



# Alive!



## Best Projects in City Honored at Annual Awards

CAO — The City is brimming with innovative projects that save taxpayers time and money, and return much improved customer service. Recognizing and awarding those projects is the job of the Quality and Productivity Commission, part of the Office of the City Administrative Officer.

The annual ceremony to honor 2008's best projects was held Dec. 9 in the Tom Bradley Room, high atop City Hall. The Commission made several changes to the ceremony to reduce costs and increase efficiency.

These competitive awards promote professional and effective management practices and recognize and showcase the City's achievements at improving the quality and efficiency of service delivery, while reducing public costs.

Projects that were honored range from physical plans to administrative improvements.

For all the details, see page 50.

## All-in-One Club Store: A Big Hit

The Club Store's your one-stop shop for tickets and officially licensed apparel.

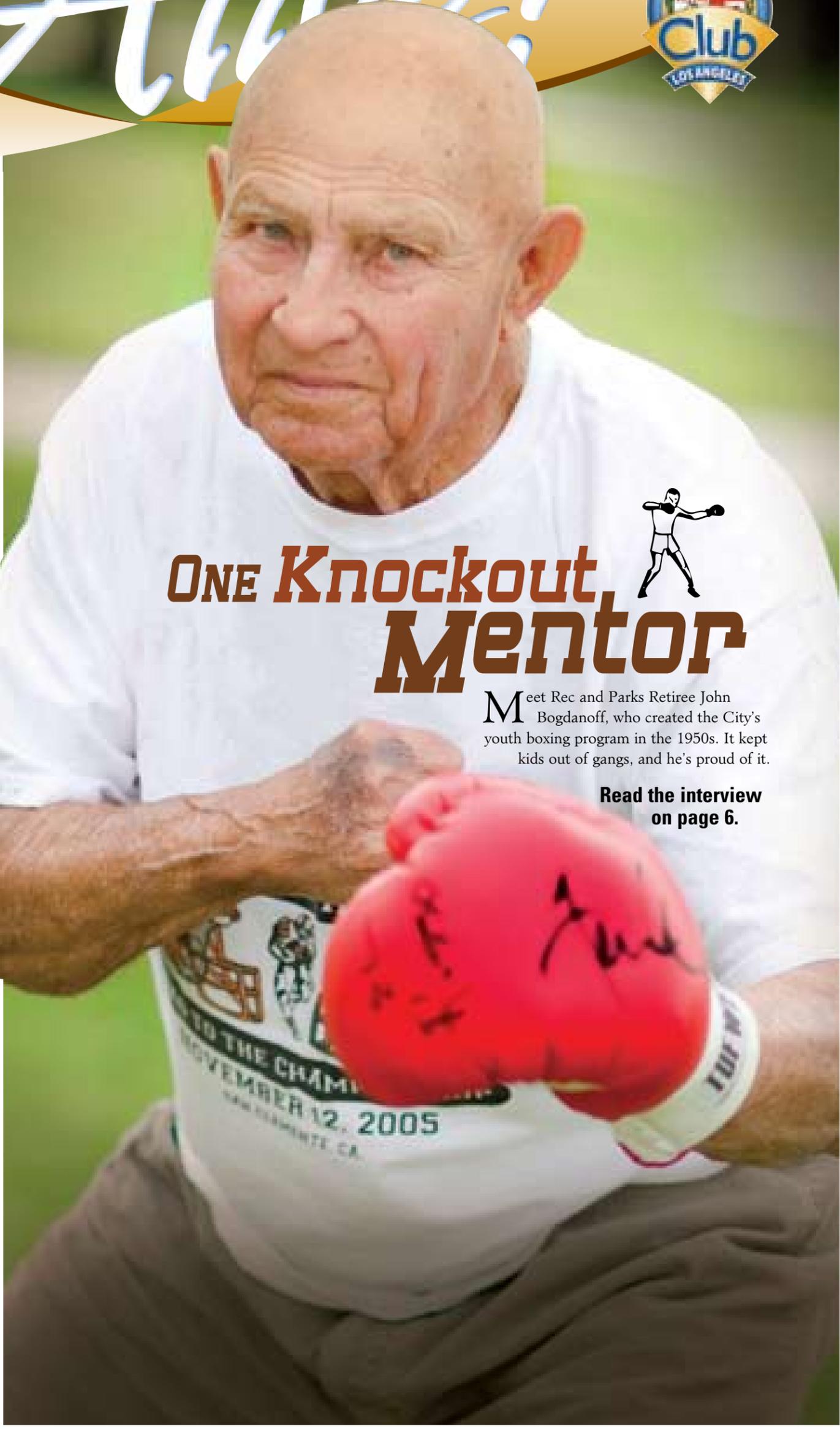
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"It was just amazing here in the Club Store right before Christmas," said the Ticket Guy, who was breathing easier in January but preparing for a big Valentine's Day rush. "We pulled in all the staffers we could just to handle all of your holiday needs. It was fantastic being such a big hit!

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For Valentine's Day apparel, see the Club Store offerings, starting on page 66.



## ONE Knockout Mentor



Meet Rec and Parks Retiree John Bogdanoff, who created the City's youth boxing program in the 1950s. It kept kids out of gangs, and he's proud of it.

Read the interview on page 6.

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Club Members pledge their forever love ... in this month's *Alive!*

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*\* A Message From the CEO \**

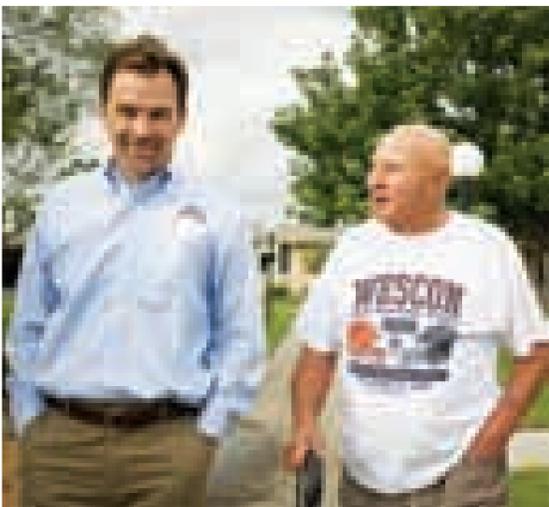
# Love Can Mean Kisses, or Boxing

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

Ah, February! The month for love ... and boxing!

No, I haven't lost it. Of course February means Valentine's Day. And boy do we have them this month! Every year in February, *Alive!* devotes space for Club Members to express their forever love to their sweetie. And this year, we have more than ever. I love seeing that!

So, where does boxing come in? Well, we spent some time with Retiree **John Bogdanoff**. And I know, as a guy, I might not be supposed to say this – but there's no other word for what he did for so many young people who were at risk for falling into the wrong crowd; he gave them a passion. He gave them discipline. He gave them something to work for. When he put those gloves on the thousands of young people he mentored, he might have been the difference between a wasted life ... and a life of meaning and purpose. That's pretty amazing. John Bogdanoff, we salute you!



Club CEO John Hawkins and City Retiree John Bogdanoff.

In other Club news, it's great that so many Club Members have taken advantage of our great new discount on a yearly 24 Hour Fitness membership. And I want to thank Club Member and City Employee **Loretta Quenon** for giving us the idea. It was a great idea, Loretta; if Club Members have other ideas, let us know: [talk-back@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talk-back@cityemployeesclub.com)

There are just so many awesome things in this month's issue, it's mind-boggling: the annual Quality and Productivity Awards – there are some great projects here (thanks to **Tyler Munhall** for his hard work putting this together); there's a big City election coming up; the Club Operations Center is moving Feb. 1; we bring you more holiday party pics; we feature **Angel Gomez** "Being Alive" in Malibu; and we say goodbye to one of our favorite Club employees, **Jessica Segura**, who's moving on to other opportunities. Jess, we love you, we wish you well, and we're going to miss you!

And finally, what can I say about your amazing submissions for "Alive! Around the World?" *Awesome!* We are stunned and excited about how Club Members have taken this feature to heart. If you keep 'em coming, we'll keep printing 'em!

Happy Valentine's Day to all those people who make our lives so rich and rewarding. I send mine to Hannah and Kelley, and I remind you to do the same.

**JOHN**

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**Cecilia Talbot,  
Claims Administrator**

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

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— Adolph Sharp, November 2008

"Your service was very good. I received my check in a short time. All employees whom I talked with were very helpful. I enjoyed the book [*The Fall of Freddie the Leaf*] very much. My grandchildren all read it. We talked about it. It helped all of us. Thank you."  
— Mary Adams, November 2008

Your service is "excellent and very efficient. Representatives are very cordial and knowledgeable, with great empathy to families in need of help at crucial times. [The book, *The Fall of Freddie the Leaf*] was very helpful for those who are having a difficult time after anyone's death. It was very inspirational to read that life must go on to help others to do the same."  
— Marii Nakagawa, November 2008

Your service is "great. Everything was handled promptly and efficiently, as well as professionally."  
— Thuy Lau, October 2008

## Your Club Insurance Dollars at Work

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

Life insurance claims paid this month: <b>\$348,864.41</b>	Long-term care claims paid this month: <b>\$19,925.00</b>
Life insurance claims paid this year: <b>\$2,356,804.83</b>	Long-term care claims paid this year: <b>\$307,994.49</b>
Long-term disability claims paid this month: <b>\$185,905.88</b>	Cancer insurance claims paid this month: <b>\$0.00</b>
Long-term disability claims paid this year: <b>\$1,297,864.13</b>	Cancer insurance claims paid this year: <b>\$125,000.00</b>

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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:



**2003 President's Award Recipient**

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Summy Lam  
Information Technology Business Analyst

# LETTERS To the Editor

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

## LETTER OF THE MONTH

### Cameron's Very Fetching As He Shares Mila's *Alive!*

This picture was taken at home with my buddy, Cameron.

I was reading the September issue of *Alive!* when Cameron decided not only to share my space, but my reading material as well!



As I got up from the chair to give him more space, I noticed that he struck an irresistible pose in front of *Alive!* that was just too precious to pass up.

Well, somebody has to be the photographer, so I propped up *Alive!* at the background and took this photograph of my "rescued" and I hope not just a "vacationing" pal, Cameron!

— **Mila Castaneda, Club Member**

*Between your trusty Cameron, and last month's photo of Sonny, who also enjoys Alive! in his own, doggone special way, we suspect we have come upon a new breed of Alive! reader. Cameron and Sonny are giving us a new leash on life! Thanks for sending it in. —Ed.*

### Not Even in Silicon Valley Is There a Paper Like *Alive!*

You and the entire staff over there do a real quality job on *Alive!* It's very professional and informative. I am especially impressed with the manner in which you cover many, if not all, of the City's Departments and their activities.

And the photos — wow. Angel and staff do a superb job with photos of employees and their families, and the many special events going on with City Departments. It's an absolutely great publication that has no comparison or competition. I originally came from San Jose, and I can tell you that nothing produced in Silicon Valley bears any semblance to the quality *Alive!* editions we receive each month. Keep up the good work. I look forward to opening the mailbox once each month to receive and become *Alive!*

— **Russ L. Russell, Port Police**

*Wow, Russ. I don't know what to say other than thank you ... and now we had better live up to our reputation! Thanks for the compliment; it's always good to hear we're on the right track. — John Hawkins, Club CEO*

### Holiday Pics Prove That City Employees Have Fun

I look forward to seeing the holiday parties you guys put up in the newspaper. I don't think anyone can say that we don't work hard and have fun. I especially like the photos from General Services. They all look so happy! Big smiles and great clothes!

— **Gerald Flowers, Rec and Parks**

*Hi Gerald. Alive! loves printing the holiday party pics from City Employees. It's our annual tradition! We wish we could attend all the parties, but we're glad that good people send them in. There are a lot more pics this month, so dig in. —Ed.*

### Rest Assured, Rest Insured Is Worth Archiving on Web

Hello *Alive!* people. I just wanted to send a message of my appreciation for the car insurance article that your writer puts together [*Rest Insured*]. It's always informative and cov-

ers a wide variety of topics. It's all about saving money and getting the right insurance coverage. I was thinking that maybe there should be a place where all these articles are put on the Club Website. I'm not a marketing guy, so maybe I don't know what I'm talking about. In any case, Jeff Gelineau rocks!

— **Kenneth Martinez - LAPD**

*Hi Kenneth: You do know what you're taking about; it's a good idea. Let's see what we can do to archive Jeff's Rest Insured columns. Stay tuned. —Ed.*

### Ted Thanks *Alive!* for Not Forgetting About Retirees

I am so delighted that your paper does not forget about the retirees. I look forward to seeing the articles in the Best Years section. I especially liked the story and pictures on RLACEI holiday party. There were a lot of pictures, and they deserve the media coverage just for all the sacrifices they made while working for the City.

I also want to send my thank you and appreciation to both the Director and the CEO for attending that party. They must think we're still important, and it's good to see.

— **Ted Smith, Retired**

*Sure thing, Ted. Speaking of retirees, check out our cover story this month on City Retiree John Bogdanoff. His old stories had us down for the count! —Ed.*

### Todd's Picture Was Perfect Enough for Ancient Details

I'm so impressed with the Picture Perfect Contest. City employees are great photographers! The picture of Alaska by Todd Rother and the one from Brent Tuttle of the Step Pyramid of Sakkara are my favorites! The detail on the cobra sculptures is out of sight. Four-thousand years have passed and the detail is still intact! You can see the scales, the detail in the cobra eyes and mouth. The Egyptians knew what they were doing, just as Brent knows how to take a great photo.

— **Holly Bustillo, General Services**

## 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!

Stop by the Club Store and get in on the fun!

## What's your favorite flower?



**"Gardenias."**

— **Beatriz Lopez, Transportation**



**"Orchids."**

— **Mike Zepeda, Public Works**



**"Lilies."**

— **Patricia Sanchez, Transportation**



**"Roses."**

— **Ralph Jauregui, Airports**



**"The mango tree."**

— **Rick Knapp, LAFD**



**"Sunflowers."**

— **Tina Huang, Transportation**



**"Birds of Paradise."**

— **Van Tran, LAFD**

Something to  Think About

**"It's kind of fun to do the impossible."**

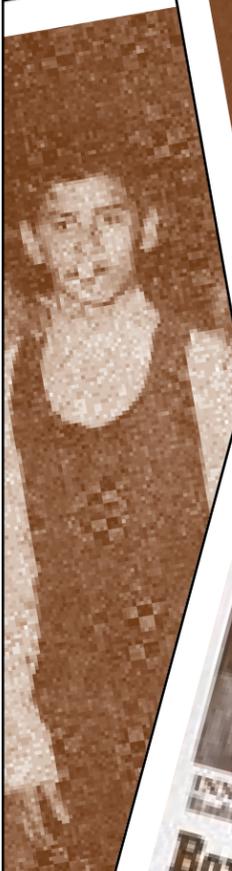
— **Walt Disney**

A reminder from L.A. City's Quality and Productivity Commission:  
*Always do your best!*

## Correction

In last month's "Question of the Month" feature, the title of Michael Holmes was misstated. He's a Lot Cleaning Superintendent I. Sorry about that, Michael.

# THE ALIVE! INTERVIEW



**Boxing is 'Where It's At' for Bogdanoff and Rodriguez; City Council Yields Support**

**INER CITY BOXING**—Left, Frankie Perira, 8, is coached by Rec. Assistant Eddie Rodriguez and director John Bogdanoff as Steven Deliveras, 8, looks on.

A pilot program for citywide youth boxing, which was started more than one year ago by a North area rec director, received unanimous City Council support recently.

John Bogdanoff, rec director at Lincoln Park, has been organizing boxing matches between youth groups in East Los Angeles for the past year as City Councilmen eyed his program.

"Since this program went into effect one year ago, many community problems involving the plains.

The Recreation and Parks Committee of the Council, aware that Los Angeles' recreational sport had been severely limited by City officials, urged that the program for competitive boxing be supported.

The program will start at the following six recreation centers and eventually spread out to satellite locations: Lincoln Park, High Park, Elysian Park, High Recreation Center, Evergreen Center, Costello playgrounds, and Ross Sny-

John does not work alone. The growing program is being supported by...

"I get involved in it for the kids," explains Eddie. "They don't know which way to turn. I see them heading towards drugs or gang fights; they want attention. I know where it's at and they know I know."

"I can talk to them on their level. I see myself in them."

Any weekday after school finds Eddie and his boys (ages five to 18 years) training.

A youth boxing match in which teens from more than a dozen East Los Angeles boxing clubs (including Lincoln's) compete, is held once every few months.

The last such event was scheduled in April at Lincoln with professional boxers and ex-boxers on hand to assist in coaching on young men and judging the matches. Among those taking part in the event which has the backing of the International Youth Boxing Club were: Armando Muniz, Pedro Lovell, Rudy Jordan and Joey Orbi-

These men and...



**One**



CITY RETIREE JOHN BOGDANOFF:



# Knockout Mentor

John Bogdanoff created the City's youth boxing program in the 1950s – and, by his own account, was nearly fired for it, twice. But it kept some kids out of gangs, and he helped form some world-class athletes.

**His story begins on the next page.**



THE *ALIVE!* INTERVIEW

CITY RETIREE JOHN BOGDANOFF:

# A Ringing Success



Talking with the man who guided Rec and Parks' youth boxing program.

On Dec. 16, Club CEO John Hawkins, *Alive!* editor John Burnes and Club photographer Tom Hawkins interviewed Retiree John Bogdanoff at his home in Leisure World, Seal Beach. In his position at Rec and Parks, John Bogdanoff created and directed the City's first boxing program. He told stories of championships his kids won, gangs he thwarted, kids he kept on the straight and narrow, and lives permanently altered for the better. —Ed.

*Alive!* photos by Tom Hawkins. Archive photos courtesy John Bogdanoff.

**Alive!** When did you retire from the City?

**John Bogdanoff:** I retired from Rec and Parks in 1983.

What was your title when you retired?

**John:** Senior Director II.

Where were you located?

**John:** Lincoln Park in the Lincoln Heights area. I guess you'd call it East LA.

Were you in Rec and Parks your whole City career?

**John:** My whole City career.

How long did you work for the City?

**John:** I worked 35 years.

Are you from East LA?

**John:** East LA. I was born there. I met my wife there. I used to work with the City Board of Education as a Recreation Director part-time. I was going to City College. Billy Barty and I graduated from there.

From *The Wizard of Oz*?

**John:** Right. We graduated together from LA City College while they were building Cal State LA. We were the first ones to graduate out of LA State College they called it; Billy Barty and I. There were about 30 who graduated that year so we were the first ones.

You were working with the City Education. Was that the LAUSD before there was an LAUSD?

**John:** LA Unified School District, I guess you'd call it. I worked there part time while I was going to City College.

How old were you when you started working for the City?

**John:** About 23.

What was your first job?

**John:** It was in Pecan Playground, five doors away from where I lived.

What was your job?

**John:** I was student director at that time. Then I got called from Bill Fredrickson, who was the General Manager [of Rec and Parks].

He liked me. He used to come around and visit, and see how I handled the kids. The gangs – I turned them from gangs to being sports-minded. And so I got promoted.

Right; we'll talk about the gangs in a minute. What was Rec and Parks like back then?

**John:** I enjoyed it. We had a district director who used to come around. He was a snoop. And I told him one time, "You know what? You're bothering me. I'm working with the kids right now. If you want to call me, make an appointment. We have a telephone here. Call up and say, 'Hey John, at your free time, we'd like to come visit.'" He'd make his checks around. Sometimes he wanted to check without you knowing. But I always did my job.

I was a community man. When I worked at Lincoln Park, Cesar Chavez [was living] in a tent across from Lincoln Park. They lived in what looked like a circus tent. One day, a big wind came up and blew it down. I said, "Hey, come on over. Come over to my house, Lincoln Park Recreation Center." They and their wives came over with the babies. I gave them the hall, the gym, the beds and the cots. Whatever they needed — the kitchen, the restroom, the shower.

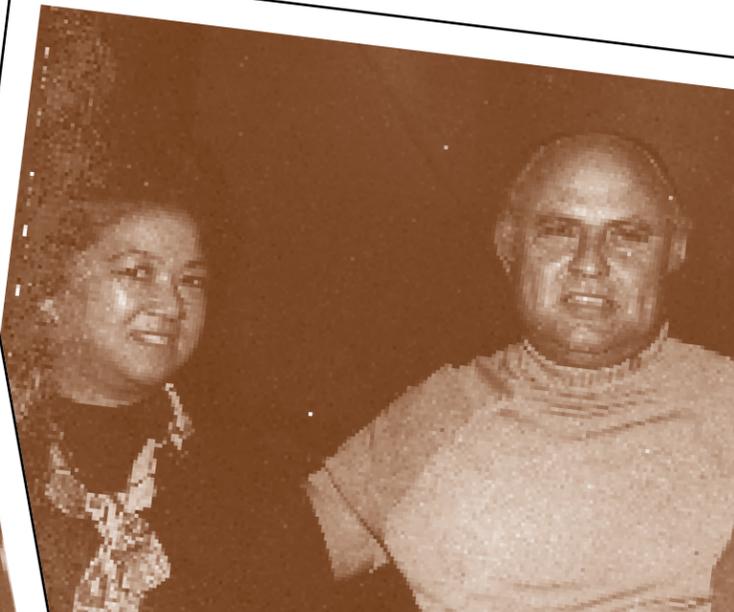
John Bogdanoff (left) and former Lightweight World Champion Enrique Bolanos (in dark shirt), with a youth boxing participant, a member of the Recreation Commission and a parent, in Lincoln Park.



Representatives of Anheuser-Busch were frequent sponsors of events that John Bogdanoff put on, to raise funds for recreational programs.



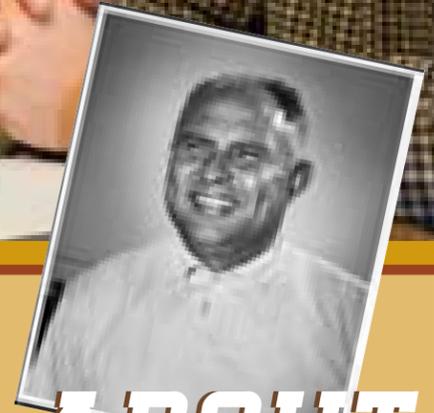
John Bogdanoff (center) and Cesar Chavez (right) with a fellow Rec and Parks staffer (left).



REC AND PARKS



John Bogdanoff tells a story to Club CEO John Hawkins (left) and *Alive!* editor John Burnes.



**ABOUT**  
**John Bogdanoff**

*Retired, Senior Recreation Director, Rec and Parks, 1983*

**Education:**

- Bachelor of Arts, Los Angeles State College (now Cal State L.A.)
- Honorary Doctorate, community work, Van Norman University

**Career highlights:**

- Retired after 35 years serving the community.
- Implemented programs for youths involved in gangs, keeping many of the young men and women off the streets and deterring siblings from getting involved in gangs. One of the programs he established was the boxing program.
- Reopened youth boxing program at the Los Angeles City Jail in Lincoln Heights
- Established the International Youth Boxing Club with Canute Reyes and Al Hernandez in conjunction with Montebello Parks and Recreation and the Montebello Police Dept.
- Instrumental in establishing and organizing programs for senior citizens in the City.
- Established the Festival of Friendship at Lincoln Park, uniting all cultures in celebrating their ethnicity.

**Awards and honors:**

- Has received awards and honors from State Assemblyman Richard Alatorre; former City Councilman Art Snyder; six awards from the City of Montebello
- Has received the Lincoln Heights Chamber of Commerce award for service to the community.

**Personal:**

- Lived in Montebello for more than 48 years
- Lives with his wife, Stella, in Leisure World, Seal Beach
- Has five daughters and 10 grandchildren
- Remains active in youth sports programs.

**'I TURNED [THE KIDS] FROM GANGS TO BEING SPORTS-MINDED.'**

— JOHN BOGDANOFF

You're not supposed to play tackle on the playground. No helmet, nothing. A lot of my kids turned out to be stuntmen because Glenn got them all jobs.

I don't know if you've ever heard of Johnny Straud, the movie actor. He was one of my kids on the playground.

Gail Goodrich, the basketball player, was one of my kids at Vic Davano Playground. Now they call it Valley Plaza in North Hollywood. [Gail Goodrich played at UCLA, then in the NBA from 1968 through 1979. He is a member of the Basketball Hall of Fame. —Ed.]

How many kids do you think you've worked with?

**John:** Oh, I'd say about a thousand, maybe more.

How many places did you work?

**John:** I worked at Daniels Field in San Pedro. North Hollywood Playground. And Vic Davano Playground.

I worked at Manchester Playground, near Compton, for a while. I worked at Evergreen Playground. I still see them once in a while. They still like me because I helped them out. If they got in trouble and if I knew they were right, I'd help them out. But if they're wrong, I'd say "Hey, you did it wrong. We're trying to help you out." They knew what I was there for, to help them.

When did you first notice that kids could be pulled in a bad direction like gangs?

**John:** It was there, at Evergreen. The gang situation was there. There were a number of gangs even up near Pecan Playground. But there were more out of Lincoln Park. There were about seven gangs there.

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In the morning, they cleaned up and took off, campaigning. [Rec and Parks supervisors] wanted to fire me. That's the first time they wanted to fire me.

Because you were helping out Cesar Chavez?

**John:** Yes, because I helped the people. That's my job, working with the community. Even Sam Yorty told me, "John, you work with the community." I have pictures of him giving me a citation.

The former Mayor Sam Yorty, before Mayor Tom Bradley?

**John:** Yes. Bradley was good. He come over and gave me a citation too for what I've done in the gang work.

What kind of things did you do in those early days? Was it fitness or basketball leagues?

**John:** Everything. I think I was the original who started different activities. I even had golf at Pecan Playground. I made a little golf course, nine holes with cans and granite. No grass. We had golf tournaments.

Were there a lot of kids?

**John:** Oh yes. I got them to like sports. They were of all nationalities.

Tell us some of the kids you worked with.

**John:** Floyd Jeter was one of my kids. He was a high jumper, a trackman. He went to Roosevelt High School. He lived right by the playground. When we were pole vaulting, he'd come and high jump. I [encouraged] him. [Floyd represented the United States as a member of the Goodwill Track Team in a month-long tour of Europe in 1954 and was ranked second in the world in the high jump by US Track and Field Magazine. In 1955, he was the first African American to receive a track scholarship to USC. —Ed.]

Bill Novikoff was a coach at Verdugo High. He was one of my kids. He's a cousin to Lou Novikoff, the "Mad Russian." I don't know if you remember Lou Novikoff.

No, sorry.

**John:** The original [minor league Los Angeles] Angels of the Pacific Coast league played at Wrigley Field.

In South L.A.

**John:** Yes. I used to catch for Louie. He was the world's greatest softball pitcher. They knew he could hit. So the Angels signed him up. He was there for about six years. Then from there he went with the Chicago Cubs and then with Philly. [Lou Novikoff, the "Mad Russian," played in the major leagues for five years in the 1940s. —Ed.]

Glenn Wilder was a stuntman with the movies. [Wilder has more than 215 credits on the Internet Movie Database. —Ed.] He used to play tackle in front of the office.

ABC sportscaster Howard Cosell (center) paid a visit to a boxing club benefit event where John Bogdanoff worked. On the right is Canute Reyes, whom Bogdanoff says was in a gang as a young person before Bogdanoff pulled him out of it.



## THE ALIVE! INTERVIEW

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Even when you started, back in the early 1950s?

**John:** Yes, before I started at Lincoln Park.

So this was always part of your job and part of your concern, how to get kids out of the gangs.

**John:** My job was recreation. But I went overboard to help these kids in the gangs. I knew all the gangs. One time, I helped one kid. I'm not going to mention what he did, but I helped him out; I fixed him up. And here comes the Hollenbeck Police. He came back [later] and told me, "John, thank you." He said, "Hey John, I'm going to try to go straight." After that, I don't know what happened to him.

But you tried to make a difference.

**John:** Oh yes.

We had graffiti on the playground and the pool at Lincoln Park. I have pictures showing how the kids cleaned it up and painted it. I gave them a wall and said, "This is yours. Put a mural up." They did an outstanding job. We provided the paint for them. The painter we had was Rudy Salas. His sons have a salsa band called Tierra. So Rudy and I got them to help, and they did a beautiful job. The mural still sits at Lincoln Park. Nobody touches it.

You wanted it to be done.

**John:** Sure. "Help me and I'll help you."

### Underdogs and City Champs

Tell us about winning the basketball championship.

**John:** Right. One time, we went to the Valley from Pecan Playground for my kids to play basketball at Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks.

These were the big blondies, and I had black and Mexican kids and one Russian kid, all piled into my '38 Chevy. I had a rope to hold my side doors [closed]. I used to get ten of them in my '38 Chevy.

You piled your whole team into your old Chevy?

**John:** Oh yes. We went there and beat Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks. They were six-feet, two. Our tallest was 5-feet, ten. Coming back, I see a big old semi truck tire on the street. So we all got out there and put it on top of the roof. The police stopped us: "Hey, you got all these kids." I said we just won the City Championship and we're going to get this tire to take it back to [whomever] it belongs to. But I sold it and we celebrated.

What year was that?

**John:** Gee, that was '55 or '56; that era.

### The Boxing Program

Let's talk about boxing. Were you a boxer growing up?

**John:** As a kid, we used to fight on the playgrounds. Then we ended up playing ball at Pecan Playground.

What were all the sports you were involved in growing up?

**John:** I was an athlete. I used to pole vault quite a bit. When I was 12, I jumped 12 feet with a bamboo pole, pole-vaulting. When I was going to Hollenbeck Junior High School, Roosevelt High School was right next door. I used to go down there and jump higher than the varsity.

And we played basketball on decomposed granite. We didn't have any grass.

But then I busted my leg. Here's how it happened. I got an infection in my eye. From my eye, it went down to my shinbone. They had

to scrape my bone with a horrible syringe to get the decay down to the bone. So that kind of curtailed my activities then.

At Roosevelt High School I played basketball with a brace on. It was all wrapped. I could shoot, though. I used to hit those.

When did you add the boxing program? Where did you start it?

**John:** It was at Pecan Playground. We used to put on boxing exhibitions in the gym.

You started that?

**John:** I started that, in 1953. Then I started boxing programs at six other playgrounds in the City. We put on exhibitions. I'd have volunteer doctors come and check the kids out and make sure their hearts were okay. If they couldn't go, we wouldn't let them play.

Did you think it would give them discipline or keep them off the streets?

**John:** That's right. You'd keep them away from the gangs. When you're a boxer, they'd leave you alone because you could handle yourself.

You were seeing gang activity and you wanted to give them an alternative to that?

**John:** Right. I gave them a chance, gave them a break.

What kind of equipment did they wear in those days?

**John:** The Salvation Army was nearby. They had used supporters and headgear.

Your kids wore headgear?

**John:** Oh yes.

“... OSCAR DE LA HOYA AS A KID USED OUR CLUB IN MONTEBELLO.”

— JOHN BOGDANOFF

Did you meet a lot of resistance when you wanted to start that program?

**John:** Well, the City wanted to fire me again. "What are you trying to do?"

They didn't like your idea of starting the boxing program?

**John:** No, they said kids are going to get hurt — insurance and all that. But we did our job. I did it. I pushed it. No other playground did it like I did it.

How did you pay for it?

**John:** I had a festival at Lincoln Park. We had beer gardens; we sold beer. It was enclosed; you drank it right there. Budweiser paid for everything. We used to get it free then. We made \$20,000 that went to Lincoln Park for the Youth Program, and senior citizens [programs], and paid for a lot of uniforms.

Why did you want to start that boxing program?

**John:** Well, I like boxing. I had a distant cousin, Gus Lesnevich, who was a light heavyweight champ of the world. He came and refereed once.

We had exhibition fights at Pecan Playground on the second floor. I enjoyed boxing, and I knew the kids liked it, so I pushed them and made them better at it, too.

The boxing programs at the Rec facilities — are they still going on today?

**John:** There are some that are doing it on their own. Some directors are using their heads to help the kids out that way.

When you retired, was it thriving?

**John:** It was still going on. And I started the boxing program at the [former] Lincoln Heights Jail. A friend of mine was a Community Relations Director there. He said, "John, that building's available. Get your boxing program in there." And I got the third floor. The whole floor — we had seven rings in there, showers and everything.

What do you think it taught the kids at your facilities?

**John:** It gave them a way to take care of themselves. They didn't have to depend on anyone else to help them out. They learned discipline. With the right pushing and with the help of their fathers — I used to talk to the fathers and say, "Hey, help your son out."

You must be really proud of it.

**John:** Oh gee, I can't stop. Some of those kids came back to make a documentary about it. They say, "Hey, we've been looking for you." They finally found me through the Internet. So we got together and we're going to do more with them. They're coaching their kids now.



Above, below and right: John Bogdanoff weaves tales to Club CEO John Hawkins (blue shirt) and *Alive!* editor John Burnes (checked shirt).



# REC AND PARKS



A boxing glove, festooned with "El Russo" (John Bogdanoff's nickname), given to him as a keepsake.

## Notable Boxing Alumni

Tell me some of the people who went into boxing or made successes of themselves after they went through your program.

**John:** Joey Olivo, one of my kids from Lincoln Park, was a flyweight champ of the world for three years. A 110-pounder. Tall, five-feet, ten.

He was thin!

**John:** He was what they called "flaco," or thin. "Flaco" in Spanish is thin. His father did a good job with him. He had some good manners, too.

There was a gang called Clanton Street Gang. They were behind Olympic Auditorium on a street called Clanton. The organizers saw what I was doing with the boxing program in the City. They said, "John, we want to put money into the boxing program and expand it." So we called it the IYBC, the International Youth Boxing Club. We were working out of Montebello at that time.

As a kid, Oscar de la Hoya used the club in Montebello. He was a young kid. He used to work out at Resurrection, which used to be a church. They turned it into a boxing gym.

Somebody called me from New York and said, "John, how'd you get this program started? Boxing is banned in the playgrounds and recreation centers." I said, "No, I went out of my way to do it."

We got the help of the Clanton gang. They had a big dance at the Hollywood Palladium, and raised the money. It went from a gang to a social club because of a priest. He was in that neighborhood and he said, "Hey. Become a social club. Get away from the gang." They wanted to come in with me, and I said, "Fine." So we started the gym in Montebello with the help of the Montebello Police Department and the Recreation Department. We were doing the same thing, helping the kids.

The gym in Montebello was a good facility. We had two rings there.

## Ring Memories

What do you miss most about it?

**John:** I miss the kids I haven't seen, the ones who grew up on my playgrounds. I would like to see Glenn Wilder, the movie star and stuntman. I'd like to see all of them.

You miss the kids who became adults and good people?

**John:** Oh yes. I do.

Thanks for sharing all your stories, John.

**John:** Thank you! ■

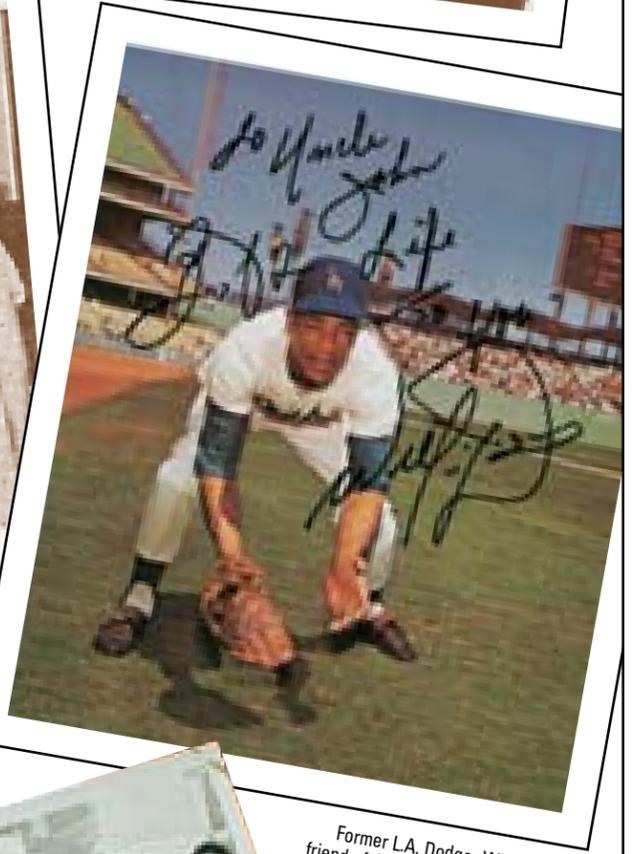


John Bogdanoff (center, in sweater) worked with a local Optimist to provide shoes for youths who needed them. Seated (left) are the owners of this shoe store in Echo Park where Bogdanoff worked part-time.



Honor park director

John Bogdanoff was honored by the Rec and Parks Commission for his then-33 years of City service.



Former L.A. Dodger Willie Davis, a friend of John Bogdanoff's and a supporter of his work. As a child, Davis used to participate in Bogdanoff's City youth programs.



Boxing club from more than 30 years



LIBRARY

# The Art of the Movies

Central Library begins an exhibition of classic movie posters, restored after a library branch fire.

Historic posters portraying the early days of Hollywood movies with beautiful women, mysterious men and intriguing plots are on display in the exhibit "The Fine Art of Film Posters: Selections from the Los Angeles Public Library Collection," at the Central Library's First Floor Galleries, 630 W. Fifth St., downtown, through March 8. The exhibit is free and open to the public during regular library hours.

The posters in the exhibit are part of a collection that was devastated by an arson fire, which destroyed the Frances Howard Goldwyn – Hollywood Regional Branch Library in 1982. With the help of the community and a \$4 million contribution from Samuel Goldwyn Foundation, the collection was restored, and a new branch was constructed. It opened in 1986 and is named in honor of Goldwyn's mother, who frequently used the original library.

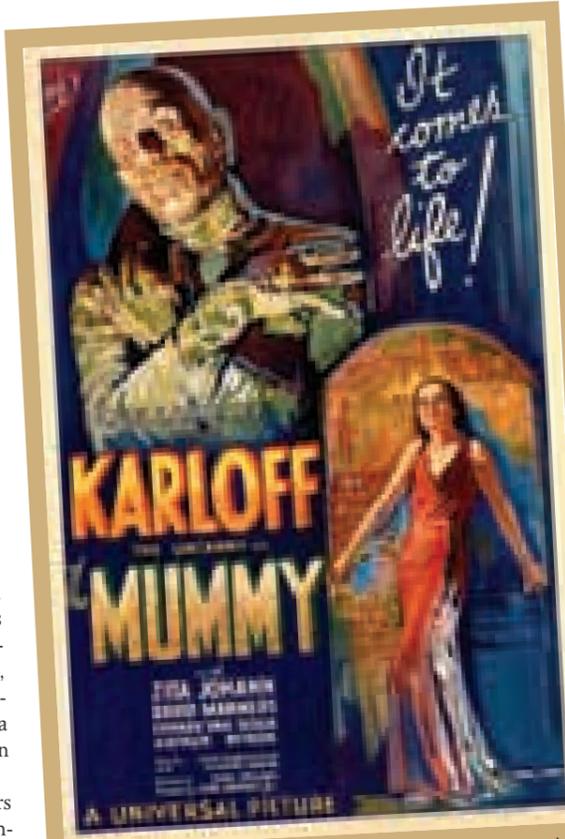
"The movie posters in this exhibition teach us the enduring value of ephemeral objects and these vivid illustrations remind us of the magnetism of yesterday's matinee idols," said Anne Coco, exhibit curator. "Many of these early artifacts document not only the period, but a process that has been largely the domain of fine art printing."

All but one of the exhibit's 26 posters utilized the stone lithography art technique to capture Hollywood movie history from 1910 to the early 1940s. Stone lithography images were created by hand-drawing illustrations directly onto large limestone tablets – one for each color. The tablets were then used as the printing surface creating a rich luminescence.

The exhibit's posters illustrate memorable stars including John Barrymore, Lena Horne, Spencer Tracy, Clara Bow and many actors whose names and film titles have been long forgotten.

This exhibit is sponsored by Farmers Insurance Group and made possible by the Library Foundation of Los Angeles. To support the Los Angeles Public Library, call (213) 228-7500 or visit [www.lfla.org](http://www.lfla.org).

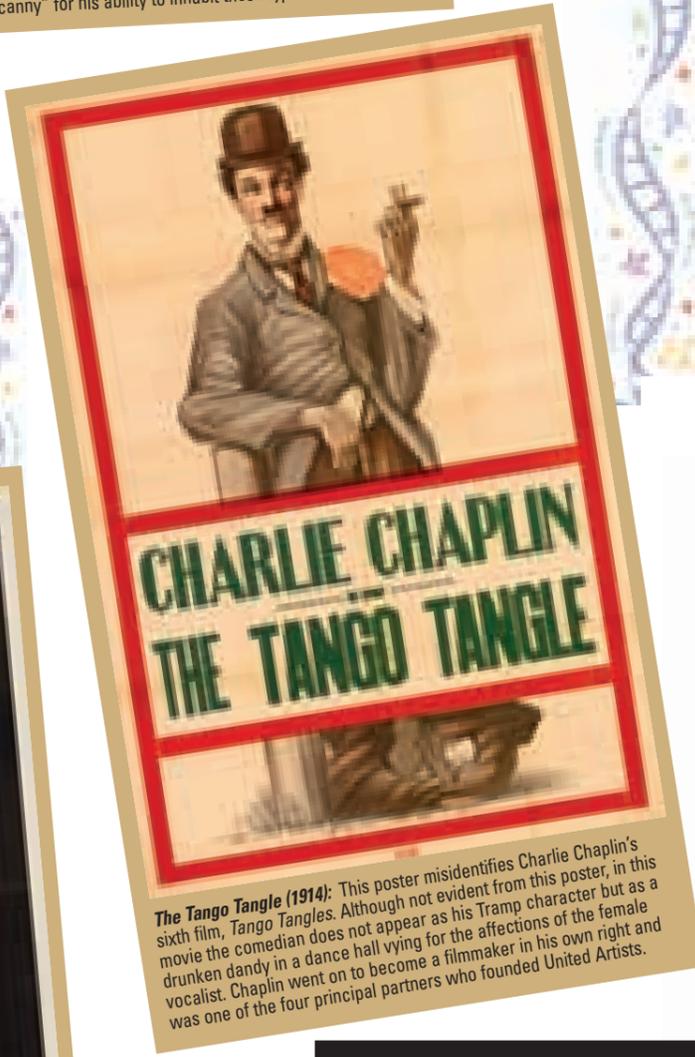
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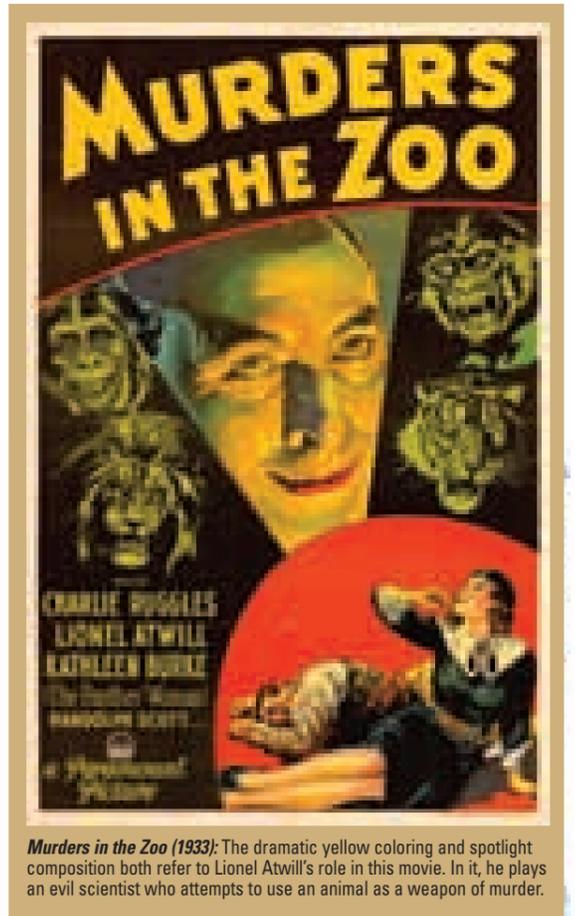
**The Mummy (1932):** Boris Karloff became best known for his mysterious roles in such movies as *Frankenstein* and *The Mummy*. He is billed here as "The Uncanny" for his ability to inhabit these types of roles.



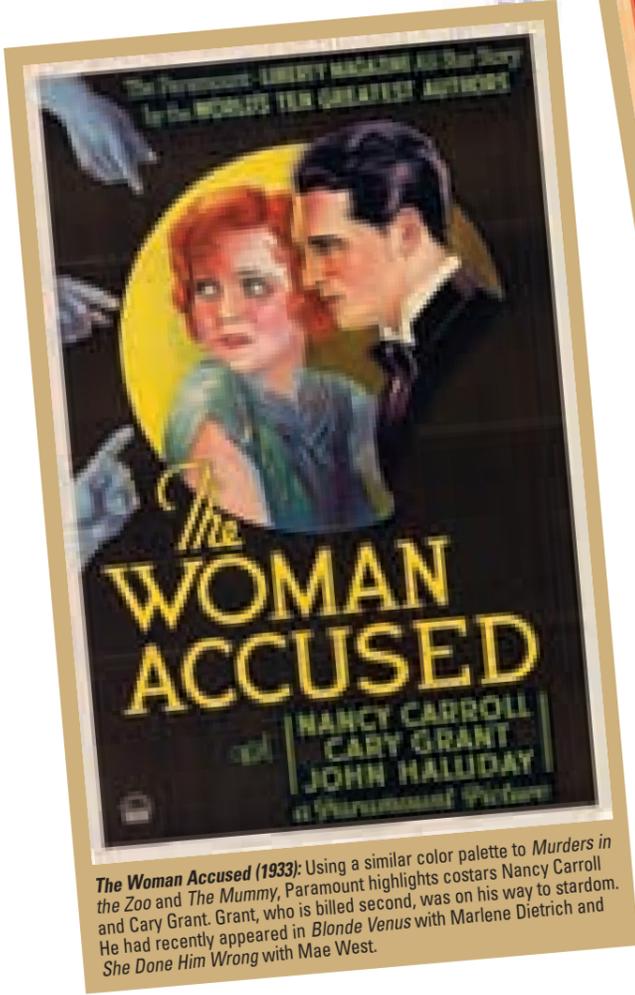
**Stormy Weather (1943):** This is the latest title included in the exhibition. By the late 1930s, the move from stone lithography to offset printing was complete, except for special titles and specific genres. MGM continued to use stone lithography for its animated short films, and 20th Century Fox chose to use the process for this musical, starring noted African-American performers.



**The Tango Tangle (1914):** This poster misidentifies Charlie Chaplin's sixth film, *Tango Tangles*. Although not evident from this poster, in this movie the comedian does not appear as his Tramp character but as a drunken dandy in a dance hall vying for the affections of the female vocalist. Chaplin went on to become a filmmaker in his own right and was one of the four principal partners who founded United Artists.



**Murders in the Zoo (1933):** The dramatic yellow coloring and spotlight composition both refer to Lionel Atwill's role in this movie. In it, he plays an evil scientist who attempts to use an animal as a weapon of murder.



**The Woman Accused (1933):** Using a similar color palette to *Murders in the Zoo* and *The Mummy*, Paramount highlights costars Nancy Carroll and Cary Grant, who is billed second, was on his way to stardom. He had recently appeared in *Blonde Venus* with Marlene Dietrich and *She Done Him Wrong* with Mae West.

## "The Fine Art of Film Posters"

**Hours:** Mon. – Thurs.: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Fri. and Sat.: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; and Sunday: 1 – 5 p.m.

**Where:** Central Library's First Floor Galleries, 630 W. Fifth St., downtown, through March 8.

**Price:** Free and open to the public during library hours.

**Information:** The library is closed holidays. For more information, visit [www.lapl.org/events](http://www.lapl.org/events) or call (213) 228-7500.

# REST INSURED



**BY JEFF GELINEAU**  
Vice President of United Agencies,  
The Club's Auto and Home Insurance Partner



## Extended Replacement Coverage: Worth It?

You can tell you are getting old when you begin the majority of your sentences with, "It used to be that..." My birthday is this month, so I guess I'm feeling old to begin this column like that.

It used to be that a homeowners policy had a limit of coverage for your home... say, \$200,000. If there were a fire that totaled the home, then you would get a check for \$200,000.

Then insurance companies started to realize that the cost to rebuild a home fluctuates, depending on the economy and the price of materials. It might only cost \$195,000 to rebuild that home this year, but next year it might cost \$215,000. So, instead of having an upset customer who is uncovered for \$15,000, the companies started adding "extended replacement cost coverage" (ERC) to homeowners policies. For no additional charge, the insurance company would "extend" your coverage to 110 percent of its value, so if you bought \$200,000 of insurance, you would be covered up to \$220,000.

The companies started competing with each other, and the ERC grew to 125 percent, and 150 percent, and even 200 percent. Anything that can be done, can be overdone! Eventually, insurance companies started to issue policies with *guaranteed replacement cost coverage*. Guaranteed replacement cost coverage would insure that your house was rebuilt regardless of the policy limits. With coverage like this available, people started taking advantage of the insurance companies. Instead of insuring the home for \$300,000, people would insure it for \$90,000 because the replacement cost was "guaranteed." The house might cost \$350,000 to rebuild, but the customer had to pay only for \$90,000.

After the Oakland Hills fire in 1991, several lawsuits arose over this practice. Customers felt cheated because they were promised "guaranteed replacement cost," and insurance companies felt cheated because they didn't collect sufficient premium for the risk.

Because of the Oakland Hills fire, we now have clear laws that state that the insurance company has to notify you in writing what kind of coverage your policy has, and what the extended replacement cost percentage is.

One insurance company in California still writes guaranteed replacement cost, but most don't. Most all companies have extended replacement cost coverage, and the industry average is 150 percent. Beware, because some companies offer only 125 percent. On the other hand, some better companies still offer 200 percent!

As part of the agreement to receive extended replacement cost coverage, you have to insure your home for the value that the insurance company proposes, and you have to agree to increase it each year for inflation.

Remember that even if you have an extended replacement cost policy, the insurance company will not pay for you to build a better house than the one that was damaged.

Even though an extended replacement cost policy may be a bit more expensive, it offers the best financial protection against disasters for your home.

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## THE CLUB

# Goodbye to the City Girl

Jessica Segura, one of the Club Store's friendliest faces, is moving on.



Jessica Segura,  
Merchandise and Ticket  
Sales Coordinator

Jessica Segura, whose great personality has greeted Club Members at the Club Store for years; who has helped many Club Members in need through the Claims Dept.; and whose smile has been a part of *Alive!* for just as long, has accepted other employment.

Jess's last day at the Club was Jan. 30. She will be working for the State of California as a Criminal Intelligence Specialist. "It's a fantastic opportunity for her," says the Ticket Guy, who was her supervisor and worked most closely with her. "Jess, we will all miss you, and we wish you nothing but the best in all of your future endeavors."

"I started working with The Club in

September 2005, three months after graduating from the University of Redlands," Jessica remembers. "The best part about working with the Club is that it's not just a job, it's family! Everyone here is very supportive and loving. But it's not just my co-workers; I have come to know many members very well. They have shared stories and life moments with me, and I will miss all the great conversations and laughs.

"Thank you to everyone who took the time to come in and treat me like a friend. I feel the same about you. My memories of our Club Members will follow me wherever I go.

"But most of all, thank you to The Club for giving me my first job opportunity after school. Your generosity is amazing, and I have learned so much. Thank you!

"P.S.: One thing I won't miss is having my picture in the paper!"





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## Newsbrief

### NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL COOPERATION:

Jan. 14, Councilwoman and Club Member Janice Hahn asked the Department of Planning to work together with the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment to create a task force in conjunction with neighborhood councils, with the goal of facilitating better communication between the two entities. The Councilwoman further requested that both Departments draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which would keep the neighborhood councils apprised of each step in the City planning processes within their council boundaries.

The citywide system of neighborhood coun-

cils was approved by voters in 1999, at which time an early notification system was also called for to keep the newly formed councils up to date on city issues. The first MOU was negotiated with the DWP in 2005, and the Public Works, Cultural Affairs and Transportation have since followed suit, forming MOUs with multiple neighborhood councils.

"It really is all about land use in this City," Councilwoman Hahn said. "And neighborhood councils have a right to get information from City departments in a timely manner so that their input can be taken into consideration."

# 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.

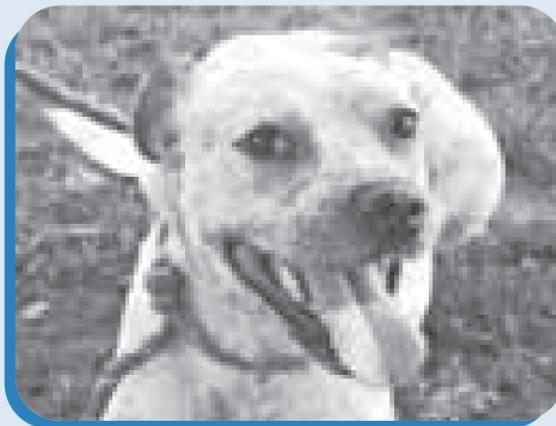
## This Month's Pets For Adoption:



**dude**

Dude is a five-year old pity that was brought in as a stray during the fires. Dude gets along really great with other dogs, and loves to give kisses whenever you give him a chance.

**ID# A0996820**, East Valley Animal Care Center



**MISSY**

Missy is a four-year old "staffy" girl that was brought into the shelter as a humane case back in June. Missy is super-duper sweet and gets along great with other dogs and people of all ages.

**ID# A0957146**, East Valley Animal Care Center



**ginger**

Ginger is a three-year old, 19-pound cat that was brought in because her owner couldn't keep her anymore. Ginger is super sweet and just loves people. All she needs is some love and a good weight-loss plan.

**ID# A1003478**, East Valley Animal Care Center



**maxine**

Maxine is a five-year young, large, black, female kitty. Maxine was brought into the shelter when her owner passed away. This love bug is super sweet and would make a great lap cat.

**ID# A1001938**, East Valley Animal Care Center



**peter**

Peter is a one-year old, male white rabbit that was brought to the shelter because his owner had too many pets. Peter rabbit is so cute and fuzzy and just needs a great home!

**ID# A993929**, East Valley Animal Care Center

### Meet Your New Hope coordinator!



These animals are available for adoption at the East Valley Animal Care Center, 14409 Vanowen St., Van Nuys, CA 91405. Contact Valerie Marloff at (213) 485-8613.

## Newsbrief

### REDUCING URBAN RUNOFF:

Last month, residents of the Jefferson and Sawtelle areas of South Los Angeles were the first to participate in the City's Downspout Disconnection program. The plan is to capture rainwater for efficient local use and reduce the amount of contaminated stormwater that flows and pollutes local water bodies.

The Public Works/Sanitation Stormwater Program is overseeing the Downspout Disconnection initiative that involves rerouting residential roof runoff from the stormwater collection system to on-site pervious areas, infiltration planters, and/or rain barrels. The anticipated result of the program is the reduction of runoff discharges to Ballona Creek by more than one million cubic feet, according to the research conducted by the City's environmental engineering firm Malcolm Pirnie.

Disconnecting downspouts allows rainwater to drain to lawns and gardens. This becomes a more natural way to manage roof runoff, allowing water to soak into the ground and using plants and soil to filter pollutants. Rain barrels capture large amounts of fresh rainwater, to be used for future landscaping and lawn maintenance.

"Through this effort, the City addresses stormwater pollution at the source, rather than reacting to its outcome," said Wing Tam of Public Works/Sanitation's Stormwater Program. "The project also localizes a citywide issue to specific neighborhoods, empowering property owners, neighborhood associations and the roofing industry to become part of the solution and participate in their own stormwater capture through the available methods," he added.

During this season's wet weather, a key challenge for the City is reducing the amount of polluted rainfall that flows into our storm drains, streams and oceans. Los Angeles residents are asked to help prevent flooding and protect the environment from stormwater pollution by following these simple tips at home:

- Sweep your driveway instead of hosing it down;
- Always throw trash in a waste receptacle or recycling bin;
- Avoid watering outdoor plants and/or lawns on rainy days to conserve water and prevent flooding on streets;
- Clean up after your pet; and
- Keep cigarette butts off the ground and in an ashtray.

For more information on the Los Angeles Stormwater Program's efforts throughout the City, visit [LAstormwater.org](http://LAstormwater.org). For more information on the Public Works/Sanitation's Wet Weather Preparedness and Response Plan for fiscal year 2008-09, please contact the Public Works/Public Affairs Office at (213) 978-0333 or email [pao@lacity.org](mailto:pao@lacity.org).

### HOMEWORK HELP:

Does your child have homework? The Los Angeles Public Library can help! Free online help from real tutors is now available through the Los Angeles Public Library's Website: [www.lapl.org](http://www.lapl.org)

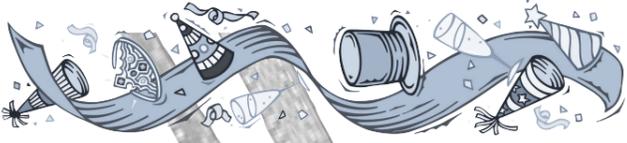
Using the "chat" format, the Library's "Live Homework Help" connects students to expert tutors for one-on-one homework assistance in math (including calculus and trigonometry), English, science and social studies. Tutoring in Spanish is offered for math and science; social studies will be available soon. The service is designed for students in fourth through 12th grades and is available seven days a week (except major holidays) from 1 – 10 p.m.

Don't have a computer at home? Don't worry; with a library card, your child can access Live Homework Help from public computers at all 71 branch libraries and the Central Library. They can even print—for free—a copy of their tutoring session.

"Live Homework Help" is made possible through the generosity of The Seaver Institute, with additional support from the California State Library.

For more information about the Los Angeles Public Library and to find the library near you, visit [www.lapl.org](http://www.lapl.org).

Other great animals are available for adoption at [www.lanimalservices.com](http://www.lanimalservices.com)



## Special Holiday Party Section



*All across the City, you celebrated the holidays. And Alive! was there!*

*Here in February, Alive! continues its coverage of the City Social Season 2008, with stories and photos from Club staff ... and sent in by you, too.*

*And don't forget to check out all the photos – from January, too – online!*

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(You'll need a password to login.)*



## Part 2



Top row, from left: John Nguyen; Charles Babby, Sr. Management, 9 years; Henry McIntire, Auditor 19 years; Victor Pina, 4 years; Marco Perez, Deputy Director; and Roger Jones. Bottom: Zeke Ayele, Auditor, 2 years; Charles Shivers, Director of Information and Assistance, 8 years; Al Ocampo 1 year; and Cameron Aguirre, 1 year.



From left: Laura Trejo, General Manager, 6 years of City service; Felipe Baz, Information and Assistance 1 year; and Jo Wright, INA, 3 years.

## Holiday, and a Retirement

■ **Aging celebrates the holidays, and says goodbye to a staff member.**

*Story and photos by Tiffany Sy, Club Counselor*

AGING — The Department of Aging held its annual Christmas party Dec. 17 at the Brasserie restaurant in the Sheraton Hotel at Macy's Plaza, downtown.

Gourmet food was served to good company, coupled with games and fun! There was also a retiree announcement and celebration held for Toni Desselle for her dedication to 33 years of city service.



From left: Cris Florendo, Manager, 5 years; Bacita Yance, INA, 4 years; Helen Lee, Community Program Assistant, 7 years; and Veronica Sanchez-Perez, 4 years, Club Member.





# The City Parties



## LAPD Training

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

**POLICE DEPT.** — The LAPD Training Division held its annual holiday party Dec. 4. The party was held at Luminarias Restaurant in Monterey Park.

Approximately 200 employees attended the luncheon. Lots of prizes were given away. Thanks to Laura Rangel and Frank Morales for helping us put this story together.



Standing, from left: Carlton Zellars, P3; Pauline Belleville, MA, Club Member; Alen Green, Sgt. II; and Jesse Castillo, P3. Seated: Edward Espinoza, P3; Rita Vallejo, P3; and Sgt. Barbara Scallon, Club Member.



Back, from left: Claudia Martin, P3; Capt. Nick Zingo, West Valley, Club Member; and Alex Chan, P3. Seated: Carrie Firestone, Secretary, IMTB, Club Member; Monique Jones, MA; Rashall Sanchez, Sr. PA; and Monica Chan, wife of Alex Chan.



Back, from left: Cheryl Fallon, Principal Clerk, Club Member; Bruce Bernal, Sr. Personnel Analyst, Club Member; Christina Hernandez, MA; and Anna Ruiz, Clerk Typist, Club Member. Seated: Sgt. Ron Gray; Autumn Fernandez, MA; Dawn Eck, Sr. MA; and Sgt. Randy Holcombe.



Standing, from left: Artillar Watts, Sr. Clerk Typist; Tiffany Baltazar, MA; Lea Meighan, MA, Club Member; Beverly Clark, Sr. MA, Club Member; and Sandra Wyse, Principal Clerk. Seated: Rachel Smith, Management Aid, Club Member; Jenai Lyles, Management Aid, Club Member; Manny Villapando, Sr. Clerk Typist; and Rhonda Baychue, P2.



From left: Ken Price, P3; Laura Rangel, Sr. MA, Club Member; and Yolanda Alaniz, Sr. Clerk Typist.



Back, from left: Clarence Jones, Security Officer, Club Member; Sean Hector, Sr. Security Officer; and James Sigman, Security Officer, Club Member. Seated: Freneshia Clark, MA II, Club Member; Tony Stillwell, Security Officer, Club Member; Rosaelia Palacios, Clerk Typist; and April Broussard, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member.



From left: Capt. John Incontro, Club Member; Dep. Chief Sandy Jo McArthur; Capt. Michelle Veenstra; Lourdes Zaldivar, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member; and Frank Morales, ECH, Club Member.



Back, from left: Jon Kasper, Firearms Instructor; Tom Luna, P3; Celeste Thiel, P3; and Erin Fuller, P3. Seated: Kris Salazar, P2; Jack Sun, P2; Leslee Rogers, P3; and Estella Guevara, Clerk Typist.



Back, from left: Rosalyn Hawes, Clerk Typist, Club Member; Damian Pacheco, MA II; Enrique Ceja, P2, Club Member; and Tasha Tannel, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member. Seated: Patrice Thomas, Clerk Typist, Club Member; Monica Lewis, Clerk Typist, Club Member; Carol Prtnoff, Clerk Typist; and Jeb Panyarjun, MA.



Standing, from left: Joy Cawthon, Sr. Clerk Typist; Greg White, P3; Ann Bozzi, P3; and Claudia Chaidez, Secretary. Seated: Kim Reedy, P2; Beverly Clark, Sr. MA, Club Member; Brenda Smith, Sr. MA, Club Member; and De Esta Crenshaw, MA.

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Back, from left: Fernie Ramirez, Graphic Designer II; Jon Gesch, Photographer II; Shawn Gabra, AV Tech; and David Gomez, Sr. Photographer. Seated: Ata Kirmani, AV Tech; Steve Sloan, AV Tech and "Video Alchemist."



Back, from left: Roy Ortiz, SMA I; Erik Fuentes, CPA; and Alex Nuno, SMA II. Seated: Alex Chogyoji, DI; Sgt. II Michael Delgadillo, Club Member; Saira Castillo, P2; and Adell Gutierrez, Secretary.



Standing, from left: Gary Correa, P3; Marc Hemsworth, P3; and Douglas Barnhart, P3. Seated: Tom Utley, P3; Dina Diac, P2; Glen Erbes, P3; and Mark Horton, P3.



Standing, from left: Therman Calloway, Park Maintenance Supervisor, Club Member; Pedro Zaleta, Gardener; David Ream, Assistant Officer in Charge, Club Member; and Bud Eyerly, Commanding Officer, Club Member. Seated: David Van Hosen, Painter, Club Member; James Shaw, Gardener; Curtis Ausmus, Plumber; and Javen Borgwardt, Mechanical Repair, Club Member.



Standing, from left: Lt. II Anne-Marie Fuller; Madolyn Candelaria, DII; Sgt. II Tom Cunningham. Seated from left: Jason Kwock, DI; Neil Mondragon, CPA; Sterling Fields, DII; Loren Ortiz, P3



From left: Christine Hiltz, Sr. Clerk Typist; Roger Forest, P3; Henry Mendoza, P3; Manny Ortega, P3, Club Member; and Sgt. II Rich Laguna, Club Member.



From left: Laura Windsor, P3; Gilliam Jenson, P3; Keith Provin, P3; Tim McRath, MA; and Maria Yamamoto, P3.



Back, from left: Isaac Scheffres, P3; Sgt. II Donna Cox; and Stacie French, P3. Seated: Wayne Goodman, P3; Chrstine Wycoff, P3; Adeniyi Paris, Custodian; Emilio Perez, P3; and Michael Tolmaire, P3.



Back, from left: Jose Guillen, Custodian; Isaias Gonzalez, P2; Charlotte Broughton, P2; and Sgt. II Debbie Mastin. Seated: Elizabeth Guillen, Custodian; Cinnamon Turner, Custodian; Synorve Drake, P2, Club Member; Sgt. I Stacey Kunch; and Debbie Hernandez, P3.



Standing, from left: Bob Wu, P3; Sgt. II Randy Goddard; Sgt. II Jason Zabel; and Lt. Lee Allen. Seated: Phil Watson, PT Instructor; Sgt. II Chris Costley, Club Member; Sgt. II John Martinez; and Sgt. II Alex Medel.



From left: Bob Sieger, P3; Ed Osipian, MA II; and Paul Dalton, Security Officer.

From left: Chilo Rodriguez, Maintenance Laborer; Bob Barnes, P3; and Rob Lewis, P2.



Back, from left: Ryan Lee, P3; Carla Ford, P3; Anthony Pack, P3; Sterling Gordon, P3; and Ken Amerson, P3. Seated: John Derouen, P3; Lt. II Ed Palmer; Scott Alpert, PT Arrest and Control Instructor; and Andrew Hwang, P3.



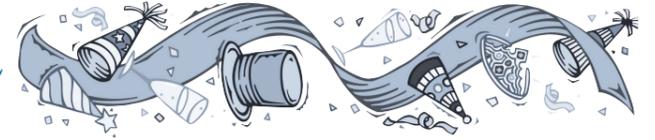
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## LAPD Communications

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

**POLICE DEPT.** — The LAPD Communications Division held its annual holiday party Dec. 14. The party was held at Sheraton Universal Studios hotel.

The theme was "Dancing With the Stars," and it was an evening of entertainment, dinner, dancing and prizes. The LAPD Communications holiday party traditionally is one of the City's best, and this year's evening was no exception.

The Club thanks Cathy Sotos and Jean Sarfaty for their assistance in producing this article.



Standing, from left: Louie Chavez, guest; Sonia Garcia, PSR, Club Member; Victor Pineda, spouse; and Olivia Sandoval, PSR. Seated: Rosanna Kim, PSR; Hannh Kim, guest; Pauline Rios, PSR; and Janet Ceballos, guest.



Diana Montano, PSR II, Club Member; and Jorge Martinez, guest.



From left: Christopher Dale, PSR II; and Robert Lopez, PSR II, Club Member.



From left: Michael Mc Gowan, PSR II, with his wife, Brandy.



From left: Nickie Florence, PSR II; Ola Oliver, PSR II; and Stephanie Shelling, PSR II, Club Member.



From left: Katricia Wilson, PSR; Miguel Zuniga, guest; and Crystal Zuniga, guest.



Standing: Leslie Smith, Sr. PSR II. Seated: Brian and Yvette Bentley, MA II, Club Member.



Angel and Lorena Garcia-Sanchez, PSR III, Club Member.



Ron and Jean Sarfaty, PSR II, Club Member.



From left: Sophia Ponce de Leon, PSR III, Club Member; Iris Dawson, PSR III, Club Member; and Yolanda Bunn, PSR III, Club Member.



Guest of PSR II Lourdes Varas, from left: Laura Villanueva, and Lynda and Art Higgins.



From left: Beth Hicks, Sr. PSR II; Ida Graham, Sr. PSR I, Club Member; and Lt. Janet Penna.



Chris Bartlett, PSR I, Club Member, and his wife, Ana.



From left: Sandra Barraza, PSR III, Club Member; Lidia Marcial, PSR II, Club Member; and Maria Quintero, PSR III, Club Member.



From left: Anthony Moreno, Sr. PSR I; Ronald Ayala, spouse; Jill Woo, Sr. PSR I, Club Member; Michael Powers, guest; and Sandra Martin, PSR III, Club Member.



Standing: Jessie Ybarra, Sr. Clerk Typist. Seated, from left: Carlos Varas, guest; Lourdes Varas, PSR II, Club Member; Gabriel Castro, PSR II; and Adrian Cruz, spouse.



Rachel and Jorge Rios, PSR III, Club Member.



Jesus and Eva Espinoza, PSR II, Club Member.

From left: Louie Cuevas, PSR III; Josie Cuevas, mother; Melissa Montanez, niece; Sandra Montanez, PSR III, Club Member; and Oscar Montanez, Equipment Mechanic, General Services.



From left: Sgt. Tony Sotos, County Police, and his wife, Cathy Sotos, Sr. PSR I, Club Member.



From left: Kim Calloway, PSR II, Club Member; Sue LePre, PSR III, Club Member; Roy Blankenship, guest; and Jeff and Kathy Kravitz, PSR II, Club Member.



Back, from left: Sonia Huerta, guest; Chance Chavez, PSR II, Club Member; and Sharlenu Sutherland, PSR II, Club Member. Seated: Scott Sinclair, guest; Margaret Herrera, PSR II; Jessica Cepeda, PSR II, Club Member; and Rico Cintron, guest.

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The LAFD Supply and Maintenance staff.



Family of the LAFD staff.



The LAFD Supply and Maintenance staff members.



At the LAFD Supply and Maintenance holiday party.



The City's "tallest elf" (six-feet, nine inches) with LAFD staff and family.



At the LAFD Supply and Maintenance holiday party.

## LAFD Supply and Maintenance

Story and photos by Tiffany Sy, Club Counselor

**FIRE DEPT.** — The Fire Dept.'s Supply and Maintenance Division held its holiday party on Christmas Eve morning. It was held at the Supply and Maintenance shop on North Avenue 19 in Lincoln Heights.

The turnout of families and friends was so strong that they ran out of food! But, in the spirit of giving, they went out and got more. Every child was greeted by "Tony the 6-feet, nine elf" and left with a toy in hand.

There was also Santa's Workshop, which housed all the toys and Santa's sleigh. Everyone who attended also had the opportunity that morning to climb into a fire truck and fantasize about being a hero.



LAFD Battalion Chief Dean Ulrich and staff.



The LAFD family.



It's raffle time!



Staff member Liz and her son.



The LAFD Supply and Maintenance family members.



Haley Chen on one of the many fire trucks.



Event coordinators collect raffle tickets.



The Elf and LAFD staff battled fires on the grill as they made breakfast for hundreds of staff members and their families.



Among the hustle and bustle of coordinating this event, Rosie Tavera found time to hand out gifts to kids.

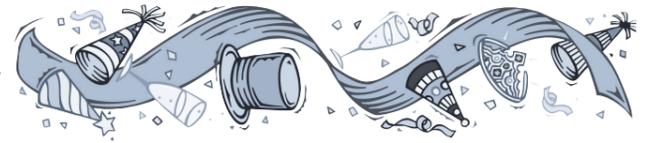
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## General Services Construction and Maintenance

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations; Tiffany Sy, Club Counselor; and Maurice Hyett

**GENERAL SERVICES.** — The Construction and Maintenance Divisions of General Services held its annual holiday potluck lunch was hold Dec. 23 at Piper Tech.

For more than 20 years, Construction Forces and Building Maintenance Divisions' employees at Piper Technical Center have gathered with their families to wish each other best wishes for the holiday season. Spouses and children had an opportunity to visit the shops and offices where their parent works and to meet co-work-

ers and their families. Retirees were invited back to join in the party and catch up with other retirees and co-workers who are still on the job.

It's a potluck lunch in which employees bring a variety of ethnic and "family favorite" dishes that are always delicious; everyone looks forward to sampling the attractive salads, main dishes and desserts that are provided.

The center of the celebration is always the children. Throughout the lunch there are games, activities, treats and prizes for everyone, big and small. The LAPD provides tours of the heliport for visitors; the LAFD and LAPD usually are able to have a fire engine and/or some other interesting vehicles stop by for the kids to get a

close-up look. And no get-together at this time is complete without a visit from Santa Claus, and he always has a special present for each and every child.

All year long, the divisions sell soda and snacks, recycle the cans and bottles, pool any profits from the employees' coffee club, and if necessary, supervisors kick in the difference to pay for the gifts and extras that are necessary for the lunch. For those who attend, it's a very special event that is shared by Maintenance and Construction employees who are both regular and exempt hiring hall craft workers.

Both divisions work hard at building, remodeling and maintaining City buildings and facili-

ties throughout the City, the county, and beyond – from the surf at San Pedro lighthouses, to the valleys at municipal, police, or fire facilities... to LAX, the Convention Center and City Hall, to the San Bernardino National Forest and recreational camps! Learn more about the divisions and what they can do for you and your needs, including those pet projects that never seem to get done! Call Nick Pendorf for Construction services, at (213) 978-2600, and Dan Eason for Maintenance work, at (213) 978-7227. Visit us on-line at the "Construction Forces" or "Building Maintenance" links at: <http://gsdonline.ci.la.ca.us/gsd/index.htm>.

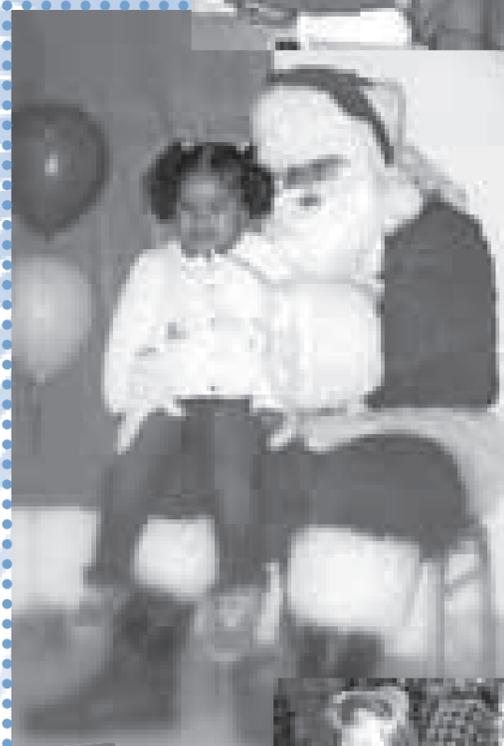


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Justina Paque, Security Officer, Convention Center, looks festive and fabulous with her family.

## Convention Center

Story and photos by Tiffany Sy, Club Counselor

**CONVENTION CENTER** — The Convention Center holiday party was held Christmas Eve morning at the Convention Center in Concourse Hall. Guests invited were staff, friends and family members.

A traditional American breakfast buffet was served. There were many activities for kids, including arts and crafts, face painting, dance and others. There were raffles (the Club supported a few prizes). There was also a DJ and entertainment. It was a huge and successful turnout.



Convention Center staff and families.



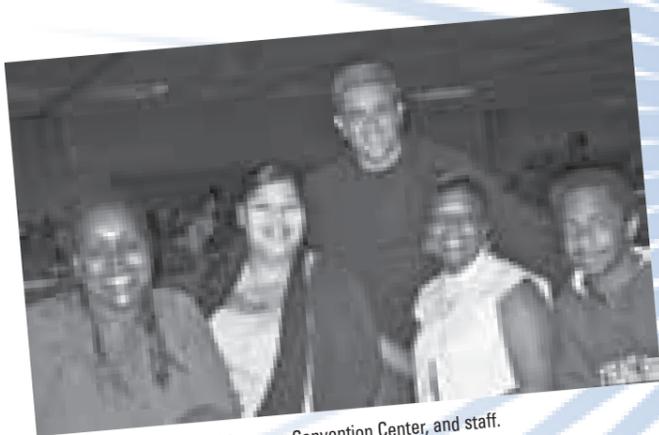
Convention Center staff and family members.



A Club Member and daughter.



Ed Chavez, Building and Safety, with his wife, Claudia, and their kids.



Pouria Abbassi, General Manager, Convention Center, and staff.



Convention Center staff and family.



Children perform yuletide carols.



Convention Center staff and family.



At the Convention Center holiday party.



Children of staff provided family fun entertainment.



Derek Young hosted the raffle. Some prizes were donated by the Club.



Felix Hernandez, Public Relations Rep, and his jolly extended family.

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## Public Works Contract Administration

*Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations*

**PUBLIC WORKS** — Public Works/Contract Administration held its annual "Feliz Navidad" Christmas luncheon party Dec. 18 in the Bureau offices downtown.

The luncheon was a Mexican fiesta of delightful fare, and attendees were welcome to bring desserts to share.

Toys were also brought to give away to local charities.

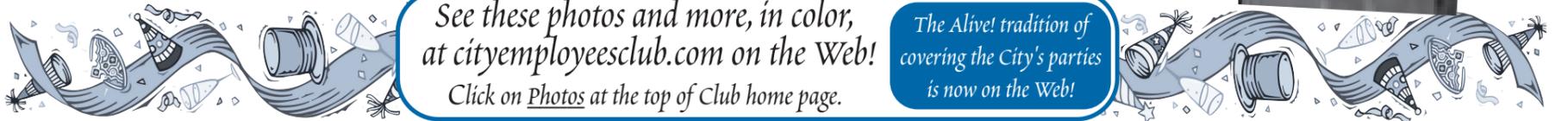
Congratulations to Amanda Montenegro and Chris Smith for hosting the successful luncheon.



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## This Month at the

# Club Store

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

### 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 40.



### MERCHANDISE SPECIALS



Shop at the Club Store for all your Valentine needs!



### United Agencies APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE

GET A FREE QUOTE ON AUTO AND HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE

Feb. 6

Rosa Calderon, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Feb. 20

Norma Angulo, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Feb. 13

Patty Pulido, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Feb. 27

Rosa Calderon, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Note: The Club Store is closed on President's Day, Feb. 16

#### Your United Agencies Reps:



Norma Angulo, Personal Insurance Agent



Rosa Calderon, Personal Insurance Agent



Suzanne Egli, Personal Insurance Mgr



Patty Pulido, Personal Insurance Agent



Rose Rangel, Personal Insurance Agent



Club Store and Service Center  
120 West 2nd Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
(888) 777-1744

## TRANSPORTATION

# A Health Fair

Transportation hosts annual health and financial services fair.

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations

The Transportation Dept. hosted its annual health and financial services fair Oct. 28 at Caltrans/Transportation Headquarters' outer courtyard, 100 S. Main St. downtown.

The event helped employees learn about the various benefits available to them as employees of the City. Topics of interest included:

- Health benefits
- Health and life insurances
- Eldercare and childcare assistance
- Employee assistance program services
- Financial planning
- Investment opportunities
- Deferred compensation
- Savings bonds
- Loan programs
- Debt management, and
- Retirement planning.

Thanks to Selwyn Hollins, Acting Assistant General Manager, Transportation, for assisting the Club in producing this article.



From left: Veronica Sanchez Perez, Community Program Coordinator, Aging, 4 years of service; and Helen Lee, Community Program Coordinator, Aging, 6.5 years of service.



Rita Robinson, General Manager, Transportation, Club Board Member.



Arsen Mangasaran, Supervising Transportation Planner, Transportation, 25 years of service.



Selwyn Hollins, Chief Management Analyst, Transportation, 17 years of City service.



Dick Wong, Sr. Management Analyst, Transportation, 19 years of service.



David Nolasco, Transportation Engineering Associate, Transportation, 8 months.



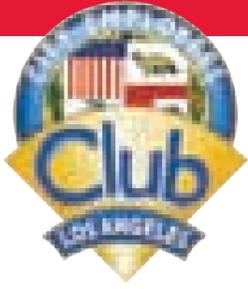
Arlene Herrero, Senior Benefits Specialist for the Club.



From left: Denise Martinez, Student Worker, Transportation; and Nirav D. Patel, Student Worker, Transportation.



George Wong wishes he could buy a watch.



## Newest Club Benefit:

**An annual membership to  
24 Hour Fitness...  
at one-third the regular price!**

– See details below

**Lots of Club  
Members have  
already signed up!**

The Club Wants You to

# Get **Fit** for 2009!

Is getting in shape on your list of New Year's resolutions? It should be, because getting into shape is one of the best things you can do for yourself.

### SPECIAL CLUB MEMBER BENEFIT



## FITNESS

**only \$199 for one year!**

### You can afford to get in shape in 2009

Sign up for an incredible deal – an annual membership to 24 Hour Fitness for just \$199 – **that's almost two-thirds off the regular price** of \$533.97. Incredible!

With lots of 24 Hour Fitness locations in Los Angeles, you're bound to be close to one.

### What are you waiting for?

Sign up at the Club Store online:  
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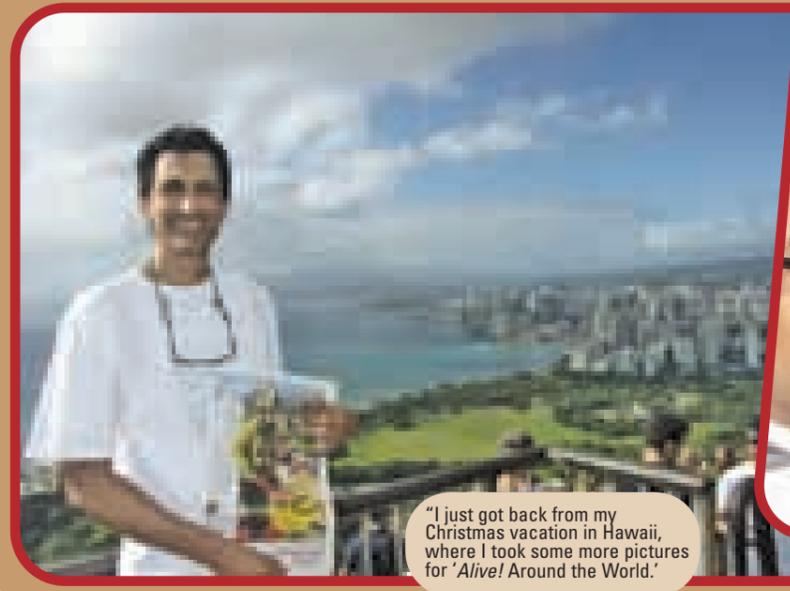
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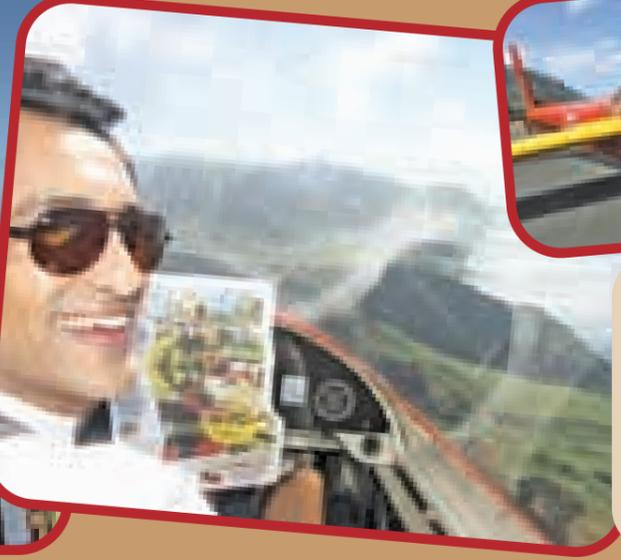
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**Hawaii**

**Efrain Gonzalez, Public Works/Sanitation**, and last seen in the January issue of *Alive!* under water, has decided this time to go off the ground!



"I just got back from my Christmas vacation in Hawaii, where I took some more pictures for *'Alive! Around the World.'*"



"The first one is of me atop Diamond Head, overlooking Waikiki Beach after hiking up the trail. The second one should complement the underwater photo I submitted earlier, since this one shows me flying a glider at 4,500 feet over the North Shore in Oahu. The third shows me in the glider after a successful landing! The glider flight was on Christmas morning."

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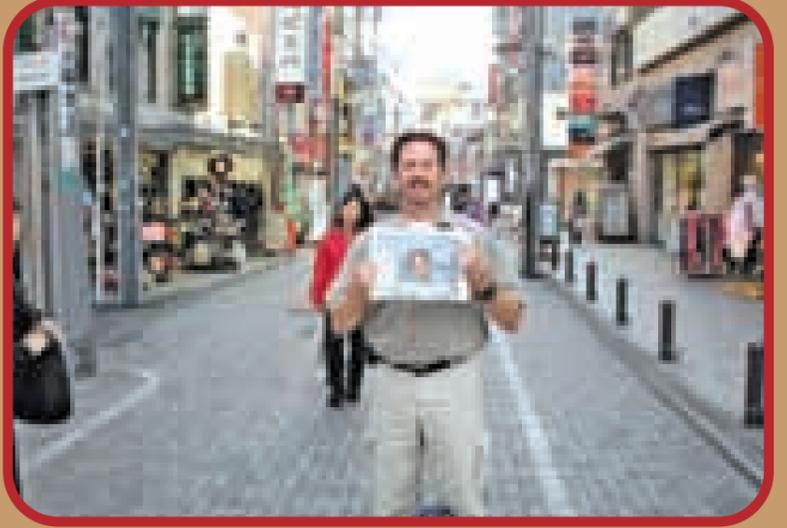
**Florida**



"Here are my wife, Valerie, and I in front of Cinderella Castle at Walt Disney World last December."  
- James Howlett, Harbor

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**Japan**



**John Hicks, LAFD**, in Machida, Japan.

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**Ohio**



"The Roe sisters in Xenia, Ohio. Jaylen, Michaela and Mariah are in the photo with Titus the poodle. Grandfather **Jack 'Leroy' Clemens** is a loyal Club Member for more years than he can remember."

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**Washington, D.C.**



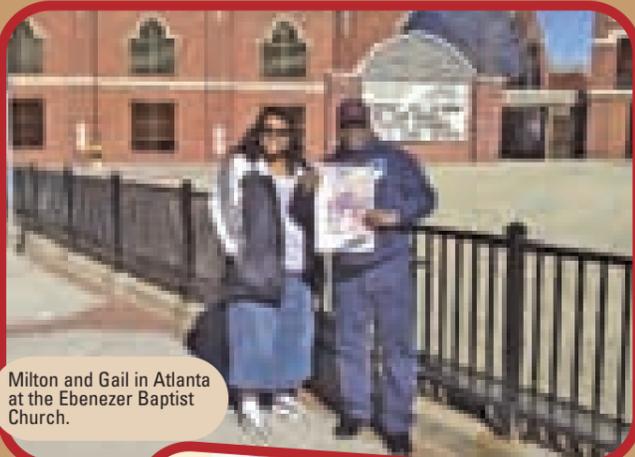
**Les and Sharren Iden** visited the Newseum near the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C. Sharren is retired from **Public Works/Street Services**, and Les is retired from **General Services**.

# Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



## 6 Alive! at the Inauguration!

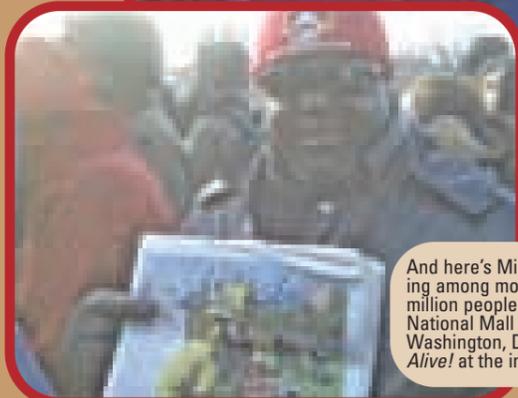
It's an *Alive!* first: **Milton Tate, DWP, and his wife, Gail**, hit the trail to their ultimate destination: the inauguration of America's 44th president, Barack Obama. What a trip, Milton and Gail! Wish we were there!



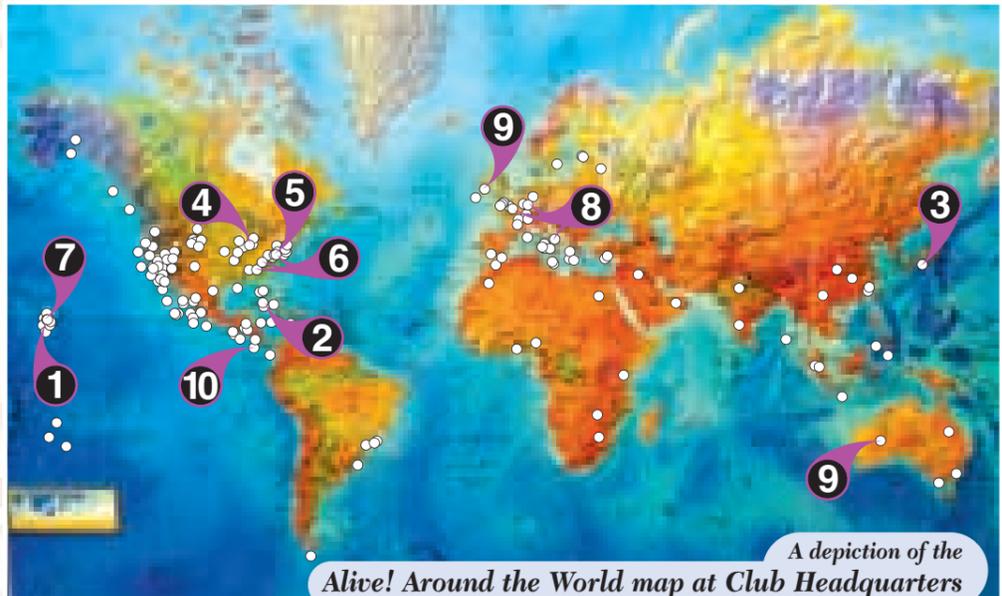
Milton and Gail in Atlanta at the Ebenezer Baptist Church.



Milton and Gail at the Clinton Presidential Library in Little Rock, Ark.



And here's Milton, standing among more than one million people on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., holding *Alive!* at the inauguration.



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

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

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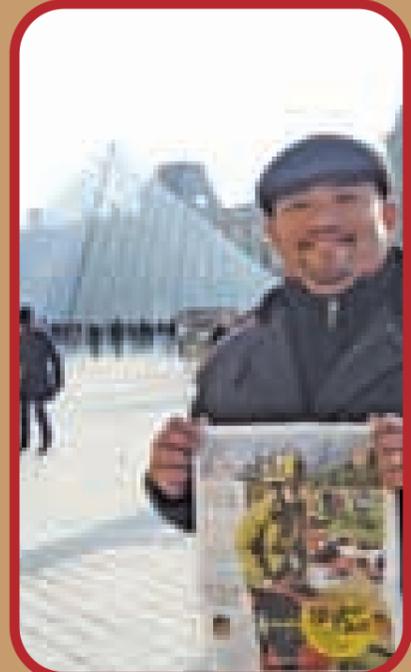
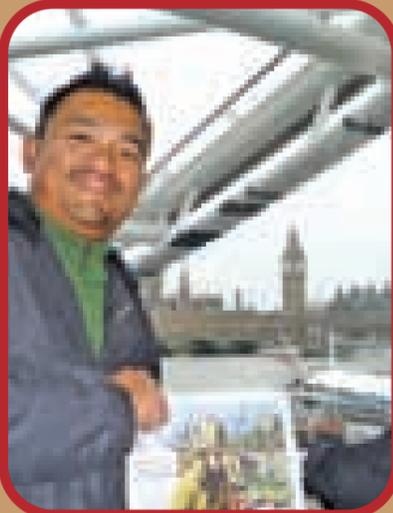
## 7 Hawaii



**William Brooks, Senior Detention Officer, LAPD**, at Pearl Harbor, Honolulu, Hawaii.



## 8 Paris, Rome & London



"Here are some photos from my trip in December to Paris, Rome and London."  
- **Efred Orlanes, Airport Police, Airports**

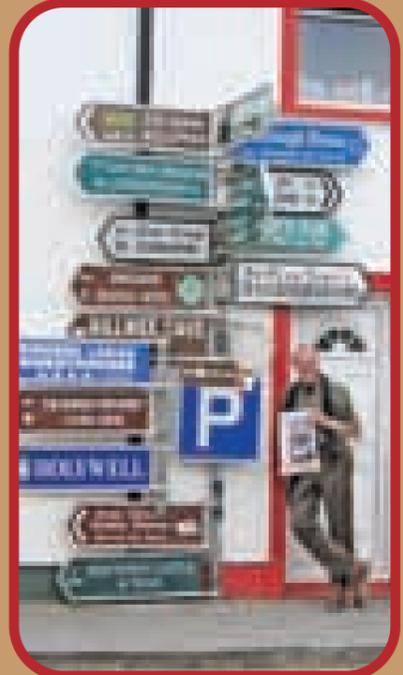
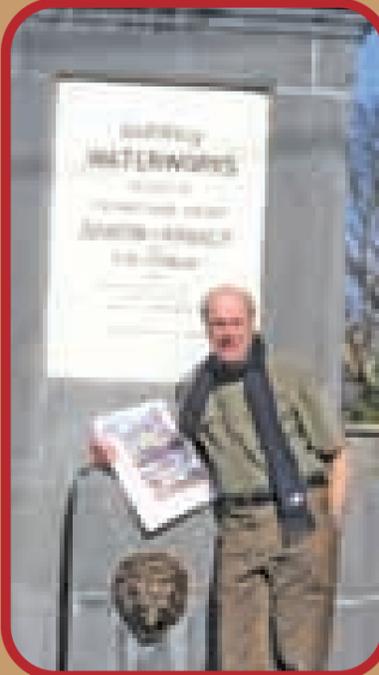


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### Ireland & Australia



"Here are some shots of my trip to Ireland and Australia."  
 - **Capt. Michael Barnes, pilot of Angelina II, Harbor**



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### Costa Rica

"Here are some pictures of my tour in Costa Rica this past December." - **Richard Radmacher, Retired, DWP**

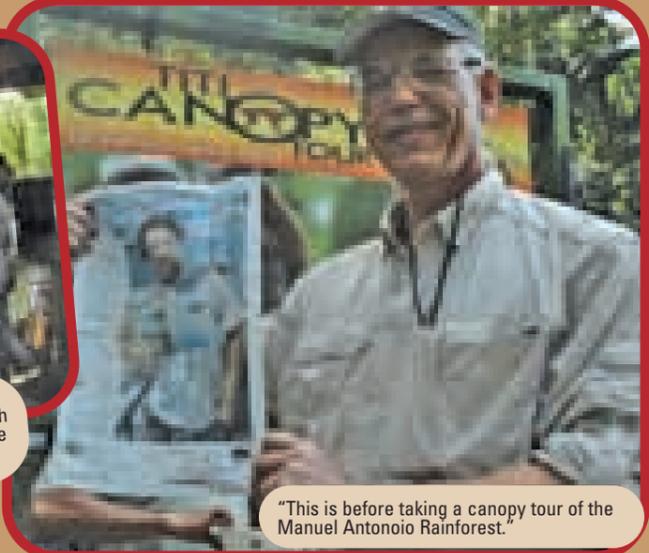
"This is me in Tortuguero at the local school, where we made a contribution to the schools and community."



"This is me before another canopy tour in the rain with rain suit at the Monteverde Rainforest."



"This is before taking a canopy tour of the Manuel Antonio Rainforest."



"This is Lois Arroyo, Proprietor of the Costa Rica Sloth Sanctuary on the left, a sloth in the middle, and me on the right."



"Here's a close-up of a three-toed sloth."



"This is with the White Face (organ grinder) monkeys at Isla Damas."



For Retired Club Members



# The Best Years

## City Retiree Associations:

### DWP Retirees Association



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

### Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association



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

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



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

### Change of Address?

If you change your address, notify Helen Salgado, Membership Chair, at (800) 678-4145 Ext. 713, or write to her at 8372 Arnett Dr. Huntington Beach, CA 92647. Also notify LACERS.

### Have News About Yourself?

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

## Upcoming Events:

**April 9:** RLACEI general membership meeting at the Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles. Lunch at noon.

**June 2:** RLACEI golf tournament at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course.

**Aug. 13:** RLACEI picnic at Grace E. Simons Lodge in Elysian Park.

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

RLACEI:

## Ballot Measures Could Affect Retiree Benefits

**President Ed Harding reports:**



Ed Harding

"As I begin my 15th year as your president, I want to thank the officers and committees who have all worked together to make our organization a strong, effective voice for City retirees. Our newest Board Members, Mary Beetz and Michael Karsch, have pitched right in and have assumed important duties.

I wish to congratulate Warren B. Braun, newly elected president of the Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association. Warren retired as a Senior Inspector in the Legal Division of the Fire Prevention Bureau of the LAFD.

There are two measures on the upcoming election March 3 that directly effect retirees and their pensions. The first, ballot measure D, is the Post Retirement Marriage Surviving Spouse Benefit (Remarriage Proposal). This allows a retiree who was single at retirement, or who has lost their spouse through death or divorce, to remarry and provide

the new spouse with a surviving spouse pension. The cost will be borne by a reduction in the retiree's pension. If this passes, it will become a precedent for the rest of the City's retirees to seek an amendment to the Administrative Code.

The second Charter Amendment, ballot measure C, will allow dependent (disabled) children covered under the Fire and Police Pension Plan, who become married or adopted, to continue to collect pension benefits. Another change allows payment of pension benefits to a Special Need Trust for a dependent (disabled) child benefit provided to a child of a deceased system member and has become disabled prior to age 21.

So, make sure you vote March 3. I'll see all of you at our general membership meeting Thurs., April 9, at the Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr. We will again be serving a great lunch."



By Phil Skarin,  
RLACEI Publicity Chair

### Legislative Update:



Ken Spiker

Michael Karsch, filling in for Ken Spiker, our legislative representative, reports: "Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has just proposed to fund state retiree health care, an unfunded liability that now is estimated to be \$48 billion for all state retirees. This would be funded partially by saving to

be created by moving all state employees and retirees to lower-cost health plans. The governor proposes setting aside \$236 million beginning in 2010-11, but the Legislative Analyst reports the need to be set aside is \$1.2 billion per year."

### RLACEI Website

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

### Contact LACERS

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

# The Best Years



Lambeau Field in Green Bay.



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
• Mary Beetz	Ext. 711

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

## RLACEI:

### Officers for 2009

- Edward Harding, President
- Kenneth Spiker, First Vice President
- Tom Stemnock, Second Vice President
- Hal Danowitz, Secretary
- Jerry Bardwell, Treasurer

### Committee Chairpersons for 2009

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

### Directors

- Michael Karsch
- Americo Garza
- Helen Salgado
- Phil Skarin
- Jack Mathews
- Neil Ricci



# Old Hallways and First Girlfriends

■ Hal and Evelyn continue their road trip across the country for Hal's high school reunion.

Evelyn and I were on a three-week road trip on our way to my 50th high school reunion in Lansing, Mich. We took a more Southern route on the way there and the northern route on the way home.

So far we had traveled from Los Angeles through Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois and Michigan. During the trip, Evelyn and I kept a daily log that we e-mailed to friends, and I have decided to share this log with you to tell the tale of our trip. We left off last month in Lansing.

### Day 10: Sept. 27

*Evelyn: I think most of you have realized that most of these updates come from the travel writer in the family, Hal. I manage to read them and occasionally add some small anecdote or defend myself. As a result of talking to my daughter, Michelle, I will add my comments from now on so you can see who says what.*

Last night, we had dinner with my friend, Don. His wife was under the weather and did not join us. We ate at Bravo Cuchina, part of a large chain in the Michigan area. The food was good. We were going to see Don and his wife for brunch at their home on Sunday morning.

This morning, we walked over to the Michigan State University (MSU) student union; I bought a T-shirt, and Evelyn got a magnet. Because of the school, there are many restaurants and casual dining places within walking distance of the campus. We picked one out – they had square bagels, which they used to make an omelet sandwich.

*Evelyn: Square bagels? Who ever heard of such a thing? There should be a law against it.*

Today we had the tour of my old high school, Lansing Eastern. The current principal led the tour. Not that there was much to see, but I did remember the boy's and girl's gyms, and we finally found my homeroom (they had renumbered the school). I found a few people I knew when they told me their name, but I recognized only my first (grade school) girlfriend, Marilyn.

I hoped to see more people I knew that night at the dinner.

After the tour, Evelyn and I drove back downtown, and I took some pictures of my father's old store. The front had been changed, but I think I got the right one. The store next door is a peanut store (it was a Mr. Peanut store) that has been in business more than 71 years, and I think



Hal at the door of his high school homeroom.



Evelyn (right) and Hal's first girlfriend, Marilyn (left).

we were just next door.

The reunion dinner was held at the University Club (part of MSU), with a reception starting at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7:30. We got there on time, and most everyone was already there. They had set up a memory board and had pictures of my grade school classes and a lot of other stuff about our class. They had prepared a book with pictures from the 1958 yearbook with our address (if known) and also those who were deceased. Both classes (summer and winter) had a combined graduating class of approximately 470, and almost 70 had passed on.

*Evelyn: I think there were between 300 and 350 people there, including spouses and guests. A number of women approached Hal, and all had different stories about him.*

My best friends from high school were not there, but I did connect with a number of classmates, and it was fun being together again. I took a picture with the girl who was



Transportation on Mackinac Island.



my first-ever date (a dance) and also my first girlfriend from grade school (she was one of the primary organizers of the reunion). I'm really glad that Evelyn and I came.

#### Day 11: Sept. 28

Sunday morning, we went to my friend Don's house for brunch, and he showed me a video of his bar mitzvah. The video had pictures of my father and mother and even showed me dancing with my mother; I wasn't 13 yet. After brunch, we drove to Charlevoix (220 miles and nearly four hours away). We stayed overnight at the Weathervane Terrace Inn – a nice one-bedroom suite for \$85. That night we were having dinner with friends that Evelyn knows from high school.

We met Evelyn's high school friend and his wife at the Weathervane Restaurant, just a short walk from our hotel. The food was very good – American cuisine. After dinner we walked the three blocks of the Charlevoix downtown area. There was even a Rexall drugstore.

*Evelyn: For those of you old enough, Rexall was a big franchised drugstore before there were chain drugstores. My father had been a pharmacist and owned one when I was a kid.*

#### Day 12: Sept. 29

It was only a short drive (60 miles) to St. Ignace, where we caught the ferry to Mackinaw Island. I wanted to catch the 11:30 boat (the ride takes only 20 minutes), and we needed time to buy tickets and have the car stored for the night. The boat ride was a little choppy -- the wind was blowing pretty well and it was overcast, but no rain. When we arrived, we were met by a representative of the Iroquois Hotel. He took our luggage (we had brought only three very



Hal at Fort Mackinac.



Evelyn at Fort Mackinac, with their hotel in the background.

small bags), and we walked to the hotel, about two short blocks from the dock.

I had wanted to stay at the Grand Hotel, but this was the one day in September that they were completely booked. I am now happy that it turned out that way. The Iroquois is directly on the water, and our room was the corner suite with a wall of windows that looked on the marina and the breakwater. It was really nice, but I'll let Evelyn describe it. The Grand Hotel is not within walking distance of the town, and we had a much better location.

*Evelyn: Some of you may remember the movie Somewhere in Time with Jane Seymour and Christopher Reeve. It was filmed there; the buildings are amazing -- a huge white Victorian building perched on a hill with a 600-foot wrap-around covered porch. You can still probably get the movie from Netflix, but have plenty of tissue on hand. Anyway, the Iroquois, where we stayed, was just like the Grand, but on a smaller scale and with a much better location.*

After we saw our room and made a dinner reservation at the Cottage Room (a restaurant that's part of the hotel), we took the carriage ride tour of the island. The cost was about \$30 per person, but it was the best way to see the island. There are three ways to get around on the island – walk, ride a bike, or use a horse; no motor vehicles are allowed. They did have golf carts, but the carts are not allowed on the roads. The tour took about two hours, and we got off at Fort Mackinac (it is spelled both ways, but is always pronounced MAC-in-aw – never MAC-in-nack). It was \$10 to get in the fort, built by the British before the Revolutionary War. We stopped for a bite to eat and toured the buildings. I enjoyed the presentations, and every hour they shot a cannon and then muskets.

*Evelyn: Considering when it was built, it looked like a pretty good place to be stationed. The barracks, commissary and other*

*buildings seemed to be pretty good accommodations for that time period.*

We walked back downtown (the fort is at the other end from our hotel) and stopped to buy fudge and other sundry souvenirs.

*Evelyn: Fudge seems to be the big deal on the Island, with more than 17 shops on the half-dozen blocks of downtown. And yes, we bought some.*

Our dinner reservation was for 7 p.m., and we were seated at a table by the window and had a great view of the water as dusk arrived. It was blowing pretty hard and had started to rain. The food was the best we have had so far, and I even had room for dessert (a fresh peach sundae).

#### Day 13 – Sept. 30

We wanted to catch the 9 a.m. boat and reach the mainland about 9:30, where our car was waiting. The drive to Green Bay, Wisc., was about 250 miles along Lake Michigan. The drive was great – the roads are mostly two lanes – with a passing lane every so often. Speed limit is 55 mph, and I stayed under 60 mph all of the time. We stopped in Escanaba, Mich., for "pasties," which is a meat or veggie pie invented by the Cornish. I don't think it will go over big in California.

The ride was very colorful as the trees were turning. We arrived in Green Bay before 2 p.m. (we gained back an hour) and checked into our hotel. We then drove over to Lambeau Field, the home of the Green Bay Packers, and took some pictures and found a Packer store. Evelyn was able to get a magnet.

Next month I'll pick up with the next stage of our trip.



Hal and Don with Don's 1954 Corvette.

## RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

**Dave Lessley**, Retired City Planner, was installed Jan. 27 as moderator for 2009 of the Presbytery of San Fernando. His "planning" is now more of a "lofty" character.

**John and Frances Cota Schulz** celebrated their second anniversary Jan. 6. Frances is a regular winner in our annual retirees poetry contest.

**Robert J. Williams**, retired General Manager, Building and Safety, was laid to rest Jan. 12 in San Luis Obispo.

**Marty Rashoff** tutors at an elementary school in Monterey Park one day a week. He has traveled to China, Tibet and Hong Kong.

**Ben and Bettye Pratt** celebrated their 66th anniversary in June with a trip to Maui. In October, they took a Mexican Rivera cruise.

**Angelo Incardona** enjoys woodworking. He works at the Santa Anita Race Track on weekends. He's good at horsing around.

An information sheet entitled "**What to do upon the death of a Retired City Employee**" is available by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Phil Skarin at 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411-3910.

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**Poets, it's time to begin writing your prize-winning poems for the 2009 Retirees Poetry contest. Stay tuned.**

**If you have news about yourself or other retirees** that you'd like to share, send it to Phil Skarin at 5301 Norwich Ave. CA 91411-3910, or call him at (818) 784-0130.





THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

## Friendship Maintenance

*Everybody needs friends  
Friendships are truly blessings in our lives  
But, after you have made a friend,  
How do you maintain that friendship?*

*Is there a preservative to keep it from spoiling?  
Can you store it in a deep freeze, or  
Lock it in a safe deposit box?*

*Successfully maintaining a friendship requires  
Regular attention and concern  
Involvement of your time  
Sharing of each other's feelings, and  
avoiding things that hurt the other.*

*So, if you have friendships that you want to keep,  
Remember these suggestions for  
Friendship maintenance.*

– Phil Skarin



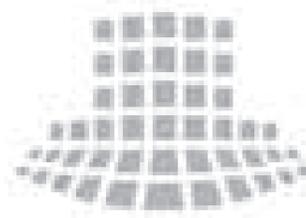
## RLACEI's Toll-Free Number

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

**The number is: (800) 678-4145**

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

Edward Harding x703	Jack Matthews x712	Americo Garza x710
Harold Danowitz x707	Michael Karsch x704	Neil Ricci x714
Phil Skarin x709	Jerry Bardwell x706	Helen Salgado x713
	Tom Stemnock x708	



Los Angeles Convention Center



## Work Opportunities For Retirees



**Electrical Craft Helpers,  
Electricians/Communication Electricians,  
Plumbers**

**\$24.44/hr – Electrical Craft Helper**  
**\$34.84/hr – Electrician/Communication Electrician**  
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Dear Retiree,

Are you looking for a part time job with great pay, great atmosphere, flexible work schedule, and exciting projects? Then working part-time at the Los Angeles Convention Center (LACC) may be just the opportunity you have been looking for. We employ retirees throughout the year to supplement our Electrical, Audio/Video, and Plumbing operations to help meet the service demands of large events, including:

- Greater L.A. Auto Show
- The Grammy's
- Boat Show
- Westec
- E For All
- And Many More

If you have retired from the City of Los Angeles or the LADWP, and previously worked in one of the above classes, their equivalents, or in a qualified higher class, you are encouraged to apply for this great opportunity.

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LAABP

## Black History Month Events

Join the LAABP (Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel) for several festive, meaningful events honoring Black History Month.

Story and photos courtesy LAABP

The Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel (LAABP) will kick off its African American Heritage Month observance with a variety of events throughout February, announced Cora Jackson-Fossett, LAABP President, and Director, Public Affairs, Public Works.

"We invite employees and the general public to join us as we celebrate the rich history and contributions of African Americans to this great country," Jackson-Fossett said. "All of our events are free and we encourage everyone to participate."

The first activity is a literary event and book signing in the City Hall Rotunda from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 11, featuring local authors, published and recorded City employees, a writing seminar, and giveaways. Join authors for a rousing discussion of books, writing techniques and ideas and have your books personally autographed.

Would you like to squeeze in some fun, entertainment, and food in a one-hour lunch and share a cultural experience with your friends and co-workers? Meet them at the "Kuonja: Flavors of Soul and Marketplace" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 24 and 25, at the Fletcher Bowron Square (Triforium) in Downtown Los Angeles on Temple Street between Main and Los Angeles Streets. While you are sampling the food (soul, barbecue, Caribbean, or African), friends and co-workers will entertain with spoken word and performance art. Be sure to shop at the various booths displaying artwork, crafts, jewelry, fashion and

more! Employee's culinary talents will be judged during a bake-off of delectable desserts.

Mark your calendars to attend the fourth annual Trailblazer Reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18. The event includes food, entertainment and an awards program in the beautiful Tom Bradley Room at the Los Angeles City Hall. While the event is free, you must call (213) 978-0319 for a reservation due to limited space. The event honors the efforts of

African Americans working for the City who have blazed a trail for others to follow by being an example of leadership, professionalism and excellence.

The LAABP, with the other affirmative action associations representing the workforce of the City, is dedicated to the advancement and development of African Americans. Visit [www.laabp.com](http://www.laabp.com) to learn more or become a member.



City Employees enjoy the food and gift items available at the African Marketplace.



The annual Fashion Show at the African Marketplace features many City workers as models.

# 2 0 0 9 AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

Presented by the  
Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel  
For more information, please go to [www.laabp.com](http://www.laabp.com)

### JAZZ BY THE SEA

WHEN: Thursday, Feb. 12  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: Hyperion Wastewater  
Treatment Plant  
12000 Vista Del Mar  
Playa Del Rey, CA  
90293

### LITERARY EVENT & BOOK FAIR

WHEN: Wednesday, Feb. 11  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

WHERE: City Hall Rotunda  
200 N. Spring St.  
90012

### TRAILBLAZERS RECEPTION

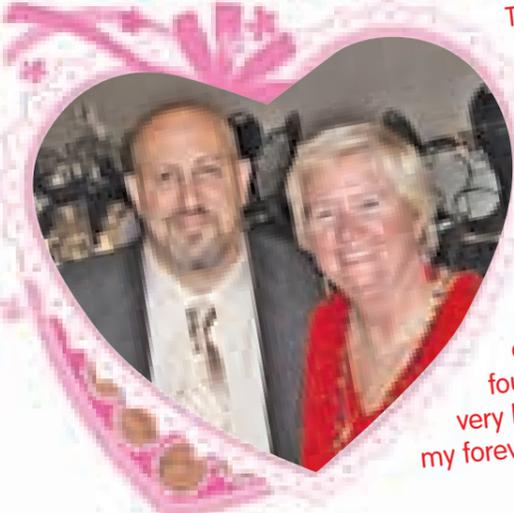
WHEN: Wednesday, Feb. 18  
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Tom Bradley Tower  
Room (City Hall)  
200 N. Spring St.,  
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### KUONJA: FLAVORS OF SOUL & MARKETPLACE

WHEN: Tuesday & Wednesday,  
Feb. 24 & 25  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Fletcher Bowron  
Square (Triforium),  
90012  
(Temple, between Main &  
Los Angeles Streets)



To my sweetheart Ron, I can't believe it's been almost 17 years since I became your wife. We've been through some rough and good times, and I wouldn't change it for the world! It's been an experience raising our children (both two- and four-legged!) and ended up very blessed with both. You are my forever love!

- Love, Jean



Lessly, you always told me that all the roses I gave you through out the years wouldn't last forever, but my love always will.

- Mario



A day full of love especially on this Valentine's Day for my dearest husband Donn...

- Josie

For my sweetie, my husband, Brent: I met Brent in the Army when we were both stationed in Germany in 1990, and we've been married more than 17 years. Brent is a really nice guy with a great smile that I'm still hooked on. Happy Valentine's Day.

- Love, Steph

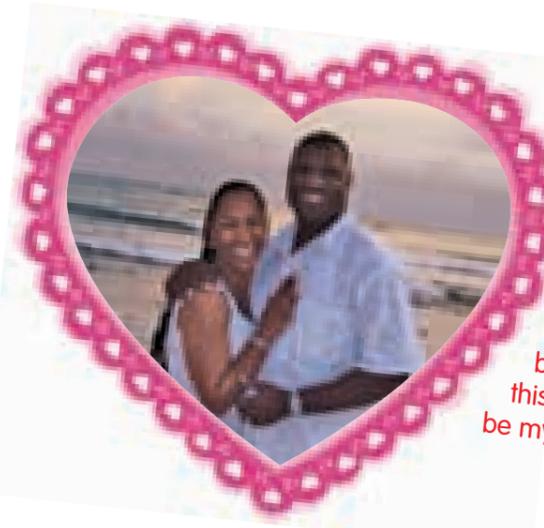


# Be My



Mikey Mack is my loving rock-star hubby from Public Works. I love you, honey!

- Love, Deb



It's almost here! The day when hearts and flowers come your way! When raining down from up above, are tons and tons of chocolate love! I'd make sure nothing was left out so you could never have a doubt, that I am yours, that I am true, that my heart belongs to only you! So now I end this silly rhyme and ask you would you be my Valentine?

- Love Chermaine

To the love of my life! I thank God for you and hope we have many years of happiness together!

- Love, your wife, Candice



To my husband, Quintinn Ellis Sr.: I love you going on 23 years-plus of marriage, and you're my one and only Valentine.

- Your wife, Kim Ellis



Dear Aram, Happy Valentine's Day. I love you!

- Varsenik Mkrtchian



Charlie and Tiffany McGinnis.

Happy one-year anniversary, kids!

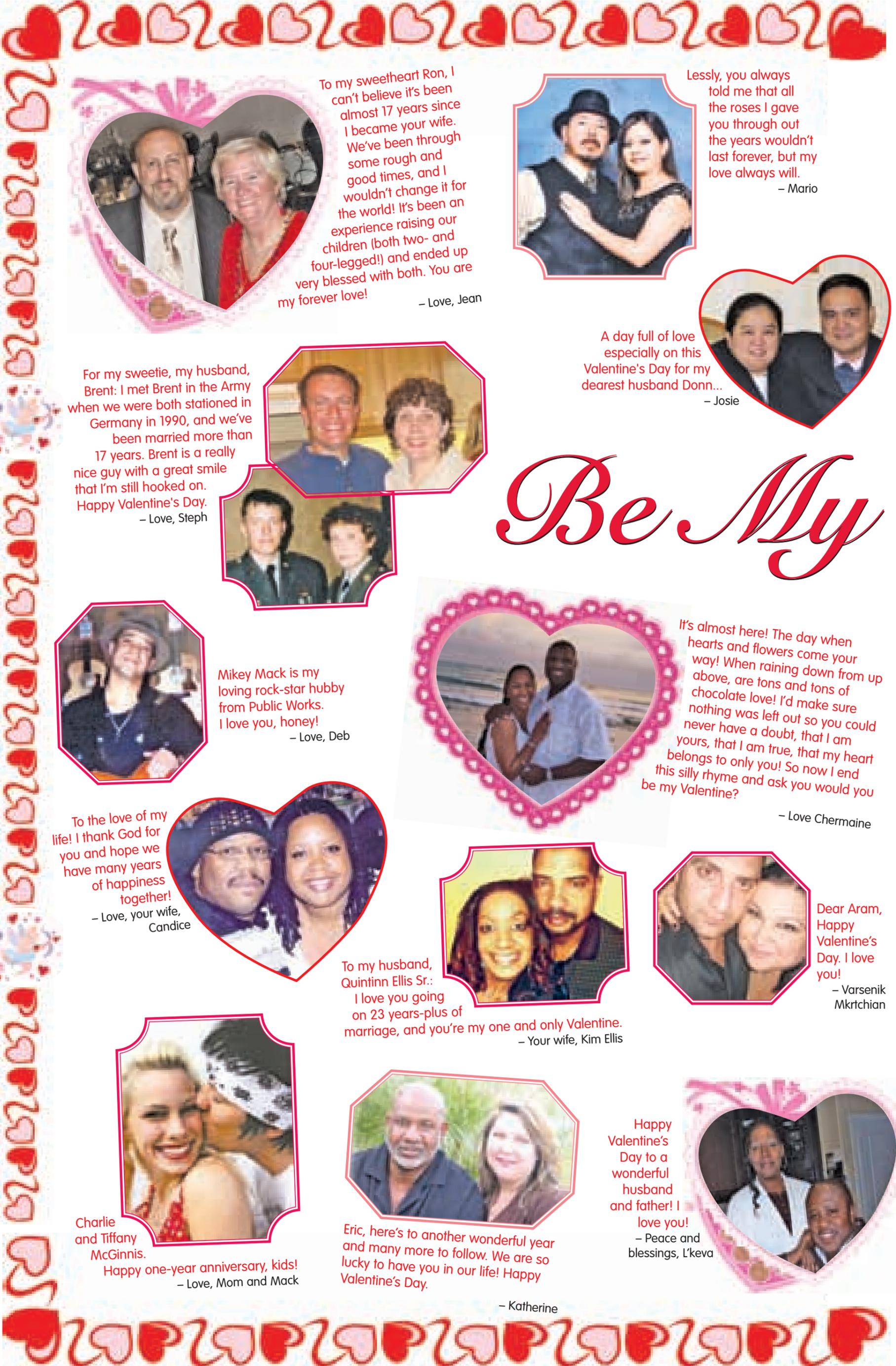
- Love, Mom and Mack



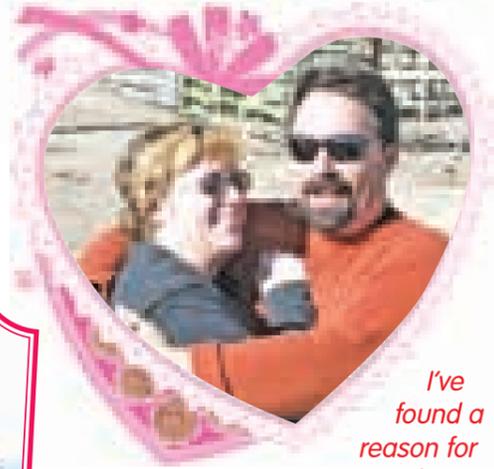
Eric, here's to another wonderful year and many more to follow. We are so lucky to have you in our life! Happy Valentine's Day.

- Katherine

Happy Valentine's Day to a wonderful husband and father! I love you!  
- Peace and blessings, L'keva



To my two Valentines, Hannah and Kelley, who make my life fun, adventurous, exciting and challenging. I couldn't live without you two!  
- Love, John



I've found a reason for me/To change who I used to be./A reason to start over new/And the reason is you. I love you, Kristi, my love, my wife, my life.  
- John



Without 'G,' there is no 'E!'  
- I love you, Stubby



To my husband, Thai Trinh: I love you so much. Happy Valentine's!  
- Lieuchi Phan

# Club Valentine



Love is in the air at the Club! Thanks to all who chose to share their love here in *Alive!*, and happy Valentine's Day to all who are in love, or hope to be soon!

## Happy Valentine's Day!

Love is not finding someone to live with, it's finding someone you can't live without. Happy Valentine's Day, *mi amor*.  
- Patricia E.



John, you are the love of my life, and I can't imagine my life without you. I love you so much!  
- Lena



Eddy Nelson: You have been a blessing to me from God. I am so happy to be your wife and celebrating each other for 38 years, I always pray that we enjoy life's moments. Love you much. *Mahal Kita, Walang Iba*.  
- Leticia Yapana



Evelyn: I love you so much with all my heart; thanks for all the things you've done for me.  
- Love, your husband, Omar



- Tiana, Shawndra and Willie



- Khari



- Amina

Grandma wants you guys to know she loves you and she is so proud of you. You are the loves of my life, and I would do anything I can to make sure you get what you need and help you to be successful young adults. Happy Valentine's Day and God bless you all!

- Love, Grandma Eva

# Angel's Be Alive!



Angel Gomez,  
Member Services  
Manager

Off Las Virgenes Road, at the entrance to the Park.



# Malibu Creek State Park

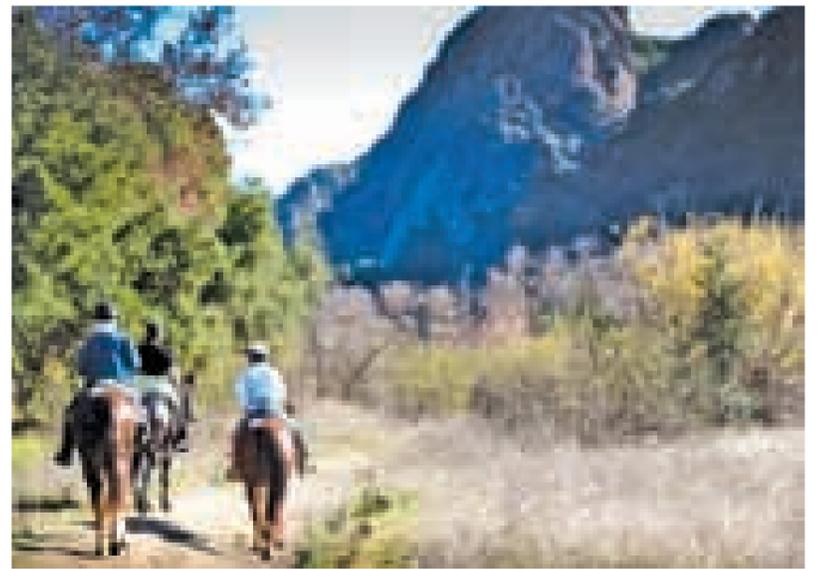
## Hey everybody!

How's your New Year going so far? Let's prove this year that being fit and having fun can happen at the same time! All right!

For this month, we're heading to Malibu Creek State Park in Calabasas, on Las Virgenes Road between the 101 and the Pacific Coast Highway. It has some great trails, covering more than 7,000 acres, and it's only 25 miles from downtown Los Angeles. Recreation activities in the park include: bird watching, hiking, mountain biking, rock climbing, fishing and picnicking. The Backbone Trail System, a multi-use long-distance trail spanning the Santa Monica Mountains, passes through Malibu Creek State Park.

Malibu Creek State Park was purchased in 1974 by the state and had previously been home (for thousands of years) to the Chumash Indians. Many years later it was divided into three parcels owned by Bob Hope, Ronald Reagan and 20th Century Fox movie studio. The park is still used for moviemaking but is primarily a haven for hikers, climbers and picnickers. The park contains a visitor center, campground, a manmade lake, volcanic rock, majestic canyons, year-round streams, and more than 30 miles of hiking trails.

This month's hike will follow Malibu Creek to Rock Pool, surrounded by volcanic cliffs, and to the four-acre Century Lake. During our hike, we will walk by many of the sites where movies have been and continue to be filmed today. Past movies include *Tarzan*, *Planet of the Apes*, *South Pacific*, and the *M\*A\*S\*H* television series, to name a few.



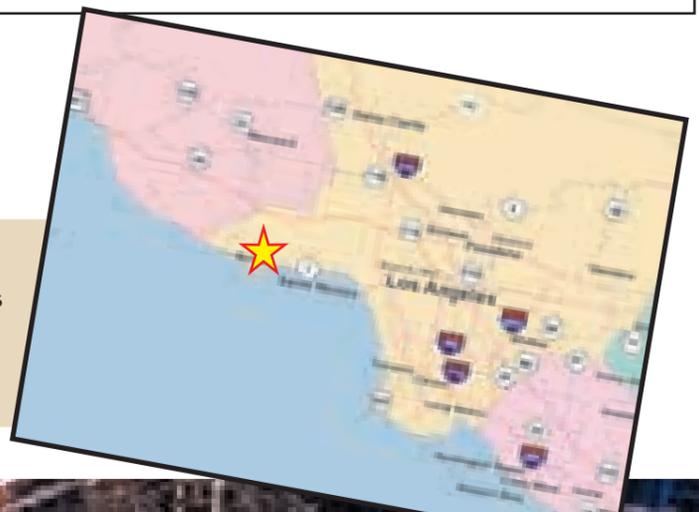
You may even run across some horses on the way.



Here's more of the beautiful scenery you'll find along the way.

## Directions:

From Pacific Coast Highway, turn inland on Malibu Canyon Road and proceed 6.5 miles up this beautiful, winding canyon road to the park entrance a quarter of a mile south of Mulholland Highway. If you're coming from the San Fernando Valley, exit the Ventura Freeway (101) on Las Virgenes Road and continue 3.3 miles to the park entrance on your right.



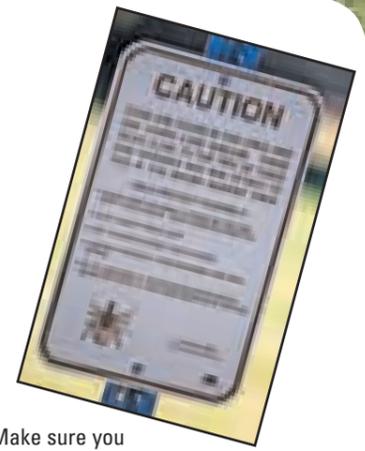


**Hiking Information:**

- HIGHLIGHTS:** Volcanic rocks, reflecting pools, hiking and climbing
- DISTANCE:** 5.2 miles round trip
- ELEVATION:** 250 feet
- HIKE TIME:** Three hours
- DIFFICULTY:** Easy
- INFO:** www.parks.ca.gov
- COST:** \$10 for day use
- RECESSION HINT:** You can park for free at the intersection of Mulholland and Las Virgenes; just walk about a tenth of a mile to the entrance of the park.
- EXACT LOCATION OF THE M\*A\*S\*H SITE:** 34 05'47.43" N 118 44'39.39" W
- VISITOR CENTER ADDRESS:** 1925 Las Virgenes Rd., Calabasas.



Here are the current rates for camping, day use, etc.



Make sure you always check for ticks after brushing against the grass or tree branches. And always take a tick removal tool with you!



The trail starts right outside of the parking lot.

**The Hike:**

Let's begin! From the parking area, cross the main road and down the steps (1) to the trailhead. Follow the signs to the M\*A\*S\*H site, which basically follows Crags Road. Keep in mind that there are about five or six offshoots on this trail; just keep going on the main road following the signs to the M\*A\*S\*H site (2). In about one mile you'll come to a bridge. If you cross the bridge you'll end up at the visitor's center — go ahead, check it out! (3) If the visitor center is open, you'll apparently find maps and restrooms plus black and white photos of Hot Lips, Hawkeye, Radar and other characters from the cast of M\*A\*S\*H. You'll also find exhibits of native plants and wildlife. Oh, and for you movie buffs, the old rustic building was Cary Grant's rural Connecticut dream home in the movie *Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House* (1948).

When you're done, come back across the bridge and make a quick left. Follow this path for .3 miles and you'll end up at the very cool Rock Pool. The Rock Pool is a swimmable stretch of water framed by volcanic cliffs that has served as a backdrop for *The Swiss Family Robinson*, the *Tarzan* movies, *Planet of the Apes* and many other films. At the Rock Pool you

may even see daring rock climbers attempt to scale the *Planet of the Apes* wall (from the 1968 movie).

Once you've had your fill at the Rock Pool, go back to the bridge the way you came. Once you get to the bridge, go left and get back on Crags Road. The path will begin to steepen, and soon on your left you'll see a turnoff that leads to a building foundation; it's quite

possibly one of the original adobe homes on the property. Continue on Crags Road uphill to a trail junction at the crest of the hill. From here you will be overlooking Century Lake and Las Virgenes Valley. The trail to the left leads down to the lake; there's another trail leading to the lake just down the hill on Crags Road.

Go ahead and check out Century Lake, and then when you're done, get back on the trail. At about 1.9 miles, you'll come to another bridge (4); bear right and follow the dry streambed. In about a half-mile, you'll reach the M\*A\*S\*H site. You'll know when you're there when you see two rusted out Vietnam-era Army vehicles, a Jeep and an ambulance (5) that were once used as props in the show. There's also a picnic table for you to rest, relax and eat at. If you want, you can continue on the trail to the Reagan Ranch and Malibu Lake, or, do what I did and retrace my steps back to the parking lot.

Can you believe all these wonderful views are only a few miles away from downtown Los Angeles? Amazing! Don't forget to bring plenty of water and sunscreen.

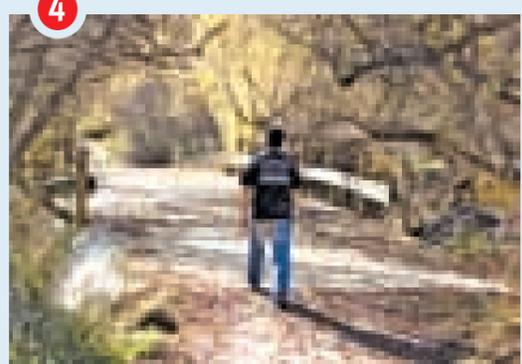
See you next time!



On my way to the visitor center, sporting my Club-exclusive Transportation "Bold T-shirt," which, I might add, is just \$12 at the Club Store or online at www.cityemployeesclub.com



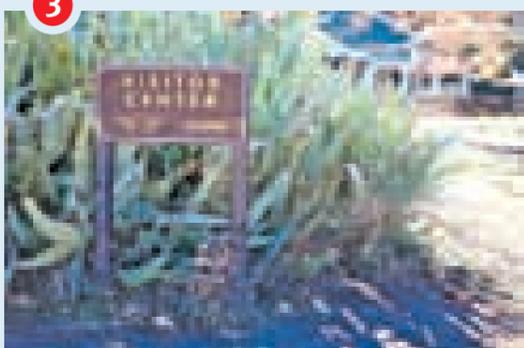
Taking it easy on the porch swing at the visitor center.



Once you pass this bridge at 1.9 miles, bear to the right.



You're there! This is the old ambulance used as a prop in M\*A\*S\*H.



The visitor center hours.

LAFD

# Fire Station 78 Opens

Studio City gets new fire facility.

Story by Brian Humphrey, LAFD. Photos by Alive! staff

Civic and community leaders, Fire personnel and the general public were in attendance at the public dedication and grand opening of



Fire Station 78 in Studio City.

the LAFD's newest Neighborhood Fire Station Jan. 18, as Fire Station 78 opened formally at 4041 Whitsett Ave. in Studio City. The facility is now in service, protecting Studio City, Valley Village, Coldwater Canyon, Sherman Oaks and neighboring communities. Serving the southeast San Fernando Valley, new Fire Station 78 replaces a cramped and inefficient temporary building on the site of a former neighborhood fire station built during World War II adjacent to the Hollywood Trout Farms, which would later become the popular Sportsmen's Lodge.

The five-decade-old Fire Station was irreparably damaged and deemed untenable following the 1994 Northridge earthquake.

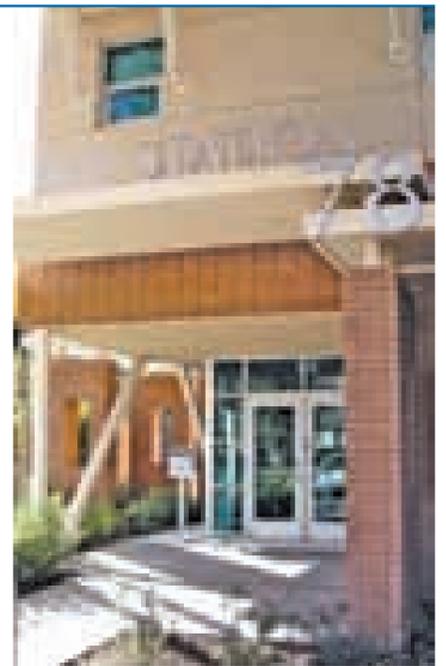
The Federal Emergency Management Agency assisted the LAFD in the \$400,000 cost of procuring a modular "apparatus shed" and trailer-like "crew quarters," as well as preparing the compact plot of land to support temporary

Fire Station 78, which saw nearly 15 years of service before being decommissioned this past September.

Fire Station 78 covers a geographically and culturally diverse four-square-mile area that includes a busy retail, entertainment and office corridor, film and television studios, a major highway, large areas of multi-family housing, the Los Angeles River and steep hillsides with winding roads that lead to homes built among the flammable brush of the Santa Monica Mountains.

New Fire Station 78 is one of 19 replacement fire stations funded by the voter-approved November 2000 Proposition F.

The new Fire Station sits on one acre of Whitsett Avenue land adjacent to the Studio City Golf Course. The modern, welcoming and energy-efficient 15,250-square-foot facility now provides the region with apparatus and person-



Fire Station 78 in Studio City.

nel pre-deployment during high-hazard conditions, offers routine firefighter and community training and supports large-scale incident staging and command post operations.

New Fire Station 78 is a genuine community asset that will serve the life safety needs of the San Fernando Valley for decades to come.

## Newsbrief

### THE ART OF LAX:

Dept. of Airports, in cooperation with Cultural Affairs, announced new exhibits on display at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) featuring paintings, prints, sculpture, and photographs based on intricate patterns and rhythms and the dynamics of abstraction.

The exhibitions are in Terminal 1 on the Upper/Departures Level beyond passenger security screening. The exhibits are free and on display through March 27.

*Patterns, Rhythms*, organized by Cultural Affairs curator Scott Canty, is on display in two locations: in the display case along the main corridor and in the hallway leading to Gate 2. The artworks featured in this exhibit are designed to encourage the viewer to explore and discover distinctive and expressive patterns and rhythms. "My research for this exhibition lead me to artists who investigate the use of patterns and rhythms in their work," Canty said. "I was seeking works that have a certain aesthetic, works that bridge the gap between contemporary craft and fine art."

Artists Lanny Bergner, John de Wit and Annabeth Rosen achieve this aesthetic and create three-dimensional works made from woven wire, and painted glass and ceramic. Jamie Brunson, Shoyoung Kwon, Maggie Lowe Tennessee, Marshall Roemen, and Susan Weller investigate the use of patterning and incorporate a variety of media, including encaustic, paint, silver and gold leaf. Artists Aaron Yassin and Gregory Michael Hernandez use photography to create a kaleidoscopic reality in their work.

*In the Abstract*, curated by Mary E. Oliver of Cultural Affairs, features art that does not represent specific objects in their figurative reality. Through color and shape, the artist gives a sense or feel for the subject rather than an exact replication. Abstract art can represent things that are not visual, such as an experience, mood, or sound.

The purpose of the art exhibits program at LAX and LA/Ontario International Airport is to educate and entertain the traveling public, while emphasizing a cultural experience highlighting what makes Los Angeles unique and interesting. Exhibits may be historic, popular, artistic, or graphic design in nature and may arise from museums, fine art, archives, environment, or other fields. Exhibits are on display in Terminals 1, 2, 3 and Tom Bradley International Terminal at LAX, and Terminals 2 and 4 at LA/Ontario.

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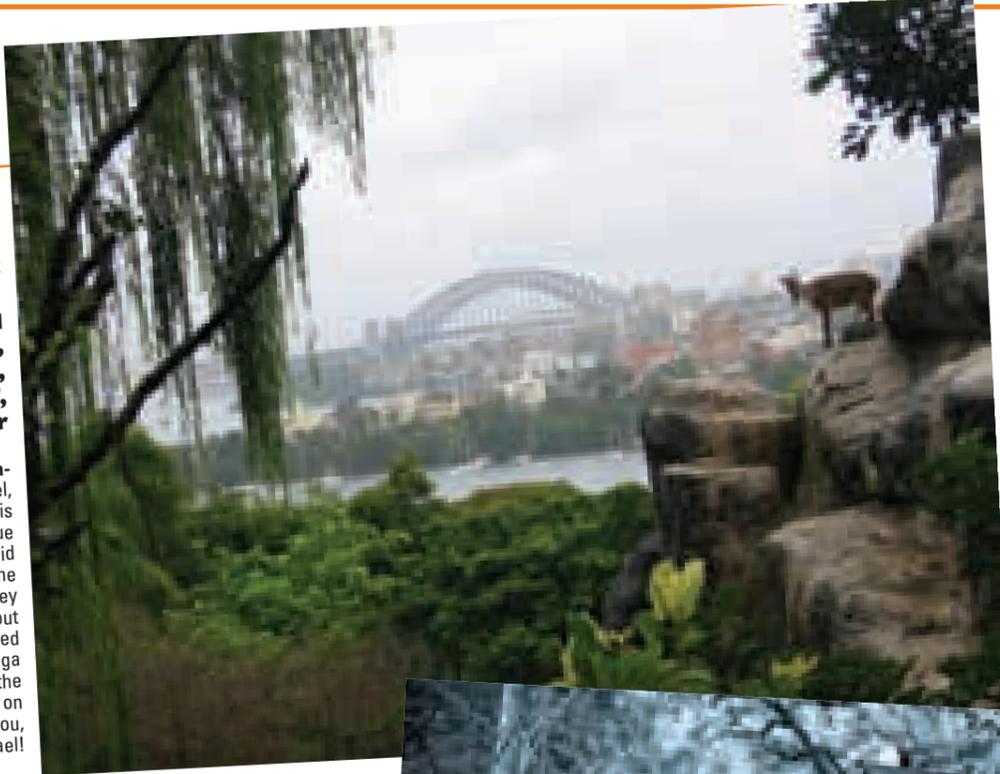
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# John's Picture Perfect Contest



"While at the zoo in Sydney, Australia, we turned a corner, and this goat just appeared."

**- Michael Barnes, Captain, Angelina II, Harbor**

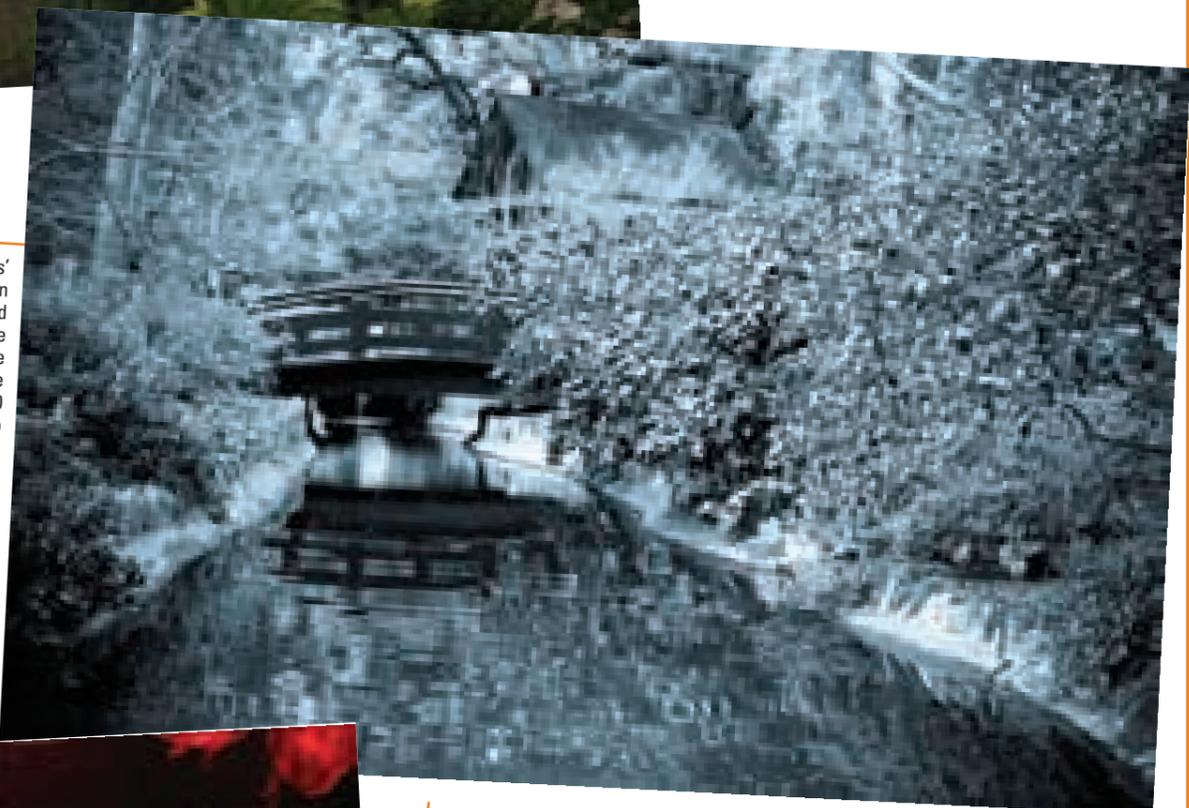
**John's comments:** Michael, thank you for this extremely unique photo! Not only did you capture the famous Sydney Harbor Bridge, but you also captured the famous Taronga Zoo, too -- and the goat is the icing on the cake. Thank you, Michael!

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

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

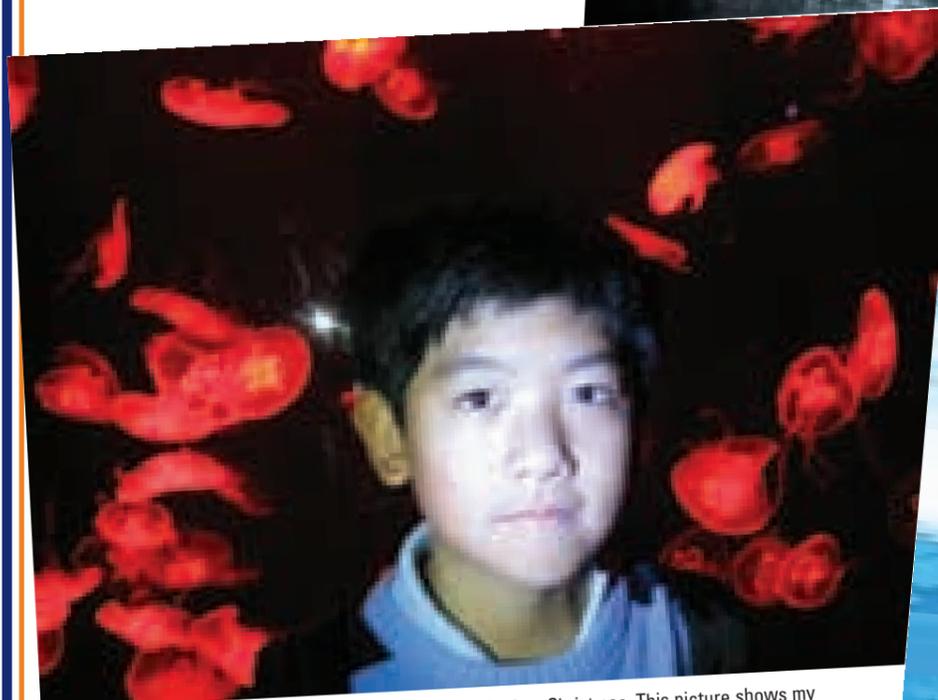
Start snapping today, and send us your best results! Four winners will receive a \$25 WalMart Card.



"This photo, 'The Bridge,' was taken at Descanso Gardens' Japanese garden on a winter day. The original photo was in color, but the colors were washed out by an overcast sky and dry vegetation of the season. I decided to apply a cyanotype effect with Lightroom to remove the color and allow the details of the composition to be the point of interest. The camera was a Canon 20D SLR, 28 mm lens, exposure was 1/50 sec. @ F3.5, ISO 100. I shot in raw format and converted to JPG. I hope you enjoy this relaxing image as much as I do."

**- Carlos Ojeda**

**John's comments:** This brings back many memories! My mom used to take my five brothers, one sister and I to Descanso Gardens at least once a month. This bridge was always an adventure to cross, almost forbidden in a sense. Thanks, Carlos!



"My family was visiting Hong Kong Ocean Park at Christmas. This picture shows my 12-year-old son, Jefferson Ing, standing in front of the jellyfish tank. But the effect that came out looks like he is in the tank with the jellyfish."

**- Evelyn Ing, General Services**

**John's comments:** I really like how this turned out! My kids love to look at the jellyfish at any aquarium we go to, yet it's always so hard to get pictures of them. You did good, Evelyn!

"This is the Dolphin Encounter in Puerto Vallarta with my daughter. For a while there, I wanted to quit the City and train dolphins for a living."

**- Gina Enrile Caguiat, Public Works/Engineering**

**John's comments:** Now that is a wild ride! Thanks, Gina!



## RULES:

- The contest is open to all Club members in good standing. Non-members are welcome to submit, but only Club members are eligible to win the monthly prize.
- If your photograph does not win, you are welcome to re-submit.
- Winners are chosen by Club staff. All decisions will be final.
- You must certify (if asked) that you indeed took the picture. No ringers!
- Photos can be submitted either on paper or digitally. Please don't send both.
- If you want your print photo returned, please write your name, address and phone number on the back of your photo.
- Photos can be of any subject matter: vacation, portraits, families, landscapes, still lifes, pets, etc. Subject matter must be appropriate for *Alive!*
- Paper prints can be mailed to: Picture Perfect Contest, *Alive!*, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 120 W. Second Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- When you send digital photos through the Internet, please send the full, original digital file yourself, rather than using digital photo software like Kodak EasyShare, Kodak Gallery, Flickr, etc. These programs send very low-resolution images, and they don't look good in print.
- We want you to look your best, so send us the original digital file, please! Thanks!
- 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.

## 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.

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

"People love our E-ticket system," the Ticket Guy said. "Everyone should take advantage of this great Club service."

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

- Order your tickets with the great Club discount as you normally would – by using the Club Store's Website; by calling the Club's Ticket Hotline; or by fax.
- Your Club ID number is required.
- For now, tickets to Disneyland and SeaWorld are eligible for the Club's E-ticket system. More attractions are expected to be added soon.
- Orders will be processed by the Club between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (excepting holidays).
- The Club will send your tickets to the email address of your choice.
- You print your tickets any time and from any computer you choose. Bring those tickets with you, and you're done.
- Did your tickets get destroyed, or did you forget them someplace? You can reprint them from the same email.

## THE CLUB

## Club Headquarters Moving

Operations center, no longer in the World Trade Center, moves Feb. 1. But the new Club Store downtown is still the place to go for tickets and City gear.

The Club Operations Center, formerly in the World Trade Center, has moved downtown, to join its sibling, the Club Store, which moved downtown last year.

The new Club Operations Center is at 311 S. Spring St., Suite 1300, Los Angeles, 90013. The phone number remains the same: (800) 464-0452

But – and this is important – you'll still go to the new Club Store, 120 W. Second St. 90012, for all your tickets, gear and Club Counselor needs. That doesn't change. The new Club Operations Center is just a few blocks away from the new Club Store.

You'll go to the new Club Operations Center for the same reasons you would go to the old Headquarters (formerly in the World Trade Center):

- Claims
- Account changes
- Bill paying

If you have any questions, make sure to call your Counselor, or call (800) 464-0452, and we'll give you the right place to come!

## Club Gifts for your Valentine.

SEE PAGES 66-71

# VOLUNTEER

at the  
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**(310) 548-7777**

If you would like to learn more before making a commitment, join us for a reception from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on any of the dates below:  
February 27, February 28, March 6 or March 7, 2009.

LAFD / LAPD

# The Bald and the Beautiful

New this year: Two locations for the head-shaving fundraiser against childhood cancers.

On Sat., March 21, Los Angeles City Fire and Police personnel – and other City Employees, too -- will participate in their sixth annual combined St. Baldrick's event. Participants, or "shavees" as they are known, collect pledges from friends and family in exchange for shaving their heads. The bald heads signify solidarity with child victims of cancer, who often lose their hair while undergoing treatment. All money raised goes to the St. Baldrick's Foundation and is distributed to doctors and other researchers on the front lines of the war on childhood cancer.

A second location has been added this year, so "shavees" and volunteers are needed. The locations: Fire Station 81, 14355 Arminita St. in Panorama City; and Fire Station 112, 444 S. Harbor Blvd., Berth 86, in San Pedro.

Participants and helpers are needed to staff this event. If you are able to help, please contact Sgt. Greg Doyle at (818) 778-4152; Firefighter Danny Wu at (626) 590-6240; or LAFD Engineer Sean Kennedy, (626) 664-8711. If you would like to be a "shavee" or you are interested in pledging, you can sign up at [www.stbaldricks.org](http://www.stbaldricks.org).



Last year, best friends Nick Abbinanti III and Hasan Baquar are shaved together.



## St. Baldrick's Info

- Who:** LAPD and LAFD Personnel
- What:** Fundraiser for Childhood Cancer Research
- When:** Saturday, March 21, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Where:**
  - LAFD Fire Station 81, 14355 Arminita St., Panorama City; and
  - Fire Station 112, 444 S. Harbor Blvd., Berth 86, San Pedro.
- Why:** To raise money to fight childhood cancer
- How:** Sign up or donate at [www.stbaldricks.org](http://www.stbaldricks.org). Click on "Find an Event," and locate Los Angeles, Fire Station 81 or Fire Station 112.

**For more information:** contact Sgt. Greg Doyle, (818) 778-4752; LAFD Firefighter Danny Wu at (626) 590-6240; or LAFD Engineer Sean Kennedy, (626) 664-8711.

THE CLUB

# Meet Irene, the Club's New Member Services Counselor

Irene Small is the Club's new benefit counselor. Meet her at the Club Store for all your insurance questions.

Irene Small has joined the Club as its new member services counselor. She's ready to help you with all your insurance questions and needs.

She is a multiple licensed insurance associate with eight years of prior experience, both in the benefit selection process up to and including retirement benefits. Her most recent employment was with Hopper Engelund, a CPA firm in Newport Beach, which gave her experience to see employee benefits through financial eyes. This, coupled with her own personal experience, gives her added appreciation to employee benefits.

"I came into the insurance field by chance, but now I find I am staying by choice," she says to Club Members. "I truly enjoy working with members and giving them the service they deserve, and always with a smile."

"I look forward to sitting down and reviewing your insurance needs. Stop by, and let me be of service."

Irene is available at the Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second St., downtown. You can reach her at (800) 464-0452.



Irene Small, Club Counselor



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# THE STAGES OF LA

[ PART 2 OF 2 ]

By Marc Wanamaker

■ Part two of a survey of the theatres of early 20th century Los Angeles focuses on Hollywood, Brentwood and the Valley.



Hollywood Pantages Theatre, 1939.

Marc, owner of the Bison Archives in Los Angeles, works in many aspects of film production, exhibition and research and is a world expert-consultant in film history. He has graduate degrees from Cal State Northridge, UCLA and USC in Theatre Arts, music and history, and administrative experience with the American Film Institute. For the past five years, Marc has been teaching film history at UCLA Extension. He has written many books on such subjects as Los Angeles; Beverly Hills; Hollywood; Theatres of Los Angeles; and two upcoming volumes on Studio City and Westwood/UCLA. Marc is a member of the prestigious theatrical

Guest Columnist,  
Marc Wanamaker

Wanamaker family from Europe and the United States. I know you will enjoy this as much as I did, and we thank Marc for sharing his great knowledge.

—Hynda



La Reina Theatre, Sherman Oaks, 1938

Photos courtesy the author.

Here's part two of Marc Wanamaker's wonderful overview of some of Los Angeles' most notable theatres. Part one ran last month.

## HOLLYWOOD

The building of theatres in Hollywood began in 1910, when the Idyl Hour Theatre opened its doors at 6525 Hollywood Blvd. By 1913, the Idyl Hour, whose name changed to the Iris Theater, moved to 6415 Hollywood Blvd., and then, by 1918, to yet another location, 6508 Hollywood Blvd. Also in 1913, the Hollywood Theatre opened with a capacity of 700, the same year that Cecil B. DeMille came to Hollywood with the Jesse L. Lasky Feature Play Company to film their first film, *The Squaw Man*, which led their company to success and which later becoming Paramount Pictures, the first major motion picture studio that still remains in Hollywood to this day.

The 1920s and the beginning of the 1930s saw incredible growth of theater building, with the Egyptian, Chinese and Pantages Theaters as Hollywood's movie palaces. Many of the Hollywood theatres were built in the silent era and were later converted to sound film exhibition. During the 1940s, several of the Hollywood theaters were completely remodeled and became unrecognizable to even the residents in the vicinity. They utilized the new styles of the "modern age," including Streamline Moderne and Skouras style (a "Hollywood baroque" design style developed by Fox West Coast Theatres president Charles Skouras) for the exterior and interior designs. The movie palaces of Hollywood, including Grauman's Egyptian and Chinese theatres, were built as "movie palaces" designed for premieres. Grauman's Egyptian Theatre, built in 1922, continued as a first-run premiere house well into the 1960s. By the 1970s, the Egyptian (which became a United Artists theater) began to decline, losing its first-run status well into the 1990s. After suffering damage in the 1994 earthquake, the theater was restored and re-opened as the American Cinematheque. Grauman's Chinese Theatre was built as part of a major redevelopment of Hollywood in 1927 along with the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. Grauman's Chinese Theater's unique architectural style has become a Hollywood icon to this day.

The Paramount Hollywood Theater opened as a film theater in 1941 with *Citizen Kane*. It was originally a legitimate house named the El Capitan and was taken over by Paramount the following year. The Paramount was renamed the El Capitan by Disney in the 1980s and is currently a Disney flagship theater playing first-run Disney releases.

The Warner Hollywood Theatre opened in 1927 at Wilcox and Hollywood Boulevard, and since the 1940s as a first-run theatre. It became world-famous when it was converted into a Cinerama theater in the 1950s.

In 1931, Hollywood's most beautiful theater, the Pantages, opened as one of the most important Hollywood-Art Deco theatres in the United States. Theatre critic Edwin Schallert wrote after the gala 1930 opening, "The Pantages Theatre is a step beyond any other theatre that has been opened here in its note of modernity indeed. Architecture seems to have progressed to new moods since the last playhouse made its debut." B. Marcus Priteca was already well known for designing beautiful theatres. He was successful because he also excelled at creating good sightlines and crystal-clear acoustics. He once said, "Seeing is hearing." He knew that using all of the senses enhanced the film-going experience. The dramatic and dazzling interior was refurbished in 2000 and is now a live theatre venue, presenting major traveling musical shows.

Located in the Hollywood area was one of the largest concen-

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and Club Member

trations of film theaters in the Los Angeles area. From the small neighborhoods to Hollywood Boulevard, the theatres of Hollywood were designed in many styles and attracted very diverse audiences over the years. Some of the older Hollywood neighborhood theatres included the Bard's Theatre that opened in 1923 on the backlot of the old D.W. Griffith studio. This 800-seat theatre was designed in the Egyptian style and later renamed the Vista Theatre that still shows first-run films today.

Hollywood had other legitimate stages including the Hollywood Playhouse Theatre, built between 1925 and 1927, which later became the Hollywood Palace Theater on Vine Street, and the Music Box Theater, built in 1926, which became the Pix Theatre and then the Henry Fonda Theatre. Currently it's a music performance venue.

Other Hollywood Boulevard theatres were built between the 1920s and 1940s that served the general Hollywood area. Some of these included the Marcal Theater, which opened in 1928 and was near Bronson Avenue. The nearby Hawaii Theatre opened in 1940. The Vogue Theatre, designed by one of the great theatre designers, S. Charles Lee, opened in July 1935. Currently, the theater has undergone a complete transformation into a nightclub. S. Charles Lee also designed the nearby Hollywood Theatre, which underwent a complete renovation in 1938. The famous marquee is intact, but it now fronts the Guinness Book of World Records Museum. On Hollywood Boulevard, across the street from the Pantages Theatre, was the Hitching Post Theatre, which first opened in 1941 and later re-opened near Argyle during the war.

Hollywood's first art house opened as the Filmarte Theatre, 1228 N. Vine Street at La Mirada, in 1928. It later became famous as the Steve Allen Playhouse in the 1960s next door to the Hollywood Ranch Market, where Steve Allen would perform stunts and interview Hollywood residents on the street. In the Los Feliz district of Hollywood is the Los Feliz Theatre, built in 1934 as an art house. It was turned into a triplex in the 1990s.

Lastly, the most unique of all the theatres in Hollywood was the construction of the Cinerama Dome Theatre in 1963. When the film *It's a Mad Mad Mad Mad World* premiered at the Dome's opening, moviegoers saw a concrete geodesic dome housing a special theatre that was designed by Welton Becket. The dome was constructed of 316 concrete hexagonal panels and became a Los Angeles cultural monument after its restoration in 2004.

## THE WESTSIDE

Every neighborhood in Los Angeles had its local theater. Some were of exceptional quality in design and importance. The Westside had many landmark theaters including the Marquis of West Hollywood, which once stood on Melrose Avenue just east of Doheny Drive. Opened in 1925, the theater would have gone unnoticed if it weren't for the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, which purchased the theater for its headquarters beginning in 1949 and moving in 1975. The Fox Stadium Theatre was built at 8906 West Pico Blvd. in the 1930s and was a part of the Fox West Coast theatre chain. Designed in 1937, the Lido Theatre was a multipurpose structure on Pico Boulevard near the corner of Fairfax Avenue. The Lido was an Art Deco landmark on Pico for decades before it closed and was adapted for other commercial uses. In Westwood, the Crest Theatre, also known as the Majestic Crest, was built by Frances Seymour Fonda, the second wife of Henry Fonda. Opened in 1941, the theater today is still in operation.

The two most celebrated theaters of Westwood Village are the Village Theatre and the Bruin. The Village was built as part of the original development of Westwood Village in 1931. Designed by Percy Parke Lewis, the Fox Village Theatre is famed for its neon-topped tower. Just across the street, the Bruin Theatre was opened in 1937 and was designed by S. Charles Lee with a Moderne concave façade and a half-circle wraparound marquee. Both theaters have had "dual" premieres over the years, a tradition that continues today.

Continuing west into Brentwood and Sawtelle are samples of some other notable theaters, including the Brentwood Theatre, which opened at 11611 Wilshire Blvd. in 1926 and became a popular neighborhood house for almost four decades before its closure and demolition. Sawtelle also had two theaters, with the Nuart and Tivoli, both on Santa Monica Boulevard. The Nuart at Sawtelle Boulevard opened in the early 1930s and continues to be a



Grauman's Chinese Theatre, 1956

popular art house. The Tivoli, which opened in the 1920s, became the Laemmle Royal Theater. Nearby in Brentwood is the Aero Theatre, built by Donald Douglas of Douglas Aircraft in 1940 as a morale booster for his employees. It is now operated by the American Cinematheque and shows classic and rare films.

The Fox Venice, which opened in 1951, was the only theatre that ever opened on Lincoln Boulevard and continued as a popular venue well into the 1980s, when it closed in 1988 for good. The theatre became a music concert venue in the late 1970s and was a very popular nightclub that drew patrons from around California to see top acts perform on its stage. Also, there was a theatre on the Ocean Park Pier named the Dome Theatre. Built in 1922, the Dome became a part of the Ocean Park history along with its sister theatre, the Rosemary, when the entire pier was demolished completely in the 1970s.

## SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

Lastly on this tour of Los Angeles theatres are some of the San Fernando Valley sites that became landmarks for decades. The Studio City Theatre at 12136 Ventura Blvd. was opened in 1938 with its beautiful neon marquee that could be seen for miles around. After closing in the 1980s, the building with its marquee became a Book Star bookshop. In North Hollywood there was the El Portal on Lankershim Boulevard, which opened in 1926 and after many decades was remodeled into a legitimate stage as it currently is operating. The Magnolia Theatre at Magnolia and Hollywood Way opened in 1929 and was designed in a

French Deco style. Like many others in the Valley, it did not survive. The beautiful La Reina Theatre at 14626 Ventura Blvd. in Sherman Oaks, which opened in 1938 and was designed by theatre designer S. Charles Lee, had one of the most striking neon marquees and blade signs in the entire San Fernando Valley. It too did not survive after its closing in 1987, but the façade was kept to front commercial stores on the boulevard.

There are so many other great landmark and neighborhood theatres that cannot be covered in this article, since there were several thousand theatres in the Los Angeles area over a period of 100 years. Theatres such as the Rivoli in Van Nuys; the Alex in Glendale; the Figueroa south of Downtown Los Angeles; the Leimert in Leimert Park on West 43rd Place; the Mesa at Crenshaw Boulevard and Slauson Avenue; the Baldwin on South LaBrea Avenue; the Academy, which opened in 1939 with its landmark Streamline Moderne tower design on West Manchester Boulevard; the Manchester Theatre on Manchester Avenue; the Inglewood and the United Artists on North Market Street in Inglewood; the Loyola in Westchester; the Alcazar on East Gage Avenue; and the Warner in Huntington Park, built in 1930 and an Art Deco jewel.

All of the theatres of Los Angeles left a cultural, architectural and historical mark on the development of the Los Angeles area. These are the theatres where the City of Los Angeles residents patronized and remember as a part of their lives. The theatres of Los Angeles and its heritage continue to be a part of the rich cultural heritage of the motion picture industry in Southern California that still endures today.



Bruin Theatre Westwood, 1938.

## Newsbriefs

### BEAUTIFUL LOS ANGELES:

Keep Los Angeles Beautiful (KLAB), one of nearly 1,000 city, county, and state affiliates throughout the country, was recognized by Keep America Beautiful (KAB) as a 2008 President's Circle Recognition Award recipient. A national nonprofit, KAB integrates education with hands-on environmental stewardship to help make America's communities cleaner, greener, and more livable.

"The members of Keep Los Angeles Beautiful are honored by this award, which recognizes our commitment to engage individuals in taking greater responsibility for improving our community environments," said Cynthia M. Ruiz, president of the Board of Public Works and chair of Keep Los Angeles Beautiful. "We fully support the guiding principles of education, personal responsibility, public-private partnerships, and volunteer actions to make L.A. the cleanest and greenest big city in America. We look forward to achieving more successes in 2009."

KLAB completed its first full year as a city affiliate after launching KAB's Great American Cleanup in March 2007. The 2007 cleanup results in Los Angeles, held annually between March 1 and May 31, were outstanding: 26,546 registered volunteers; 101,320 volunteer hours; 345 tons of litter, with 41,155 trash bags collected; five tons or 10,000 pounds of recyclables diverted from landfills; 712 graffiti sites were painted over or removed; 136 miles of streets, train tracks, trails, rivers and shorelines were cleaned; and 1,058 trees were planted along with 1,500 flowers and plant bulbs.

Moreover, Los Angeles' Office of Community Beautification removed a record 30.5 million square feet of graffiti at more than 612,000 locations in 2007, handling more than 80,000 requests for service from the public. The City removed 15 percent more graffiti from 20 percent more locations.

KAB's system of community improvement promotes locally owned, results-oriented approaches to preventing litter, increasing public awareness and involving citizens, business and government in community and environmental solutions. These efforts focus on behavior change for community improvement through litter prevention, recycling, waste reduction, and beautification.



Board of Public Works President and Keep Los Angeles Beautiful Chair Cynthia M. Ruiz and Office of Community Beautification Director Paul Racis pose with Keep America Beautiful's 2008 President's Circle Recognition Award certificate.

### AUTHOR READING PODCASTS:

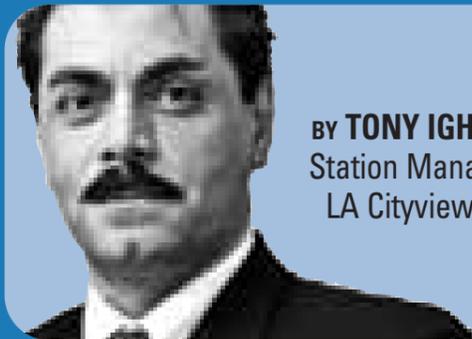
Podcasts of book readings by leading children's authors are now available to parents and kids for free download to their favorite PDA or PC courtesy of the Los Angeles Public Library's website, [www.lapl.org](http://www.lapl.org).

This new service is especially convenient for busy parents interested in sampling a children's book without having to make a special trip to the library. Podcasts include biographical information about each author followed by the author's reading from his or her book.

"Through these podcasts children can hear a story recited the way the author meant it to be," said Ilene Abramson, LAPL Children's Services Director. "After the children hear the story they can enjoy the book at home by checking the book out from Central Library or 71 branches."

Best-selling children's authors currently available on podcast through the library's Website include Gretchen Woelfle, Karen Jo Shapiro and Iza Trapani, among others. To access children's author podcasts, go to <http://events.lapl.org/podcasts> or visit [www.lapl.org](http://www.lapl.org) and scroll to the bottom of the homepage and click on the link that reads "Download a Podcast."

# Tuned



BY TONY IGHANI  
Station Manager,  
LA Cityview 35



## City Election Previews Available in February

The City will hold the primary nominating elections March 3. In this election, the Council's odd-numbered district seats as well as the three Citywide seats are up for election. In addition, the City will conduct the election for the Board of Education and Community College Board of Trustees. In this election, there will also be five ballot measures.

It is an important part of any government channel objective to help voters become educated in their local elections, as it is often these elections that can have a more immediate impact on quality of life issues in local communities.

LA CityView 35 is proud to be able to bring to its viewers candidate statements throughout February. In these statements, candidates and ballot measure spokespeople speak to their constituencies regarding their platforms, background and vision for the City. We are pleased to announce that nearly 100 percent of the certified candidates have accepted our invitation to tape their statement, which will air in heavy rotation during February. You can check our program guide for times at [www.lacityview.org](http://www.lacityview.org).

We're also pleased that through our partnership with the City Clerk, Election Division, all candidate and ballot measure statements will be posted on their Website along with transcripts of each statement available in English and six additional languages. You can now view these statements at your convenience and on-demand at any computer by logging on to the City's Webpage at [www.lacity.org](http://www.lacity.org) and follow the links to the Election Division's page.

And don't forget to vote on March 3.

## Programming Highlights in February

### Aging in L.A.

Three new episodes of *Aging in L.A.* are scheduled to make their LA CityView premiere this month:

Founded in 1981 by UCLA Extension, the "PLATO Society" is America's premier active learning program for adults. *The New York Times* says, "The purity of the intellectual exercise at PLATO is rare to behold." *The Wall Street Journal* agrees and has ranked PLATO as one of the nation's three finest lifelong learning programs.

Recognized as one of the most innovative schools of pharmacy in the nation, the USC School of Pharmacy has served as a model for other progressive pharmacy schools throughout the country. Known for its research on aging patients, USC is a pioneer in medication management and offers one-on-one guidance. Learn how to manage your medication by watching this segment of *Aging in L.A.*

Can't get to the dentist? Now the dentist comes to you! "Home Care Dentists" offer a personalized approach to basic dental care and can offer it in your own home, in your assisted living facility or at any location of your choice. You need only call. Find out about dentists who make

house calls! It may not be so bad after all.

Each episode of *Aging in L.A.* is hosted by television personality Paul Petersen.  
*Airs:* Thursdays at 8:30 p.m.

### L.A. Business Today

In this new episode of *L.A. Business Today*, host Bob Jimenez talks to the Chief of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, Gary Toebben, about how the Chamber is helping businesses stay alive during the recession; while Sharon Jimenez is joined in-studio by Manuel Felix, a 35-year veteran waiter at the iconic Musso & Frank Grill in Hollywood, then visits with John Moudakis, owner of Delphi Greek Cuisine in Westwood, and Harumi Haneta of Haru's Sushi Café on San Vicente, to talk about how the recession is affecting their small businesses. Sharon uncovers the secrets of staying optimistic and keeping the doors open in the casual dining industry, which affects thousands of jobs in L.A.

*Airs:* Mondays, Feb. 2 and 9 at 11 a.m. and 10 p.m.

### Live in L.A.

*Live in L.A.* is back with another look at the world of live entertainment in Los

Angeles. Every week, there are hundreds of live music and theater events all over the City – not just at the big venues, but the little ones as well. Whether you're looking for a neighborhood playhouse or a local jazz club, *Live in L.A.* gives you the tools to discover a great night out – right around the corner!

This time around, hosts Rasha Goel and Julian Reyes discover a theater troupe called Spy Ants, as it presents its popular comedy, "Kidnapped on Craigslist." We'll visit a storytelling festival that brings together participants from around the world, and meet the talented young actors learning their craft at a Saturday morning youth theater workshop at the Frida Kahlo Theater, just west of downtown Los Angeles. We'll learn about a Website that not only helps put you in touch with live performance in Los Angeles, but hooks you up with a good deal! We'll discover what it takes to be a "Groundling," and learn about the daily life of a working musician in the L.A. live music scene.

Remember, "Live in L.A." means never having to say, "There's nothing to do this weekend!"

*Airs:* Mondays, Feb. 16 and 23 at 11 a.m. and 10 p.m.

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



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ZOO

# Wildlife, Phone Home

Zoo begins an audio tour program, available via cell phone or podcast.

Story and photos courtesy L.A. Zoo

The Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens has begun its first-ever audio tour, aptly named *Weird and Wonderful!* Patrons can access the new audio tour by calling a number on their cell phones or downloading a podcast and listening to it on their mp3 player, such as an iPod or iPhone.



A Komodo dragon.

The new audio tour highlights the California brown pelican, red-knobbed hornbill, Komodo dragon, double-wattled cassowary, rock hyrax, African wild dog, Chacoan peccary, white-crested turaco, Coquerel's sifaka, fossa, Sichuan takin, mountain tapir and the Cape griffon vulture, 14 of the Zoo's most intriguing residents.

During the tour, guests hear fascinating facts about the animals as well as information on the Zoo's conservation efforts from the Zoo's curators and animal keepers.

The tour began Nov. 1; guests can access the tour from their cell phones in either English or Spanish by dialing (866) 933-4005 or (866) 933-4006, respectively. After dialing the number, simply enter the stop number for an animal and press the pound key. The tour is free with paid admission.

The tour is also available for listening and downloading on the Los Angeles Zoo's website, [www.lazoo.org](http://www.lazoo.org), under the *Fun Zone* tab. Patrons can download the tour onto their mp3 players



A tapir.

and bring it along with them to the Zoo or listen to it at home!

The tour is the brainchild of Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association (GLAZA) Trustee Russell Brown. It is sponsored by the Ridgestone Foundation and Antenna Audio in partnership with GLAZA.

Linda Brown, President of the Ridgestone Foundation, said, "The Ridgestone Foundation supports conservation efforts and the environment. We are happy to present this audio tour as an innovative way to inform Zoo visitors

about pivotal issues affecting animal families throughout the world."

If you wish to cover the tour, please contact the Zoo's PR office at (323) 644-4273.

The Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens is in Griffith Park at the junction of the Ventura (134) and Golden State (5) freeways. Admission is \$12 for adults and \$7 for children ages 2 to 12. 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](http://www.lazoo.org).

CITY OF LA

# Election on March 3 Has City Issues

Upcoming election could decide mayor, other offices; and contains City measures.

Voters in the City's March 3 election will be asked to vote for mayoral, administrative and council positions, and determine five local proposals, ranging from an independent assessor for the LAFD, to a solar energy plan for the DWP, to retiree benefits.

The mayoral race pits incumbent Antonio Villaraigosa against ten opponents. In other races, the City Attorney position is up for grabs, as current City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo is termed out; Councilman Jack Weiss is perhaps the best-known candidate for that position. The City Controller office is also on the ballot; the best-known candidate in that race is current Councilwoman Wendy Greuel, who is termed out of her Council seat. Other open offices are City Council Districts 1 (Ed Reyes is running for re-election), District 3 (Dennis Zine is running for re-election) and District 5, being vacated by Jack Weiss. In District 7, Richard Alarcón is running unopposed; in District 11, Bill Rosendahl is running for re-election. Club Members Jan Perry (District 9) and Janice Hahn (District 15) are running for re-election, as are Bill Rosendahl (District 11) and Eric Garcetti (District 13). Voters are reminded to consider the full slate of candidates for these offices.

Measure A would create the post of independent assessor in the LAFD to oversee reforms aimed at ending sexual and racial harassment, which have resulted in high-profile, costly lawsuits.

The measure reportedly is backed by Controller Laura Chick, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Fire Chief Douglas Barry and several department employee groups.

Measure B asks voters to commit the DWP to install 400 megawatts of solar panels by 2014. It has sparked controversy and a lawsuit in part due to a contention that it would block private competition.

Measures C and D relate to survivor benefits of the LAPD and LAFD. Measure C allows a disabled surviving child past age 18 to get benefits that a surviving spouse would have received if the spouse had not married again. Measure D allows retired firefighters and police officers, at their own expense, to purchase a survivor benefit for a spouse or domestic partner.

Remember to vote on March 3!

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**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**

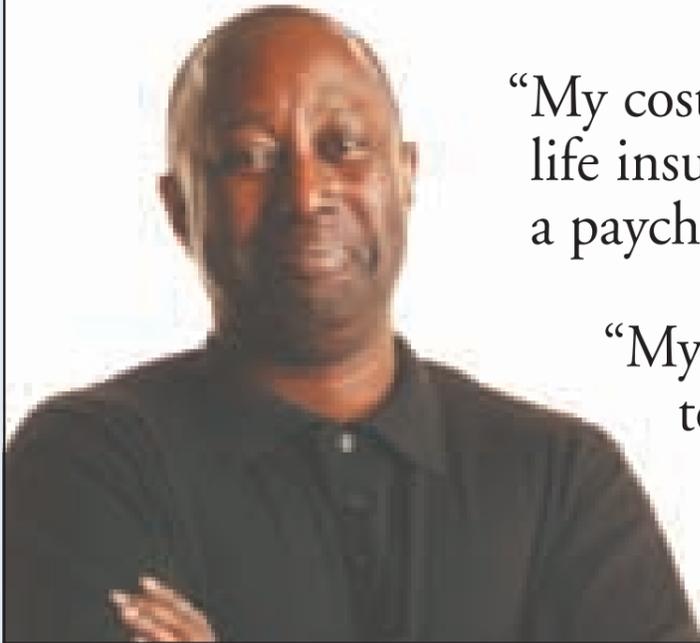
When evaluating term life insurance plans, here are some things to consider:

- 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](http://www.ambest.com).

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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)		

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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:  
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**Summary of plan details**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### STEP 1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

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

Employee Total Coverage Amount Desired: \$

Spouse Total Coverage Amount Desired: \$

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:

Employee Total Coverage Amount Desired: \$ \$25,000 to \$300,000 (available in increments of \$25,000)

Spouse Total Coverage Amount Desired: \$ \$25,000 to \$300,000 (available in increments of \$25,000)

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.**

G-19027L AG5539 Group Policy Nos. V-189,706, V-189,709, and V-189,710

### STEP 6. COMPLETE AND SIGN THE PAYROLL DEDUCTION AUTHORIZATION.

## Payroll Deduction Authorization

Social Security #: Name: Department:

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

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

## SANITATION HONORED:

Public Works/Sanitation was recognized Jan. 10 for the 2009 Collection System of the Year and Public Education Awards by the Los Angeles Basin Section (LABS) of the California Water Environment Association (CWEA).

"These awards exemplify the tremendous successes and accomplishments of two significant programs that define the city's commitment to stewardship of the environment," said Cynthia M. Ruiz, president of the Board of Public Works. "The Bureau of Sanitation is to be commended for delivering tangible results on major public health and education programs that uphold and advance our quality of life."

The LABS awards honor the Public Works/Sanitation's accomplishments for achieving a 70-percent reduction in sanitary sewer overflows along its 6,500 mile wastewater collection system and for "Kids in Action: Students Tackle Stormwater Pollution," an expansive public education and hands-on volunteer cleanup program involving more than 10,000 students and youth in a major public-private partnership to combat the adverse impacts of stormwater runoff, pollution, and litter.

"These awards underscore the City's commitment to the delivery of wastewater conveyance and treatment that protects public health and the environment as well as the city's dedication to public engagement that involves the next generation of residents in environmental stewardship," said Enrique C. Zaldivar, Director of Public Works/Sanitation. "The City has invested nearly \$2 billion in its wastewater collection infrastructure in the last 20 years and will invest an additional \$2.3 billion in the next ten. We are proud to serve the residents of the City of Los Angeles and express our appreciation to the LABS for its recognitions and awards."

LABS is one of 17 local sections of CWEA, which is a California-based nonprofit association of wastewater professionals. Annually, CWEA presents more than 20 categories of awards to recognize outstanding achievements in the wastewater industry as well as to promote public awareness for the importance of wastewater treatment in maintaining public health and the water environment.

The Collection System of the Year award is evaluated on regulatory compliance, administrative procedures, maintenance, safety and training programs, emergency procedures, and significant accomplishments. Sanitary sewer overflows in the City, managed by the Wastewater Collection System and Wastewater Engineering Services Divisions of Sanitation, fell from 687 in fiscal year 2000-01 to 200 in 2007-08, representing a 70 percent decline in spills.

The Public Education award is evaluated on the program's reach to a broad audience and its applicability to other public education efforts that can be readily implemented by others. The "Kids in Action: Students Tackle Stormwater Pollution" program, implemented by the Watershed Protection Division of Public Works/Sanitation, reached more than 18,000 students, 760 teachers, 50 local schools and 200 volunteers along with numerous community based organizations, businesses, media agencies and other government agencies.

The LABS awards highlight the bureau's operation and maintenance of one of the world's largest wastewater collection and storm drain systems. More than 6,500 miles of sewers are managed effectively to serve four million residential and business customers in the City of Los Angeles and 29 contracting cities and agencies. The sewers, which are connected to the city's four wastewater and water reclamation plants, process an average of 550 million gallons of wastewater everyday. The separate storm drain system involves more than 1,600 miles of pipes and open channels with more than 35,000 catch basins. The storm drain system handles approximately 100 million gallons of runoff on an average dry day with wet weather flows that can increase the volume to approximately 10 billion gallons. In December 2007, the bureau announced the diversion of more than 1,500 tons of litter and debris through the successful installation of catch basin screens and inserts.

For more information about Public Works/Sanitation and all its programs and services, please visit: [www.lacity.org/SAN](http://www.lacity.org/SAN).

## CONVENTION CENTER

# Behind the Scenes at the Auto Show

Convention Center employees worked hard behind the scenes and made the L.A. Auto Show go smoothly.



From left: Greg Lissow, Building Superintendent II, and Luis Aguilar, Secretary, Facility Services Division, Convention Center, showing off the Los Angeles International Auto Show sign.

Photos by Angel Gomez, Director of Member Services, and courtesy Convention Center

When the L.A. International Auto Show hit the Convention Center in November, there were lots of City Employees behind the scenes who made it a big success (it's the Convention Center's biggest show of the year).

In 2007, we showed you the faces of lots of the people on the floor of the Auto Show who made it a success. This year, we bring you the faces of those behind the scenes.

Congratulations on another successful show. And thanks to Luis Aguilar, for his continued and great assistance in producing this article.



From left: Mario Sanchez, Carpenter, 1 year of City service, Club Member, and Raul Villanueva, Maintenance and Construction Helper, 10 years of City service.



From left: Gregory Rosicky, Director, Event Services; Jacqui Davis, Event Manager; Rose Watson, Sr. Marketing Rep.; Myrna Pietri, Event Manager; Denise Bell, Event Manager; and Sima Hekmat, Event Services Coordinator II.



In the Sales and Marketing Dept, from left: Stella Flores, Marketing Sales Rep, and Adria Ybarra, Management Aide.



Seated, from left: Rosetta McKenzie, Systems Division Manager; Jennifer Dover, Clerk Typist. Standing: Richard Fuentes, IT Support; Peter Tran, Systems Analyst; Steve Nguyen, Systems Analyst II; and Dimo Tzanov, Clerk Typist.



In the Administration Services Division, from left: Gail Owsley, Clerk Typist; Derek Young, Sr. Clerk Typist; and Brittani Kanf, Clerk Typist.



Long Do, Division Manager, Human Resources.



Reina Legaspi, Payroll Section.



Annette Anderson, Payroll Section.



Cassandra Smith, Management Analyst II.



Jennifer Dover, Clerk Typist.



Front, from left: Jessica Starling, Clerk Typist; Rosetta McKenzie, Systems Division Manager; Raquel Velazquez, Accountant; Vicky Rojas, Chief Accountant; Mary Jane Aquino, Financial Division Manager; Gail Owsley, Clerk Typist; Bert Zabala, Accountant; and Ramon Sy, Accountant. Back: Maria Gutierrez, Secretary, Marketing; Ripsme Nikogosyan, Clerk Typist; Carlos Martinez, Accountant; and Victor Gomez, Accountant.

# It's All About QUALITY

■ Quality and Productivity Commission honors  
28 projects and 16 departments with its highest award.



The City of Los Angeles Quality and Productivity Commission presented 28 projects and 16 City departments with Quality and Productivity Awards at dual luncheon events Dec. 9 in the Tom Bradley Room, high atop City Hall.

The awards recognize City employee teams for their initiative, creativity, teamwork, cost containment efforts and entrepreneurial spirit in providing a higher level of public services. This competition is based on an eight-month process, which includes submittal and review of the application packet, selection of semifinalist teams, on-

site reviews of semifinalist entries, and the selection and recognition of winning teams. In addition to recognition by the Mayor, City Council, Commission, and the community via L.A. CityView 35, concepts learned are transferred and implemented elsewhere throughout the City by the Commission.

This competitive award promotes professional and effective management practices, and is designed to recognize and showcase the City's achievements at improving the quality and efficiency of service delivery, while reducing public costs.

Here, *Alive!* lists the winners and showcases their projects.

Congratulations to all the winners, and thanks to Tyler Munhall, Quality and Productivity Commission, for his assistance in producing this feature.

## The winners of the 2008 Quality & Productivity Awards

### Active Start: Increasing Physical Activity Among Sedentary Seniors

– Dept. of Aging

### Automated Plan Check Hours Assignment Project

– Building and Safety

### Code Enforcement Fees Assessment Program (CEFA)

– Building and Safety

### Consolidated Plan Application System (CPAS)

– Community Development  
– ITA

### How the Grinch Tried to Steal Christmas

– City Council (District 13)  
– General Services  
– ITA

### Markham Middle School Safety Initiative

– City Attorney

### Overcoming Challenges to Reducing Sewer Spills

– Public Works/Contract Administration  
– Public Works/Sanitation  
– Public Works/Engineering

### Joint Labor Compliance Monitoring Program (JLCMP)

– Public Works/Contract Administration

### Greening Los Angeles Through Biodegradable Food Service Ware

– Convention Center

### "Reflecting" the Best of Los Angeles

– Convention Center

### Record Breaking Customer Contract Center Service Levels

– DWP

### Open Reservoir Bromate Control Project

– DWP

### Check 21 Processing Method

– DWP

### Establishment of a Real-Time GPS Network for Real-Time Kinematic Surveys

– Public Works/Engineering

### Technology and Automation – Cut Your Printing Costs, Not Your Expectations

– General Services

### Time Travelers

– General Services

### Mutual Aid

– General Services

### Giving Heavy Lifting the Heave-Ho

– General Services

### Internet Video On-Demand for City Council and CityView Channel 35 Programming

– ITA  
– City Clerk

### Electronic Subpoena (eSubpoena)

– ITA  
– LAPD

### Medicare Enrollment Program

– LACERS

### Camp Composting Program (CAMPostables)

– Rec and Parks  
– Public Works/Sanitation

### City of Los Angeles Smart Irrigation, Water Conservation, Youth Development Project

– Rec and Parks  
– DWP  
– Valley Crest Companies

### Multi-Family Bulky Item Program (MFBI)

– Public Works/Sanitation

### Catch Basin Retrofits Leading to Cost Savings and Cleaner Environment

– Public Works/Sanitation

### Fight Climate Change With Clean Fuel Fleet

– Public Works/Sanitation  
– General Services  
– Environmental Affairs

### Construction Components – Concrete Lagging Panels

– Public Works/Street Services

### Storm Damage Restoration Projects

– Public Works/Street Services  
– Public Works/Engineering  
– City Administrative Officer

# 2008 Quality and Productivity Award Winners



Public Works/Contract Administration • Public Works/Sanitation • Public Works/Engineering

Building and Safety

## Quality of Life

*Keeping seniors physically active.*

### Active Start: Increasing Physical Activity Among Sedentary Seniors

Active Start provides a sustainable exercise program for older adults, aged 50-plus, who are relatively sedentary due to chronic conditions or lifestyle choices.

Under a three-year grant from the Administration on Aging, the City began this project, which is comprised of two elements – Active Living Every Day, a 20-week physical activity behavior change class, and ExerStart for Lay Leaders, a beginning-level exercise class that uses resistance bands. Participants showed significant change, while a control group showed no difference. All participants showed at least a double-digit increase in physical activity (some up to 40 percent increase), and 100 percent were physically active at the end of the program.



Project team members include Laura Trejo and Marcia Kertz.

## Fee Collection

*Collecting the appropriate fees.*

### Code Enforcement Fees Assessment Program (CEFA):

CEFA is an electronic interface between the Code Enforcement Information System (CEIS) and other Department systems that increases fee collection of code enforcement fees.

Project staff created a computer interface: When a Code Enforcement Order requires a permit for compliance, the software attaches a message indicating that the fee is required for that particular site. Subsequently, when a permit application for the site is filed, the investigation fee message is displayed on screen, and the permit cannot be issued until the fee is paid. Time-limit warnings are also issued.



Project team members include: Hector Buitrago, Frank Bush, Luke Zamperini, John Biezens, Jeanne Ly, Giovanni Dacumos, Jing Reyes, Shannon Haas, John Whipple and Michael Hughes.

Building and Safety

Community Development • ITA

## Better Estimates

*Standardizing building cost estimation.*

### Automated Plan Check Hours Assignment Project:

The Automated Plan Check Hours Assignment Project standardizes the process for estimating the number of staff-hours required to review Building and/or Electrical Plans. This has saved money and increased efficiency by allowing senior engineers to work on more complex assignments and less senior engineers to more quickly and accurately estimate hours needed for plan review.

Prior to implementation, determining the estimated number of hours required to review a set of building and electrical construction plans was performed manually, and the results varied based on a number of factors. The project assigns a pre-defined estimated number of hours based on pre-determined questions. The project is estimated to generate a salary savings of \$186,113.



Project team members include: Ifa Keshifi, Hector Buitrago, Sia Poursahabian, Kamran Ghotbi Ravandri, Behzad Eghtesady, Eddy Allahverdian and Behrooz Hooriani.

## Applying for Funds, Made Easier

*Streamlining the process.*

### Consolidated Plan Application System (CPAS):

CPAS is a comprehensive Web-based grant application and review system that replaced two cumbersome manual processes, boosted system access to L.A. residents, and increased the efficiency of the internal application review and approval process.

The project created a comprehensive online web-based database application for department funding requests. (More than 300 applications are received annually.) Access to the system is 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to anyone in the world, and the system takes advantage of information stored in a database, rather than having to complete every line manually.



Project team members include: Jennifer Banos, Polrat Thipayanusorn, Steve Stewart, Jonathan Neff, Matt Buguy, Gerardo Ruvalcaba, Michelle Rose, Robert Hanks, Kim Olson and Rhonda Gaston.

# 2008 Quality and Productivity Award Winners



City Council (District 13) • General Services • ITA

Public Works/Contract Administration • Public Works/Sanitation • Public Works/Engineering

## Rescuing Santa

*Reviving Santa's Hollywood Parade.*

### How the Grinch Tried to Steal Christmas:

In 2007, the City successfully produced the Hollywood Santa Parade. The parade, in existence since 1928, was canceled by its former producers. These departments kept the holiday spirit alive by continuing this tradition for our City residents.

In response to the cancellation of the original parade, the City stepped up to host its very first Christmas parade. General Services, as instructed by City Council, produced the parade, in conjunction with ITA and an outside contractor.



Project team members include: Valerie Melloff, Eric Robles, Pierre Riotoc, Lye Yee, Ana Guerrero, Julie Wong, Tony Ighani, Ted Lin and Stacy Marble.

City Attorney

## A Safer Markham

*Saying no to gangs at Markham Middle School.*

### Markham Middle School Safety Initiative:

This anti-gang school safety program is designed to couple existing safe schools and anti-gang programs at Markham with new initiatives that keep students safe in and around the school and stop local gangs from recruiting students.

Some of the measures implemented at Markham include: mandating school uniforms and adding an effective enforcement policy; increasing student engagement and morale; providing adult presence and supervised programming on campus; assigning a school safety specialist; supporting and empowering teachers; keeping the campus safe and clean; creating a School Site Safety Committee; and partnering with law enforcement agencies.



Project team members include: Sara Anjargolian, Michelle McGinnis, Verna Stroud, Philip Tingeredes, Les Jones, Roger Lee, Officer Loos and Greg Thomas.

## No More Spillovers

*Reducing sewer spills.*

### Overcoming Challenges to Reducing Sewer Spills:

This project reduced wastewater spills from 687 spills in 2000-01 to 200 in 2007-08 by upgrading sewers, reducing fats, oil, grease, and roots in sewer lines.

Some of the measures implemented as part of this program were: optimal maintenance, adding an advanced and comprehensive spill prevention, response and reporting program; adding a root control program; reducing the volume of maintenance work; improving workforce effectiveness; and adding a quality assurance program.



Project team members include: Debbie Pham, Ali Poosti, Farsheed Farhang, Vu Ba; Robert Potter, Berggren Berry, Carmello Martinez, Roshan Afalki, Vlad DeLorenzo, Christopher Smith, Teodulo Gaisim, George Stofila, Gary Bigelow, Emmanuel Achonu, Harshad Shah, Samer Suleiman, Pat Cheng, Rajni Patel, Carlos Tierres, Adrian Barerra, Miguel Geldres, and Eugene Eltchi.

Public Works/Contract Administration

## Labor Fairness

*Enforcing wage equity on worksites.*

### Joint Labor Compliance Monitoring Program (JLCMP):

This program established a formal partnership between the City and trained, qualified volunteers to help ensure that prevailing wages are paid to all workers on the City's public works construction projects.

The program provides individuals who are experienced and knowledgeable in the construction field with training and authorization to enter the City's Public Works construction sites to interview workers. This helps ensure that these workers are actually receiving the wages they are legally mandated to be paid.



Project team members include: Hannah Choi, Chris Jenson, Dale Kanegawa, Manny Perez and John Reamer Jr.

# 2008 Quality and Productivity Award Winners



Convention Center

## Eating Greens

*'Greening' the Convention Center food service.*

### Greening Los Angeles Through Biodegradable Food Service Ware:

This project greened the Los Angeles Convention Center food services by switching traditional food service ware to compostable and biodegradable service ware.

The Convention Center's food service embarked on a mission to replace conventional food service ware with environmentally friendly versions that are compostable and biodegradable, and implement bulk condiment service. There are no discernible appearance or function differences between conventional and environmentally friendly versions of the same service ware. What looks like a plastic cup is made from starch and sugar cane and will begin degrading in landfills within 30 days.



Project team members include: Duane Gornicki, Jennifer Minor, Sam Martinez, Willie Ruffin, Rick Wineman and Sue Franco.

Convention Center

## Up on the Roof

*Saving energy starts literally at the top.*

### "Reflecting" the Best of Los Angeles:

This project reduced energy consumption by replacing the traditional West Hall roof, built in 1971, with a "cool roof."

At the Convention Center, energy costs are second only to salaries. The 37-year-old West Hall roof needed replacement, with an estimated cost of \$3.3 million. This "cool roof" "reflects" the sun's rays instead of absorbing the heat like a traditional roof. The roof's surface is finished with a white, reflective material. A significant percentage of solar energy is reflected back in to the atmosphere, rather than being absorbed into the facility, therefore reducing air conditioning requirement. Using this roof saves an estimated 11 to 15 percent of energy for air conditioning.



Project team members include: Steven Potik, Allen Ward, David James, Brian Gonzalez and Stan Snyder.

Convention Center

DWP

## The Customer Comes First

*Reaching record-breaking customer service levels.*

### Record Breaking Customer Contract Center Service Levels:

The Department of Water and Power reached unprecedented service performance levels by boosting productivity in its Customer Contact Center.



The names of project team members were unavailable at press time.

DWP

## Check, Please

*Streamlining the processing of customer payments.*

### Check 21 Processing Method:

Adopting Check 21 methods for check processing yielded both quality and productivity gains.

The DWP processed more than 18,200 customer checks per day, and those checks were handled at least four times (manually) each.

The Check 21 program, a law which went into effect in 2004, sets up a framework for financial institutions to process electronic "copies" of paper checks rather than presenting the original document for the check-clearing process. The process takes an image of the check during regular processing.

The DWP is the first City department to implement the new process and enjoys several benefits because of the process.



Project team members include: Julie Naslund, Odell Mathieu, Christine Echavarria, Sharon Laurent, Martha Gutierrez, Ramel Ayos, Jeanette Loesser, Rachel Ayos-Padilla and Leticia De La Torre.

DWP

# 2008 Quality and Productivity Award Winners



DWP

## Controlling a Killer

*Using a unique design to reduce a suspected carcinogen.*

### Open Reservoir Bromate Control Project:

A unique floating reservoir cover design was used to retard the photochemical production of bromate, a suspected carcinogen, in two City reservoirs at a cost savings of more than \$3 million.



The names of project team members were unavailable at press time.

General Services

## Everybody Benefits

*Sharing the training best practices.*

### Mutual Aid:

General Services has developed several training programs that are made available to many other City departments free of charge.

For example, General Services now offers forklift operator training, vehicle pre-trip inspection training, and a host of technical maintenance classes to nine City departments, all at no cost. As a result of this outreach effort, a significant decrease in operating costs has been realized by these departments.



Project team members include: Gail Tichman, Keith Hall, Joseph Casaletta, Alejandro Guerrero, Alan Schilt, Harold Haro, Tommy Lemendez, Daniel Valenciana, Rick Schwebksi, Carlos Meza, Leonard Walker, Tony De Clue and Tony Royster.

Public Works/Engineering

## And the Survey Says

*Adding consistency and efficiency to geological surveys.*

### Establishment of a Real-Time GPS Network for Real-Time Kinematic Surveys:

Upgrade of GPS stations owned by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to function as Real Time Kinematic (RTK) base stations eliminated the need for public and private surveyors to set up and monitor temporary base stations when doing RTK surveys.

This "borrowing" of U.S. Geological Survey GPS stations for concurrent City survey use eliminated the need for City personnel to set up temporary base stations for City work, saving both time and cost. Additional benefits are that that accuracy of the surveys is increased, plus this method promotes coordinate uniformity because it uses the U.S. Geological Survey-approved network control.



Project team members include: Kurt Reimers, Mark Logrbrinck, Carlos Lopez, Rob Holme, Mike Rubner, Nick Turner and Anthony Pratt.

General Services

## Less Heavy Lifting

*Using a device to help with the lifting on sanitation vehicles.*

### Giving Heavy Lifting the Heave-Ho:

General Services teams designed and built a unique mechanical device that employees use to safely and efficiently remove and install follow sheets on Refuse Collection Vehicles.

A very basic mechanical device was fabricated by using raw steel, casters, chains and chain sprockets. This device looks like a steel table with four wheels, and allows a mechanic to safely and efficiently draw a 300-pound follow sheet from inside the back of a truck to sit on top of the table. The follow sheet can then be removed with a forklift.



Project team members include: Robert Quiroz, James Cook, Gregory Navarro, Robert Grummett, Nathan Hall, George Ferrer, Emmett Ewing, Miguel De Anda, Gordon Fong, Brian Martin, George Oghigian, Tony Cain, Frank Porrata, William Forbes, Brian Moen, Richard Humanic, George Giambastiani, Alan Schilt, Jung Ho, Jacque Lorraine, John Ferris, Leonard Walker, Brian Cunningham, Tony De Clue and Tony Royster.

## 2008 Quality and Productivity Award Winners



General Services

### Preventing Injuries Before They Happen

*Reducing Workers' Comp.*

**Time Travelers:**

General Services Fleet Services reduced the number of workers' compensation claims by 34 percent over the last fiscal year with this project. This resulted in a \$444,000 savings in worker's compensation expenditures for the 2007-08 fiscal year.

By "going back in time" and preventing injuries before they occurred, Fleet Services was effective in saving the City nearly half-a-million dollars. Steps include: Preparing and delivering bi-weekly safety training; completion of weekly and monthly written self-evaluations; discussion of incidents at weekly "tailgate" meetings; tracking of compensation claims; following the status of an injured employee; and establishing of a pilot accident review panel.



Project team members include: Gail Tichman, Keith Hall, Cain Flores, Joseph Casaletta, Alejandro Guerrero, Harold Haro, Tommy Melendez, Daniel Valenciana, Leonard Walker, Tony De Clue and Tony Royster.

General Services

### Pressed, for Time

*Adding a more efficient printing press.*

**Technology and Automation – Cut Your Printing Costs, Not Your Expectations:**

Print Services installed a five-color printing press, providing quicker setup times, faster run speeds, higher and more consistent quality and connectivity to facilitate automation of printing processes.

The new press operates at a top speed of 15,000 sheets per hour, as opposed to the older press, which ran at 7,000 sheets per hour.



Project team members include: Stepan Nalbantian and Michael Leighton.

ITA • LAPD

### The Digital Process Server

*Serving subpoenas electronically.*

**Electronic Subpoena (eSubpoena):**

This project reengineered the subpoena process used at the LAPD to increase efficiency, reduce overtime and streamline administration.

Every weeknight, the previous day's batch of subpoenas is transmitted to an ITA server. An application processes the subpoenas, stores them in a database, and sends electronic copies of the subpoenas to police officers. Police officers serve themselves via email. Parallel to this is a Web application used to monitor the process. There are plans to expand its use in the City Attorney's office.



Project team members include: Kamton Joe, Joyce Edson, Irene Munoz, Jef Leifeste, David Yu, Tim Riley, Chris Berglund, Chris Chase and Leshon Frierson.

ITA • City Clerk

### Shows On Demand

*Providing CityView 35 programming on demand.*

**Internet Video On-Demand for City Council and CityView Channel 35 Programming:**

This project gave members of the public and City employees instant, on-demand, and free access to live and archived Council meeting and Channel 35 content on the Internet.



The names of project team members were unavailable at press time.

## 2008 Quality and Productivity Award Winners



LACERS

### On Board With Medicare

*Processing Medicare coverage reduces compliance issues.*

**Medicare Enrollment Program:**

To reduce LACERS' cost of health insurance to City Retirees over the age of 65, this project developed a system to ensure retirees enroll and assign their Medicare coverage to a LACERS-sponsored medical plan and maintain their enrollment in Medicare.

As a result of this project, an additional 30 to 35 percent of Medicare compliance issues have been resolved.



Project team members include: Alex Rabrenovich, Mimi Lin, Sarah Hill, James Acheron, Margaret Drenk, Jennifer Ware, Wai Jung, Krystal Baldwin, Sonia Cervantes, Adrienne Hobbs, Shirley Howard, Celeste Cho, Edwina Valencia, Lis Burog, Bernadette Molina, Gilda Solorzano, Joseph Salazar, Silvia Aroche and Lita Payne.

Rec and Parks • Public Works/Sanitation

### Green Camping

*Helping the environment through waste management at youth camps.*

**Camp Composting Program (CAMPostables) – An Environmental Sustainability Model Program:**

This project implemented a youth camp composting program with innovative purchasing of biodegradable and compostable dinnerware, environmental education, and waste management practices.

This camp composting program succeeded in diverting 70 to 75 percent of waste generated in the dining and food preparation areas of the camps from landfills to composting facilities that recycle the food waste (including the compostable dinnerware described above) into compost to be used as a nontoxic soil amendment on agricultural fields and cultivated landscapes.



Project team members include: Michael Davidson, Steve Dunlap, Michael Harrison, Zafar Karimi, Daniel Meyers, Peggy Nguyen, Kevin Regan, Robin Smith, Javier Solis and Joseph Stackhouse.

Rec and Parks • DWP • Valley Crest Companies

### Learning About Irrigation

*Teaching water management to young people.*

**City of Los Angeles Smart Irrigation, Water Conservation, Youth Development Project:**

This project helped to solve community issues through water conservation, youth development and urban outdoor beautification.

The project was developed by the DWP in collaboration with Rec and Parks as a vehicle to rehabilitate parks that were long overdue for irrigation improvements and where water conservation was needed. Working with CDD, Rec and Parks has recruited a team of 14 young people to do the new irrigation installations at Victory Memorial Grove in Elysian Park, Arroyo Seco Park and Mt. Carmel Rec Center. The youths are paid and receive extensive training in the valuable trade of irrigation construction as well as classes in life-enhancing primary skills including mathematics and communication.



Project team members include: Dana Valdez, Thomas Gackstetter and Steven Phillips.

Public Works/Sanitation

### Tidier Apartment Buildings

*Collecting bulky items from large apartment complexes.*

**Multi-Family Bulky Item Program (MFBI):**

This project implemented bulky-item collection for 541,000 tenants and owners of apartment complexes with more than five units. This reduced refuse that would otherwise end up in alleyways, parks and vacant lots.

This program gives the multi-family residents the opportunity to call and have their bulky items collected through the use of one central number, 3-1-1. Items are scheduled for collection on trash collection day, thereby reducing the blight having items sit out for weeks. The program also consists of proactive sweeps.



Project team members include: Richard Myles, Chris Johnson, Leo Martinez, Sal Aguilar, Katherine Bermudez, Tom LaBonge, Bonnie Goldman, Tom Caraballo, Erik Sanjurjo, Linda Granados, Enrique Zaldivar, Denise Plato, Lynne Gregoire, Ron Jackson, Nazario Saucedo, Gail Tichman, Leonard Walker, Jon Ferris, Jackie David, Lidia Vaiz, James Clark, Cynthia Ruiz and Tara Bannister.

## 2008 Quality and Productivity Award Winners



### Public Works/Sanitation

## Catch Basin Filters

*Adding screens keeps the L.A. River and Ballona Creek cleaner.*

### Catch Basin Retrofits Leading to Cost Savings and Cleaner Environment:

The City is mandated by the state to reduce trash in the Los Angeles River and Ballona Creek by 10 percent every year or face significant financial liabilities. The City achieved compliance faster and at a lower cost by retrofitting 36,000 catch basins with inserts and/or screen covers.

The project aims to retrofit more than 36,000 catch basins with inserts and/or screen covers. At the end of 2006, more than 5,500 inserts and 8,600 opening screen covers had been installed. These have reduced trash in the river and creek by 26 percent.



Project team members include: Seth Carr, Marsa Chan, Elizabeth Gutierrez, Shahram Kharaghani, Alfredo Magalanes, Wayland Marzett, Ricardo Moreno, Jane Parathara, Lisa Ricchiazzi, Delta Rodriguez, Morad Sedrak, Penny Weiland, Amy Chang, Paul Hatley, Patricia Kolebeck, Fred Ureta, Juan Benitez and Jane Ugalde.

### Public Works/Street Services

## A Better Way to Make Panels

*Building concrete panels fast and cost-effectively.*

### Construction Components – Concrete Lagging Panels:

This project developed a system for building concrete lagging panels to repair major damage caused by the 2005 winter storms in the City. The system saves the City money by lowering the cost per panel and improves services by building them faster than it would take to order them from an outside contractor.

Since 2005, 5,000 panels have been constructed and installed throughout the City, at a cost savings of \$625,000 to taxpayers.



Project team members include: Rick Croymans, Thomas Dunham, Richard Barboza, Michael Baukholt, Roger Belair, Kevin Coonen, Kurt Dellutri, Fernando Diaz, Ernesto Esparza, Phillip Harrisleff, Raymundo Hernandez, Pilar Holguin, George Johnson, Robert Johnson, William Mack, John Pasos, Manuel Perez, Robert Pochmara, Bennett Rayford, Juan Rodriguez, Patrick Shortall, John Tate, Joseph Bidnic, Ricardo Villanueva, Carlo Webb and David Willerford.

### Public Works/Sanitation • General Services • Environmental Affairs

## A Cleaner Fleet

*Fighting climate change with cleaner fuel.*

### Fight Climate Change With Clean Fuel Fleet:

The City's deployment of the largest municipal clean fuel fleet of liquefied natural gas powered collection vehicles helps to reduce green house gasses and criteria air pollutants emissions, as well as lower fuel costs and dependence on imported fuels.



The names of project team members were unavailable at press time.

### Public Works/Street Services • Public Works/Engineering • City Administrative Officer

## The Road to Cost Savings

*Repairing the roadway damage from the 2005 storms.*

### Storm Damage Restoration Projects:

This project improved services by increasing the speed at which repairs to 43 sites were made after the 2005 winter storms. All work performed was reimbursable by FEMA and FHWA, and the project resulted in significant cost savings to the City.



Project team members include: Sergio Valdepena, Joseph Vidnic, Ricardo Villanueva, Carlo Webb, David Willerford, Alvin Wimberly, Gordon Wray, Wynell Wright, Bryce Barnes, Emilio Deluna, Gilbert Galindo, Merle Farrar, Jerry Hoskins, Ken Rosart, Sterlin Kuznitsky, Jesus Villanueva, Sean White, Robert Hancock, Gene Edwards, Marcos Marin, Alexander Reyman, Goran Lazarevic, Tu Nguyen, Manuel Aguilar, Yidnekachew Wubishet, Juan Guzman, Katie Clark, Ryan Go, Salvador Martinez, Joseph Cruz, Quyen Doan, Ivan Masayon, Bee Campbell, Wai Lau, Sarai Bhaga, Deidre Reyes, Alma Gibson, Patricia Huber, Marie Chang, John Fagan, Cesar Banuelos Herrera, Gerardo Cardenas, Israel Colon, Genaro Granados, Orlando Griego, Glenn Hoke, Derek Jenkins, Dante Jones, Trifone Macchia, Joseph Sewell, Charles Spicer, Gaston Valdez and Mitchell Vega.

# Life's Important Moments

# Share your moments!

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## New Members

### Welcome New Members!

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

<b>Airports</b> Adam Garcia Shanita Prater	<b>Environmental Affairs</b> Nellie Abrot	<b>Sanitation</b> Enrique Meza Eduardo Reyes Carlos Romo	Win Htay Edward Kim James King Binh Nguyen Pon Sirinirund Kenny Tang Jeffrey Tran
<b>City Attorney</b> Francine Ricks	<b>Housing</b> Jose Pena	<b>Street Services</b> Matthew Zamora Fernando Miller	<b>LACERS</b> Mary Adams Robert Fashing Claretta Gillenwaters Herman Graham Jr.
<b>CDD</b> Nicholas Boranegra Travis Bowen Hugh Carter Michael Lapid	<b>Convention Center</b> Jadine Azzam Brittani Kauf Gail Owsley Maria Rojas Casandria Smith	<b>Rec and Parks</b> Luis Lopez Julio Lopez Dale Matsumura David Ojeda Francisco Ornelas	Michael Karsch Jeanette Russell Julian Torres Esther Tsoi Ruth Walters
<b>Personnel</b> Elizabeth Henriquez	<b>Planning</b> Hilda Zavala	<b>Transportaion</b> Jose Almaguer-Delgado Manuel Anaya Jeffrey Anderson Andres Avalos Geoffrey Bohrer Tina Huang Frank Lopez Duane Odom Romualdas Siugzda George Tolar Coquesse Jones	<b>Other</b> Christopher Boyd Kenneth Chin Scott Dinger Farhad Dormani Sharon Gill-Dean Thomas Hagen Joseph Herrera Terry Scott Linda Ulibarri Erik Westin
<b>Harbor</b> James Meek Jr. Mario Rocha Andrew Sklarsh	<b>LAPD</b> Barbara Scallon Rickey Davis Maria Elias Erol Ergun Allen Hayden Miguel Sanchez Samuel Saucedo Jr.	<b>DWP</b> Shenouda Abdelkoddous Reza Eskandari Nick Harmon	
<b>General Services</b> Justina Paque Gabriel Hernandez David De La O Luis Diaz Chris Holman Jaime Padilla Paul Ramirez Michael Aguilar Carlos Plascencia	<b>PUBLIC WORKS Contract Administration</b> Patrick McKay		
	<b>Engineering</b> Henry Cheney Celso Perez		

## In Memoriam

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

<b>Active</b> Manuel Covarrubias, Rec and Parks, 24 Art Grijalva, Public Works, 22 Robert Graham, Airports, 25 Ruth Graham, Public Works, 20 Kevin Johnson, Public Works, 24 Bruce Lemon, Public Works, 4 Michael Walters, Public Works, 17	Agnes Hill, LAPD, 32 Eva Jackson, Transportation, 20 Bertha Jones, Airports, 17 John Kidwell, General Services, 26 Betty Lewis, Library, 24 Joe Machunis, Public Works, 30 Kazuko Maki, Public Works, 31 Norman Martin, Harbor, 33 Sylvia Myvette, Transportation, 10 Kenneth Outwater, Planning, 10 Shirley Packer, Public Works, 33 Jesus Ponce, Rec and Parks, 25 Leonard Rohman, Transportation, 36 Sylvia Slater, Animal Services, 13 Delvera Spear, Finance, 30 David Tsoi, Public Works, 15 Gary Walls, Public Works, 11 W.H. Whitesel, Public Works, 28 Samuel Williams Jr., Harbor, 19 Esther Wolff, Public Works, 19 Robert Wolf, Zoo, 26 Ignacio Zambrano, Public Works, 34
<b>Retired</b> James Bass, Transportation, 32 Elizabeth Bayliff, Rec and Parks, 22 Richard Bean, Airports, 36 Alexander Bruce, Building and Safety, 42 Michael Byrne, General Services, 25 Isaac Crockett, Harbor, 30 Osborn Davis, Public Works, 30 Chester Delgado, Rec and Parks, 22 Marie Evans, Personnel, 27 James Gillenwaters, Public Works, 15 Forrest Helliwell, Transportation, 31	

## Graduations

*Alive!* is delighted to publish graduation photos of Club members and their children. Have a photo of a recent graduation? Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

## Quinceañera

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## Retirements

NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS
Robert Anderson	Not Disclosed	DWP	23	Aaron Lewis	Not Disclosed	DWP	24
Robert Baller	Not Disclosed	DWP	34	Nestor Leyco	Construction Estimator	Public Works	20
Joseph Behan	Not Disclosed	DWP	33	Dan Loggins	Not Disclosed	DWP	19
Roger Brennan	Not Disclosed	DWP	25	Paul Lopez	Not Disclosed	DWP	42
Cecil Chase	Not Disclosed	DWP	29	Vincent Madden	Not Disclosed	DWP	11
Alfonso Contreras	Not Disclosed	DWP	33	Warren Moberg	Not Disclosed	DWP	12
James Couden	Not Disclosed	DWP	20	Maria Munoz	Asst.City Admin. Officer	CAO	18
Kimmie Daniels	Chief Custodian Supv.	General Services	38	Edward Patterson	Sr. Security Officer	Airports	12
Richard Deight	Architectural Associate	Public Works	35	Earl Portlock	Not Disclosed	DWP	17
Antoinette Desselle	Sr. Accountant	Aging	32	Walter Quinlivan	Not Disclosed	DWP	28
Mahlon Driver	Not Disclosed	Building and Safety	Not Disclosed	Richard Rowley	Not Disclosed	DWP	31
Sea Fan	Sr. Structural Engineer	Building and Safety	20	Josephine Sandfrey	Recreation Asst.	Rec and Parks	3
Ted Forsyth	Not Disclosed	DWP	35	Masao Shigeoka	Not Disclosed	DWP	35
Sandra Garibay	Sr. Management Analyst	Airports	34	Ruth Sperling	Not Disclosed	DWP	11
Howard Hansen	Sr. Systems Analyst	Finance	22	James Stevens	Not Disclosed	DWP	37
Joseph Hardy	Not Disclosed	DWP	31	Anne Waller	Legal Clerk	City Attorney	28
Ismael Herrera	Not Disclosed	DWP	18	Walter Whaley	Not Disclosed	DWP	11
Willard Humber	Not Disclosed	DWP	36	Valerie Williams-Moody	Child Care Ctr Director	Rec and Parks	33
F. Ann Johnston	Not Disclosed	DWP	16				



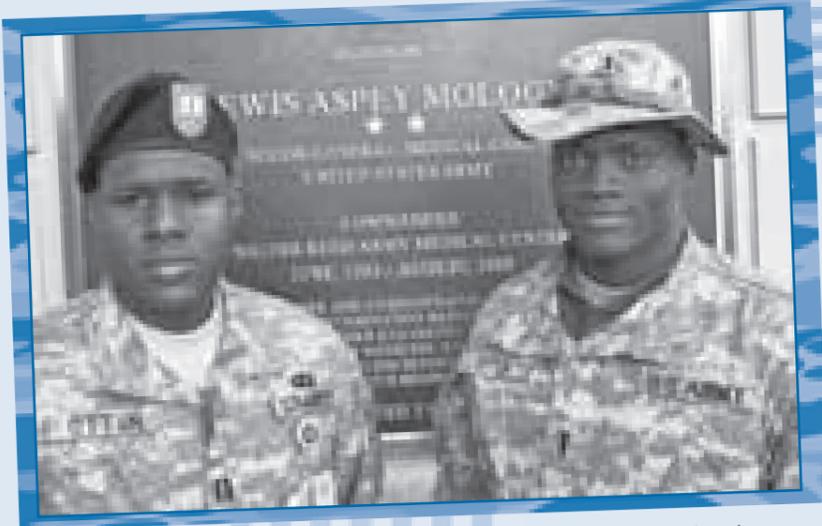
## Military



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, 311 S. Spring St. Suite 1300, Los Angeles, CA 90013. Send digital photos to [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)



David Budek, an LAPD sergeant, is a first sergeant with the U.S. Army deployed in Iraq. He's the brother-in-law of Cruz Palmas, DWP. "We are very proud of him and his unit."



From left: Capt. Tajudeen Ottun, Chief Pharmacist, Walter Reed Army Hospital, and Capt. Rilliwan Ottun, Medic. Tajudeen is being deployed to Iraq in February, and Rilliwan left Iraq in November and is now stationed in Germany. They are the nephews of T. Lawani, Finance.



## Special Achievements



Salvador Saucedo Sr and Maria Saucedo celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 29. They're the parents of Michael Saucedo, DWP. Congratulations!



Lisette Mendez is playing "Della" in the current production of Zoot Suit at Pomona College in Claremont. Lisette is a senior at Pitzer College, majoring in psychology with a minor in sociology. Lisette has been performing in theatre since the young age of 12 in various productions. She's the daughter of Marcos Mendez, Building and Safety. Break a leg, Lisette!

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](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)



## Weddings



Hector and Marisa Trujillo, July 11 at Waimanalo Bay, Hawaii. Marisa works for LAPD Communications Division.

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## Births



Chloe Elizabeth Harris, born Aug. 1 to Ronnita Couch, Security Access Control Unit, Airport Police, Airports. Both parents are "so proud of their new addition!"

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Arlene Herrero



Tiffany Sy



Irene Small

{ Who are the people you see every day? }

No. 14 in a series.  
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# People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.



## Meet Alvard Chamberian.

**AGE:** "I'm 52 years old."**BIRTHPLACE:** "Armenia, now Russia."**WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES?**

"I moved from the Soviet Union (Armenia) in 1993. First I went to Moscow, then Alaska, San Francisco and Portland, and then I ended up in Los Angeles."

**MARITAL STATUS:**

"I was married once, to a man named Larry."

**FAMILY:** "I have two brothers and two sisters."**DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS?**

"Many, but in particular, Sunny and David."

**RELIGION:** "I am an Orthodox Baptist."**FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY:**

"The New Year's Festival. Every year I would look forward to it."

**EDUCATION:** "High school."**WHAT WAS THE LAST JOB YOU HAD?**

"I worked in Pacific Palisades, taking care of an elderly doctor. When he died, my job ended."

**TROPHIES:** none.**MILITARY:** "No, I wasn't in the military, but my father fought in the Russian Army against Hitler's Germany."**IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE?** "I really don't know."**IF YOU HAD A MILLION DOLLARS, WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH IT?** "Buy a home. It would be so nice to have a bed and refrigerator. I would love to also have my own kitchen."**FAVORITE FOOD:** "I love Armenian dolmas!"**FAVORITE ACTOR:** "Jack Nicholson, Michael Douglas and Steve McQueen."**FAVORITE TV SHOW:**

"I really don't have a favorite, but watching TV taught me how to speak English."

**FAVORITE MUSIC:**

"I like heavy rock and symphony music."

**FAVORITE CANDY:** "Chocolate."**FAVORITE SPORTS:** "Running."**WHAT'S THE LAST BOOK YOU READ?**

"The Bible."

**WHERE DO YOU LIVE?**

"Here on the street with my tent."

**WHAT WAS THE LAST THING YOU ATE?**

"Since last night, all I have had was this coffee. But last night for dinner I had hot dogs, sausage and potato salad."

**WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY?**

"I enjoy downtown, being around the big buildings."

**ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE:**

"Be nice and don't fight."

**IF YOU WERE THE MAYOR, WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO HELP THE HOMELESS?** "I would provide more housing opportunities. I would also separate those who are addicted to alcohol and drugs from those of us who are sober and live a clean life."**WHICH ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST HELP TO YOU?** "There is an organization that brings food to the homeless here downtown on Monday and Thursday nights. I'm not sure of their name, but it's wonderful!"

## Newsbriefs

### NEW DOWNTOWN PARK:

Councilmember and Club Member Jan Perry, and Rec and Parks announced that the City is currently acquiring a .8 acre of land at 418-438 Spring St. to develop a downtown neighborhood park. The announcement was made Jan. 14.

The parcel at Fourth and Spring Streets is vacant and sits in a prime location in the heart of the Historic Core in downtown. Using Quimby funds, the City has agreed to purchase the land at the fair market value price of \$5.6 million, which is 12.5 percent below the September 2008 appraised value for the parcel. Quimby funds are collected by the City from developers for the purpose of creating park space. Escrow is expected to close in March of this year.

"Downtown Los Angeles is a vibrant place with a growing and thriving residential community," Councilwoman Perry said. "I recognize the need for urban, neighborhood parks and have been working hard with the help of the Quimby task force to make this vision a reality."

"I look forward to developing this park for generations of Los Angelenos to enjoy."

The Quimby task force was convened by Councilwoman Perry's office in the spring of 2008 to address the need for more community-based parks in downtown and is comprised of members from the office of Councilwoman Perry, Rec and Parks, General Services, Chief Legislative Analyst, Planning, the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council, and other downtown residents and stakeholders. The task force has been instrumental in helping to identify potential land for parks and will play an important role in helping to implement the vision of the community through this new park.

"A new park is always a cause for celebration," said Jon Kirk Mukri, General Manager, Rec and Parks, and Club Member. "Parks enrich our lives in so many ways, and the City has a commitment to healthy parks and increased green space. We're pleased to be able to use Quimby funds to acquire this new downtown park."

### MORE REC SPACE, PLEASE:

On Jan. 14, Councilwoman and Club Member Janice Hahn asked that Rec and Parks examine all opportunities for new park acquisitions in the City. The request was a response to a recently completed study of City park needs by the Department. Councilwoman Hahn also asked that the findings of the yearlong survey be presented to the City Council's Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee within 30 days.

The study's findings showed that Los Angeles has four acres of parks per 1,000 residents, which, it found, was inadequate for serving a population of approximately four million residents. By surveying City residents, the study also determined that there is a dearth of adult fitness programs, nature programs, and walking and biking trails throughout the City.

"It comes as no surprise in a City as park-poor as Los Angeles that our residents want more recreational facilities," Councilwoman Hahn said. "And in tough economic times, it becomes even more important that young people and families have opportunities to participate in recreational and sports activities that are affordable and close to their homes."

The Councilwoman further requested that Rec and Parks present a written report of all new park acquisition opportunities to each Council District, as well as an update of the report detailing Quimby Funds available for each Department facility, to be revised and submitted to Council every six months. Quimby funds are state funds collected from developers, which are intended to balance out the pace of development with adequate open space.

"We must always be seeking opportunities to provide more parks for communities in need. And while there are costs involved in owning and maintaining these facilities, the costs of depriving our children of these resources is far greater," the Councilwoman said.



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.

REC AND PARKS

# Gerry and Howard Bid Adieu

Two retire from Rec and Parks with more than 70 years of City service.

*Story and photos courtesy Rec and Parks*

**G**erry Pinnere and Howard Broughton retired from Rec and Parks at a joint retirement luncheon Sept. 26.

The party was held at the Sepulveda Garden Center in Encino.

Gerry retired after 37 years of service, and Howard retired after 34 years of service.

Lunch was served, and City employee band County Line played a few songs. Gerry, a Pest Management Supervisor, played alongside the band on a few tunes with his harmonica.

Howard was a Gardner Caretaker and loves landscaping. His words of wisdom for everyone working in the City: "Live, work, retire, be happy!"

Gerry has a few words of wisdom to share, too: "Do the best job you can do for the City. Work together because I know I couldn't have done my job without everyone I worked with; they were my extended family."

Congratulations to Gerry and Howard, and we trust you are enjoying your retirements. Special thanks to Iraida Valido for assisting us in the production of this story.



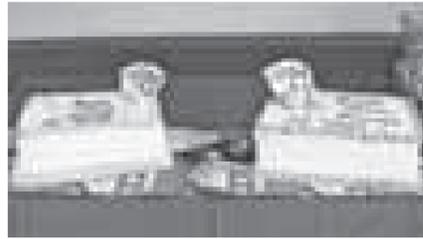
From left: Kevin Regan, Asst. General Manager of Operations West; Gerry Pinnere, Pest Management Supervisor, Rec and Parks, 37 years of service; and Laura Bauernfeind, Principal Grounds Maintenance Supervisor II, Forestry Division.



From left: Helene Croft; Gerry Pinnere; and Craig Byers.



At the retirement party.



From left: Gerry's cake and Howard's cake.



Retiree Gerry Pinnere plays the harmonica. Brad Haynes is on guitar and vocals.



From left: Kevin Regan, Asst. General Manager of Operations West; Howard Broughton, Gardner, Forestry Division, 34 years of service; and Laura Bauernfeind, Principal Grounds Maintenance Supervisor II, Forestry Division.



The barbecue buffet was provided by Stonefire Grill.



Retiree Howard Broughton.



Jamming with County Line were, from left: Gerry Pinnere, retiree; Brad Haynes, guitar and vocals; Tom Cotter, bass and vocals; Mark Tomorsky, guitar and vocals; and Gary Arso, drums.



From left: Teodoro Valerio, Gardner Caretaker, 13 years; Juan Romero, Gardner Caretaker, 13 years; Vicente Hernandez, Gardner Caretaker, 8 years; and Henry Gonzalez, Valley Region Forestry Supervisor I, 20 years.



From left: Augie Najera, Truck Operator, 1 year of City service; Jorge Ochoa, Sr. Gardner, 7 years of service; and Nester Faro, Park Maintenance Supervisor, Hyperion, 19 years of service.



From left: Daniel Hernandez, Sr. Gardner, 17 years of service; Daniel Mortey, Retired, Rec and Parks, 30 years of service; and Bernel Isaac, Gardner Caretaker, 25 years of service, Rec and Parks.



From left: Craig Byers, friend of retirees Gerry Pinnere and Howard Broughton; Howard Broughton; and Bill Tidwell, Rec and Parks.



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## REVIEWS BY FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS

## ENTERTAINMENT

## MOVIE REVIEWS

**Seven Pounds**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

As a big Will Smith fan, I find myself once again disappointed. I've come to expect his movies to grab you at the start and lead you on a great adventure. This was not the case with this movie.

The movie was very slow at the start and has you wondering what was going on. Overall the story was interesting and new, but heartbreaking, so not the kind of movie I enjoy. But Will Smith did a fine acting job. Bring Kleenex, and the movie is not for children.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

**Seven Pounds**

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Ben Thomas, played by Will Smith, is an IRS agent (or so we think) with a secret that will affect the lives of seven strangers. In the midst of his journey for redemption, he's touched by love, which furthers his need to complete the task at hand.

Will Smith did an amazing job; I was impressed by the various degrees of emotion that he displays in the movie. The movie brought me to tears. This movie is definitely a must-see for everyone. It makes you appreciate life and the need to live it to your fullest. I loved it.

— Angie Melendez, City Council

**The Curious Case of Benjamin Button**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Benjamin (Brad Pitt) is born an old man and ages backwards. This is indeed a curious film, a twisted love story, with excellent acting by Cate Blanchett and Brad Pitt.

The real star for me was the computer-generated imaging (CGI) magic of Benjamin aging backwards, which is too gee-whiz to be described. Of course, the women in the theatre swooned over the de-aging of Brad Pitt. Guys will like the CGI, and women ... well, you know.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

**Milk**

Rated R

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Sean Penn plays a sweet and loveable politician who gives a voice to the disenfranchised, gay, San Francisco community in this fact-based drama. The acting is superb. The

story is a call to get involved in the political process. [Director Gus] Van Sant's cinematography is always interesting, and Milk features some of the best in recent memory. My only complaint is the annoying, after-school-special-style soundtrack, which reminded me of a Spielberg film.

— Erin Knight, Public Works

**The Reader**

Rated R

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

The best reason to see *The Reader* is Kate Winslet, as the older Hanna Schmitz, who has a summer affair with teenager Michael Berg in Post-World-War II Germany. Years after

Hanna disappears, Berg is now a law student, and attends a trial of Nazi collaborators, which also include Hanna.

Winslet is wonderful, and gives life to a character that could and should otherwise be scorned. But it's a troubling film: How can one care for someone who is complicit in such evil? The film asks but doesn't provide any easy answers.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

**Marley and Me**

Rated PG

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Owen Wilson and Jennifer Aniston star in this light-hearted comedy about a couple that buys a "discounted puppy." A must-see for all dog lovers, it's an adorable story based on

true events.

The movie shows the joys, craziness, sometimes horrors and sadness from owning a dog. I pretty much have experienced a lot of the same and more. Be prepared and have some tissues on hand. I loved Marley and couldn't wait to get home after the movie to hug my own dog. I highly recommend the movie!

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

**Marley and Me**

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This movie is about a young couple that gets a puppy that turns out to quite a handful for the two to handle and their lives as a couple. Once this couple starts having kids of their own, Marley (the dog) really seems to be too much to handle. She wants him out of the house, but she realizes that Marley really is part of the family, and their home is his home, too.

I don't recommend this for young children, more like for young adults, even though it has a PG rating. The trailer on this movie shows it to be a very funny movie, but be warned this is one of the saddest dog movies out there.

— Gwen Lew, DWP

**The Unborn**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This is a very satisfying movie if you're into the occult and love a good scare. I didn't expect much from a PG-13 movie, but thanks to the writers and great special effects, it had me

jumping several times. The movie stars Odette Yustman as an ordinary college student caught in a precarious situation, being a member of a

family known for producing twins and favorite prey of this demon creature called a Dybbuk. It all ends with Gary Oldman, as a rabbi, performing an exorcism...or does it? Not for the squeamish, but a good date movie.

— Chuck Beas, DWP

**Doubt**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Two great performers in an acting smackdown! Sr. Beauvier (Meryl Streep) takes on Fr. Flynn (Philip Seymour Hoffman) over the issue of priestly misconduct, based on the play by

John Patrick Shanley. *Doubt* is a wonderfully acted but ultimately disappointing film that only lacks a credible outcome. And for that reason alone I felt a twinge of disappointment after the exultation of brilliant performances. It's close, but no cinematic cigar for *Doubt*.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

**Happy-Go-Lucky**

Rated R

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Poppy is the main character in this film about teachers; she is an optimistic elementary teacher who goes through life with a happy-go-lucky, light-hearted attitude that resonates with the viewer long after the closing credits. She meets her polar opposite—a driving instructor who cannot contain his rage. The story becomes an action-packed suspense film when the two teachers confront one another in the car during one of her driving lessons. The finale is both surprising and satisfying. It makes you love Poppy that much more.

— Erin Knight, Public Works

**Four Christmases**

Rated: PG-13

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This is one of the funniest movies I've seen, a great movie for the whole family that stars Vince Vaughn and Reese Witherspoon. It's about two people who think they have the perfect relationship -- they had each other, until one Christmas they were put in a position where they had to deal with all of their families in one day. It was total chaos -- each of their parents were divorced and remarried, so they had four separate families to spend the day with; there was never a dull moment. In the end, they do learn a valuable lesson, at least something that works for them.

— Patty Saucier, DWP

## DVD Reviews

**Christmas on Mars (2008)**

Unrated

My Score: 2 (out of 5)

This low-budget film by the rock band The Flaming Lips barely suspends the disbelief at all the cheap sci-fi gimmicks it employs, but does not create an interesting

story, or characters worth caring about. There are some beautiful shots of fetuses, planets and astronauts, as well as some funny characters and moments—I wanted to see more of the vulgar, humorless "leader of the astronauts"—but it does not add up to a coherent film.

— Erin Knight, Public Works

## BOOK REVIEWS

**The Shack**

William P. Young

Religious fiction

256 pages

Windblown Media

Publishers

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Mackenzie Allen Phillips' youngest daughter, Missy, has been abducted during a family

vacation, and evidence that she may have been brutally murdered is found in an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Four years later in the midst of his "Great Sadness," Mack receives a suspicious note, apparently from God, inviting him back to that shack for a weekend. Against his better judgment, he arrives at the shack on a wintry afternoon and walks back into his darkest nightmare. What he finds there will change Mack's world forever.

This is a fictionalized book of man's encounter with God and a man's tragedy with loss and suffering of a loved one.

— Linda Rorex, Personnel

**Just Breathe**

Susan Wiggs

Women's fiction

400 pages

Mira Publishers

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This whimsical book is about a Chicago cartoonist, Sarah Moon, who runs a comic strip called "Just Breathe."

Sarah has problems of her own with her marriage and her husband's infidelity. Sarah flees to her hometown in Northern California to escape life's torments. But instead finds she's in love again with a man from the past, Will Bonner, whom she had not seen since high school. To top it off, Sarah finds out that she is pregnant with twins by her ex-husband. All Sarah wanted to do was start off with a new beginning and "Just Breathe."

I recommend this book to escape life's ups and downs and just relax and breathe.

— Linda Rorex, Personnel

## Your Reviews

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# Cooking with the Club

by Chef Robert Larios



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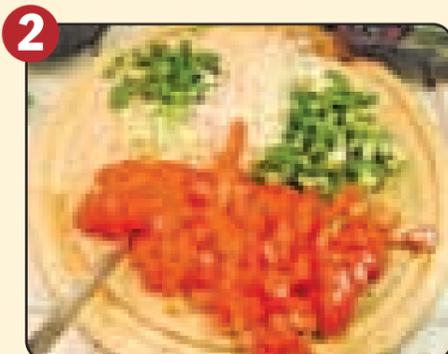
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# Advocating the Avocado

## DIRECTIONS:



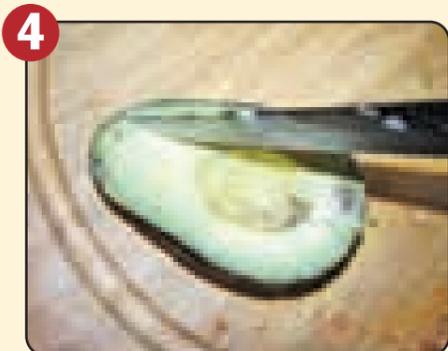
1 Have your ingredients washed and ready for dicing.



2 Put your avocados aside and dice the other ingredients.



3 Place all your ingredients in a large bowl.



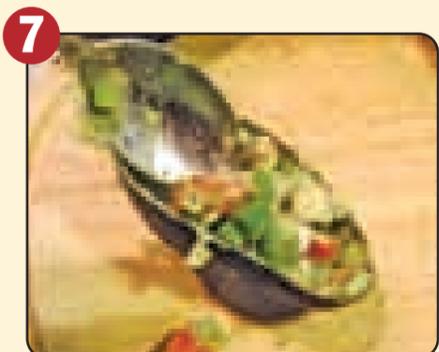
4 Begin cutting the avocados in half. Take out the seeds, and cut through the flesh only. Make crisscross cuts, but do not cut through the outer skin, since you will need to use them as mini-bowls later.



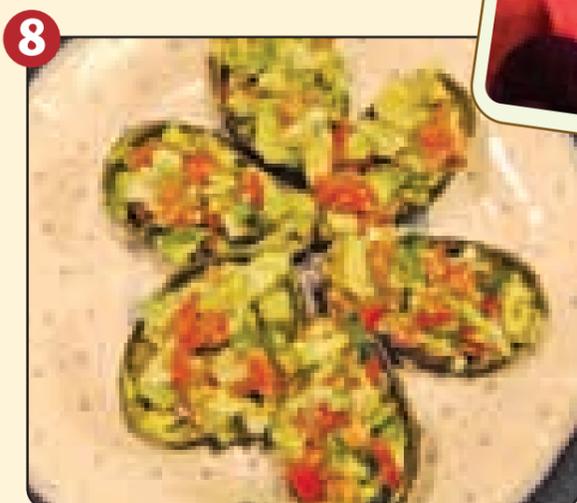
5 Once all the avocados are cut, use a spoon to scoop out the flesh. Place the avocado bits in the bowl of diced ingredients. Do this for all four avocados. Put aside all the avocado skin cavities. Put aside all the avocado skin cavities.



6 Squeeze the juice of one lime into the bowl of ingredients. Add the salt and pepper to taste. Lightly mix the ingredients.



7 With a spoon, add the avocado mixture into the hollow avocado cavities. Do this for all avocados cavities.



8 Plate the stuffed avocados and serve!

With the Super Bowl and Valentine's Day as the happening events in February, I consider it to be the month of the avocado.

The Super Bowl is just not the Super Bowl without guacamole, and believe it or not, avocado has long been considered fitting for a romantic meal, too. And what better day than Valentine's Day.

You're free to experiment with the types of ingredients used. Cilantro is always a favorite as well as chili powder, and you may try using other types of chilies other than jalapeño to heighten the flavor. Of course, you may do without the spice as well.

For those of you who remember, I put together a similar guacamole recipe in an earlier edition. This is a bit different, since I use the skin as part of the dish, and I've incorporated some different ingredients as well.

### Guacamole

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 jalapeño
- 1 shallot
- 4 Hass avocados
- 1 green onion
- 2 small tomatoes
- 1 lime
- 3 cloves garlic
- 1 small red bell pepper
- Salt and pepper to taste



**Cooking Tidbit:** There are many varieties of avocado that make a great guacamole, but the best one to use for this particular recipe is the Hass avocado. It has the sturdy skin that can keep its shape for use as a decorative bowl.

### [ A Cook's Dictionary ]

#### Guacamole:

A popular Mexican specialty of mashed avocado mixed with lemon or lime juice and various seasonings (usually chili powder and red pepper). Sometimes finely chopped tomato, green onion and cilantro are added. Guacamole can be used as a dip, sauce topping or side dish. It must be covered closely and tightly to prevent discoloration.

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



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**Las Vegas Condo For Sale:** 1 bedrm, 1 bath, 780 sq feet, A/C, heat, new fans in dining area and bedroom; other upgrades. Nice and cozy, quiet, across the street from Texas Casino and 1/4 mile from Fiesta Casino and a new Super WalMart; gated community. 10 min from LV Strip. Sell for \$125,000. (310)801-3164. 209

**Horseback riding lessons,** for kids 8-16 yrs. In Lake View Terrace & Agua Dulce areas. No exp. required. Very affordable. Sponsored by Blue Shadows Mounted Drill Team. Call Janet @ 818-731-3096. 209

**94 Ford Escort LX:** 4 door Hatchback, blue, perfect condition. 5 speed manual. Reg good til May 2009. 85,000 original miles. New tires & timing belt. Tuned up. A/C. AM/FM stereo. No accidents. Clean title. Windows all automatic. \$2100. Interior immaculate. Seats no tears. Dash no cracks. Call (818) 448-9501 or mattsr10@yahoo.com 209

**Dinette Set:** 5 piece, glass top, mauve & gold trim chairs, good condition, \$80. Call Mary Smith @ 626-318-7959. 209

**House for Sale:** St. George, Ut. 55+, 3bdm/2ba., family rm./garden rm. abt. 1700 sq.ft., 2 car carport, tool shed, patio. Close to shopping & restaurants. Low assoc. fees include club house, pool, spa, RV prkg. \$130,000. Call Linda/Jim (909) 466-9755 or Karen (435) 215-4813, cell (435) 680-1129 209

**Classic 1927 Ford T-Bucket Roadster,** yellow with tan interior, chrome trim/brass radiator, 350 Chevy engine. Runs, looks great/will e-mail picture. \$14,000. Call (562) 989-4664 209

**4 Burial Plots,** Rose Hills, 4500X4 plots. 323-382-2405 209

**BMW 740i,** year 2000, 135,500, leather, navigation system, all electric, A/C, Price \$10,000 Not Negotiable. Call (818)795-5552. 708

**Bug.** 1971 Volkswagen 2 door Bug. Convertible. \$3,200. Has Struts. Make reservation to inspect on Saturday or Sunday. Check Blue Book to verify good deal. Call or Fax - (818)361-3444 608

**1994 Chevy Corvette Coupe:** Good condition, Burgundy. Collector's Dream. Fully Loaded, Auto, PWR everything, removable targa top, Beige Int. w/Leather Seats, CD/Cassette stereo. Only 82,090 miles. Wants to go fast! Beautiful car. \$12,500/O.B.O. Will consider all offers. Serious buyers only. Contact Jesse at (714) 618-4220. 608

**1995 Rodeo Isuzu-** Grey. AM/FM/Cassette. Good Condition. Asking \$4000 OBO. 323-316-3649. 608

**Collector's Car:** Only 1500 made! 1969 Ford Torino Convertible, White exterior, red interior, black soft top 351 Windsor engine, gorgeous rims \$22,000 or best offer (818)340-0137 308

**2006 Harley Davidson Softtail** For Sale: Special Custom - All Chrome, Z-Bar - Low Mileage (700 mi.) Asking \$16,000 OBO, Call (323) 697-4960 208

**1998 Lexus GS 400:** Good Condition, Clean Title, Navigation, 6-Disc CD Changer, Sun/Moonroof, Black/Black Leather Interior, Power Everything, Heated Seats, Climate Control, Traction Control, Private Party, \$8499, Serious callers (310) 480-8249 or email PJJLexus@yahoo.com 208

**1998 MERCEDES E320,** 2nd Owner... no major accidents, car in more than fair condition, black w/grey interior, chrome 18" rims w/new tires. A STEAL @ \$5,700.00 (Blue Book \$7,500), Call Kevin at (323) 251-0655 208

**2002 LAND ROVER DISCOVERY SERIES II,** 1 OWNER, No accidents, Gold w/Tan Interior, Vehicle in Excellent, Condition (Pampered), Premium Sound System, Power Everything, Leather, Dual Moon Roofs, Prem Wheels, and Tow Pkg. A Steal @ \$9,500.00!! (Blue Book \$11,500) Call Kevin at (323) 251-0655 208

**2006 Lincoln Zephyr,** black on black, chrome wheels, fully loaded, THX sound system, touchscreen GPS, \$21,500. Call Greg Hansen, 818-439-8595 1008

**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 1008

**2000 Benz,** dk blue, CLK 430, 2-door, 53,521 miles, \$18,500; navig. system & CD changer; check Blue book; Call (909) 348-7762 908

**2002 Isuzu Axiom** \$9,500 OBO ; Runs Great - Good Condition - No Accidents; 6 Cylinder / Brand New Transmission & Battery (2008); 6 Disc CD changer, AC, Tinted Windows; Leather Seats / Seats 5. Call Tania @ 805-231-1869 908

**1987 Chevrolet, El Camino,** 305 Engine - Auto 18" Iroc Wheels Stereo A/C Super clean on/out \$9,000 Call Ernest (909) 594-9486 808

**2001 Monaco Diplomat motor home,** approx. 39,500 miles 38' diesel pusher with 6 speed Alison transmission, 2 slides, with 4 door deluxe refrigerator, Washer & dryer, Generator, Satellite dish with 2 TV's, VCR & DVD players. Well equipped and in good condition. Asking \$75,500 or make an offer. Call 951-767-1155. 808

**1991 Jeep Cherokee,** Sport 2 door, Burgundy, rebuilt computer, new fuel pump, sensors, muffler runs great. \$1300 obo call (310) 686-9050 or email Linda at LRichardson@laowa.org 808

### Furniture

Blue comfy **Recliner**, swivels and rocks. Like new, hardly used. Have no room for it. Call Frankie 818-340-3059 or email kitkatt7@socal.rr.com 109

**Bar w/2 Free Stools** (All Brand New). Elegant Elevated Glass Top, Dark Wood, locking cabinet: \$450. Call 310-529-0543. 908

**Bluecouch** in excellent condition, purchased at Levitz. No stains and very comfy. \$250.00. Please call (323) 344-0767 or e-mail tracey@snh-cpa.com 208

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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. 109

**Bachelor/ Bachelorette for rent,** 1 room \$650.00 Full kitchen and bath. Utilities included. 4925 2nd Avenue. Contact Bertha (323)296-3029 or Alex (323)206-8051. 1208

Beautifully maintained manufactured home in a quite resort. This home has lots of upgrades, and nice low maint. Yard. Rv parking close by. shops and town are less than 2 miles. Perfect for fishermen, boaters or just relaxing in the comfort of your own home your n.floyd dune country realty. Asking \$47,000. Negotiable. (541) 271-4779, Cell (541) 999-7628; 901 Highway Ave, Reedsport, OR; Email n.floyd@charterinternet.com 1108

**Pool Cabana for rent,** city of Norwalk, off of 105/605 interchange. Single female/carpooler, non-smoker. \$800 per month. Call Marta (562) 863-4545 or (562) 879-2028. 1108

**Condo 4 Sale,** 3/3, fireplace, hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings, central heating and air, 2 balconies, patio, and 2 car attached garage. Great location in Hawthorne. Near parks, schools, and shopping. Contact Denette Carolina at (323) 709-8961. 1008

**Home For Sale -** Highland Park- Close To Downtown and Valley, 2 Bdrm, 1 3/4 Bath plus Den - View of Eagle Rock. \$430,000. 323-254-2123 Ask for Sue for showing. 1008

**House for Rent** in Altadena: Freshly painted & cleaned home in wonderful cul-de-sac. Updated kitchen with granite counters, separate laundry area & an additional bonus room which can be used as a 4th bedroom. Manicured lawn with sprinklers, large backyard for entertaining & for dog lovers, specially fenced area where dogs have their own special space. \$2,300 per month. Call Barbara at (626) 375 3620. 1008

**NoHo Condo for Sale** Only \$265,000 - Toluca Terrace starter condo. Beautifully landscaped complex with palm trees, lush foliage, tranquil pool, spa, laundry facilities. Well lit 1st level home w/ open floor plan, lots of closet space, remodeled bathroom and 1 car detached garage & back door. Close to Universal Studios, the Metro Station, NOHO art district, shops and transportation. 6 months HOA fees will be paid as bonus to buyer. Call Barbara at (626) 375 3620 for info. 1008

**Room for rent.** Free Utilities. \$500 a month. Located in Harbor City off Lomita Blvd. adjacent to the Harbor Freeway. Call (310) 326-3922 from 9am to 9pm. 808

**Room for rent** in San Fernando. \$750 MO. Utilities Included. 3 Bdrm, 1 Ba, Den, Yard & Drwy. Share W/45 yr old male. Call: Ozyzy (818) 312-5351 808

**FOR RENT HIGHLAND PARK SINGLE STUDIO,** Very convenient location... Near Downtown, Chinatown, Pasadena, Glendale, Dodger Stadium, etc. Near local transportation, stores, markets, schools and parks. Includes one big room, kitchen, bathroom and closet. Has 2 entrances. Available now! \$600.00 a month, \$1350.00 to move in. 323-919-1163 7/08

**FOR RENT -** Lovely apartment in Los Angeles (5-units). 1 bed/1 bath, kitchen, living room, dining room, 1-car garage. Downstairs unit. New paint, carpet, windows and fixtures. Very quiet. Don Tomaso Dr.. Close to public transportation. Call for more details (310) 365-1868. 608

**House for Rent.** \$3000. 3 Bedroom, 2 bath home. Hardwood floors throughout. Kitchen with stainless steel appliances and granite countertops. Call 323-469-6480 608

**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. 508

**House For Rent:** Beautiful large 2 story in Victorville. Quiet neighborhood, fishing lakes & shopping. Landscaped front + back with 2 waterfall ponds. Covered patio + balcony with nice view of the mountains. 4 bdrs/ 3 full baths/3 car garage. Interior upgrades: custom paint, granite countertops, wood flooring and more. Responsible persons only inquire. \$2200 monthly includes yard maintenance. Call for more info 760-843-3793 or 760-217-9491 e-mail for photos at robanddenice@verizon.net 508

**Apartment For Rent:** Southwest LA, Large 2BD/1 BA - Triplex upstairs very clean. Built-in/gated/large bk yard/garage. 544 West 120th St., #3 Hoover/Figueroa. \$1250/mo. Call: (562)430-2694 508

**PALM SPRINGS CONDO FOR RENT -** Close to the village & Spa Resort Casino. 1 bedroom/1 bath, sleeps 5. Gated Community with 8 Swimming Pools & Spas. Tennis Court and Shuffleboard Court. Call for Weekday & Weekend Rates. (562) 301-2940. 408

**FOR RENT -** Apartment: residential neighborhood in Northeast Los Angeles. 2-bed/full bath, kitchen, living room, dining room and garage. Convenient to markets, public transportation, and freeways; \$1000 a month. Call (213) 952-0835 408

**FOR RENT -** Apartment in Inglewood (Townhouse). 2 bed/1 bath, kitchen/stove/dishwasher, living room, dining room, 1-car garage/gated parking. Two story unit. New paint, carpet, windows and fixtures, Washer/Dryer in unit. Very quiet. Inglewood, CA on Cory Dr. Close to public transportation. Call info. (310) 365-1868. 308

**FOR RENT -** Apartment in Los Angeles. Leimert Park (4-unit complex). 2 beds/1 bath, kitchen/Granite countertops, living room, dining room, 1-car garage. New paint, carpet/hardwood & tiled floors, windows and fixtures, Washer/dryer hookup. Very quiet. Los Angeles, CA Leimert Park. Close to public transportation. Call info. (310) 365-1868. 308

### Household Items

**Exercise Equipment:** AB Lounger II, \$50 - NEW; Treadmill, Jane Fonda, Motorless, w/manual- \$25; Misc. types exercise equipment. Call Marie 310-422-0075 1108

**Cross-stitched Arts -** Beautiful home décor, no frame, prices are negotiable. Call Nida & leave a message (909) 800-3207. 1108

### Miscellaneous

**Cemetery Plot -** at Eden Memorial Park/Hillel Row 18, space 46, \$1200. Contact Eugene Rubin 702-658-3184 1008

**Cemetery Plot** For Sale. Located in Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills. Lot 3966, Sp#2 Bell of Peace. \$2700. Contact Douglas or Robie @ 714-828-2699 908

**Chrome Rims - set 4,** 16" Lug nuts & lock, Good Condition \$25.00 per rim. Call Irma at 818-326-1987 808

**Campground Membership:** Exchange my Silent Valley Club, Inc. in Banning for your Mountain Lakes Resort at Lytle Creek. My yearly dues paid up until October, 2008. Call (626) 965-1049-Diana. 608

**Cemetery: 1 plot.** At Ontario Cemetery. Section Evergreen. Lot 411, grave 6. \$1800. Can be converted to two plots. Ask for Silvia @ 661-297-0271. 608

**Painting Equipment-** Folding Shaffold \$500, Multimat ladders \$70 each, Extension ladders w/acc. 32 ft. \$200; 24ft. \$100; 20ft. \$150; 16ft. Stinson plank \$250; 433 graco ultra airless \$500; Pressure washer \$500; Call 818-246-2704 608

**FOR ADOPTION: 2 identical male neutered Cats,** same litter, 2 years old, gray with black stripes, white on neck, and green eyes. Owner moving, new place will not accept pets, need good home. Call 310-732-4707 or 562-989-4664 508

**Guitar Amplifier -** Paid \$145.00, Still like new!!!! Asking 65.00 They are Over 100.00 on Ebay. 508

**Power tool:** professional sliding bed tile and brick saw with the water tank and pump. 10" diamond blade and powerful electric motor. \$250.00 OBO (310)766-4920 308

**Man's 14kt Gold Ring:** Center is a 1853 gold coin, surrounded by 18 tiny diamonds, with the emblem of Christ on the cross on each side; \$800.00 obo; Phone: 661-824-5231 or eris2001@sbcglobal.net 208

**Cemetery:** Four plots in one lot. 1,2,3 & 4. Forest Lawn, Covina Hills, Golden Dawn section. \$1300 each, or all 4 for \$5000. Call 951-845-1302, ask for Richard. 208

### Travel / Timeshare

**Cancun timeshare** for rent. Only \$500 a week (Saturday to Saturday) anytime. Sleeps 4 with full kitchen, W/D, A/C CATV, VCR/DVD. Ice gallery member. Call Gina @ 818-265-5940 & leave msg. 1108

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**MAUI CONDO:** Available Feb 28-Mar 28, 2009. The condo is a 1 bedroom w/loft, has AC, sleeps 6, air conditioning and ocean view. \$1250 per week inclusive of all fees and taxes. The address is 3543 Lower Honaapiilani Highway, LaHaina, Maui, Hawaii, 96761. Photos upon request. Call Stephanie 805-368-5295. 1008

**Timeshare 4 Sale Las Vegas** Club de Soleil 2 bedroom unit close to the strip Take over payments \$257.42. Call (661)718-2192 ask 4 Gina or Jackie. 308

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**Grand Getaway Vacation Certificate.** The trip is for 3 days, 2 nights at the Ramada Plaza Resort in Orlando/Ft. Lauderdale. The catch is: you have to buy a hotel room. \$45. Steven J. Ramos, 323-566-4812. 408

### Collectibles

**Various Beanie Babies** from McDonald's \$2.00 - \$5.00 each. Call Greg (951) 235-3815. 1008

**Sports Memorabilia -** All Sports and Non-Sports Cards. 25 Cents and Up, OBO. Greg (951) 235-3815. 1008

**NFL Ceramic Mugs/Tankards -** 28 Teams, LA Rams, LA Raiders, Cowboys, Dolphins, etc. Past/Present NFL Teams, 53/8" Tall. (805)338-1990. 1008

**ESTATE SERVICES -** Appraisal or Liquidation of Fine Art, Collectibles and Coin & Stamp Collections. Call Michael (626) 592-2929. 1008

**I BUY SILVER & GOLD U.S. coin collections,** large or small. Please call Michael (626) 592-2929. 1008

### Wanted

**Wanted:** I am looking to rent a single one bedroom for myself. I can afford \$500-\$600 a month. I can also do the cleaning of the building for the owner. Call me at (310) 500-0325 or (310) 824-3312. 109

**Wanted: House Trailer, RV or 5th Wheel.** I have house guests in need of housing and I'm running out of room for them in my house. I need something to put on my property so that they can live there. Call Ivan Forbes @ (818) 361-3444. 109

**Room Mate wanted.** Single female/carpooler, non-smoker. Family home, \$500 per month includes all utilities. Call Marta (562) 863-4545 or (562) 879-2028. 1108

**Wanted: Reliable small transportation car.** Late model VW bug is desired. Car needed to transport kids to little league games and church. Lancaster area. Call L.T. Ward (661) 949-1237 home or (661) 914-0607 Cell. Cell is best, if no answer please leave message. 808

**LAPD 1984 annual,** call Steph 805-368-5295 or email siygen@aol.com. 508

**Wanted: Your Childhood Barbie Dolls and Clothes.** I collect dolls from 1959 - 1966 and pay top dollar! I will buy 1 - 1,000 dolls. Clothing, structures, cases. Anything vintage Barbie! Call Cheryl (818) 771-4835. 109

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- The best time to visit the new Club Store would be around 9:15 a.m. Parking is abundant and portions of downtown are still sleeping.
- When visiting the Club Store, try to bring a co-worker who is not a member. If they sign up, you will receive a \$10 Gift Card. So bring Johnny or Lisa down.



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### Men's Watches with City Seal

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

\*Plus tax and shipping



**Men's Watch, Leather Band**  
ITEM: #SF2000  
PRICE: \$25.00\*

**Men's Watch, Leather Band**  
ITEM: #SF1000  
PRICE: \$25.00\*

**Men's Watch, Silver Band**  
ITEM: #RF1000  
PRICE: \$25.00\*



**Special Price!**

**Men's Watch, Silver**  
ITEM: #WGS3000  
PRICE: \$50.00\* **Now \$25**

**Men's Small Seal, Leather Band**  
ITEM: #WL2601  
PRICE: \$45.00\*

**Men's Large Seal, Stainless Steel Band**  
ITEM: #WS2500  
PRICE: \$65.00\*



**Special Price!**

**Men's Large Seal, Leather Band**  
ITEM: #WL2600  
PRICE: \$45.00\*

**Men's Small DWP Seal, Stainless Steel Band**  
ITEM: #DWPWS2700  
PRICE: \$55.00\* **Now \$40**

**Special Price!**

**Men's Small DWP Seal, Leather Band**  
ITEM: #DWPV3050  
PRICE: \$45.00\* **Now \$35**

### Ladies' Watches with City Seal

**Ladies' Watch, Leather Band**  
ITEM: #LVB4000  
PRICE: \$25.00\*

**Ladies' Watch, Leather Band**  
ITEM: #LVBK5000  
PRICE: \$25.00\*



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

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



**Special Price!**

### Writing Implement

## "City of Los Angeles" Engraved Pen & Case



**Member Price:**  
**\$19.99**  
per pen\*

ITEM: #CLPEN3000

- Elegant electroplated two-tone 24k gold plated and chrome silver pen with solid brass construction.
- "City of Los Angeles" is engraved on the pen.

\*Plus tax and shipping

### Historical Books



**Hollywood Views of the Past & Present**  
ITEM: #B1659



**Los Angeles Views of the Past & Present**  
ITEM: #B1488



**Orange County Views of the Past & Present**  
ITEM: #B1544

**Club Discount Price!**  
(\$32.95 Retail)

**Member Price:**  
**\$25**  
per book\*

\*Plus tax and shipping

An excellent review of what these areas looked like in their humble beginnings compared to the present day. Photographs by the world famous George Ross Jezek.



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# CLUB GIFTS

## FOR YOUR SWEETIE

### City Button Down Shirts

City Woman's Long Sleeve Button Down Shirt

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

**NEW!**  
Member Price:  
**\$25**  
per shirt\*

Available Colors:

- Black
- Sky Blue
- Khaki
- Navy Blue
- White



ITEM: #WMNLSSTCTY4000

City Men's Short Sleeve Button Down Shirt

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

Available Colors:

- Black
- Navy Blue
- Oxford
- White

**NEW!**  
Member Price:  
**\$22<sup>99</sup>**  
per jacket\*

Size: **3XL** **\$23<sup>99</sup>**



ITEM: #CTYSLST1000

City Men's Long Sleeve Button Down Shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL 3XL**

Available Colors:

- Black
- Navy Blue
- White
- Khaki



Member Price:  
**\$25**  
per shirt\*

Size: **3XL**

**\$28**

ITEM: #LSB1000

### City Girl "Classic" T-shirt

City Girl "Classic" T-shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL**



ITEM: #T-W1000

Available Colors:  
Crew Neck Style:

- Heather Gray
- Hot Pink
- Cherry

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

### City "Bold" Department Shirts

City "Bold" Department Shirts

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

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

Available Colors:

- Navy Blue

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

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



ITEM: #RECPKSLAC6000



ITEM: #D.P.WLAC1000



ITEM: #HARBORLAC2000

ITEM: #D.O.TLAC3000



ITEM: #G.S.DLAC4000



ITEM: #L.A.W.A.LAC5000  
also available in:

- White
- Green
- Red
- Sky Blue

City Girl "Retro" T-shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL**

Available Colors:  
V-Neck Style:

- Black
- Caribbean Blue
- Violet
- White
- Key Lime



ITEM: #T-W2000

### Women's Classic Seal T-Shirt

Women's Classic Seal T-Shirt

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

Available Colors:

- Black
- Azalea
- Carolina Blue
- Royal
- Red
- Hot Pink
- White

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

Size: **3XL** **\$11**

Available Colors:

- Black
- White



ITEM: #WMNCLSC4000

### Fleece Jackets

Men's Full Zip Polar Fleece w/ Embroidered City Seal

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

Member Price:  
**\$34<sup>99</sup>**  
per jacket\*

Available Colors:

- Black
- Charcoal
- Khaki
- Navy Blue

**NEW!**



ITEM: #CTY3000

Women's Full Zip Polar Fleece w/ Embroidered City Seal

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

Member Price:  
**\$30**  
per jacket\*

Available Colors:

- Black
- Stone
- Sky Blue



ITEM: #WMNFLJKT1000

### Women's T-shirts

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

Sizes: **S M L XL**

Member Price:  
**\$11**  
per shirt\*

Available Colors:  
Crew Neck Style:

- Navy Blue

Available Colors:  
V-Neck Style:

- Black

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**

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

Available Colors:  
V-Neck Style:

- Black
- Heather Gray
- White

On white shirt, emblem is pink



ITEM: #J1000

\*Plus tax and shipping



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# CLUB GIFTS

# FOR YOUR SWEETIE

## Polo Shirts

City Seal Polo Shirt with Stripes

Sizes: **M L XL 2XL**

Available Colors:

- Black
- Navy Blue
- White

Member Price:  
**\$19<sup>99</sup>**  
per shirt\*

**NEW!**



ITEM: #CTYPOLO2000

LA City Polo Shirt

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

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

\*Plus tax and shipping

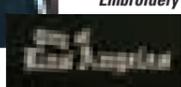


ITEM: #PS1000

Available Colors:

- Black
- Navy Blue
- Pink
- White

Close-up of Embroidery



## City Seal Tank Tops

Women's

Sizes: **S M L XL**

Available Colors:

- Hot Pink
- White

On white shirt, emblem is pink

Member Price:  
**\$7<sup>50</sup>**  
per shirt\*

\*Plus tax and shipping



ITEM: #WTT2000

Men's

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

Member Price:  
**\$7<sup>50</sup>**  
per shirt\*

\*Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:

- Heather Gray
- White



ITEM: #MTT3000

## 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**



Front

ITEM: #NC1000

New City LA-Hall Short Sleeve T-Shirt

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

Member Price:  
**\$8<sup>50</sup>**  
per shirt\*

Available Colors:

- Black
- Blue Dusk
- Navy Blue
- Sport Gray
- Tan
- White

Sizes: **3XL**

**\$9<sup>50</sup>**

Sizes: **4XL**

**\$10<sup>50</sup>**

Available Colors:

- Black
- Navy Blue
- Sport Gray



Front

ITEM: #CNI1000

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**



Back

ITEM: #LAC-5000

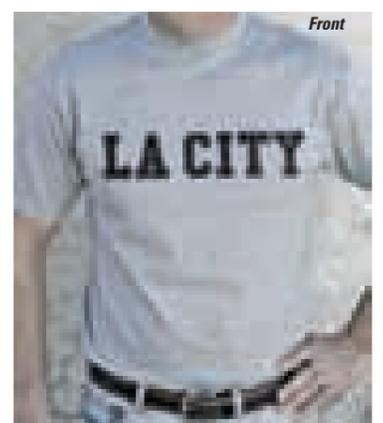
LA City "Alma Mater" T-shirt

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

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

Available Colors:

- Black
- Gray
- Navy Blue



Front

ITEM: #LAC-2000

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

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
- Sand
- Sky Blue



Front

ITEM: #MOCSI000

Short Sleeve "Classic" T-shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL (all colors)**

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

Available Colors:

- |            |            |              |              |                                    |
|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------------------|
| Blue Dusk  | Charcoal   | Chestnut     | Forest Green | Indigo Blue                        |
| Leaf Green | Light Pink | Maroon       | Olive        | Orange                             |
| Royal      | Sport Gray | Texas Orange | White        | White available with front pocket. |
| Black      | Navy Blue  |              |              |                                    |

Non-Member Price:  
**\$25** per shirt

\*Plus tax and shipping



Front

Back

ITEM: #T1000

Sizes: **3XL**

**\$13**

Available Colors:

- |             |          |              |
|-------------|----------|--------------|
| Blue Dusk   | Charcoal | Forest Green |
| Indigo Blue | Royal    | Sport Gray   |
| White       | Black    | Navy Blue    |

White available with front pocket.

Sizes: **4XL**

**\$14**

Available Colors:

- |             |            |
|-------------|------------|
| Indigo Blue | Sport Gray |
| Black       | Navy Blue  |

LA City "Olde English" T-shirt

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

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

Available Colors:

- Black
- Navy Blue



Back

Front

ITEM: #LAC-4000

Long Sleeve "Classic" T-shirt

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

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

\*Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:

- Charcoal
- Dark Chocolate
- Forest Green
- Indigo Blue
- Sport Gray
- White



Back

ITEM: #T1500

Size: **3XL**

**\$16**

Available Colors:

- Dark Chocolate
- Forest Green
- Indigo Blue
- Sport Gray

Size: **4XL**

**\$17**

Available Colors:

- Black
- Navy Blue
- White

**Navy & Black LIMITED**



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### DWP T-shirts

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

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



Available Colors:  
White Navy Blue



ITEM: #WTRSDE3000

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

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

\*Plus tax and shipping



Available Colors:  
Gray Charcoal  
Maroon Carolina Blue  
Sand

Size: **3XL**  
Member Price:  
**\$16**  
Available Color:  
Gray

ITEM: #T2500WP

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

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

Available Colors:  
Black Navy Blue White



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: #T2002VP

Available Colors:  
Black Navy Blue Orange White  
White available with front pocket.



ITEM: #T2003VP

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

Available Colors:  
Blue Dusk Charcoal Orange Black Navy Blue White  
White available with front pocket.

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



ITEM: #T2000VP

Size: **3XL**  
Available Colors:  
Blue Dusk Charcoal  
Black Navy Blue

Size: **4XL**  
Available Colors:  
Black Navy Blue



ITEM: #T2001VP

### Kid's T-shirts

"Official City Kid"  
Kid's T-shirt

Sizes: **XS S M L XL**

Available Colors:  
Green Red Royal Blue

Member Price:  
**\$8.99**  
per shirt\*



ITEM: #KIDOFF2000

"Future City Employee"  
Kid's T-shirt

Sizes: **XS S M L XL**

Available Colors:  
Green Red Royal Blue

Member Price:  
**\$8.99**  
per shirt\*



ITEM: #KIDFUT1000

### City Jackets

City Executive Sueded  
Microfiber Jacket

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

Member Price:  
**\$45**  
per jacket\*

Available Colors:  
Khaki Light Gray



\*Plus tax and shipping

ITEM#: #SUDJKT1000

City Windbreaker

Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL 3XL**

Available Colors:  
Black with Gray Stripes  
Gray with Black Stripes

Member Price:  
**\$32.50**  
per jacket\*

Sizes: **3XL**  
**\$35.50**



ITEM: #JKT2000



ITEM: #JKT1000



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## FOR YOUR SWEETIE

### Hats Hats Hats! High quality embroidered ball caps!

#### City Seal Ball Cap with Department Name



**Transportation**  
NAVY: #H2003  
BLACK: #H2004

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

\*Plus tax and shipping



**Bureau of Sanitation**  
FOREST GREEN: #H1996  
NAVY: #H1995  
BLACK: #H1998

**Hats available for these departments:**

**Bureau of Sanitation**  
FOREST GREEN: #H1996  
NAVY: #H1995  
BLACK: #H1998

**General Services**  
NAVY: #H1999  
BLACK: #H2000

**Harbor**  
NAVY: #H2005  
BLACK: #H2006

**Public Works**  
NAVY: #H2001  
BLACK: #H2002

**Recreation & Parks**  
NAVY: #H1993  
BLACK: #H1992

**Transportation**  
NAVY: #H2003  
BLACK: #H2004

**Water & Power**  
NAVY: #H1997  
BLACK: #H1998

**Retiree**  
BLACK: #H2007

**Available Colors:**



#### DWP Ball Cap



**DWP Hat**  
BLACK: #DPWH3000

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

\*Plus tax and shipping



**DWP Hat**  
NAVY: #DPWH2000

#### City Seal Ball Cap

NAVY: #H1628  
ORANGE: #H1661  
KHAKE: #H1988  
BLACK: #H1987



**City Seal**

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

\*Plus tax and shipping



#### City Seal Ball Cap with Script

NAVY: #H1989  
ORANGE: #H1990  
KHAKE: #H1991  
BLACK: #H1613



**Seal w/Script**  
NAVY: #H1989

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

\*Plus tax and shipping



**Seal w/Script**  
BLACK: #H1613

**Available Colors:**



### City Seal Merchandise



#### City Executive Portfolio with Pen and Calculator

Size: 9" x 7"

ITEM: #EXEPWC1000

**Member Price:**  
**\$20**  
per portfolio\*

\*Plus tax and shipping



#### City Umbrella

**Member Price:**  
**\$19.99**  
each\*

\*Plus tax and shipping



ITEM: #CTYUMB1000

#### City of LA Portfolio Deluxe Bag

ITEM: #DELBG1000



**Member Price:**  
**\$20**  
per bag\*

\*Plus tax and shipping

**Available Color:**



#### City Hot Beverage Mug

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

\*Plus tax and shipping



ITEM: #MGS1000

#### City Professional Bag

**Member Price:**  
**\$25**  
per bag\*

\*Plus tax and shipping

**Available Color:**



ITEM: #BAG1000



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## FOR YOUR SWEETIE

### City Seal Lapel Pins



**DWP Enamel Lapel Pin - 3/4" Diameter**  
ITEM: #LP4 PRICE: \$10.00\* **Now \$5**



**"The Classic" Enamel Lapel Pin - 3/4" Diameter**  
ITEM: #LP3 PRICE: \$10.00\* **Now \$8**



**Gold Embossed Lapel Pin - 3/4" Diameter**  
ITEM: #LP2 PRICE: \$5.00\*



**Full-Color Silkscreened Lapel Pin - 3/4" Diameter**  
ITEM: #LPI PRICE: \$5.00\*



**City of LA Hall Enamel Pin**  
ITEM: #LPH1 PRICE: \$5.00\*



**City of LA Hall Silver Finish Pin**  
ITEM: #LPH2 PRICE: \$5.00\*

### Decals



**LA City Decal, 3" Diameter**  
ITEM: #DECLAC2000 • PRICE: \$2.50\*  
\*Tax included



**DWP Decal, 3" Diameter**  
ITEM: #DECWP1000 • PRICE: \$2.50\*  
\*Tax included

### City Seal Key Chain



**City Seal Key Chain - Silver**  
ITEM: #LAKC2000



**Member Price: \$5 per chain\***  
**Club Discount Price! (\$10 Retail)**  
\*Plus tax and shipping

**City Seal Key Chain**  
ITEM: #LAKC001

### City Department Bears

**Member Price: \$20 per bear\***

Each custom made "City Bear" stands 10" tall and is dressed in meticulously detailed and accurate uniforms.  
**Stand not included.**

\*Plus tax and shipping



**DWP**  
ITEM #BDWP



**Transportation Department**  
ITEM #BDOT



**General Services**  
ITEM #BGSD



**Sanitation Department**  
ITEM #BBOS



**Street Services**  
ITEM #BSTS

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

\*Plus tax and shipping

Available T-shirt Colors:

Blue

Green



**CITY SEAL BEAR**  
ITEM #TEBY1000

### City Wall Clocks

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

\*Plus tax and shipping



ITEM: #C8003



ITEM: #WCWSP3000

## FOR EASY ORDERING OF DISCOUNT TICKETS AND CLUB MERCHANDISE:

### ONLINE

Go to [www.cityemployeesclub.com](http://www.cityemployeesclub.com)

and click on "Club Store"



### PHONE

(888) 777-1744 (213) 617-1294

### FAX

### MAIL

Complete the order form to and mail to:

**Ticket Guy**  
City Employees Club of Los Angeles  
120 W. 2nd Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

### PICK-UP

**WE'VE MOVED TO:**  
The Club Store and Service Center  
120 W. Second Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90071  
- downtown, between Spring and Main Streets

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