right to erect poles in the City, and telephone service was brought to Los Angeles.
- In November 1883, the Historical Society of Southern California was formed.
- In 1883, the last volunteer fire companies were organized, one for the Morris vineyard tract and the other for East Los Angeles.
- On Feb. 4, 1884, Charles F. Lummis arrived in Los Angeles after hiking 143 days and 3,507 miles from Ohio. He joined the staff of the *Los Angeles Times* and wrote many articles sent back east about his trek to Los Angeles. His stories served to generate interest in the City.
- ⊙ On May 24, 1884, the Childs Opera House was opened.



The Childs Grand Opera House, 110 S. Main St. This photo was taken in 1920; the opera house, built in 1884, was razed in 1936. It was located approximately one block from the Club Store and Service Center.

History Comes Alive!

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



Tales From the City Archives

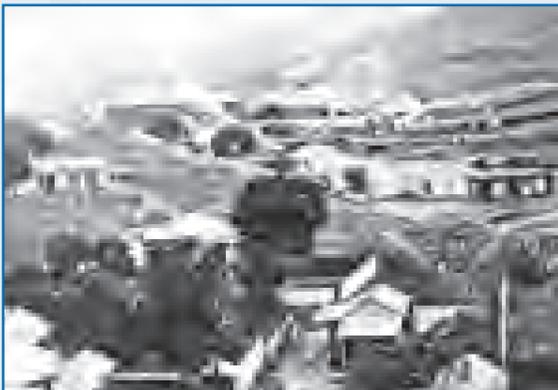


One of the earliest known drawings of the pueblo of Los Angeles, 1847. Drawing by William Rich Hutton.

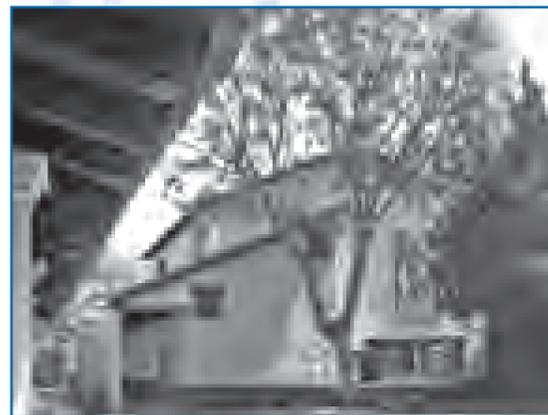


A bird's-eye view drawing of the City, showing the Plaza and much of the City in 1853.

- On Nov. 4, 1884, the City voted overwhelmingly Republican for the first time in history.
- In 1885, the privately run Selig Zoo opened on Mission Road in Lincoln Park. It was the City's first zoo.
- In September 1885, Los Angeles College, a school designed for the higher education of women, was opened.
- In 1887, the Los Angeles School of Art was founded.
- In 1888, there were 600 manufacturing establishments in the City and its environs.
- In 1888, Occidental College was founded.
- In March 1889, the first home-rule Charter for the City of Los Angeles was adopted.
- In Summer 1889, an ordinance was adopted, whereby all gambling houses in the City were closed.
- In 1889, the Department of Parks was created by City Council.
- In 1890, the population of the City was 50,393.
- In 1890, the assessed value of City property totaled \$49 million.
- In 1890, the United States Congress appropriated \$5,000 to reinvestigate a site for a deep-water harbor in the vicinity of Los Angeles. The Army Engineers were appointed to oversee the project.
- In 1891, the Army Engineers report that San Pedro would be the site for a favored port was submitted to Congress. The future endorsed port continued to have problems. While it could admit 18-foot vessels, it could not accommodate larger craft and warships.
- In 1892, Edward Doheny and a partner, while digging a well near Glendale Boulevard and Second Street, struck oil, setting off Los Angeles' first oil boom.
- In April 1894, a three day street carnival in Los Angeles was held by the name of "La Fiesta de Los Angeles" that was held to celebrate the City's Hispanic beginnings.
- In 1895, bicyclists petitioned the Council to sprinkle the streets after 8 a.m. so cyclists would not muddy their clothes while riding to work.
- In 1895, Highland Park was annexed.
- In December 1896, Col. Griffith Jenkins Griffith donated 3,500 acres of hill land to the City. After improvement and landscaped as a park, it was named after its donor.
- In 1896, manual training was introduced into high schools of Los Angeles.
- In 1896, fire destroyed the main building of Occidental College.
- In 1897, the San Fernando Mission was restored by the History and Landmarks Club.



A view of North Broadway from Fort Hill, 1860.



Mission San Fernando Rey. The mission was restored in 1897. (Photo by Vratislav Sabouk.)

- In 1885, the first medical school, a branch of the University of Southern California, was founded.
- In 1885, the old *zanja* (ditch) system, originally devised to furnish domestic water and irrigate small farms adjacent to the town, was abandoned.
- In January 1886, floods again hit the City. Every bridge and some buildings were washed away, including the depot of the Los Angeles and Independence Railway. Many lives were lost.
- In July 1886, the first bank with safe deposit boxes opened.
- In August 1887, at the height of the land boom, building lots were sold as quickly as grain futures and changed hands too fast to be recorded. Everyone in town was speculating in real estate, and prices rose 400 to 500 percent that year.
- In 1887, the first public night schools were established in the City.
- In 1887, Main, Spring and Fort (later known as Broadway) Streets were paved.
- In 1897, the last horse-car disappeared in the City when the Main Street line was absorbed by the electric transportation system.
- In December 1897, Los Angeles produced 1.3 million barrels of oil, and California became the third largest oil-producing state in the Union.
- On March 5, 1898, Griffith Park was formally presented to the City.
- On April 19, 1898, the outbreak of the Spanish American War created excitement in the City. Volunteer troops mobilized.
- In 1898, Los Angeles became the fifth city in the nation to support a symphony orchestra.
 - On Aug. 23, 1899, in a city-wide election, the voters authorized issuance of \$2.09 million in City bonds to pay for the purchase and improvement of the water works.



Col. Griffith Jenkins Griffith.

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Travel / Timeshare

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New Ads This Month!



2001 Paramount Custom Motorcycle \$17,900.00 obo; 2006 Long Beach custom motorcycle show winner; custom paint-silver w/red flames outlined in BW; 2005 revtech engine; Vance & Hines exhaust; adjustable air ride rear suspension; crane race ignition; custom stretch fuel tank; engraved flame design handle bars & mandusa mirrors; wide blade lever sets; la pera leather seat; 3" york drive belt; folding pegs; nitros system w/ dual bottles. Kaufman 805 300-2147-Bobbi 818 281-6716 (owner)

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1991 Camero RS for Sale. 139,000 miles. Overall in good condition. V8 w/ a 13 gallon gas tank. Rebuilt engine in 1997. Repainted in 1998 by dealer. New brakes, rear tires, new starter, new temp. gauge, sensor, radiator cap. AC ok - some noise. New Stereo. Ipod compatible. Runs well and a lot of power. Call Marianne @ 213-847-2582.



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FOR RENT-Lovely apartment in Inglewood (4-units). 1 bed/1 bath, kitchen, living room, dining room, 1-car garage. Downstairs unit. New paint, carpet, windows and fixtures. Very quiet. 82nd/Crenshaw. Close to public transportation. Call for more details (310) 365-1868

2000 Benz for sale, dk blue, CLK 430, 2-door, 53,521 miles, \$18,500; navig. system & CD changer; check Blue book; Call (909) 348-7762

1993 Corvette, 40th Anniversary Edition, Fully Loaded, Green exterior, black interior, 110K miles, 332 hp, super clean, \$9,800 obo. Call Greg Hansen 818-439-8595

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REVIEWS BY FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS

ENTERTAINMENT

MOVIE REVIEWS

**The Wackness**

Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

It's 1994 in this coming-of-age story as New York City high school senior Luke Shapiro (Josh Peck) deals drugs while everything and everyone in his life is spinning out of control.

I recommend this funny, sad, weird and ultimately life-affirming tale, which comes with a warning: it contains drugs, sex, rock-and-roll (of course), cursing and smoking! Ben Kingsley (remember *Gandhi*?) is Luke's psychologist who trades therapy for drugs.

It's wackness, but with plenty of heart.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

**Wall-E**

Rated G

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Wall-E is a cute little robot creature (like only Pixar can create!) who continues his job of cleaning up trash on Earth (and collecting little knick-knacks he finds interesting) long past when

humans have abandoned the planet. Approximately the first hour of *Wall-E* (which stands for Waste Allocation Load Lifter Earth-Class) has no dialogue, but you have no problem understanding what he is communicating through his very expressive robotic face. He finally meets his romantic interest Eve (what else?), who, upon finding a bit of green plant life, returns to report to the earthlings far, far away that Earth is once again inhabitable.

The animation and story are extremely entertaining! Once again, Pixar has you falling in love with a non-human species.

— Jean Sarfaty, LAPD

**Hancock**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Will Smith does a fine acting job in this movie as a "superhero with a drinking problem." When he realizes that he's not quite the hero when it comes to public relations (despite that fact that he saves

countless lives, however sloppily), a PR man offers his services to improve his image.

The special effects are impressive, the story line intriguing, and a few twists to the story keep your attention. Somehow I found that I enjoyed *Iron Man* a bit more, but this movie is definitely worth going to the big screen to see!

— Jean Sarfaty, LAPD

Mamma Mia

**Mamma Mia**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Call me crazy, but if you were casting for a musical, wouldn't you ask the actor if he can sing? I love Pierce Brosnan; he is easy on the eyes, but he is hard on the ears! But besides that, the entire cast was outstanding especially Meryl Streep. Wow!

I have seen the live show six times and wore out the CD, so I was a little disappointed that some numbers were cut or shortened. Even though the movie could have been better, I still loved it! So much so, I went the next day to see it again.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

Mamma Mia

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

This movie was based on the music of ABBA and the stage musical, *Mamma Mia*. The story takes place on a beautiful island in Greece and is about a young girl about to get married but wants to invite her dad. The problem is, she doesn't know who her dad is. After looking in her mom's diary, she has a choice of three men.

The movie is a little corny at times, but if you like the music of ABBA and you like to laugh, it's worth seeing. Be sure to stay for the credit sequence, which features more comedy.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

**Journey to the Center of the Earth**

Rated PG

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Although sometimes it gives me a headache, I love 3D! I feel 3D is one of the most amazing special effects there is. How cool is it to have something seem like it is coming out of the screen an inch from your face?

The story and action were pretty good, but they could have added more 3D effects to make it much better. Brendan Fraser is always enjoyable and has good comedic timing. Josh Hutcherson and Anita Briem also turn in fine performances. The movie is kid-friendly and good for adults, too.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

**Wanted**

Rated R

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Violent, violent, violent! This movie is a good overall story with a lot of great action scenes. James McAvoy goes from a "loser office worker" to a highly skilled assassin with

the help of Angelina Jolie, Morgan Freeman and others.

Although this isn't the type of movie I normally go to, people who enjoy violence and blood will really enjoy this one. The story was good, but I thought the "twist" with the father had holes and didn't really make complete sense.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

**The Dark Knight**

Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Batman again battles the Joker, his archnemesis. But this time, Christian Bale's Batman fights Heath Ledger as the Joker in this darkest yet installment of the comic book-superhero-turned-cinema-star series. Ledger is brilliant and disturbing, funny and horrifying, in his last and perhaps most memorable role.

Many will see this film because of Ledger's death, but I recommend the movie for its thrills and underlying message of good trying to overcome evil. Besides being visually brilliant, there is an appropriately haunting music score by James Newton Howard and Hans Zimmer.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

DVD Reviews

**Saw III (2006)**

Rated R

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

I have seen all three *Saw* movies. This one was very bloody and gory. The beginning of the movie showed flashbacks from the previous two *Saw* movies.

Amanda (Shawnee Smith) is shown in flashback, working with the Jigsaw Killer (Tobin Bell) and his game of killing people. If you have seen the other movies, this one is the same. Jigsaw plays a game that involves Amanda, and there are twists and turns.

If you like the *Saw* movies, rent it. If you don't like blood and gore, don't rent it. (Another sequel, *Saw IV*, came out in 2007.)

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD



BOOK REVIEWS

**Moscow Rules**

Daniel Silva; Putnam; Spy Fiction, 448 pages

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

In this most recent Daniel Silva espionage thriller, ex-Mossad agent Gabriel Allon is called upon to investigate the death of a Russian journalist who may have had

information he wanted to reveal to the West. This fast-paced novel is about uncontrolled arms sales from Russian arms dealers, aided by Russia's president and former KGB operatives who are now wealthy independent brokers and contractors. These arms merchants operate with impunity, selling all manner of weapons to terrorist organizations throughout the Middle East and Africa.

Moscow Rules is highly readable informative, and, most chillingly, timely.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

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Seal w/Script
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Club Store



DWP T-shirts

DWP "Classic" Long Sleeve T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL** Size: **3XL**



Member Price: **\$16** per shirt*

Member Price: **\$15** per shirt*
 *Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:
 Gray

ITEM: #T2500WP

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



Member Price: **\$8.50** per shirt*

Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue

ITEM: #T3000WP

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



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

Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue
 Orange White

ITEM: #T2002WP



Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue
 Orange White

White available with front pocket.

ITEM: #T2003WP



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

Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue
 Orange White

ITEM: #T2001WP



Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Available Colors:
 Blue Dusky Charcoal
 Orange White

White available with front pocket.

Size: **3XL** **\$13**

Available Colors:
 Blue Dusky Charcoal

ITEM: #T2000WP

L.A. City T-shirts

New City LA-Hall Long Sleeve T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



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

Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue

Size: **3XL**

\$13

Size: **4XL**

\$14

ITEM: #NC1000

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



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

Available Colors:
 Black
 Gray
 Navy Blue

Size: **3XL**

\$13

ITEM: #LAC-5000

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



Member Price: **\$22** per shirt*

Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue

Size: **3XL**

\$23

ITEM: #LAC-6000

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



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

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

Available Colors:
 Blue Dusky Charcoal Chestnut Forest Green Indigo Blue
 Leaf Green Light Pink Maroon Olive Orange
 Royal Sport Gray Texas Orange White

White available with front pocket.



Size: **3XL** **\$13**

Available Colors:
 Blue Dusky Charcoal Forest Green

Indigo Blue Royal Sport Gray

White White available with front pocket.

Size: **4XL** **\$14**

Available Colors:
 Indigo Blue Sport Gray

ITEM: #T1000

New City LA-Hall Short Sleeve T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price: **\$8.50** per shirt*

Available Colors:
 Black Blue Dusky Navy Blue
 Sport Gray Tan White

Sizes: **3XL** Size: **4XL**

\$9.50

\$10.50

Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue Sport Gray

ITEM: #CN1000

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



Member Price: **\$5** per shirt*

Available Colors:
 Black
 Gray
 Navy Blue

ITEM: #LAC-2000

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



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

Available Colors:
 Cedar Dark Heather
 Metro Blue Military Green

ITEM: #MOC51000

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

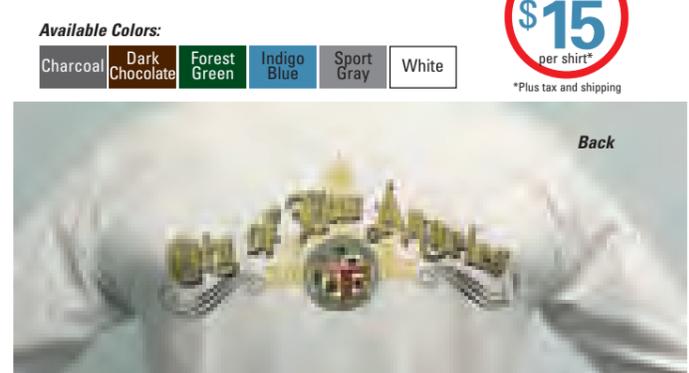


Member Price: **\$8** per shirt*

Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue

ITEM: #LAC-4000

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



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

Available Colors:
 Charcoal Dark Chocolate Forest Green Indigo Blue Sport Gray White

*Plus tax and shipping

Size: **3XL** **\$16**

Available Colors:
 Dark Chocolate Forest Green Indigo Blue Sport Gray

Size: **4XL** **\$17**

Available Colors:
 White

ITEM: #T1500

Club Store



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Women's T-shirts

City Women's - LA Hall Full Color Seal T-Shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL**

Available Colors: **Crew Neck Style:**

Navy Blue

Available Colors: **V-Neck Style:**

Black

Member Price:
\$11
per shirt*

Size: **2XL**

Available Colors: **Crew Neck Style:**

Navy Blue



ITEM: #WFCS1000

City Women's - LA Hall One Color Seal T-Shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL**

Available Colors: **V-Neck Style:**

Black

Heather Gray

White

On white shirt, emblem is pink

Member Price:
\$8
per shirt*



ITEM: #JS1000

City Girl "Classic" T-shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL**



ITEM: #T-W1000

Member Price:
\$10
per shirt*

Available Colors: **Crew Neck Style:**

Cherry

Heather Gray

Hot Pink

Available Colors: **V-Neck Style:**

Black

Caribbean Blue

Key Lime

Violet

White

City Girl "Retro" T-shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL**



ITEM: #T-W2000

L.A. City Polo Shirt

LA City Polo Shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Available Colors:

Black

Navy Blue

Pink

White

Member Price:
\$12
per shirt*

Close-up of Embroidery



ITEM: #PS1000

City Seal Tank Tops

Women's

Sizes: **S M L XL**

Member Price:
\$7.50
per shirt*

Available Colors:

Hot Pink

White

On white shirt, emblem is pink



ITEM: #WTT2000

Men's

Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Member Price:
\$7.50
per shirt*

Available Colors:

Heather Gray

White



ITEM: #MTT3000

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I would strongly recommend that members place their orders by phone using a debit/credit card before visiting. This will help you avoid lines.

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