



# Alive!



## 500 Protest City Layoffs at Council Meeting

City Council votes for layoffs,  
furloughs to solve projected  
\$530-million deficit.



THE CITY — May 18, the City Council voted to approve layoffs of up to 800 City employees, and a furlough program in which many City employees would have to take up to 26 unpaid furlough days. The actions were taken to address an expected \$530 million City budget deficit.

The Council had to approve a City budget by June 1. At press time, the full number of layoffs and furloughs approved was not final, as the City was continuing to negotiate with unions.

SEIU Local 721 estimates that 500 City employees appeared at the Council meeting and outside City Hall to protest the expected job actions.

For more information, see the story on page 52.

## Scholarship Applications Due June 30

Applications are available for  
Club Scholarship 2009 program  
until noon June 30.

THE CLUB — You have until noon June 30 to submit your applications for a 2009 Club Scholarship.

Applications are available online for the Club's 2009 Scholarship Program. Because of the tough economy, the Club has increased the number of recipients from the beginning of last year's program: Ten people will be rewarded for their academic achievement, and given stipends.

The scholarship is open to Club Members, spouses and their immediate families under the age of 25, for those who attend an accredited college, or will attend one next year.

Ten awards totaling \$10,000 will be awarded, each for \$1,000. Deadline is noon June 30, 2009; applications must be physically in the Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second St. downtown, at that time.

Applications are available at the Club Store, or they can be downloaded at:

[www.cityemployeesclub.com/scholar.asp](http://www.cityemployeesclub.com/scholar.asp)

See the story and official rules on page 52.

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## The Club starts a softball league!

For the first time, the  
Club is sponsoring a City  
Employees softball league.

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- See all the details, starting on page 6.

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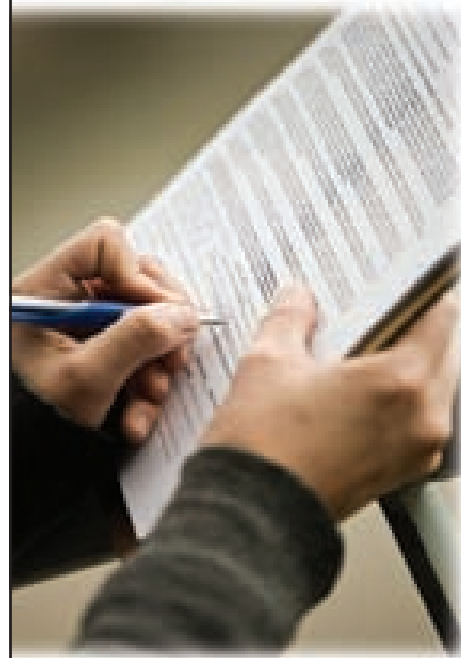
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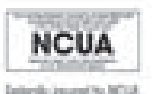
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**Open your MatriMoney account today!**



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*\* A Message From the CEO \**

# It's Great When a Plan Comes Together

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

Have you ever had one of those moments when – after you've been trying to get something done for a while, someone comes out of nowhere and hands you the solution right out of nowhere?

That's what happened to me in May. And that's how the City Employees Club Softball League came into being.

Here's how it happened: For several months, I had been putting my head together with **Robert Larios**, the Club's Director of Operations; the **Ticket Guy**, **Navin Cotton**; **Angel Gomez**, the Club's Director of Member Services; everyone else at the Club; some of our board members; and even some of you, our great Club Members, trying to come up with other great events to organize and sponsor.



John Hawkins celebrates the City Employees Club Softball League.

Now, ClubFest is a perennial classic. We love it; you love it; and it's great. But it's only once a year. Here at the Club, we celebrate your lives, and sometimes once a year is just not enough. So we started planning other events. The first one we tried was the special after-hours mega-party at Magic Mountain last month. We figured we would offer you some tickets – at the great Club discount, of course -- and see how it went. Well ... *whoa!* Holy cow, it went huge. We had lines that stretched out the door of the Club Store and onto the sidewalk. Now *that's* what I'm talking about!

Still, we wanted something more, well, personal. And there we were, thinking and thinking, when, almost to the day, an email dinged into my inbox from **Carlos Callejo**, General Services, wanting to know if we would be interested in sponsoring his softball team. Were we ever!

We made a few calls. Made a few more calls. And before long, we had the thing figured out. We didn't have a lot of time, and we apologize if there wasn't enough time to get your team registered for this year. But our plan is to be back, better than ever next year.

The point I want to make with this *waaay* long story is – I love when we all work together. The Club, giving you great service ... Club Members, taking an intense interest in the Club, sending in your trip photos, your letters, your baby pictures, taking full advantage of our ticket discounts, buying the high-quality City apparel and gifts, and sending us your ideas for great things to do; this really is a Club, everyone looking out for each other. And besides, I'm happy to get our idea finally off my plate, and into action! Let's play ball!

In other Club news, I was happy to see, but sad that I missed it, that our great Club friend **Carolyn Cole** at the Central Library downtown has retired. Apparently she wanted a quiet retirement, and I'm totally cool with that. But let me tell you what she did for the Club – you know those great archive photos that we run in almost every one of Hynda Rudd's *History Comes Alive* columns? Well, Carolyn was responsible for those photos. We'd put in our request, and Carolyn and her staff would always make sure we had the awesome photos before deadline. Carolyn, we're grateful for your assistance in making *Alive!* the top paper that it is. So thank you, have a great retirement, and we look forward to working with **Christine Rice** in the future.

Well, there's lots more going on – Father's Day, summer blockbusters, all of us watching our pennies, Chef Larios' delicious marinated beef strips, and so forth. Enjoy this issue, Club Members.

**JOHN**

(jhawkins@cityemployeesclub.com)



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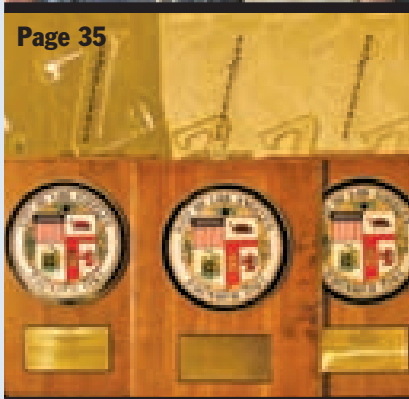
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# Great Service, When You're in Need

The Club claims service was "excellent. You answered all my questions, were concerned for my well being, and made sure that all my benefits were met. Marla Fisher knew my benefits better than I did. She knew her job, and she did it well. Thank you."

— Gregory Miller, May 2009

"Your service is excellent. Though I lost my loved one, my lifetime companion for 55 years, I became a member of LACEA. Thanks! I read

the book [*The Fall of Freddie the Leaf*], and I love it. It taught me how to cope with life. Everything is natural. We have to face it with positive attitude."

— Esther Luk Tsoi, February 2009.

The Club service was "excellent! The entire process was efficient, thorough, and best of all, friendly. Special thanks to Marla Fisher, who answered all my initial questions and guided me through the application process. Thanks, Marla!

From Cecilia Talbot and her staff at the Club to Theresa Cunningham at AIG Benefit Solutions, my claim was handled professionally and friendly. Thanks!"

— Michael E. Munis, February 2009

"Everyone I have spoken to [at the Club] has been very helpful, which is very much appreciated. The book [*The Fall of Freddie the Leaf*] was well worth reading and sharing."

— Ruth Walters, February 2009

## Service From The Heart... When You Need It Most

Trust the Club's insurance and claims services when you need them the most.



The City Employees Club of Los Angeles Celebrating the Lives of City Employees.



Cecilia Talbot, Claims Manager



Marla Fisher, Claims Assistant

You probably won't get to meet Club Claims Manager 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.

## Your Club Insurance Dollars at Work

**Total claims paid to Club Members So Far in 2009: \$1,832,217.67**

### Claims paid:

Life insurance claims paid this month: **\$243,342.75**

Long-term care claims paid this month: **\$23,250.00**

Life insurance claims paid this year: **\$1,208,642.21**

Long-term care claims paid this year: **\$136,213.15**

Long-term disability claims paid this month: **\$90,706.64**

Cancer insurance claims paid this month: **\$40,000.00**

Long-term disability claims paid this year: **\$422,362.31**

Cancer insurance claims paid this year: **\$65,000.00**

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*It pays when you buy your insurance through the Club!*

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Save up to 40%. Call the Club to activate your credit card.

#### Dunn Edwards

Show your Club membership card and save 20%.

\*Contact the Club for more details.



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

**Arlene Herrero**  
Senior Benefits Specialist – Member Services Counselor

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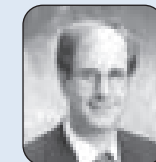
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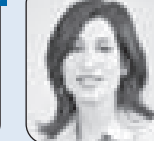
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Director of Operations

2006 President's Award Recipient



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Vendor Relations Manager "Ticket Guy"

2004 President's Award Recipient



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Merchandise and Ticket Sales Coordinator



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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

### Story on Wind Farm Just Blew Away These Readers

I really enjoyed your comprehensive story on the DWP wind farm [*The Winds of Change*, cover story, May]. It's really encouraging to see our City stepping up to the plate in such a massive way. I hope there are more projects like this to come!

— Angelique Thompson

*So do we, Angelique. We'll keep you informed about other projects the DWP is working on in the months and years to come. — Ed.*

I was just curious if the windmill on the front page of last month's *Alive!* was really that big, or was that photographic trickery. Just curious because if that windmill is really as big as it looks that's just amazing and unbelievably impressive. I loved the article, and it was nice to see our boss, David Nahai, sharing his vision of the future.

Hey, we may be in a tight financial situation,



but Los Angeles is still the greatest City on planet Earth!

— Jimmy Duran, DWP

Was that real? That must be the biggest propeller I have ever seen on the first page of the newspaper. I know -- you cropped the photo. Yeah, that's what you did. I showed the newspaper to some of my neighbors, and they were not only floored at the size of these things, but were impressed that DWP employees like Richard Whites and Louis Ting help keep them going.

— Tim Lloyd, General Services

*Hi Jimmy and Tim, there was no photographic "trickery" involved in the cover shot, except to say that the two subjects, Louis Ting and Richard Whites, were standing on top of a hill. The wind turbine behind them was in a valley of sorts, but the turbine stands approximately 250 feet in the air. — Ed.*

### Union Shop Steward Says Stop Blaming City Workers

I find it amazing that some residents of L.A. continue to place the blame for the City's financial woes on the unions. Allow me to set the record straight.

In the latest contract that was negotiated by the Coalition of City Unions, we bargained in good faith, fairly, and came away with a contract that a majority of members found acceptable. If you look at this five-year contract, and the two prior three-year contracts, City workers have averaged a pay increase of 3.1 percent a year, hardly enough to cause the budget crisis the City faces today.

If people want to place blame, start at the top, not the bottom. The coalition has come to the table with many cost-saving ideas that will save the City of L.A. millions of dollars, plus save City workers their jobs.

— Brian Hollenbaugh, DWP

*The preceding letter first appeared in the Los Angeles Daily News in April. It was in response to a previous letter in the Daily News, which suggested that City Employees should take a pay cut. Brian Hollenbaugh is a shop steward for SEIU Local 721.*

### Here's One Idea to Raise Revenues at Hyperion Plant

The City of Los Angeles currently owns two buildings, C-8 and C-11 within the Hyperion Treatment Plant adjacent to LAX. There is a company, Hyperion Power Generation, that is manufacturing miniature nuclear power plants the size of a large hot tub and capable of providing power for 20,000 homes for seven to 10 years before having to replace the non-weapons-grade

uranium the size of a softball. The units can be linked in series to provide energy to meet demands. The power is provided by turning water to steam, which then turns a steam turbine linked to a generator. The hot water loop can be used to provide thermal energy to heat or using a chiller, chill homes similar to co-generation facilities used at Sea World Incorporated. Projected cost of each unit is \$25 million. Buy-back time for the nuclear batteries is as follows: Average cost for energy per household: \$100 per month times 20,000 households equals \$2 million per month revenue per unit. Linking 200 units times \$2 million per unit equals \$4 billion monthly.

The nuclear units can easily fit inside the two buildings at Hyperion Treatment Plant and access existing power grid lines without having to build roads, file environmental impact studies, etc. Should power be needed to supply high speed elevated trains (MAGLEVs) these units would be ideal.

The nuclear fuel once spent can be recycled to power pacemakers, clocks, vehicles, etc. The amount of available power could easily be used to provide energy to desalinate the ocean to provide a safe, reliable, and dependable source of fresh water for Southern California as well.

— Robert James Lavelle, Public Works/Sanitation

### Club's Discounted Night at Magic Mountain Was Magic

I don't know if you guys know this, but it seems like everyone in the world is jealous that Club Members could get Magic Mountain private party tickets for just \$15 [last month]. That was a real bargain! Let's have another soon so I can hold my head up high once again!

— Miran Beacon, DWP

## QUESTION of the Month

— Collected by Rachael Brecher, Club Store Rep



The Ticket Guy and Rachael at the Club Store ask Club Members fun questions when they visit to purchase tickets or great Club apparel and gifts. So, stop by and join in the fun!

### What was the most memorable moment with your dad?



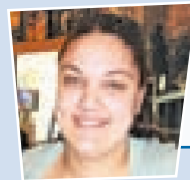
**"Watching the 'Thrilla in Manila,' the Ali-Frazier fight in the Philippines."**

— Alfonso Dominguez, Public Works, 24 years of City service



**"Fishing with Dad in Alaska, for my high school graduation present."**

— Darrell Kemp, Transportation, 13 years of City service



**"Going to the Dodgers game for Father's Day."**

— Jessica Cepeda, LAPD, 2 years of City service



**"Taking me to the park and playing sports."**

— Jiberto Verduzco, Public Works, 3 years of City service



**"Going to work with my father."**

— Jim Littleton, Public Works, 20 years of City service



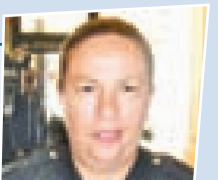
**"When Dad use to take pictures of me in parades."**

— Josue Saluero, Housing, 11 years of City service



**"Sunday trips to small towns."**

— Luis Aguilar, Convention Center, 6 years of City service



**"Going to Disneyworld in Florida."**

— Maria Estevez, General Services, 2 years of City service



**"Going flying every weekend in Dad's small airplane."**

— Robert Ferreira, Public Works



**"I just appreciated Dad taking the time to be with me despite his being tired from work."**

— Robert Galan, Public Works, 8 years of City service

Something to  Think About

**"The reward of a thing well done is to have done it."**

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

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

# Play Ball



For the first time, the Club is sponsoring a **City Employees softball league** for men and women.

**Managers:**

- Get your team registered now!
- Time and space are very limited.
- Get the details starting on the next page.

**Join Now!**



Celebrating the creation of the City Employees Club Softball League are, from left: John Hawkins, Club CEO; Manuel Ortiz, Transportation; Lisa Pallares, Transportation; Monica Trevino, Personnel; Jacobi Patterson, General Services; and Robert Larios, the Club's Director of Operations.



## The Rules of the Game

Here's how the Club Softball League is going to work.

Ready to play ball? Here are some very general details about the Club Softball League. **Please note: The official rules of the league are available in printed form at the Club Store, or downloadable at [www.cityemployeesclub.com](http://www.cityemployeesclub.com). Those are the rules to live by. These are just the big picture.**

### Who Can Join

- Managers of teams with at least nine players are welcome to register. At this time, the Club is not registering individual players. So if you want to join the league, you'll need to form the team yourself and pick an official manager.
- **Please note: Time and space are extremely limited for the 2009 inaugural season of the Club Softball League. If we fill up, we will keep your name for next summer's league.**
- All new players must be Club Members and agree to all regular Club Membership rules and regulations. Players who are not Club Members must join to play in the Club Softball League.
- All new players must be City employees.
- In some instances, teams established in prior years may carry a small number of non-City Employees. In that case, those players must pay their own league membership fees and will not be eligible for Club benefits. If they leave team membership, they must be replaced by City Employees who must join the Club, if they haven't already. The determination of which teams might have a few non-City employees is to be made by the Club on an individual basis.
- This is a co-ed league: for both men and women. Please see the official rules for the minimum number of both genders.

### What the Club Is Kicking In

- The Club agrees to pay the league and umpire fees for all teams whose players have been accepted by the Club.
- The Club will sponsor an end-of-the-year gathering and tournament keepsakes.
- The Club plans to provide updated league standings on its Website, in *Alive!*, or both. Details are being worked out at press time.

### Registration Deadline

- All materials must be completed and returned to the Club Store no later than Monday, June 30. Registration packets for managers are available at the Club Store now.

### When and Where?

- Games are expected to begin Wednesday night, July 8, at Downey Park northeast of downtown, subject to change.

### Insurance

- All players must provide their own insurance. The Club will not be responsible for injuries.

### Official Softball Rules

- Please refer to the official rules of the Club Softball League for all game rules specifics. The complete rules are available in the Club Store, or they can be downloaded at [www.cityemployeesclub.com](http://www.cityemployeesclub.com).

**Have fun ... and let's Play Ball!**



Lisa Pallares,  
Transportation,  
warms up.



Jacobi Patterson, General Services, takes a swing.



Warming up at Downey Park northeast of downtown are Manual Ortiz, Transportation; Lisa Pallares, Transportation; and Jacobi Patterson, General Services.

# A League of Our Own

**The Club creates its own softball league. Managers: There is very limited time and space to sign up.**

The Club's dream of sponsoring more activities becomes reality in the Summer of 2009, as the Club Athletic League is born.

"The Club is always looking for new and better ways to serve our members," says Club CEO John Hawkins. "And when Carlos Callejo contacted us, it was exactly what we were looking for."

"I decided to contact the Club and see if they would sponsor our team," says Carlos Callejo, Storekeeper, General Services, with 13 years of City service, who plays for the Guzzlers team. "To my surprise, they were very eager and excited about sponsoring a whole softball league."

That's when John Hawkins and Club Director of Operations Robert Larios sprung into action, organizing the league, calling potential managers, working with Rec and Parks for times and places, and getting the whole thing off the ground.

"Working with all the different managers and organizers is great," says Robert Larios. "I'm not sure who is more excited – the Club, or the teams."

Callejo looks forward to the Club's softball league, not just for the competition and exercise, but for the camaraderie amongst his fellow City employees.

"The great thing is that, besides playing ball, you can establish a family-like atmosphere with your co-workers that makes going to work more enjoyable because of those connections you have outside of the job," he says. "It helps with morale and cohesiveness with your fellow workers."

"I would like to thank John Hawkins and the City Employees Club staff for their willingness to listen to my suggestions about a future softball league that can only improve the inter-Departmental dealings with each other," he says.

No problem, Carlos. Let's play ball!

*The Club's softball league is starting after the Fourth of July, and there is very limited time and space for additional teams to sign up. For more details, see the next page. A complete list of rules is available at the Club Store, or online at:*

[www.cityemployeesclub.com](http://www.cityemployeesclub.com)



Club CEO John Hawkins (right) talks with Carlos Callejo, General Services (with goatee) and the rest of the assembled players.



Manuel Ortiz, Transportation, shows his style.



Monica Trevino, Personnel, camps under a popup.

**For more information about joining the City Employees Club Softball League go to: [www.cityemployeesclub.com](http://www.cityemployeesclub.com)**

**Join Now!**

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**Club Store** • 120 West 2nd Street • Los Angeles, CA 90012

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**Get an Auto Insurance Quote between Memorial Day and Labor Day, and you could ride off on a fun, new scooter!**

**Stop in the Club Store on Thursdays or Fridays for a quote, or call anytime—(888) 801-5522!**



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(No obligation! Just get a quote, and see if your association with the City Employee Club of Los Angeles and United Agencies can save you money!)

Stop in the Club Store on Thursdays or Fridays for a quote, or call anytime—(888) 801-5522!

Or, mail, fax, or email us, and we'll contact you:

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What kind of quote would you like? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Have You Referred A Friend?

**Refer a friend to be a Club Member, and get a \$15 Starbucks card!**

**(800) 464-0452**

**See the Story on Page 15**

City Employees Club of Los Angeles



## A New *Alive!* Contest:

# Find Your Number ... and Win!

Hidden in the pages of *Alive!* are eight Club membership numbers that look like this: (#?????) Find yours ... **and win!**

Participate in the newest *Alive!* contest — it's as simple as finding your number in the pages of *Alive!*

**Don't know your number?**

*Call us at (800) 464-0452 or email us at info@cityemployeesclub.com*

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**Here's how it works:**

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Retrieve your Club Membership number on your Club Card. If you don't have one, or misplaced yours, call us at (800) 464-0452 or send an email to info@cityemployeesclub.com.</li> <li>2. Search for Club Member numbers hidden between photos and stories in each month's <i>Alive!</i></li> <li>3. When you find your number, email the Club immediately at: findyournumber@cityemployeesclub.com</li> <li>4. If your membership number is verified, then you win the monthly prize!</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Prizes might change monthly, but will usually be a \$20 gift certificate to Target.</li> <li>6. On the 15th of each month, the numbers from the previous month's <i>Alive!</i> are no longer valid, and those numbers that are unclaimed are returned to the pool.</li> <li>7. Numbers won't be repeated until all have been run (that's almost 20,000 numbers), so make sure to pay attention!</li> <li>8. <b>Have fun!</b></li> </ol>
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**REC AND PARKS**

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## Lotus Festival Downsizes

Due to economy, annual Lotus Festival is downsized and becomes the Echo Park Community Festival.

The first Echo Park Community Festival is set for Friday through Sunday, July 10-12, at Echo Park Lake near Dodger Stadium.

The festival is a downsizing of the annual Lotus Festival, which ran for 31 years and attracted an estimated 100,000 people. "Rec and Parks, along with L.A. Lotus Festival Inc. and Lotus Festival Advisory Board, have been impacted by the declining economy, and due to Citywide budgetary cuts, the festival will not sustain the upcoming year's commitments," according to the official Rec and Parks Website. "The Lotus Festival will not be able to expend the amount of money needed to produce the entire event."

Details of the scaled-back Echo Park Community Festival are being worked out at press time.

Information:  
[www.laparks.org/Calendar/Lotus/lotus.htm](http://www.laparks.org/Calendar/Lotus/lotus.htm)

**32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lotus Festival**

**When:** Friday through Sunday, July 10-12.

**Where:** Echo Park Lake is on Park Avenue between Glendale Avenue and Echo Park Boulevard, just north of the Hollywood (101) and Pasadena (110) freeway junction, near Dodger Stadium.



Local Asian-Pacific Islander culture is part of the festival.

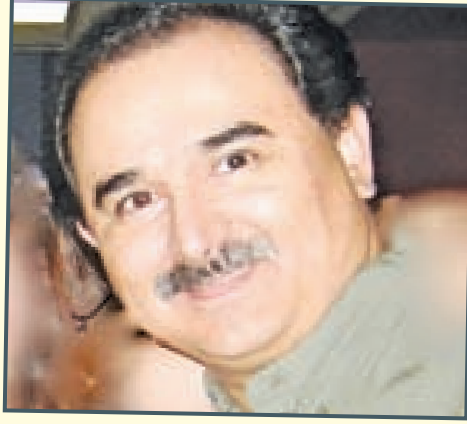


A parade with dragons is part of the Lotus Festival.



Happy Father's Day to the most creative, wacky dad around (right up there with Homer!). We love you!

- Josh, Tiffany, Trenton, Braxton, Joel, Kathy, Riley, Tabitha and Rebekah Crawford



Thank you, Dad, for everything you have ever done for us. You give us strength when we are weak, make us laugh when we cry, and pick us up when we are down. We love you and hope that we show you that all the time.

- Vanessa, Bobbie, Alfred and Allen



Wishing you a happy Father's Day. Thank you for all your advice and support. Enjoy your retirement.

- Love, Wendy, George II, Annette and Kendal

Here are the personal messages sent to *Alive!* by some very loving and grateful children who wanted to pay tribute to their dad.

# Happy Father's Day!



Dear Dad,  
Thanks for being that one person that I try to aspire to be like. You are the perfect example of what a Father should be.... Happy Father's Day!

- John Hawkins, Club CEO



Pa, we wish you a Happy Father's Day. We love and miss you. You have taught us so much, watching us every day while Dad and Mom worked. You taught us to love small-town living, and about farming and haying, information you would never get out of a book. Love you!

- Brian and Aubrey D.



You came into my life when I thought that I was grown. I had no way of knowing that I would need you so much, or that I would benefit so greatly from your quiet, fatherly touch. Now that I am older, all you've done makes me so glad that you became my dad. I love you.

- Chermaine



A father, grandfather, friend and man who has the will and strength of 100 men. *Papá, feliz Día de los Padres!*

- Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations



Thank you for all the hard work, Dad! We love you very much. Happy Father's Day!

- Love, Guia, Edbert and Guian

From all of us at the Club,  
to all the Fathers,

## HAVE A GREAT DAY!



You have always been there for me. Even when I didn't make it easy for you! But you stood by me and made me feel safe and welcome. Even though I'm not good with words, today I'd like to say thank you. I love you, Dad. Happy Father's Day!

- Your daughter, Tatiana, Airports



Happy Father's Day to the best Pop-Pop in the world!

- Love always, Joey and Mikey



Happy Father's Day to the world's best dad, granddad and husband! We love and appreciate you.

- From your Lil' MDGs



# Everyday Heroes *in* Action

## Businesses Burn In Panorama City

*Photo by Juan Guerra*

On 10:31 p.m. April 18, nine companies of Los Angeles Firefighters; three LAFD Rescue Ambulances; three Arson Units; one Rehab Unit; one Hazardous Materials Team; two EMS Battalion Captains; two Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams; one Division Chief Officer Command Team; Transportation and DWP employees; L.A. County Health; and a Building and Safety Inspector; under the direction of Assistant Chief Jeffery S. Mottram, responded to a greater alarm structure fire at 9044 N. Woodman Ave. in Panorama City.

First arriving Firefighters on scene found heavy smoke coming from the back of a one-story commercial building. Further investigation indicated the fire was in the occupancy in the center of the small, strip-mall-type complex. As Firefighters vigorously deployed hand lines to gain control of the fire, the multiple heat holes cut by the ventilation team spewed fire, indicating the fire had progressed into the attic. The IC was prompted to request additional companies to gain control of the fire. A consideration was made to go defensive with master streams, but the deployment of additional 2.5-inch hose lines by Firefighters from the added incoming companies, thwarted the progress of the fire by blasting out the drop ceiling and reaching the seat of the attic fire. Members were alerted that a large portion of the roof was unstable and at 11 p.m., the majority of the roof collapsed.

It took 68 Firefighters 37 minutes to achieve a knockdown on the fire. There was one minor injury to a Firefighter, who was taken to an area hospital. The cause is under investigation. The estimated loss is \$600,000.



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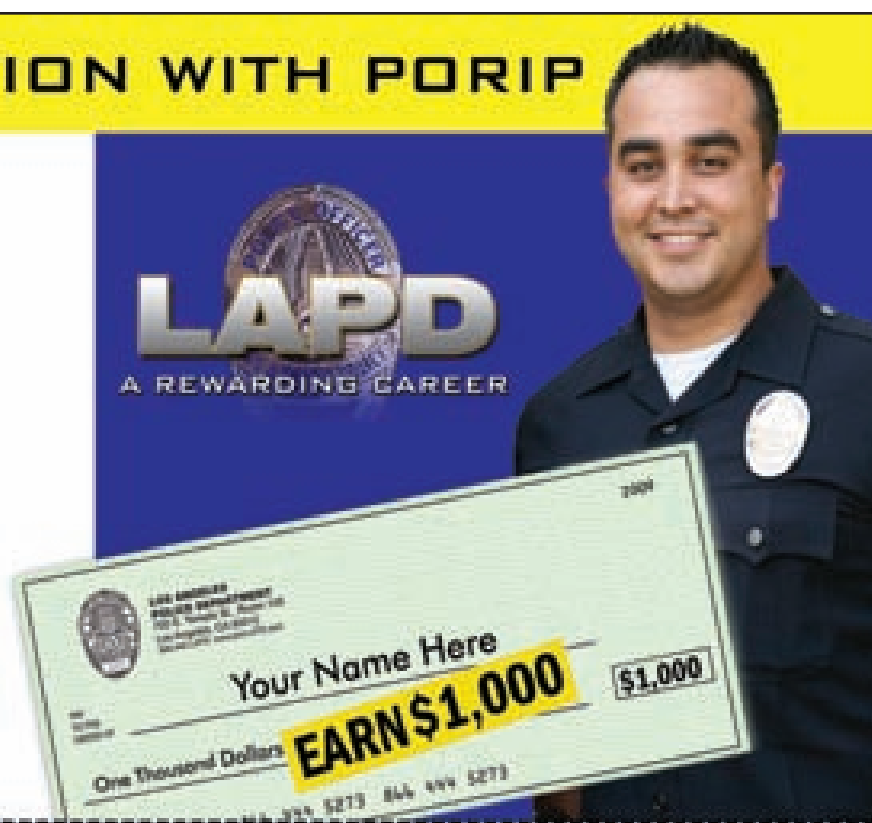
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Cut here. Please return both cards to the Personnel Department.

## City of Los Angeles Police Officer Recruitment Incentive Program (PORIP)

**RECRUITER**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Last 4 Digits of SS #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check one:

Active City Employee \_\_\_\_\_ Department/Station  Retired City Employee

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

I agree that I am a current or retired employee of the City of Los Angeles, and I am not involved in the recruitment, screening, testing, and/or selection process of candidates for other general City employment or Police Officer.

Additionally, I understand that:

1. Candidates that entered the selection process by taking the written test prior to May 2009 are not eligible.
2. This card must be returned to Public Safety Recruitment Room 130 One.
3. PORIP cards must be received no later than 30 days after the candidate's last Physical Ability Test to be eligible for the bonus. Cards submitted later than 30 days after the PAT will not be processed for payment.
4. I will remain in contact with my candidate and monitor them through the process.

State incentives are processed automatically. Recruiters receive \$200 upon candidate's appointment and an additional \$300 after graduation from the Police Academy for regular Police Officers. The entire \$1000 is paid upon graduation for Reserve Police Officers.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit completed card to 700 E. Temple Street, Rm. 130  
Los Angeles, CA 90012 Attn: PORIP Analyst (213) 473-9060

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## City of Los Angeles Police Officer Recruitment Incentive Program (PORIP)

**CANDIDATE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Which position are you applying for?

Please check one:  Full-Time Police Officer  Reserve Police Officer

### Candidate Agreement Please Read Carefully and Sign Name In Order to Qualify

I acknowledge that my recruiter is the primary reason I became a Police Officer. I took the Police Officer written exam for the first time after May 1st, 2009. I am aware that this card must be submitted no later than 30 days after the date of my first Physical Ability Test (PAT). I understand that this card must be submitted to and date stamped by Public Safety Recruitment (see address below) within the allotted time frame to be eligible.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit completed card to 700 E. Temple Street, Rm. 130  
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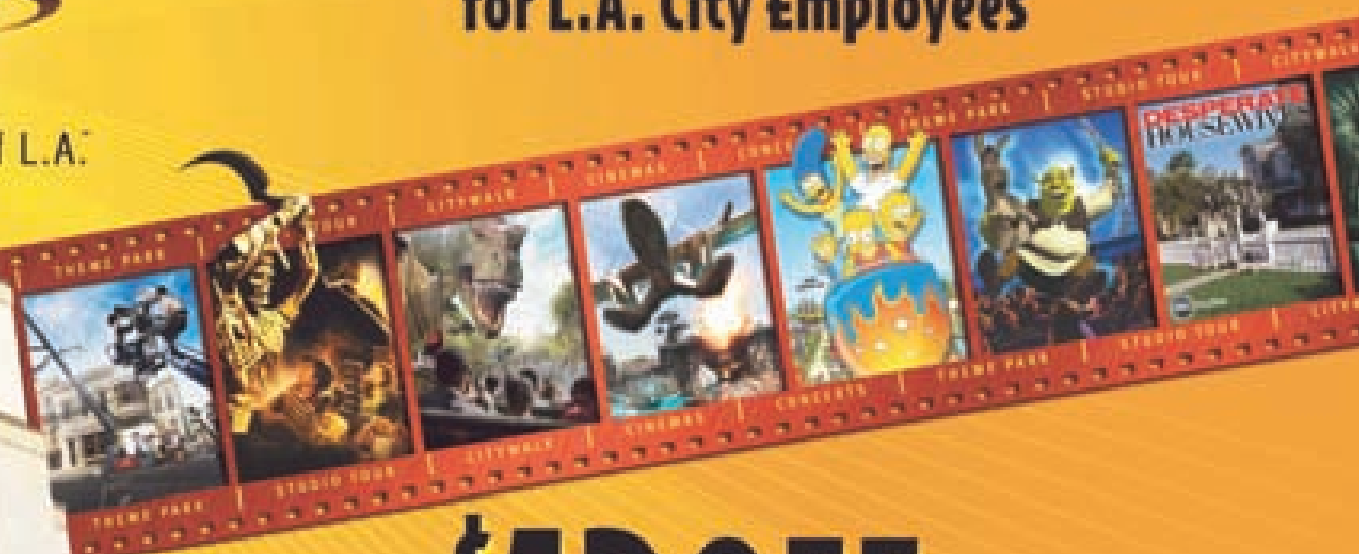
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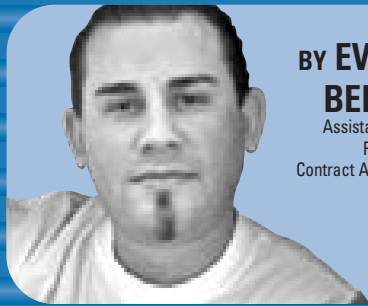
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# THE CAR CLUB



**BY EVERETT BENNETT**  
Assistant Inspector,  
Public Works/  
Contract Administration

## Going Hyper Over a Viper

"Dear Alive!,

"I've always had a passion for sports cars. I went through my share of Corvettes, Jaguars, etc. My wife and I took a liking to the exotic shape, design and power of the Dodge Vipers from 1992 to 1995 (generation ones).

We started a local search for a '92-'95 Viper RT/10. We wanted a red or black one. Those years, Vipers [had] side-exhaust), 400 horsepower and 430 pound-feet of torque. In 2004 we found a one-owner, '94 black Viper with only 8,900 miles. I purchased it from a retired stuntman out of Calabasas.

"I finally found the ultimate sports car. It will always stay in a safe place in our special garage."

— Matt Valentine, DWP, Retired



On a May evening in Simi Valley, I took the controls of a car my friend's wife hadn't even had the privilege of driving. I put the car into third gear, producing a speed that would knock old ladies over, definitely not a speed that my lowered trucks have ever thought about reaching. That brand-new 2001 Dodge Viper I was driving was bright yellow and looked like it was doing more than 100 mph, even though it was standing still. I promise I didn't get close to the 180 mph mark that the speedometer said it could reach.

The first Dodge Viper drove off the line in December 1991 and swept through the car scene, due mostly to its gigantic engine. It came equipped with an aluminum V-10 engine that allowed the car to reach 1 lateral g in corners. I don't know a Prius that can do that!

Matt and Marylou Valentine have a passion for Dodge Vipers. The generation-one Viper that they found and fixed up might also be the most collectable because of their low production numbers and the fact they started the whole Viper name and line. Matt and Marylou finally found their 1994 Viper RT/10 in Calabasas in 2004 and bought it. Matt then created a list of what had to be done to get it up to par.

Burgess Auto Body in Lancaster was first on the list to be commissioned in fixing the outer

beauty of the curvaceous car. The car was sprayed jet black, and then silver metallic racing stripes were placed on the center of the car from bumper to bumper. After the paint had time to dry and the buffing pads were clean, the car was ready for the second step.

Chroming parts on cars has become a big expense and can make the budget skyrocket. But they felt it was appropriate to chrome the rims. Originally the rims came powder coated gray, which I think many people disagreed with. But Matt took care of it by hiring an artist to paint the centerpiece Viper logos, and Matt replaced all tires with the factory-recommended rubber.

Having a good-looking car is one thing, but if it doesn't run right, then why even own it? You can only admire it for so long before wanting to drive it. Matt had weak head gaskets replaced; the generation-one Vipers were notorious for this problem. After getting the motor back from Michigan, the Viper no longer leaked oil all over the Valentine's garage floor.

The Valentines feel they have found the ultimate sports car and enjoy driving it as much as possible. With many miles of pavement in Southern California, I am sure they won't have a problem finding some on which to lay some rubber down.



**PROUD OF YOUR WHEELS?  
SEND IN A PHOTO!**

Send in a photo of you and your car, and we might publish it!

Send us your information, too – name, title and City department, a phone number (we won't print it) and a paragraph or two about why you love your car, what kind of car and year it is, and maybe some fun details of how you got it, how you restored it, etc. Send it all to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



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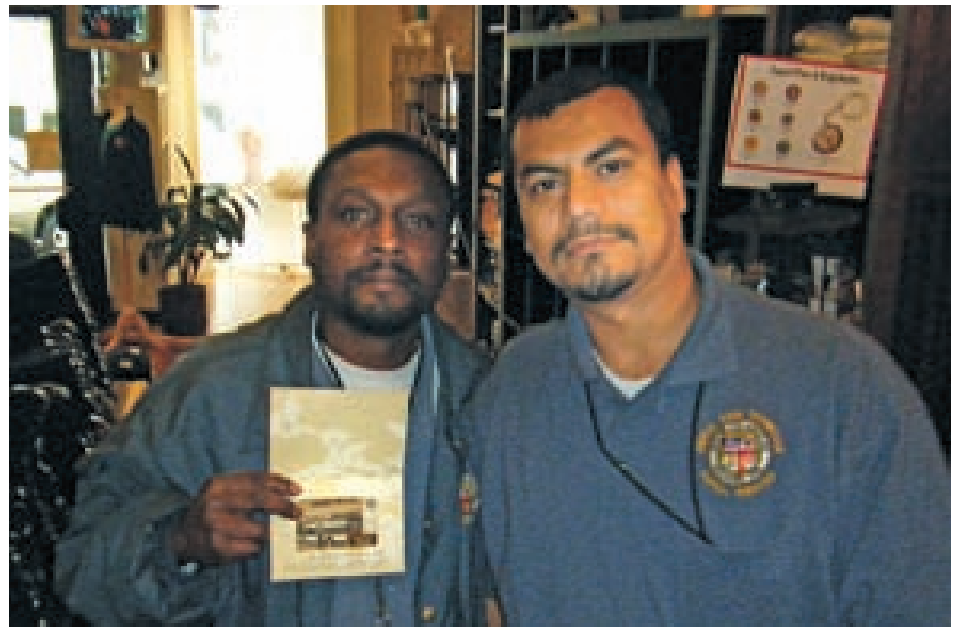


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For more information on the Refer a Friend program: Call (800) 464-0452, contact your Club Counselor or email: info@cityemployeesclub.com

That's the reward that Marcus White (left, pictured below) received when he referred Ramon Rincon to become a Club Member! Marcus works for Animal Services, with 15 years of City service. Good going, Marcus!



Marcus White (left) received a \$15 Starbucks card for referring new Club member Ramon Rincon (right).



**HOT CLUB OFFER!!**

## Dodgers Ticket Deals

VERSUS	DATE	SPECIAL NIGHT
Seattle	Fri: 6/26	(Fireworks Night)
Houston	Fri: 7/17	(Firefighter Appreciation Night)
Florida	Fri: 7/24	(Fireworks Night)
Atlanta	Fri: 8/7	(Fireworks Night)
St Louis	Mon: 8/17	(Fireworks Night)
Pittsburgh	Tues: 9/15	(Fleece Blanket Giveaway Night)
San Francisco	Fri: 9/18	(Fireworks Night)
Colorado	Sun: 10/4	(Fan Appreciation Night)

All tickets are FIELD LEVEL and are normally \$50

**Club Price \$32**

(Available sections 45,47,49)

This offer is only good through the Club and there's a limited amount available so act now!

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**www.cityemployeesclub.com**



# John's Picture Perfect Contest



"Enjoying the beach all to himself is my son, Jonah, 14 months old, on Catalina Island."  
**- Lisa Subia**

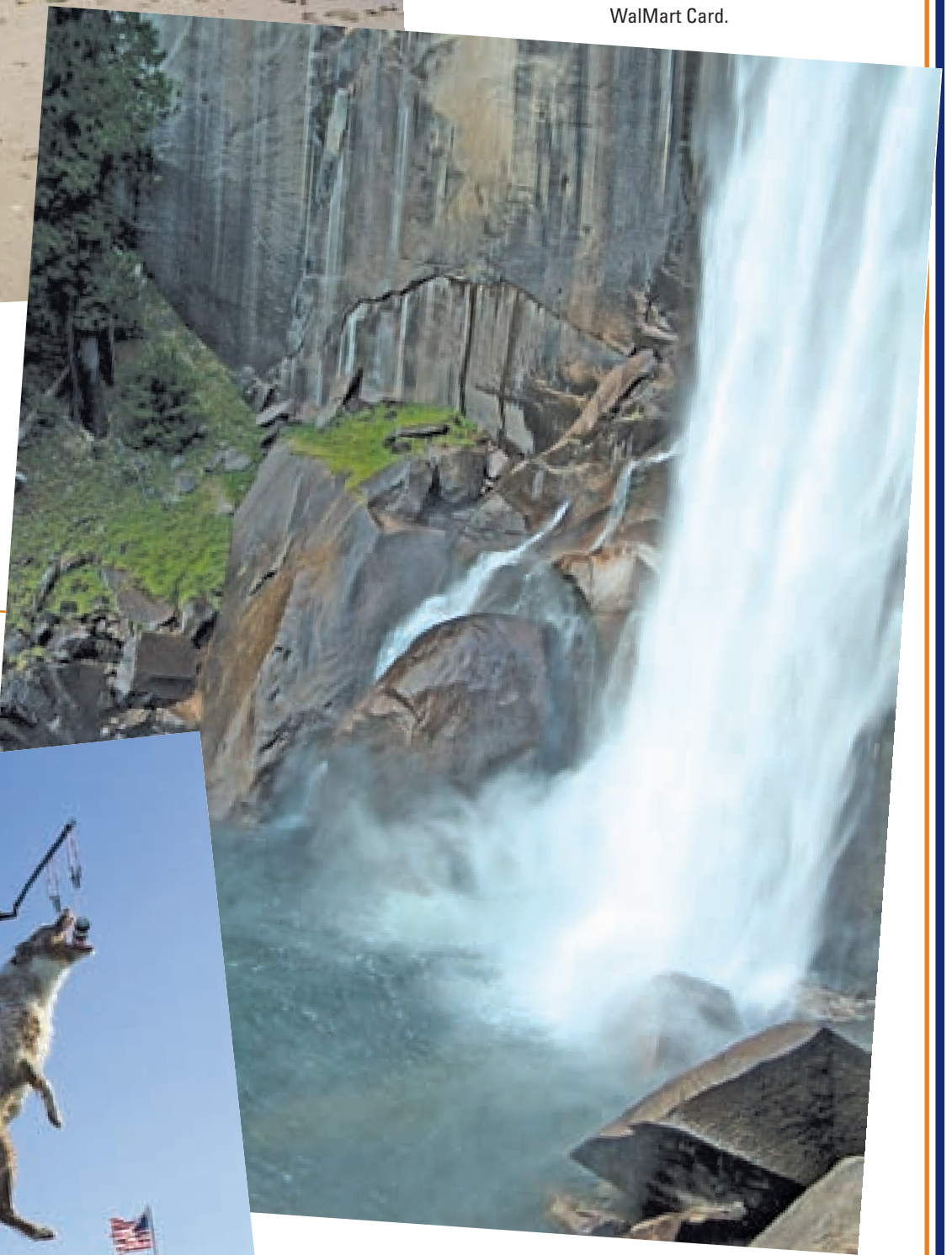
**John's comments:** Boy, that brings back memories of my first day at the beach ... last week! Just kidding. This really does bring back memories, though; those were the days. Thank you for your entry, Lisa. It's a classic image.

**WIN FOUR PRIZES**  
**\$25 WalMart Card**

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

**For May, we have three winners!**

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



"This is Vernal Falls, Yosemite National Park."  
**- Hector Cardenas**

**John's comments:** Hector, your photo has a perfect angle, a perfect exposure and a perfect shutter speed. It's definitely a "picture perfect" nature shot. Thanks as always, Hector.

**#125603**



"This photo was taken at a Splash Dog competition in Orange County. Who said dogs can't fly? This will prove them wrong. My eight-month-old son enjoyed the splashing water when the doggies went into the pool. It was a great family outing."  
**- Antoinette Barrios, Public Works/Engineering**

**John's comments:** Now that's a split-second perfect shot! Maybe one day our little German shepherd puppy will be able to do this. Thanks, Antoinette!

## 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](mailto:pictureperfect@cityemployeesclub.com)
- The contest is all in good fun: The Club cannot be responsible for delays in delivering *Alive!*, or for delays in the transmission of responses.



HARBOR



Angel's Gate, given to Sr. Lead Officer Porfirio Blas for 35 years of City Service.



Porfirio's graduation day at the Police Academy.

# Goodbye, Porfirio

Club Member Porfirio Blas retires from the Port Police after 35 years of City service.



From left: Port Security Officer Tony Alvarado, Club Member; retiree Porfirio Blas, SLO, Club Member; and Officer David Cervantes, Club Member.



From left: Porfirio Blas, SLO, Club Member, with his wife, Fe; son, Patrick; and daughter-in-law, Wilma.



Porfirio Blas, during his days in the Philippine Navy.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; Additional photos by Officer Diane Kelly, Port Police

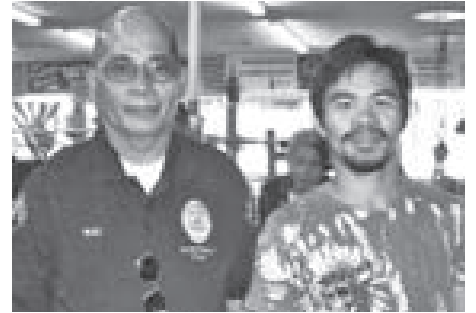
Friends, family, fellow officers and other coworkers celebrated the career and retirement of Senior Lead Officer Porfirio Blas, who retired after more than 35 years of City service.

The celebration was held April 3rd at Ports O'Call in San Pedro. Officer Blas was joined by his wife, Fe; son, Patrick; and daughter-in-law, Wilma.

After serving in the Philippine Navy, serving on the yacht of President Ferdinand Marcos, Porfirio emigrated to the United States in 1973. That year, he joined the City, working as a Correctional Officer in the LAPD Jail Division.

In 1979, he joined the Airport Police, working at LAX until 1983, when he joined the Port Police, first as a Port Warden, and then a Police Officer. In 2002, he was promoted to Police Officer II.

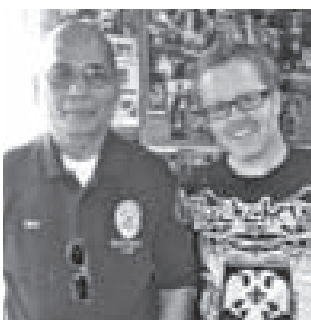
Congratulations from the Club to Porfirio and his family on his retirement. *Thanks to Port Police Officer Diane Kelly for her assistance.*



SLO Porfirio Blas, Club Member, with boxing champion Manny Pacquiao.



Should you ever run to SLO Porfirio Blas, ask him about this "fight"!



SLO Porfirio Blas, Club Member, with boxing champ Manny Pacquiao's trainer, Freddie Roach.



A photo from Porfirio's wedding.



From left: Officer Michael Hussein, Club Member, with retiree Porfirio Blas, SLO, Club Member.



From left: Caprice Staten, Port Police Dispatcher, Club Member; retiree Porfirio Blas, SLO, Club Member; and Jessica Bautista, MA, Club Member.



From left: Sgt. Navarro, Club Member; Ismael Flores, SLO, Club Member; Mark Pagliuca, Club Member; Sgt. Rosario Ferrara, Club Member; and Det. Al Alvarado, Club Member.



From left: Sgt. Dan Cobos, Club Member; and Retired Lt. Dan Aleman, Club Member.



From left: Ryan Ellefson, MA; Robin Jackson, MA; and Claudia Romero, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member.



From left: Alex Castillo, P2, Club Member, with his lovely wife, Claudia.



From left: Val Rivera, cousin of retiree SLO Porfirio Blas; Ted Fernandez, MA II, Club Member; and Stacey Xenios, Admin. Assistant, Port Police.



From left: Linda Wyatt, Port Police Dispatcher, Club Member; Robert Lesley, Retired SLO; Barbara Carroll, guest; and Officer Stacey Creech, Club Member.



From left: Brent Feltenberger, Port Police Cadet; Officer Patricia Montano, Club Member; Officer Frank Huang, Club Member; Port Police Dispatcher Maria Corona, Club Member; and Sgt. John Curry, Club Member.



Standing: Moe and Rudy Meza, P1, Club Member. Seated: Robert Reynolds, SLO, Club Member, and his wife, Lawanda, Coordinator for Congresswoman Laura Richardson.



From left: Margaret Hernandez, Director of Contracts and Purchasing Division, Club Member; Motor Officer David Armijo, Club Member; and Mark Imoto, SLO, Club Member.



From left: Officer Fernando Martinez, Hazmat Unit, Club Member; and Lt. Kenneth Hawkes, Club Member.



Sgt. Al Guerrero, Club Member, and his wife, Jennie.



From left: Retired Port Police Officer David Knight, Club Member; and Skip Staal, P2, Club Member.



Sr. Port Security Officer Damon Lankford, Club Member.



From left: Lt. Titus Smith, Club Member; and Capt. Al Rosario, Club Member.



From left: Retired Lt. Jimmie Ezell and Brandon A. Smith, SLO, Club Member.



From left: Dong Lee, SLO, Club Member; and Sgt. Michael Belo, Club Member.



Allison and Sgt. Ian Schunke, Club Member.

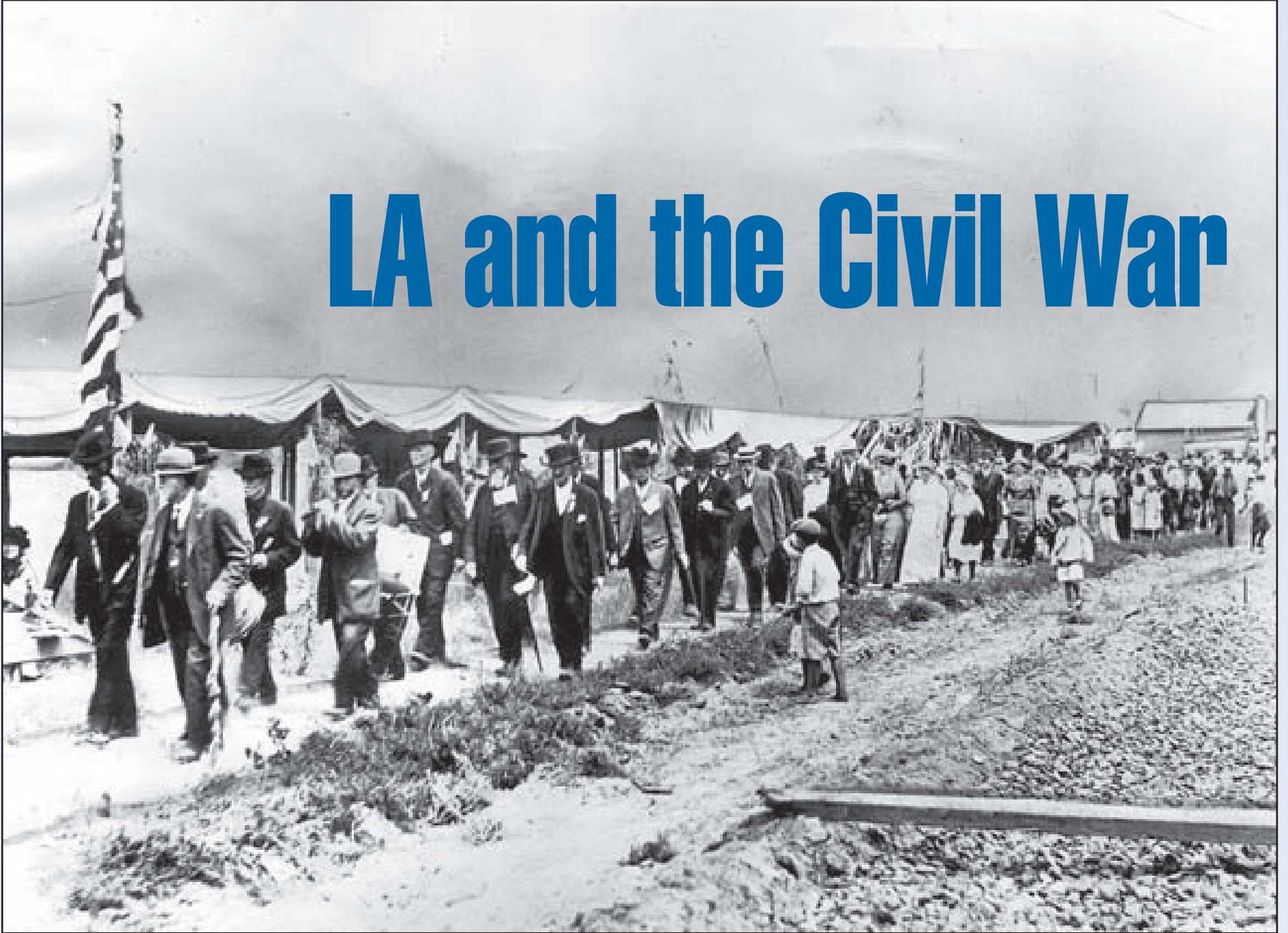


From left: Lina Santos and Orlando Aguilar, friends of retiree SLO Porfirio Blas, Club Member.



From left: Susan Kelleher, fiancé; Ryan Mullany, SLO, Club Member; Motor Officer David Armijo, Club Member; and Retired Lt. Jimmie Ezell.

# LA and the Civil War



Apparent veterans of the Civil War march to the cadence of a drum and flute as they lead a parade of Bellflower citizens in 1914.

## ■ California – and Los Angeles – played a significant role in the War Between the States.

*Photos courtesy Security Pacific Collection, Los Angeles Public Library photo archive, Christine Rice, Director*

Most of us are aware that the Civil War in this nation was fought from 1861 to 1865 and began at Fort Sumter, S.C. April 12, 1861. But most do not know that California played a major role in the War Between the States.

As we know, California became a state in 1850. In 1859, the California legislature approved the division of California into two states, Upper and Lower California.

With rumors of war, the decision was never acted upon, but there was definite social, economic and environmental differences between Upper and Lower California.

Interestingly enough, Southern California was part of the free Union, but it had strong Confederate sympathies in the

Democratic Party. This was due to large numbers of Southerners migrating to California. Also, this became evident when the 1860 presidential election delivered only 25 percent of the voters for Abraham Lincoln in Southern California. Also, Los Angeles' only newspaper, the *Los Angeles Star*, was fanatically hostile to California's antislavery Sen. William Broderick, and the Republican movement represented an obvious minority.

With the outbreak of the war, 250 Angelenos went to fight for the Confederacy. Among them was future Mayor Cameron Thom and

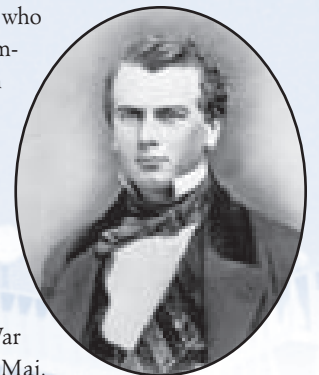
Albert Sidney Johnston, who had been appointed commander of the Western front and died at the battle of Shiloh at Pittsburgh Landing, Tenn. On the other side, Capt. Winfield Scott Hancock went east to serve the Union forces.

In 1861, the federal War Department ordered Maj. James Henry Carlton and his first Dragoons (mounted infantrymen) from Fort Tejon to Los Angeles to protect a one-man quartermaster depot occupied by Capt. Winfield Scott Hancock, chief quartermaster for the District of Southern California. The Dragoons settled into a temporary tent encampment just south of the depot and called it Camp Fitzgerald. Within a short distance of the encampment were 36 camels that the Dragoons brought with them.

The camp did not last long and eventually was moved closer to the harbor. It was about one-half-mile from the port. The location was named Camp Drum, which exists to this day. This camp became the new home for the newly promoted Col. Carlton and the California Column (a long row of militia and volunteers). They would move in April 1862 to assist in stopping the Confederate invasion of Arizona and New Mexico territories.

By the time the Column reached the Rio Grande River in August 1862, the Confederate troops retreated, and a threat to a California invasion was almost over. Parts of the California Column were dispersed throughout the Southwest, continuing to protect the region from further Confederate attacks.

During that time, Winfield Scott Hancock had become good friends with Phineas Banning, a prominent Los



Phineas Banning at age 22.



Two grated cell doors of the old guard house at the Drum Barracks at the Los Angeles Harbor, used during the Civil War. (Undated)

# History Comes Alive!

Tales From the City Archives



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



A camel at the Fort Drum Barracks in Wilmington, military headquarters during the Civil War. The men are wearing Union uniforms. The camel is one that Jefferson Davis imported from Arabia in the 1850s for desert freighting. The photo is undated.

Angeles citizen and Unionist. Both Hancock and Banning decided there was a need for a strong Union military presence in the area. So Banning called upon one of his friends, Don Benito Wilson, second Mayor of Los Angeles and later, grandfather to Gen. George Patton. Wilson was also a wealthy rancher and businessman. Both Wilson and Banning donated a tract of land to the United States government to build permanent facilities for the military.

Banning and Wilson were paid \$1 each by the federal government. After the war was over, the land was returned to both the men.

These facilities were about a mile from Camp Drum. It would be called Drum Barracks.\* This facility was built near an adjacent wharf owned by Banning, who had been promised military shipping contracts to supply military bases in the Southwest. This arrangement also helped Banning protect the future San Pedro and Los Angeles area from having Confederacy attacks.

But during this same time, the Union forces arrested some Confederate hotheads, including State Assemblyman Edward J.C. Kewen, who was thought to be plotting to take over the government. In 1863, the Democratic candidate for governor defeated the Union candidate. At that point, California Union volunteers passed through the San Pedro Channel to seize Santa Catalina Island from the Confederate sympathizers, who had taken over the island.

In the presidential election of 1864, Lincoln garnered 872 votes in Los Angeles, while his Democratic opponent accumulated 593 votes. The town of Los Angeles was now a Union victory. The outcome of the war changed the political focus from Democrat to a Republican majority, who had the upper hand for many years to come.

## The Drum Barracks

The Drum Barracks Civil War Museum is housed in the last remaining wooden building of Drum Barracks, named after Adjutant General Richard Coulter Drum, head of the Department of the Pacific. The facility served as the Union Army headquarters Southwest (Southern California and the Arizona Territory) from 1861 to 1871.

The lumber used to construct the building was shipped from New York City. It came around the horn and arrived in late 1862. The facility, being built with other buildings, was estimated to have cost \$1 million. The facilities were completed in September 1863. From 1861 through 1865, approximately 17,000 Californians served in both volunteer regiments in the West and regiments fighting in the East.

After the surrender of the Confederacy at

Appomattox, the Drum Barracks continued to be used in the Southwest for other military needs, including the Indian Wars. Army commanders at that time considered this facility among the best equipped and its militias the best trained in the U.S. Army. Drum Barracks included the most important medical facility in the western United States. The hospital at the camp was recognized as the best-equipped and -staffed medical facility west of the Mississippi River.

The building housing the current museum served as the junior officer's quarters of the camp. In the early 1960s, the structure was scheduled to be demolished, but due to efforts by community groups, it was saved and opened as a museum in 1987. This Civil War Museum can be found in Wilmington.

## The Camels

The camels used by the military in Los Angeles came from Fort Tejon between 1860 and 1861, and left for Benicia in Santa Barbara in December 1863. They left Drum Barracks in February 1862 and went to Fort Latham in Culver City until they left the following year for Santa Barbara.

## Capt. Cameron Thom

Cameron E. Thom was a southern gentleman born in Virginia in 1825. He arrived in Los Angeles in 1854. During the next decade he returned south to fight for the Confederacy during the Civil War and became a captain. Upon his return to Los Angeles and prior to becoming mayor, he was a City Attorney and Police Judge and sat on the Police Commission, then called the Board of Freeholders, to draft the first home rule charter for the City, adopted in 1889. He was also the County District Attorney for four terms. As mayor, Thom was determined that City government should have its own city hall built for such a purpose. The municipal facility was built in 1885, where it sat on Second Street between Spring and Fort (later Broadway) Streets. But within two years, that City Hall became inadequate for all the services rendered by the municipal government.

*Note: Also there are some reports that claim that there were Civil War troops, and I suppose tents, stationed on Main Street, somewhere between Fourth and Sixth Streets downtown. I was unable to find the citation. If one of you readers, know where I can find it, please contact me at hyn-darudd@att.net. Thank you.*

—Hynda

\* In some of the references used for this article, Camp Drum and Drum Barracks appear to be the same place. Other texts state that the Drum Barracks, built later, was about one mile away and higher than Camp Drum.



Cameron Erskine Thom.



Fort Drum Barracks at Wilmington, built during the Civil War. This photo is circa 1920.

# This Month at the Club Store

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

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### June 18

Patty Pulido, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### June 19

Rosa Calderon, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### June 25

Rosa Calderon, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### June 26

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## LAPD

# Property Division Says Thanks

Police Dept.'s Property Division has a luncheon in honor of its employees.

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations

The LAPD's Property Division held a luncheon May 13 to thank its divisional employees.

The luncheon was held poolside at the Police Academy in Elysian Fields, near Dodger Stadium.

Special thanks go to Terry Carter, Acting Commanding Officer, for assisting us in producing this article.



Commanding Officer Terry Carter barbeques delicious food for the employees.



From left: Kim Heng, Property Officer, 1 year of City service; Eddie Gonzalez, Property Officer, 8 years of City service; and David Peng, Property Officer, 1 year of City service.



From left: Jennifer Winn, Property Officer, 3 years of City service; Francine Sena, Senior Property Officer, 21 years of City service; and Michelle De Anda, Property Officer, 2 years of City service.



From left: Lisa Floyd, Assistant Commanding Officer, 15 years of City service; and Leticia Martinez, Secretary, 3 years of City service.



From left: Emmanuel Barbieto, Property Officer, 5 years of City service; and Armando Liwanag, Property Officer, 5 years of City service.



From left: Annette Robinson, Property Officer, 2 years of City service; and Susan Bobadilla, Property Officer, 20 years of City service.



Carla Astorga, Senior Property Officer, 9 years of City service.



From left: Annette Robinson, Property Officer, 2 years of City service; Rose Serrato, Senior Property Officer, 22 years of City service; Leslie Scott, Property Officer, 3 years of City service, and Debbie Betancourt, Property Officer, 2 years of City service.



From left: Derek Khuu, Property Officer, 4 years of City service; Braulio Diaz, Property Officer, 2 years of City service; and Debbie Betancourt, Property Officer, 2 years of City service.



From left: Derek Khuu, Property Officer, 4 years of City service; and Lydon Enrile, Property Officer, 4 years of City service.



From left: Glen Lavin, Senior Property Officer, 26 years of City service; and James Garner, Property Officer, 26 years of City service.



Acting Commanding Officer Terry Carter, Senior Management Analyst II, 19 years of City service, with Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor.

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LAFD

# The Heat Is On

LAFD football team competes against FDNY Bravest.

Strategy and passion are necessary to playing a strong game of football.



At the LAFD Heat/FDNY Bravest match.

Photos by Juan Guerra

On May 2, the LA Heat – the football team of the LAFD – competed bravely against visitors from the east, the FDNY Bravest.

The game took place at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. The FDNY beat the Heat 30-12.

The LA Heat is comprised of dedicated Fire Department personnel. For the past 15 seasons, the Heat has played competitive top-level football. The Heat plays for charity -- the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation. Founded in 1971, the Burn Foundation works in partnership with firefighters, educators and burn care professionals to develop innovative programs and services.

The Heat is a member of the NPSFL (National Public Safety Football League), comprised of about 15 teams from throughout the United States. Every player of the NPSFL is sworn personnel. Each team plays for charity and strives to adhere to the same honor and integrity on the field as they do on-duty.

The FDNY score a touchdown, apparently.

## Newsbrief

### PREPARE FOR WILDFIRE SEASON:

The LAFD says that 'Ready! Set! Go!' is the best plan for City residents.

During the past year, the greater Los Angeles area suffered through three dangerous wildfires, including the Marek (4,824 acres), Sayre (11,262 acres) and Sesnon (14,703 acres) incidents. Fortunately, no lives were lost directly as a result of those fires.

This year, the potential for a life-threatening dangerous wildfire is even greater, due to our ongoing dry season and water shortages. You need to be *ready* before the fire, *set* in case you need to evacuate, and *ready to go* when asked. Be prepared before a fire strikes. To learn about wildfires, visit us on the web: [www.lafd.org/brush](http://www.lafd.org/brush)

#### 'Go' Early and Live

The biggest danger to people who live in wildland-urban interface (WUI) areas is leaving too late. People who wait to leave get caught by fire and are injured or killed. When a wildfire approaches, you should be ready to go whenever authorities issue an evacuation order.

#### Create a 'Go' kit to include:

- An old pair of shoes;
- A flashlight and batteries;
- A mobile phone and charger; and
- The six 'P's': people and pets (with ID); phone numbers; prescriptions and medication; pictures and important documents; personal computers (and external drives); and 'plastic' (credit cards, ATM cards) and some cash.

#### Get 'Set'

Get set in case of a wildfire – a prepared family is a safe family. Here are some tips:

- Create a family disaster plan (and practice!).
- Learn to use a fire extinguisher and keep several on-hand in appropriate places.
- Designate emergency meeting areas and an out of town relative to check in with.
- Assemble an emergency supplies kit as recommended by the American Red Cross.
- Plan multiple escape routes.
- Keep a portable radio or TV and track local news and emergency channels for information.
- Make sure you know where your gas, water, and electric shut-off valves are located

The LAFD wants you to stay safe and asks that you prepare for a wildfire before one occurs.

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



## Saving Money on Insurance

With the economy the way it is, many people are looking carefully at all of their expenses to save some money. Insurance costs can be a big portion of people's expenses, and it is no surprise that many people are looking to save money on their insurance.

It might sound a little self-serving coming from the guy who makes his living selling insurance, but it really is true: Insurance is not a good area to be penny-wise and pound-foolish.

Imagine standing in front of the ashes of your \$650,000 home. Do you think you will at that time appreciate the \$140 savings you received by reducing the coverage to \$350,000?

No matter how bad the economy gets, your odds of having a major fire or being involved in a major car accident are exactly the same as they have always been. Don't sacrifice your future to save a few dollars today. Be sure that you budget appropriately so that you can still provide coverage for your home, your cars and your life insurance.

There are some things you can do to save money, though, and I'd like to review them.

**First of all, get a new quote.** We find that we save people who call us an average of more than \$300 a year on their car insurance. It doesn't matter what company you are currently insured with, we can probably save you some significant money. Without sacrificing your coverage or reducing your limits, this is by far the easiest way to save money. Even if it's only \$80 every six months – that adds up to \$800 over the next five years!

**Secondly, put your home and your car insurance together with the same company!** Almost every insurance company offers a multiple-policy discount, and often these are very lucrative. Not only can you get 10 to 20 percent off your homeowners insurance, you can also get 10 to 20 percent off your car insurance.

We recently quoted a family with three teenage kids. They were paying \$4,800 for their car insurance and \$900 for their home. The home came in at \$850 – less 10 percent for the multiple-policy discount for a total of \$765. The big savings actually came on the car insurance – and they didn't even move that policy! They received a 15 percent savings on their \$4,800 policy – or \$720 off! Combining the home and car policies didn't take much time or effort, but it reduced their insurance cost from \$5,700 per year to \$4,845 – an savings of \$855! They are basically getting their homeowners coverage free!

**Third, raise your deductible!** You aren't planning on having a claim, are you? Then why are you concerned about having a \$250 deductible? Too many peo-

ple are stuck in the "old days" when their parents taught them to have \$250/\$500 deductibles. Prices have gone up, the size of claims has gone up, and people's incomes have gone up. Your deductible should go up as well! Imagine again that you are standing in front of that \$650,000 home reduced to a pile of ashes. Are you really upset by having to pay a \$1,000 deductible to get your \$650,000 home rebuilt? The same is true for your car. You spent more than \$30,000 for your car; don't you think a \$1,000 deductible would be reasonable? You can usually save up to 10 percent on your homeowners and car insurance just by raising your deductibles.

**Lastly, review your limits!** It's not that common, but you actually might be over-insured. Have your agent review with you what you are insured for. With the construction industry in a major slowdown, the cost of construction has dropped dramatically, and it costs less to rebuild. Maybe you can reduce the coverage on your house without threatening your security. Another common mistake is insuring vehicles for comp and collision long after they have lost their value. If you have properly followed my third piece of advice, and raised your deductibles to \$1,000, then this will become readily apparent. It obviously doesn't make sense to have a \$1000 deductible on a seven-year-old minivan that you can replace for \$1,500. Depending on your income and savings, you may find that you can afford to drop comp and collision on any vehicle with a replacement cost less than \$2,500.

We know these are tough times. Don't be penny-wise and pound-foolish and cancel your insurance, but there is no need to pay more than you need to pay!

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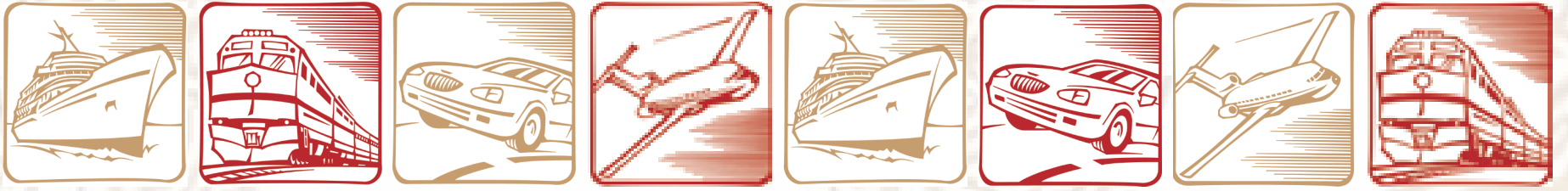
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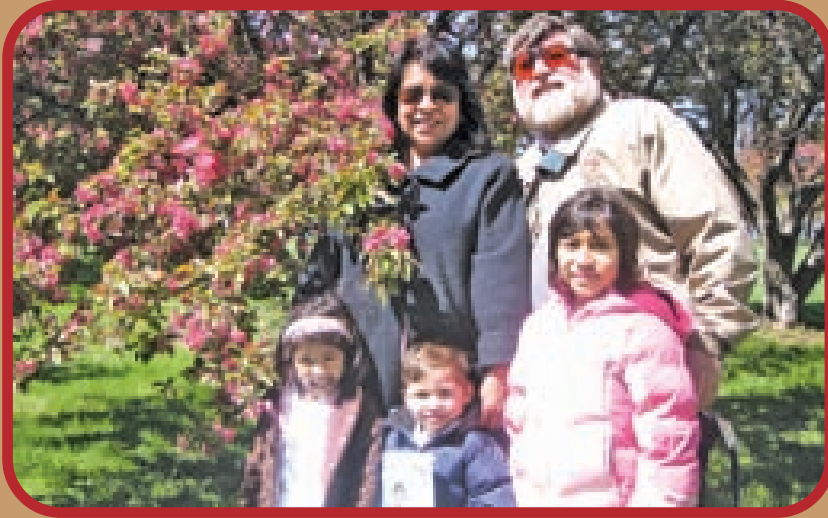
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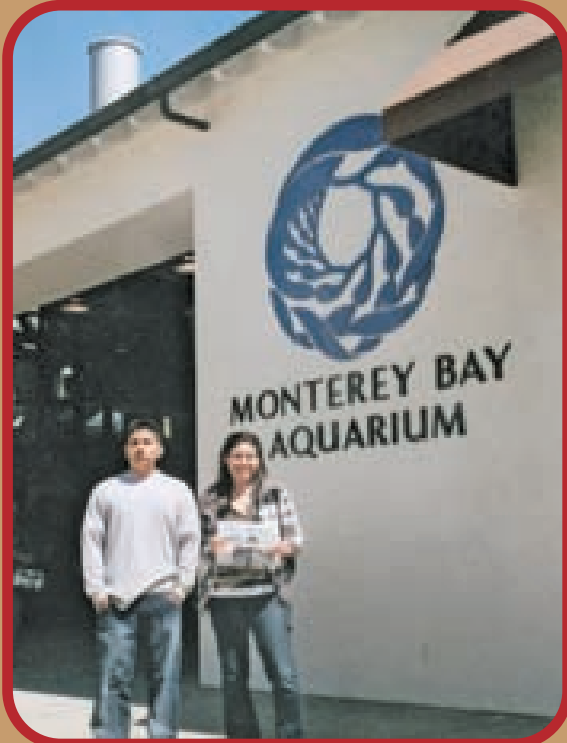
**Lupe Padilla**, of the “Coloring With Lupe” fame in *Alive!*, and her husband, **Red Medina**, in the beautiful Cherry Blossom fields of Washington, D.C. with their grandbabies Emma, Bruno and Hannah. **Red Medina** is **Construction Inspector, Contract Admin, Public Works**.

**2 Nevada**



“Recently I had to go to Clark County, Nev., and I took my copy of *Alive!* with me.”  
**- George Cormany, LAPD**

**3 California**



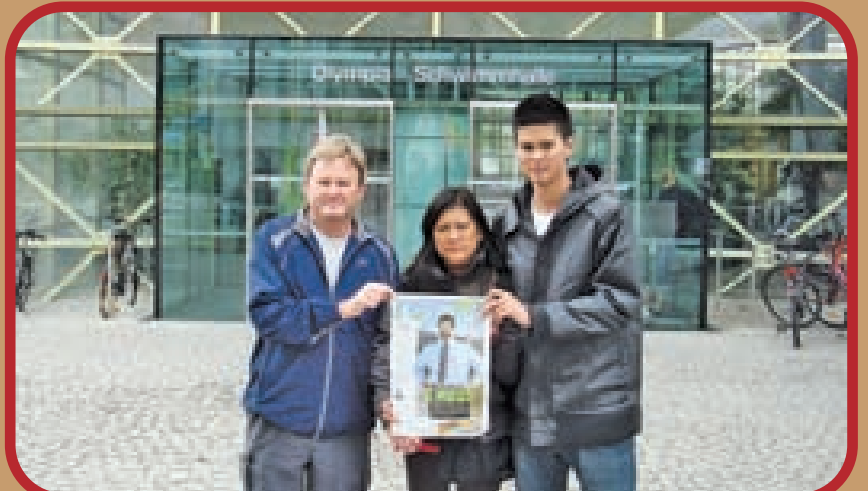
For a spring break getaway, **Frank Frias, Harbor**, along with Regina and Joseph, took a trip up the Central California Coast and came back down Highway 1, Pacific Coast Highway. Along the way some of the spots they visited included the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Piedras Blancas Elephant Seal Preserve, Hearst Castle, La Purisma Mission in Lompoc and the Santa Barbara Mission. Also, they stopped at some orchid growers’ nurseries.

**4 Florida**



**Ed “Mondo” Litle, Roofer Supervisor, Harbor**, with wife, Sheila, and daughter, Fiona, vacationing in sunny Italy. Well, almost: It’s actually Epcot, in Florida.

**5 Germany**



“The picture was taken in front of the Munich Olympics *Swimhalle*, where I was employed for the 1972 Games. I worked at the *swimhalle* where Marc Spitz won seven gold medals. This was my first visit back in 37 years. My wife Susan and son Matthew are with me.”  
**- Paul M. O’Carroll, Public Works**

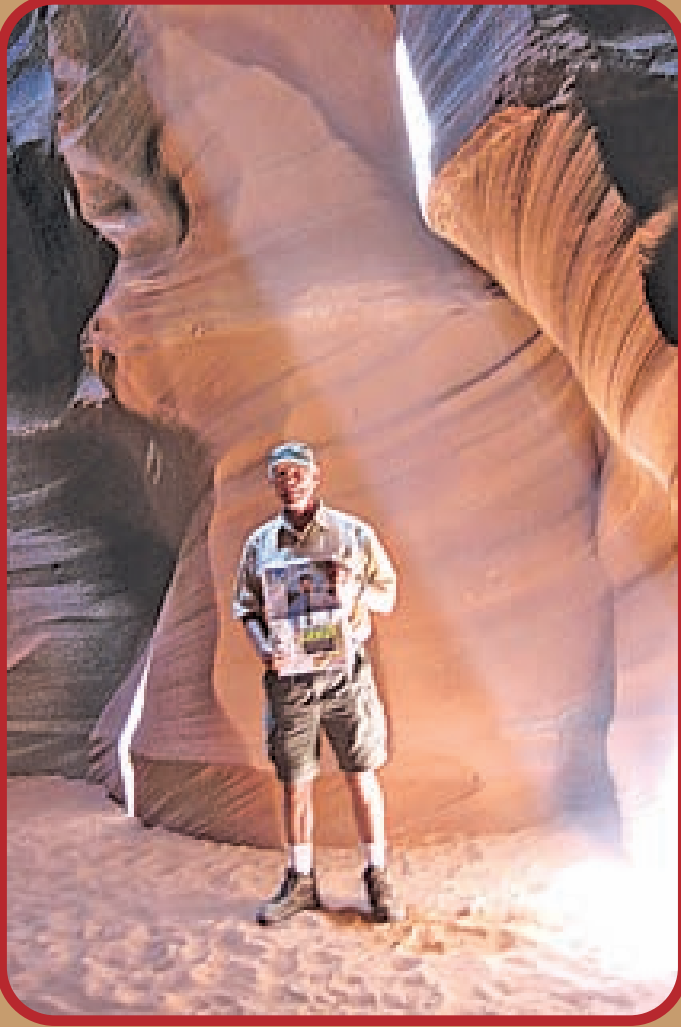


# Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



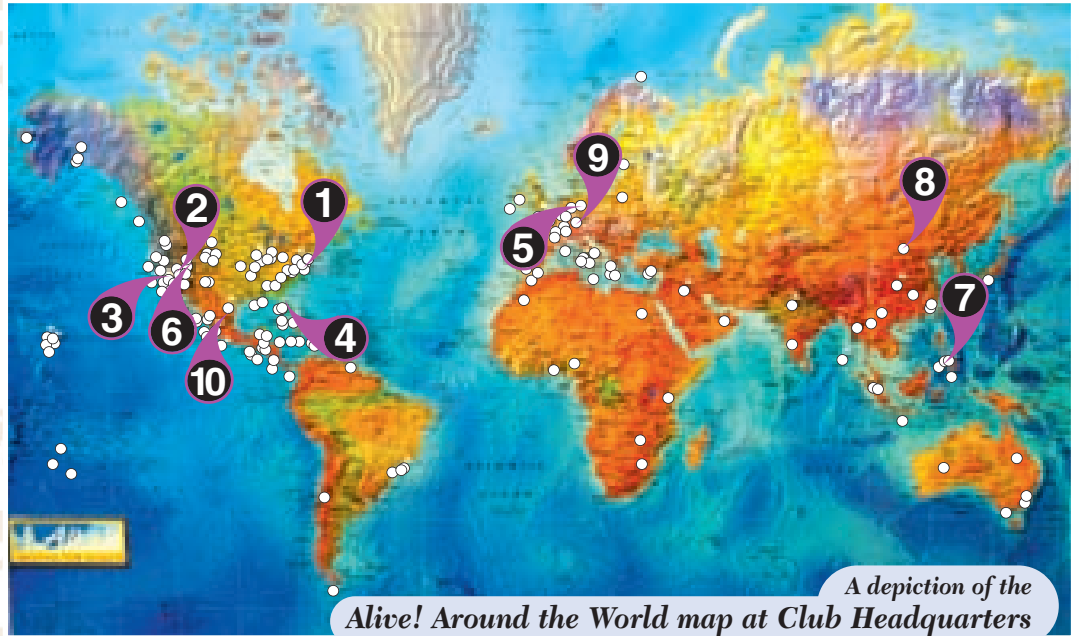
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## Arizona



"At certain times of the year, the sun shines through the Slot Canyons of the Indian Territories of northern Arizona."

- Richard Radmacher, DWP, Retired



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

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## The Philippines



Michael Aubin, Airports, and his wife, Perlita, at Thousand Islands, the Philippines. "It was very mellow, plus great diving."



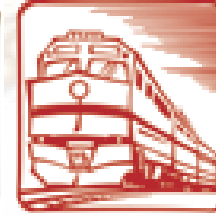
Mt. Pinatubo crater was formed during a 1991 eruption.



"The road to Mt. Pinatubo, where we stopped for radiator water. The original river bed is 50 feet below me, covered with volcanic ash from the 1991 eruption."

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# Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



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## China



"On a recent visit to Hanazhou, Suzhou, Shanghai and Beijing China, I took this picture of the Summer Palace in the western outskirts of Haidian District, nine miles from central Beijing."

- Sue Clark, General Services, Retired

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## Switzerland



"My husband and I went to Switzerland for our honeymoon."

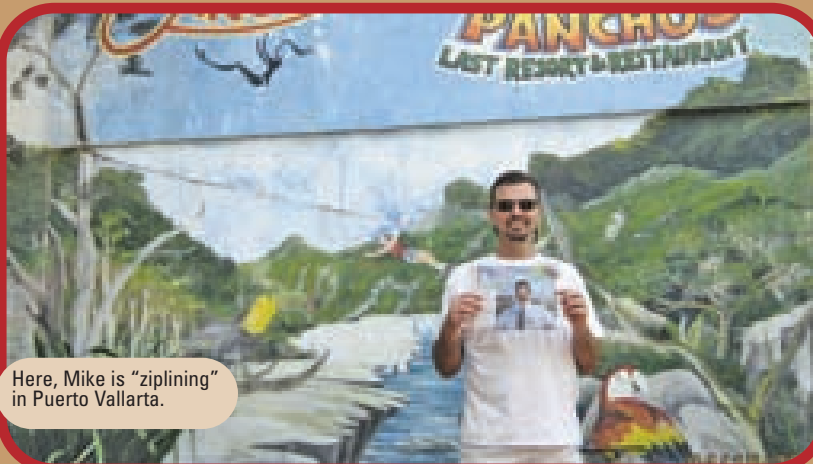
- Victoria Anaya, Harbor

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## Mexico

"Here we are again on our latest adventure" in Mexico.

- Mike Boyd, Public Works



Here, Mike is "ziplining" in Puerto Vallarta.



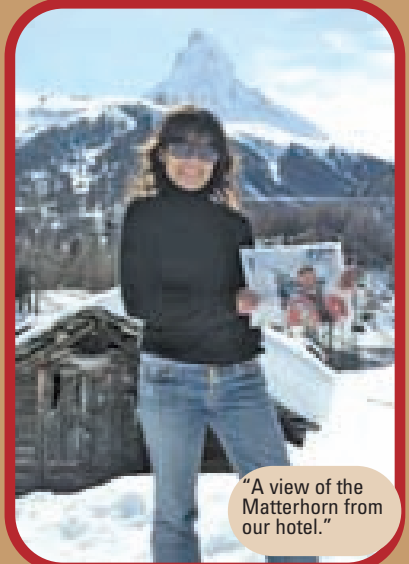
Mike at the Marina in Cabo San Lucas.



Dune buggies in Mazatlan.



"In front of the Chateau de Chillon, between the shores of Lake Geneva and the Alps."



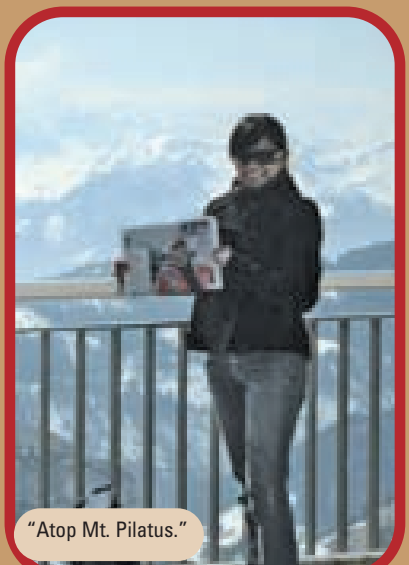
"A view of the Matterhorn from our hotel."



"In front of the Lion Monument in Lucerne, Switzerland."



"Our last stop: Zurich, Switzerland."



"Atop Mt. Pilatus."

## REC AND PARKS

# Banning Heritage Days

Residence Museum offers its annual heritage days June 6.



At a previous Banning Heritage Days event.

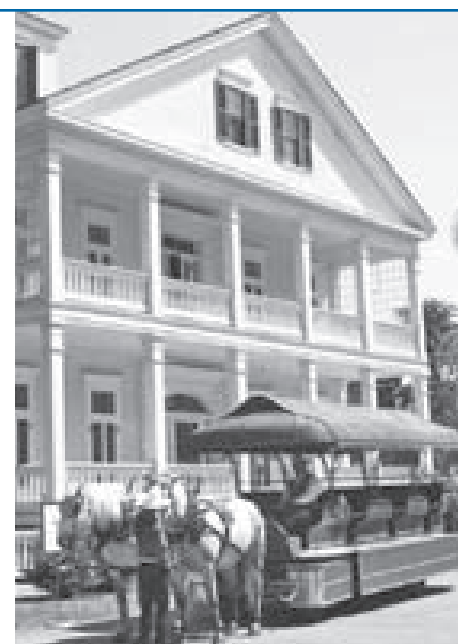
The Banning Museum presents Banning Heritage Day sponsored by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce. Banning Heritage Day will take place Saturday, June 6, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Banning Museum, 401 East M Street, in Wilmington.

The activities will be preceded by a lecture and book signing at 9:30 a.m. entitled, "From Shallow Bay to World Class Harbor," presented by Harbor Executive Director and Club

Member Geraldine Knatz, PhD. Following the lecture, Dr. Knatz will sign "The Port of Los Angeles, An Illustrated History from 1850-1945." Books will be available for purchase on the day of the event. The lecture is \$5 for Banning Friends members and \$10 for non-members. Reservations can be requested by calling the Museum at (310) 548-7777.

The free Banning Heritage Day activities will include self-guided tours of the museum, featuring the summer exhibition, "Dressing the Part: Changing Styles in Women's Fashion, 1850-1900;" entertainment by Yesteryears dancers; a horse-drawn trolley from the Banning Residence to the Drum Barrack Civil War Museum; and children's crafts and activities. The Norris Museum Shop will open for shopping and will offer 50 percent discounts on selected merchandise, and food will be available for purchase.

The Banning Museum is a Rec and Parks facility and is operated in cooperation with Friends of Banning Museum.



Horse and buggy rides have been part of Banning Heritage Days.



Period costumes lend a sense of history.



At a previous Banning Heritage Days event.



At a previous Banning Heritage Days, a model railroad always proves popular.

Bureau Of Street Services

## Charity Golf Tournament

Monday, June 29, 2009  
Porter Valley Country Club  
19216 Singing Hills Drive, Northridge, 91326

8:00 – 9:30 a.m.: Registration; Practice Range; Continental Breakfast  
10:00 a.m.: Shotgun Start -Best Ball Tournament; BBQ Lunch On Course  
Dinner/Awards Presentation Following Tournament

🏌️ \$150 Per Golfer Paying 4/1/09 Thru 6/19/09 Or Until Sold Out.  
So Register Early!

🏌️ For more information and to register,  
Contact: Jennifer Klevinskas @ 213-847-3218,  
Erin Jones @ 213-485-5561,  
Richard Lopez @ 818-266-7149  
Or Online @ [www.Golfdigestplanner.com/8463-Bssgolf09](http://www.Golfdigestplanner.com/8463-Bssgolf09)

🏌️ Contests, Raffle Prizes, Awards, Food, & Fun!

🏌️ Make Checks Payable To: Street Services Charities  
Event Will Occur Rain Or Shine!

Dress Code Enforced: Soft Spike Golf Shoes Only



GENERAL SERVICES

# Publishing Services: Answer to Tight Budgets

At annual open house, Publishing Services showcases a number of ways it's saving the City money.



Michael Leighton, Director of Publishing Services, shows Club CEO John Hawkins Publishing Services' poster-printing capabilities.



Walter Griffin.



From left: Carlos Hernandez and Tim Bruse.



Fernando Lopez.

Photos by Tom Hawkins, Alive! photographer

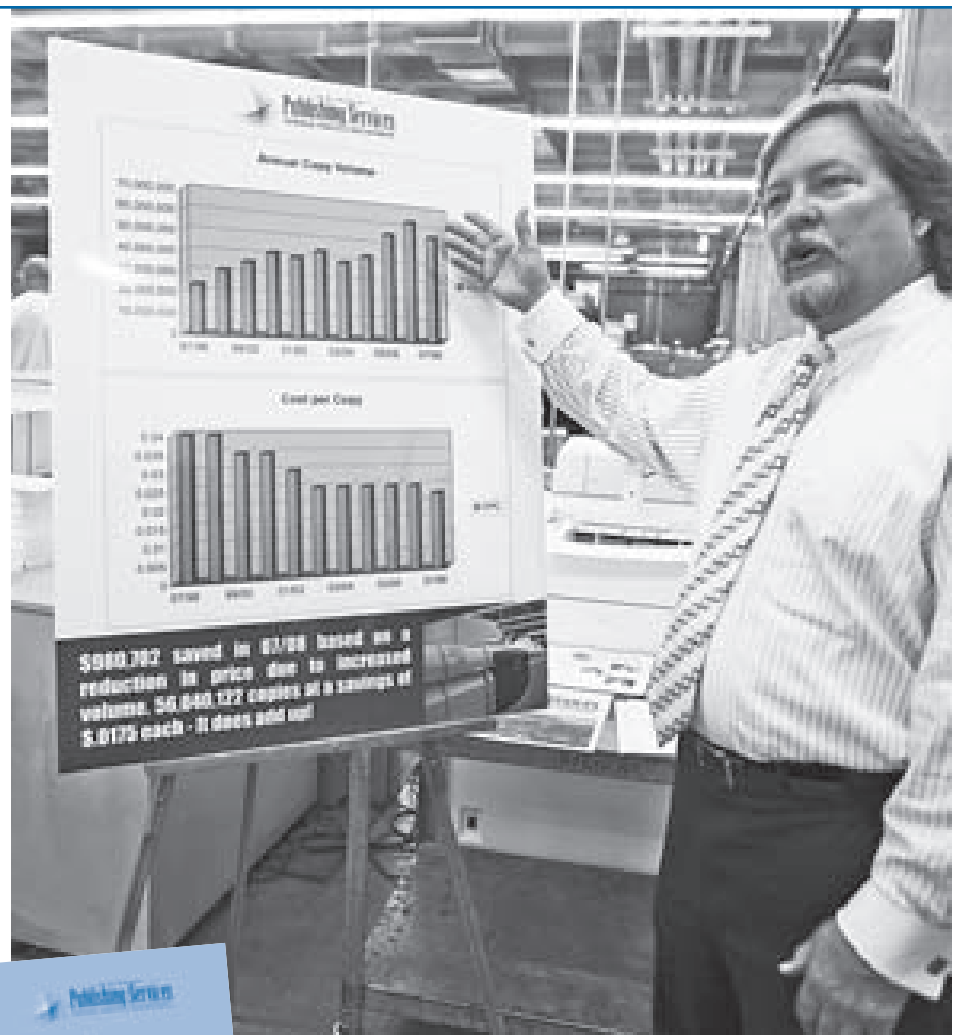
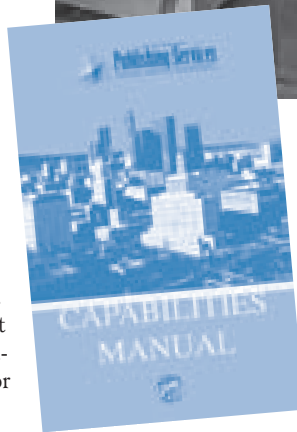
General Services' Publishing Services held its Annual open house May 14 at their facility in Piper Tech.

Among the many capabilities spotlighted at the open house was the office's ability to:

- print;
- central duplicate;
- design;
- variable print;
- print-and-mail; and
- the ability to print signs, banners, posters and other kinds of presentation graphics.

Michael Leighton, Director of Publishing Services, pointed out that the office has been able to reduce the cost of copies yet increase its volume at the same time. It's one of the ways the office is saving the City money. "We have diligently worked to provide the City with the highest quality printing services at the lowest cost," Leighton says.

City Employees are welcome to visit Publishing Services' Website for more information. A Capabilities Guide is available there for download: [www.lacity.org/gsd/publishing](http://www.lacity.org/gsd/publishing).



Michael Leighton, Director of Publishing Services, highlights the chart that shows how annual copy volume has increased yet the cost per copy has decreased. It's just one of the many ways Publishing Services is saving the City money.



From left: Richard Malvino, David Olivas, Maggie Uy and Gonzalo Sarabia.



Louis Cascone on the Chandler and Price printing press.



Carlos Hernandez.



From left: Dan Hurst, Juan Galvez and Art Perez.



From left: Karlo Sabio, Maggie Yu, Tracy Vu, Myrna Pilkington, Jong Kim, Abby Truong, David Robles and Marie Saraos.



From left: Michael Leighton, Director, Publishing Services, and Stepan Nalbantian.



From left: Marie Saraos, Clerk Typist, and Rea Lazo, Payment Services, General Services.

# Tuned

CULTURAL AFFAIRS

## Shakespeare Returns to the Sea

Annual Shakespeare by the Sea program returns to Pt. Fermin Park in June.

Two Shakespeare comedies will headline the 2009 season of Shakespeare in the Park.

The plays – *As You Like It*, and *Love's Labor's Lost* – open at Pt. Fermin Park in San Pedro in June. Shakespeare by the Sea is partially sponsored by Cultural Affairs.

The City portion of the program's schedule is:

### As You Like It

What starts out wrong, love will turn right in this wicked and wild tale of love conquering all.

- Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.  
(7:30 p.m. pre-show)
- June 11-13, 25-27; July 3, 9, 11; Aug. 8

### Love's Labor's Lost

It's love versus reason and all bets are off in this bold and bawdy romp.

- Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.  
(7:30 p.m. pre-show)
- June 18-20; 26; July 2, 10; Aug. 7

You are invited to bring your friends, pack a picnic and settle in under the stars this summer for Shakespeare's classic comedies. It can get chilly by the sea at Pt. Fermin, so dress accordingly. Bench seating is available, but you are welcome to bring chairs or blankets.

Point Fermin Park is at 807 Paseo del Mar, San Pedro.

[www.shakespearebythesea.org/](http://www.shakespearebythesea.org/)

PUBLIC WORKS

## Public Works Is All Ears

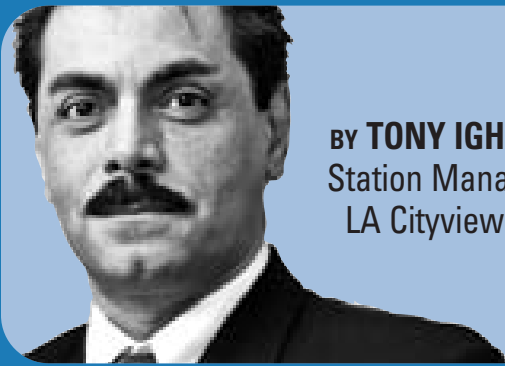
Commissioner Cynthia Ruiz and employee daughter spread the word on recycling on Radio Disney.

May 8, Public Works Board President Cynthia Ruiz and 10-year-old Nikki David, daughter of Jackie David, Public Information Director, Public Works, went on Radio Disney's Public Affairs Show, "Community Playground," to tape an interview to promote recycling, environmental awareness and Public Works/Sanitation's open houses.

The 30-minute interview aired on Radio Disney/1110 AM on Mother's Day. During the interview, Nikki David said that we should all remember that Mother's Day is also for Mother Earth.



In the Radio Disney studio May 8 were Public Works Board President Cynthia Ruiz (right); Nikki David, 10, daughter of Jackie David, Public Information Director, Public Works (center); and Radio Disney host LaFern Watkins Cusak.



BY TONY IGHANI  
Station Manager,  
LA Cityview 35



## Budget Requires New Thinking

As many of you may have followed the City's Budget and Finance Committee's review process of the proposed 2009-10 budget, which was broadcast live and gavel-to-gavel on *LA Cityview 35*, you know that the City is facing unprecedented fiscal challenges in the upcoming year. All City departments across the board have had to think of new and more efficient ways to conduct business and deliver their services. *LA Cityview 35* was no exception. In fact, we were one of the divisions within ITA with the deepest levels of cutbacks proposed both in operational funds and staffing. Fortunately, the City was able to restore most of our staff positions and restore a small portion of our operating funds. Still, we are left with many uncertainties for the upcoming year.

We believe this is a unique opportunity to take a fresh look at ways in which our content can be produced and delivered. We're looking toward more public/private partnerships, sponsorship of programming, and grant underwriting to pay for production costs. These and many other ideas being reviewed are our attempt to ensure that quality programming of Citywide importance with community relevance continue to be brought to our loyal viewers.

### Programming Highlights in June:

#### Aging in L.A.

Paul Petersen, host of *Aging in L.A.*, understands the value of educating seniors and caregivers on many issues that impact their lives. Tune in and watch as he introduces two informative new topics this month:

"*Combating Cancer*" – In this episode, we will meet leading oncologist, Dr. Eric McGary, and discuss exciting research and treatment developments, which are giving hope to cancer patients and their families.

"*A Day in the Life of Angelus Plaza*" – We visit with residents and staff at the largest affordable senior housing complex in the United States, in the heart of downtown L.A.  
*Airs:* Thursdays at 8:30 p.m.

#### At Your Library

The current economic climate leads host Andrew Tarr to take a closer look at the wonders of the Central Library on his "stay-cation," and he steals a rare peek behind the scenes. The Central Library features more than 538,000 square feet, eight floors, beautiful art and architecture, and nearly 89 miles of shelving!

This episode will also show how the Library honored legendary author Ray Bradbury, a longtime friend and loyal supporter of books and libraries, and it will highlight details on the Library's new podcasts, featuring children's book authors.

*Airs:* Mondays, June 8 and 22, at 11 a.m. and 10 p.m.

#### Charles Mingus Musical Caravan Jazz Concert

Charles Mingus had a passion for teaching young people and preserving the heritage of jazz. Cultural Affairs brought students together over several months as part of the Music LA program. The young artists were given free music lessons and were able to jam with some of today's jazz

masters. Channel 35's cameras captured a Labor Day performance at the Nate Holden Performing Arts Center.

*Airs:* Saturdays, June 13 and 27 at 7:30 p.m.; Mondays, June 15 and 29, at 10 a.m.

#### Inside the LAPD

This month features an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the LAPD's newest facility, Topanga Area. The community-funded facility opened its doors in January and serves the communities of Canoga Park, Winnetka, West Hills and Woodland Hills.

*Airs:* Thursdays at 2 and 10 p.m.

#### L.A. Business Today

Co-hosts Bob and Sharon Jimenez take viewers on a computer-generated journey inside the stunning new J.W. Marriot Hotel downtown, the most ambitious new construction project in contemporary downtown L.A.

Also, Bob Jimenez interviews Mark Salter, a managing partner of New Century Capital Partners. Salter says companies are trying to stay the course and not fall prey to fear.

*Airs:* Monday, June 29, at 8:30 a.m., and Tuesday, June 30, at 7 p.m.

#### Office of Public Safety

General Services/Public Safety (OPS) is responsible for providing law enforcement and security and surveillance services to the City's 400 parks, 75 libraries, the Zoo, the Convention Center, and the Public Works/Sanitation plants.

This half-hour feature will examine the various functions of the Office of Public Safety, highlighting its officers' diverse responsibilities and the multiple Citywide locations that they are tasked with protecting.

*Airs:* Monday, June 15 at 10 p.m., and Thursday, June 18, at 11 a.m.

#### We Are L.A.!

Four new episodes of *We Are L.A.!* debut this month. The series is produced in partnership with the Human Relations Commission (HRC).

"*Married... Gay... with Children*" – When same-sex marriage became legal in early 2008, 18,000 same-sex couples married; the status of those marriages is unknown at press time, as we await a ruling from the State Supreme Court on Prop. B. What about the children in these families? We'll hear from the children and find out what they think and feel about their family situations.

"*The Impact of Middle-East Tensions on Relations in Los Angeles*" – Los Angeles has one of the largest immigrant populations in the United States, so when conflicts arise anywhere in the world they are instantly reflected here. Such is the case with Israeli/Palestinian differences, originating halfway around the globe but having a huge effect right here in Southern California.

"*The Homeless Throughout Los Angeles*" – More than 73,000 people live on the streets every night in Los Angeles County, about half of them in the City. Is the homeless problem being "swept under the rug" because people don't want to admit that it exists in their own communities? What can be done to help get homeless people off the streets and into decent housing?

"*Black/Brown Relations in Los Angeles*" – African Americans and Latinos make up some of the largest ethnic groups here in Southern California, and over the years, the relationship between the two has ebbed and flowed from good to poor. This program explores efforts being made to better that relationship.

*Airs:* Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m., and Thursdays at 7 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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Contact Tony with your questions:  
[channel35@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:channel35@cityemployeesclub.com)

Channel 35 Viewer Comment Hotline:  
(213) 473-3978

See you on  
**LA Cityview 35!**

# Perfect Attendance

Fleet Services hosts a luncheon to honor those with perfect attendance from last year.



Denys Avalo shows off the Club Watch that he won.



From left: Chris Jenkins, Chris Reibsamen, John Van Eps and Paul Jacobs.



Kenneth Williams.



Tony Cain.



Joo Pak.



Hanlon Dowe.



Jim Tamura.



Victor Ryan.



Chris Reibsamen.



Rick Overby.



Gerry Woodson.



George Giambastiani.



Alberto Arriaga.



Paul Leung.



Michael Chan.



Joseph Palumbo.



Ben Baca.



James Cook.



Brian Cunningham.



Lance Davenport.



John Finneran.



Carlos Vasquez.



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Derrick Pride.



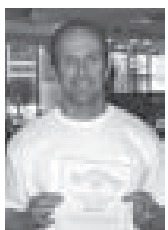
Sean Horace.



Paul Jacobs.



Travis Messner.



William Oliver.



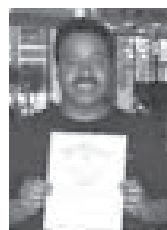
Brent Toppen.



John Van Eps.



Richard Humanic.



Denys Avalo.



Miguel De Anda.



Marin Hernandez.

Story by Natalie Jones, General Services; Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations

General Services' Fleet Services Division held its annual perfect attendance luncheon April 22 at the City Grill downtown.

The Club donated prizes, including City seal watches, to help honor the attendees.

Congratulations to all the honorees. Keep up the good attendance records!

*Congratulations!*



David Taque.



Grandin Truong.



Gordon Fong.



Alberto Tejera.



From left: Sean Horace and Derrick Pride.



From left: Denys Avalo, Richard Humanic, Miguel De Anda and Gordon Fong.



From left: Rick Overby and Gerry Woodson.



From left: Ben Baca, Carlos Manosa and Carlos Vasquez.



From left: William Oliver and Travis Messner.



From left: Tony Cain, Victor Ryan, Jim Tamura and Hanlon Dowe.

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:

**Aug. 13:** RLACEI Retirees Picnic, 11:30 a.m. at the Grace E. Simons Dodge in Elysian Park. Call (800) 678-4145, ext. 701 for lunch reservations a week ahead.

**Dec. 3:** RLACEI Christmas Party, noon at the Grace E. Simons Lodge. Courtesy taxi rides from parking area thanks to Independent Taxi Owners Association.

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

## RLACEI Corner:

# State Budget Shortfall Might Affect Retirees



By Phil Skarin,  
RLACEI Publicity Chair

### President Ed Harding reports:



Ed Harding

"It is with sadness that I report the passing of Ross W. Seton, a very good friend and coworker. Ross was the President of the City Service Truck Owners Association of Los Angeles. I have known Ross for more than 50 years. He was always a nice guy and a lot of fun to be around. After retirement, he started a group of retired Supervisors and Superintendents to meet for lunch once every month, one group in downtown Los Angeles, and another group at the Coffee Shop at the City Golf Course in Encino. Ed Longley, Past Director of Street Maintenance, and I attended often.

"Ross died on April 18 from a heart attack. He lived most of his

life at 2225 S. Catalina Street in L.A., the same house that belonged to his father. He was born in May 1921, and is survived by Sarah, his wife of 13 years, and Cindy and Sandra, daughters by a previous marriage. I will miss him and I know that all who knew him will, too.

"By the time you read this, our annual Retirees Golf Tournament and Awards Banquet in Alhambra June 2 will be history. Read about it next month. Tom Stemmok, Phil Skarin, Americo Garza and Bob Okuda do a great job arranging it every year.

"I hope to see you all at our Retirees Picnic Aug. 13 at the Grace E. Simons Lodge in Elysian Park."



Mary Beetz

### Director Mary Beetz reports:

"On April 16, LACERS hosted a *Your Health Matters* workshop on the topic of emotional wellness. LACERS medical plan carriers brought experts to lead presentations on:

LACERS Update,  
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### Legislative Update, Ken Spiker reports:



Ken Spiker

"The kickback scandal you may have been reading about involved the New York Retirement Fund, not LACERS. The two City Commissioners who have been asked for related information are Fire & Police Retirement Fund Commissioners, not LACERS. One LACERS Commissioner has resigned, but for personal reasons not related to the New York scandal.

"Commissioner Shelly Smith, who has served for 15 years as the active employees elected representative, did not run for reelection. The Board will miss Shelley as our vice president, but the retirees will welcome her when she selects her retirement date.

"The mayor's proposed budget is now in the hands of the City Council. It contains \$363,450,045 for the LACERS fund. This amount is the full required 19.4 percent of the estimated City pay-

roll. All City departments are to cut their budgets by 10 percent by one method or another. The City Council will definitely make some changes that will affect the final City payroll and thus the City contribution to our retirement and health benefit fund.

"Your RLACEI Board will be monitoring Council's and the mayor's actions and will take what ever measures necessary if our fund or benefits are adversely affected.

"As your elected Commissioner, I expected and will urge full payment to the fund and not partial payment as attempted last year.

"At the state level, there is turmoil over the growing deficit in the state budget and the likelihood of the defeat of the six measures on the May 19 special election ballot proposed by the Legislature and Governor to help carry out the budget reforms for 2009-10. [The budget portion of the measures were

defeated. —Ed.] To begin with, the February passage of the budget has already been overshadowed by an estimated \$8 billion deficit due to falling sales, tax, property tax and income tax receipts. In April, the state received \$1.8 billion less in tax collections, thus pushing up the deficit to \$10 billion in 2009-10. On May 5, the State Department of Finance proposed taking \$2 billion from local government, which is 8 percent of local government property tax revenues. The state gave as an example what the impact would be on the City of Los Angeles, nearly \$68 million.

"If the state measures are defeated, all government budgets will have to be drastically revised in May and June. Meanwhile, the Paul McCauley initiative to reduce local pension-plan benefits is circulating for signatures; its deadline to submit the minimum number of signatures of 694,000 is June 22, 2009.

### 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.

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## Retiree Hotlines

Who to call? 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 below.

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
• Neil Ricci	Ext. 714

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

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  
Mary Beetz



Effie, Isabelle, Evelyn and Coco pose on board with Alive!



By Hal Danowitz,  
Secretary, RLACEI

## Christmas at Sea

### ■ The conclusion of Hal's holiday cruise with his family.

After Christmas 2007 I felt that it might be fun for the whole family to take a cruise during Christmas Week 2008. With all of the money my family was spending on presents for each other and the grandkids, and the stress of the holidays, everyone felt that a week's cruise would be a welcome change. The decision was made, and I began looking for the right ship. There would be Evelyn and I; son-in-law, JP, and daughter, Michelle; JP's parents, Effie and Pierre; granddaughters, Madeline, Isabelle and Caroline; and friends from San Francisco, Mike and Katharine, and their two boys, Timmy and Alex.

We booked a Norwegian Cruise Lines seven-day Mexican cruise on the Norwegian *Star*, which left from San Pedro Dec. 20, made three stops in Mexico: Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan and Puerto Vallarta; and returned Dec. 27.

In last month's article, we sailed from San Pedro and spent our first day at sea. The story continues:

#### Dec. 22 – Cabo San Lucas

Cabo San Lucas was once a tranquil fishing village and a hangout for pirates. Located at the southernmost tip of the Baja peninsula slightly more than 900 miles from Los Angeles, Cabo has been blessed with what many describe as the perfect climate. Average year-round temperature is 78 degrees; it is a little cooler in the winter and a bit warmer in the summer.

Cabo is still small and charming by any standards, with a population of fewer than 40,000. And with the number of activities available to the visitor, you could easily imagine that you are in a giant amusement park. Golf has become a major factor in the Cabo San Lucas equation, with five championship courses. The Pacific Ocean and the Sea of Cortez provide a large area for water sports and great fishing, and Cabo has the largest private marina on the west coast of Mexico.

The ship didn't anchor in the harbor until 11 a.m., so we had time to sleep in and have breakfast in an Aqua dining room, one of the perks of being in a balcony cabin. While the breakfast was good, I think the breakfast fare in the Market Café was just as good.

In Cabo, we had to tender in (take a ship's life boat to shore), so we needed to get tickets for the boat. By the time we got to the ticket desk, they had already signed up more than 500. The ship started to unload at 11 a.m., and we didn't get called until noon. We hired a glass-bottomed boat/taxi to take all of us to the beach on the outside of the Maria in front of the Office restaurant. At the Office, we got a table and ordered a bucket of beer, some chips and guacamole, fish tacos and some fruit and quesadillas for the kids. The water in front of the Office is great for swimming, and the kids played while we ate and drank. After two hours we moved to the sand, and the kids took a ride on a banana boat (a big yellow tube pulled by a boat). Our taxi picked us up at 4 p.m., and we spent a few minutes shopping in the flea market by the dock before reboarding the ship.

Everyone was on their own for dinner. We tried to get into both main dining rooms (Aqua and Versailles) but we didn't want to wait for a table, so we ended up at the Endless Summer, one of the specialty restaurants (an extra \$15 per person). The food was Tex Mex and was pretty good.

After dinner, we picked up our three grandkids and took them to the show, the Magician Murray. He said he performs in Las Vegas, but I don't remember hearing about him (I Googled him, and he has performed in Vegas at the MGM Hotel). He



Hal and Evelyn in Puerto Vallarta.

put on a good show, and all the kids enjoyed it. It was mixture of magic and humor. Some of the humor was a little raw, but our kids had no clue.

The next stop was the Stardust Room, where a troop of Chinese acrobats was performing. We didn't know about this until the cruise director mentioned it at the end of the magic show. I'm glad we heard about them because they were great, and the kids really enjoyed themselves.

The communication on the ship could be better. The daily information sheet contained mostly ads for things to buy, and in my view, there was little info on what was happening on board.

Coco asked to sleep in our cabin that night, and I had called the front desk to have them tell our steward to make up the sofa bed. When we got to the room it hadn't been done. I called the front desk and they sent a steward to make it up.



Madeline and Isabelle on the banana boat in Cabo San Lucas.



# ADVENTURES with HAL!

## Dec. 23 – Mazatlán

Mazatlán is on the Pacific coast of Mexico, just across from the southernmost tip of the Baja California.

The city was founded in 1531. By the mid-1800s, a large group of immigrants had arrived from Germany. These new citizens developed Mazatlán into a thriving commercial seaport, importing equipment for the nearby gold and silver mines. It is the home of Pacifico Brewery, my new favorite beer.

Mazatlán has a population of approximately 350,000 and has Mexico's largest commercial port. It is also a popular tourist destination, with its beaches lined with resort hotels.

By the time we awakened, the ship was docked in Mazatlán. We all met in the Market Café for breakfast and decided on when and who was leaving the ship.

Our friend, Mike, and his two kids and our granddaughter, Maddie, decided to stay on board, so seven adults and two kids left the ship. We were docked in a commercial area, and we needed to take a free tram to the cruise terminal. Our plan was to hire a van to show us a few sights and then drop us off in the shopping area.

The first people to approach us were selling timeshares, and it took a while to get by them. In the end we couldn't get a good price for a tour and took a taxi van (\$3 per person) to the Golden Zone, the tourist area by the beach. The zone is the location of most of the tourist hotels, many of the finer restaurants and most of the local night life.

We stopped in a few shops and then started walking on the beach. After a while we stopped at one of the hotels and had some drinks. By this time the kids were boarded, and we weren't in much better shape. We hired two mini-cabs, called *pulmonia*, to take us back to the ship. These handy, open-air cabs are unique to this area and are seemingly everywhere. They will take you wherever you want to go in the



Pierre, Effie and Katharine at one of our cocktail parties.

city very reasonably. Our diver gave us a tour on the way back to the ship, and I think we would have been better off hanging out by the old part of Mazatlán than in the golden zone.

The first cab got back to the terminal before us, and when we got there we couldn't find them. Isabelle, who was with us, didn't have her room key/ID, which you need to get back on the ship. We waited a while, and when they didn't show we took the tram to the ship to see if they were waiting by the gangway. They weren't, but we asked the security officer if they had checked in. At first they said no, but then they changed their mind and said yes. We were able to get Isabelle on board without her key, but it turns out the other group was still waiting for us in the terminal. No one was very happy about the confusion.

We headed for the pool area and had a quick lunch and laid out for the rest of the afternoon. The weather was clear skies and temp in the mid-80s.

We had our cocktail party that night; the kids were on their own for dinner. All the adults had dinner in Cagney's Steakhouse (\$20 per person), which was very good.

The entertainment tonight was the Second City comedy troupe, which put on a very good show. We hit the 10 p.m. show, and it was much less crowded.

## Dec. 24 – Puerto Vallarta

Located on the western Pacific coast of Mexico in the state of Jalisco, Puerto Vallarta has a charm that makes the resort famous around the world. Along with its cobblestone streets, beaches, plentiful marine life, and the Sierra Madre Mountains, Puerto Vallarta is a vacationer's paradise that has maintained its unique Old Mexico charm.

Stretching from the south end of Old Town to central downtown, a newly extended and refurbished boardwalk along the ocean, called the *malecon* passes by any number of shops, restaurants and hotels. The residents of Puerto Vallarta are very friendly and generally willing to help with directions and other requests. Old Town Vallarta (or the *Zona Romantica* district) south of the River Cuale is more like a Mexican town and less like a tourist trap.

Puerto Vallarta is only about 100 miles from Mazatlán, and we dropped anchor at 7 a.m. We didn't get a dock, Holland-America and Carnival took up the available space, so we had to take a short tender ride to the shore. At this point we split up. JP and Michelle took the kids and went looking for the zip line adventure. Mike and Katharine took their kids on a ride around town – they rented a small gas powered golf cart (\$50 for the day) and toured the city.

Evelyn and I and Effie and Pierre took a taxi into town (\$3 per person) and walked around for about four hours. The main parts of Puerto Vallarta are along the water, and it was nice to shop and see the beach at the same time. We crossed over the bridge to the old part of town; we sat on the beach and drank beer and ate guacamole and chips. On the way back we purchased some native art, which was very nice. We took a taxi back to the ship and relaxed until dinner.

The ship had made a big deal about a Mexican buffet on the pool deck and was it a waste of time. It wasn't worth the calories. After a while, Evelyn and I went down



Katharine and Mike at the Christmas dinner.

to one of bars to hear a coffeehouse singer who was great (Jana Seales). We were early to bed because Santa Claus was coming tomorrow.

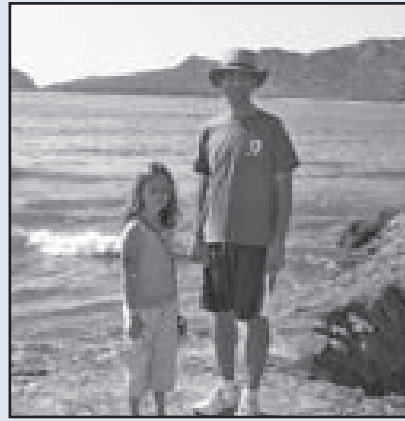
## Dec. 25 – At Sea

Our cabin phone rang a 7:30 a.m., and we had to get up so the kids could open what presents we had brought on board. They each got one present from the grandparents and a present from their parents; the grandparents gave each one a certificate good for a new bike.

After breakfast, we stopped to see Santa Claus, and the kids had their picture taken with him.

The rest of the day was spent just lounging around the pool and reading. That night we had a family Christmas dinner in the Aqua dining room.

I was disappointed in the meal. I had roast turkey and it was not very good. I did think the appetizer and desert were good. The others who had the short ribs liked



Coco and JP in Mazatlán.



Shopping in the Golden Zone in Mazatlán.

their meal. The kids had a kid's menu, and they seemed to like the food.

We got to the showroom late and had really had bad seats. The show was a review of all the entertainers and again was good.

We had Isabelle sleeping in our cabin. I told the cabin steward in the morning to make up her bed, and when we got to the cabin everything was fine. She had ordered a snack of brownies and potato chips, and we also received two plates of cookies from the hotel director.

## Dec. 26 – At Sea

This was our last day at sea, and the weather has turned rough. The sky was partly cloudy, and the seas had five-to-seven-foot swells (it got rougher later in the day). A large number of people got sea sick. The boat operators closed the pool because it was too rough, and we played board games most of the day.

We needed to pack to get our bags outside our door by 1 a.m. I received VIP luggage tags, which allowed us to be the first people off the ship with luggage. I asked for enough tags for our whole party.

We had our last cocktail party, and then



Michelle, Coco and Evelyn on the beach in front of the Office restaurant in Cabo San Lucas.

Evelyn and I and Effie and Pierre had dinner at La Trattoria, the Italian restaurant (\$10 per person). It featured excellent food and service.

We skipped the regular show and watched the Second City group perform at 9 p.m.

## Dec. 27 – Back in LA

We got up around 6:30 a.m., and the seas had calmed during the night. We had our last breakfast.

We waited with the other "VIPs" in the Soho restaurant before getting off the ship around 8:45 a.m. We got in our cars (\$12 per day for parking), loaded the bags and were home by 10 a.m.

I would take the family on Norwegian Cruise Lines ship again. They do a great job overall and provided a good value for our vacation dollars.

# RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

**Hilton "Pat" Brodie** teaches navigation to Sea Scouts in Washington State. Pat and Aileen celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Jan. 15. Pat was a Gunner's Mate in the United States Navy in the South Pacific from 1942 to 1945. Aileen just broke her hip. Call them at (425) 744-1111.

**Charles and Marie Tichenor** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 10 with family and friends in Tulsa, Okla. Chuck passed away April 21, and had a military funeral. He served in the United States Marine Corps in the South Pacific in World War II, and then did counterintelligence work. Chuck and Marie were members of the Tulsa Historical Society and put on a program titled "Cattle Ranches of 1880s" for schools and libraries.

**Sam Furuta** took ski trips to Jackson Hole, Wyo.; Yellowstone National Park; and Whistler, British Columbia; and summer trips to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico; Maui, Hawaii; and an Alaskan cruise.

**John Cockayne** bowls in a league and went on several cruises. He now rides a motor scooter instead of a motorcycle. He visited Ralph Kennedy while passing through Salem, Ore.

**Anita Moore** is working as a volunteer at Rancho Los Amigos Rehabilitation Center. She will be traveling to Ohio to meet their new grandson, born in January.

**William J. Thomas** was installed as president of the Russian Heritage Club at the Magic Castle. They hold an annual Scholarship Awards banquet. He is active in several travel and computer clubs in the Canyon Lake area.

Hal Danowitz asks you to visit our Website at [www.rlacei.com](http://www.rlacei.com) to find the latest news. You can e-mail us at [rlacei@verizon.net](mailto:rlacei@verizon.net)

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.

The annual **Retirees Poetry Contest** will be held again. There are separate categories for Retirees and family members. Valuable prizes will be awarded. Send typed poems on any subject of interest to retirees to Phil Skarin by Nov. 1.

**If you have news about yourself, or other retirees, that you'd like to share,** send it to Phil Skarin at 5302 Norwich Avenue, Van Nuys, CA 91411-3910, or call him at (818) 784-0130, or fax it to (818) 906-3722.

The new **bylaws** for RLACEI were adopted at the April 9 General Membership meeting without change. If you need a copy, contact Hal Danowitz, Bylaws Chairman.

**Our annual Corporation Meeting and Election of Officers** will be held at the Friendship Lodge Oct. 8. If you are interested in being considered for a Director position, contact Nominating Chair Neil Ricci and send a resume of your qualifications to 458 21st Place, Santa Monica, CA 90402 or call him.



**K**en Kochakji, Retired, Rec and Parks, and his fellow runners with the Basin Blues Running Club participated in the Northridge Hospital Center for Assault Treatment Services 5-K walk and run. The event was a fundraiser for the hospital's children's assault treatment services.

# On the Move



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

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

## LACERS Update

■ **Mary Beetz, continued from page 31**

- Tips to Boost Your Mood (Kaiser);
- Secrets to a Good Night's Sleep: Discover Your Internal Fountain of Youth (SCAN); and
- Aging and Emotional Vitality: Overcoming the Challenges (Secure Horizons).

"Due to high demand, all available spaces were booked within a week of the mailing of the invitations and many members were placed on a waiting list. However, on the day of the event, about 25 of those who reserved a space did not show up. If you RSVP for a future LACERS event and find out later that you will not be able to attend, LACERS asks that you call to cancel your reservation so that those members placed on the waiting list have an opportunity to attend.

"Many door prizes were awarded throughout the event, but the Grand Prize was two lower level section tickets to a Los Angeles Lakers playoff game, courtesy of Anthem Blue Cross. Feedback from the workshop satisfaction surveys indicated that overall, the event was successful with most people rating it as 'very good' or 'excellent.' The next workshop is scheduled for this summer.

"As of Jan. 1, LACERS changed its dental PPO plan from Anthem (WellPoint) Blue Cross to MetLife. LACERS notified all mem-

bers who were enrolled in Anthem of this change, but many members are still surprised when they visit their dentist and find out they are no longer enrolled in Anthem. If you were enrolled in the Anthem dental PPO plan in 2008, you were automatically transferred to the MetLife dental PPO plan for 2009. For questions, retirees can contact MetLife at the toll free number dedicated to LACERS members: (866) 526-0981. Dentists can access [www.metdental.com](http://www.metdental.com) or call the toll-free number to verify PPO coverage. Although MetLife does not issue dental plan I.D. cards, LACERS can issue you a generic dental I.D. card by request.

"LACERS is always updating its Retired Membership database because our Retirees are always on the move! If you have recently changed phone numbers, gotten a new mobile phone, added an email address or simply moved, please let us know.

"LACERS sends important communications about your benefits. With holidays, natural emergencies and sudden changes, we may need to send you essential messages. So it is important that we have every possible means of contacting you. To update your contact information, please call our Member Information Support Service Center (213) 473-7200, (800) 779-8328 or (888) 349-3996 (TDD).



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

### *Debate vs. Dialogue*

*In meetings, the difference between these two processes becomes obscured. In dialogue, we want to be listened to and affirmed.*

*Dialogue is important when understanding is needed.*

*In debate we seek to convince others of our point of view.*

*We expect to be challenged.*

*We want to win and reach a conclusion.*

*In your meetings or organizations, there is a time to recognize and use the appropriate process.*

– Phil Skarin

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CITY COUNCIL

# Awardz for Excellence

Councilman Dennis Zine hands out his annual Z Awards.



From left: Rickey Gelb; Dep. Brad Johnson; Officer Andre Baydaline; Chana Sachs; Capt. Bob Mihlhauser; Dep. District Attorney Nicole Flood; Det. Clarence Speer; Sgt. Adrian Torres; Det. Joel Price; Chief William Bratton; and Councilman Dennis Zine.

Story and photos by Angel Gomez, Director of Member Services



Councilman Dennis Zine held his seventh annual Z Awards celebration April 23 at the Warner Center Marriott in Woodland Hills.

The awards program honors and celebrates the accomplishments of City and County employees who go above and beyond what is expected in serving the people of the Third District of the City.

**The 2009 honorees are:**

■ **Officer Andre Baydaline, LAPD, Valley Traffic Division.** As a police motorcycle officer, his job is to save lives through aggressive enforcement of the California Vehicle Code. In 2008, Officer Baydaline stopped 2,173 drivers and pedestrians, resulting in 1,964 citations. He has received many commendations for safeguarding the San Fernando Valley community.



From left: Councilman Dennis Zine, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Police Officer Andre Baydaline and Rickey Gelb.

■ **Deputy District Attorney Nicole Flood.** As a Deputy District Attorney, she has prosecuted special cases including homicides, sexual assaults and domestic violence. Assigned to the Hardcore Gang Division, she has targeted and prosecuted gang members who were committing serious and violent crimes. She participated in a program that targeted gang crime and "at-risk youth" in greater Los Angeles and the San Fernando Valley.



From left: Councilman Dennis Zine, Deputy District Attorney Nicole Flood, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Rickey Gelb.

■ **Deputy Brad Johnson, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office.** Assigned to the Transit Services, he was one of the first responders to the Metrolink crash Sept. 12. An 18-year veteran, he has worked patrol in inner city and has lead the charge against graffiti on the Orange Line.



From left: Councilman Dennis Zine, Deputy Brad Johnson, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Rickey Gelb.

■ **Capt. Bob Mihlhauser, LAFD.** Capt. Mihlhauser was appointed to the LAFD in 1981. He is certified in Hazardous Material Operations and as an EMT. While assigned to the Fire Prevention Bureau, he was charged with implementing the brush clearance appeals process and was successful, resulting in about \$7 million to be paid to the City.



From left: Councilman Dennis Zine, Capt. Bob Mihlhauser and Rickey Gelb.



From left: Councilman Dennis Zine, Det. Joel Price, Chief William Bratton, Rickey Gelb and other law enforcement personnel.



Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa enjoys the response from the attendees.



LAPD Chief William Bratton gives a short talk to all the 2009 honorees and guests.



LAPD Chief William Bratton and Officer Christopher Zine.

■ **Det. Joel Price, LAPD, West Valley.** Along with Det. Gregory Crowe and Det. Jason LeDuff, the detectives worked on a West Valley area homicide, and through recovered cell phone contacts and other findings, were able to piece together the evidence leading to the identification of the suspect. To complicate the case, the suspect had fled the crime scene, traveled to Mexico, and then to Iran, his native country.



From left: Councilman Dennis Zine, Chana Sachs and Rickey Gelb. Chana was awarded a \$1,000 check from the "Z" Awards scholarship fund.



All seven "Z" awards, neatly displayed.



Councilman Dennis P. Zine at his seventh annual "Z" Awards.



Dep. Brad Johnson and the rest of the "Z" awardees in attendance stand for a patriotic song by Al Mooney.



Rickey Gelb presents an award to Officer Raymond Diaz. The award was from the Winnetka Chamber of Commerce.

■ **Det. Clarence Speer, LAPD, Topanga Area Robbery Unit.** During his 35-year career with the LAPD, Supervisor Det. III Clarence Speer has demonstrated his ability for enhancing communications and cooperation among law enforcement agencies, as well as continual improvement of services to the community. He serves as Director of Publicity for the SFV Youth Conference, the Valley's only Pop Warner organization. He is also the annual Game Chairman of the high school All-Stars Football game. His efforts help keep children off the street and safe.



From left: Det. Clarence Speer, Chief William Bratton and other law enforcement personnel.

■ **Sgt. Adrian Torres, CHP West Valley.** In his 27 years of outstanding service, he has shown the experience and personal traits that make him an outstanding CHP officer. He has been a member of the Campaign Against Marijuana Planting, has been a Field Training Officer for new officers, and is a motorcycle squad supervisor.

The Club congratulates all the honorees.



From left: Sgt. Adrian Torres, Rickey Gelb and other law enforcement personnel.

# 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:

### dixie bell

Dixie Bell is a five-year-old black and tan spayed German Shepherd mix. She is friendly with adults. Her owner is terminally ill and had to surrender her. She would like to stay with her brother, Winston.  
**ID#: A0694729** – South LA Animal Care Center.



### Winston

Winston is a five-year-old tan and black male German Shepherd mix. He came to SLA with his sister, Dixie Bell, because their terminally ill owner could no longer care for them. They have always been together and hope to find a home for two.  
**ID#: A0627828** – South LA Animal Care Center.



### brandon

Brandon is a two-year old gray and white neutered domestic Short Hair. He is somewhat timid with people, but is a sweet kitty. His owner died and he was surrendered with his sister Sheba. Please give these two a loving home!  
**ID#: A0917682** – South LA Animal Care Center.



### sheba

Sheba is a three-year old black spayed domestic Short Hair. She is a friendly but shy girl. She was brought to the shelter with her brother, Brandon, and she is looking for a home with room for two!  
**ID#: A0928977** – South LA Animal Care Center.



### dottie

Dottie is an 11-month-old female black and white long-haired Chihuahua. Her owner never came to claim her. She is a very friendly and playful little dog who loves to give kisses!  
**ID#: A1026379** – South LA Animal Care Center.



### Meet your new hope coordinator!



All of the above animals are available for adoption at the South L.A. Animal Care Center, 3612 11th Ave, Los Angeles. Contact Tomika Johnson, New Hope and Bottle Baby Coordinator, (213) 485-0117.



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

## PUBLIC WORKS

# Sanitation's Open Houses Continue

More Open Houses coming up in June.

Public Works/Sanitation's season of Open Houses continues, with three more scheduled in June. They will conclude the 2009 Open House season.

Everyone is invited to attend the remaining Open Houses, for a day of free recycling fun, games, raffles, food and activities. As an added treat, the Radio Disney Rockin' Road Crew will be at each open house to spice things up with some cool music, recycling fun and giveaways.

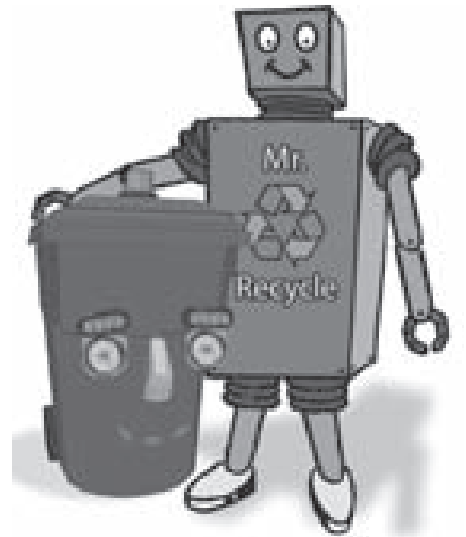
Attending Sanitation's open house events is a great way for kids of all ages to learn about recycling and other City services in a fun environment. Kids will get a chance to watch trash truck and equipment demonstrations. There will be guided facility tours, information booths and learning activities. Mr. Recycle will be there to greet everyone and hand out raffle tickets. Robo Blue will be there to talk about recycling fun!

The City's Million-Tree program will also hand out free citrus trees to City residents. Sanitation will distribute free mulch recycled from its green waste program. Citrus trees and mulch will be available while supplies last. City residents who want a free citrus tree and/or mulch should come early.

Everyone attending the open houses will get a chance to meet the City's hard-working employees who volunteer their time to meet the community and make sure everyone is learning all they can while having a great time.

All open houses showcase the City's collection and recycling programs to improve recycling awareness and increase recycling practices. They also provide residents with easy access and information to all city services delivered by Sanitation.

Last year, close to 4,000 residents attended Sanitation's open houses, with more than 300 City employees volunteering their time to give



back to the community at the free weekend events. This year's 2009 open houses are the seventh in a series.

For more information, call (800) 773-2489 or visit [www.lacity.org/SAN](http://www.lacity.org/SAN).

### Following are the dates and locations for the remaining 2009 Open Houses:

- June 6: South L.A. District Yard, Los Angeles (Mission Road)
- June 13: Harbor District Yard, San Pedro
- June 27: West L.A. District Yard, Los Angeles (West L.A.)



Last year, one of many children who learned to operate a compactor on a collection truck.

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**PUBLIC WORKS**



Irma Aranda retires after 34 years of service as the Executive Administrative Assistant II, Public Works/Administration.

# Adios, Irma

Irma Aranda retires from Public Works/Contract Administration after 34 years of City service.

*Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations*

Friends, family and coworkers gathered April 8 for a retirement celebration for Irma Aranda, Executive Administrative Assistant II, Public Works/Contract Administration.

Irma has more than 34 years of City service to her credit.

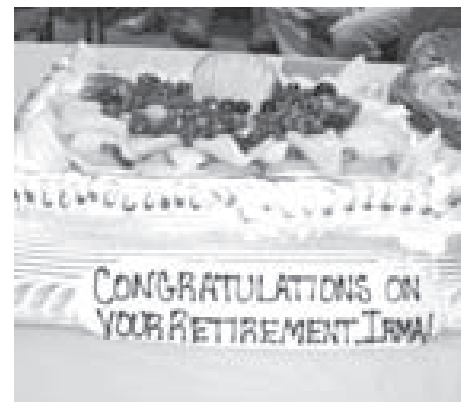
The party was held in the Contract Administration Conference Room, downtown.

"The Club wishes Irma a wonderful retirement as well as many years of enjoyment!" said Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations. "You deserve it, Irma!"

*The Club thanks Amanda Montenegro and Paola Valencia, Public Works/ Contract Administration, for their assistance.*



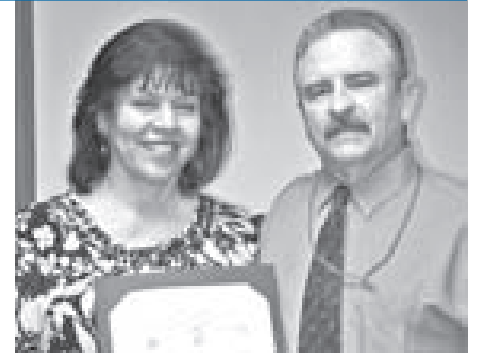
Charley Mims, Chief Construction Inspector, Public Works/Contract Administration, 41 years of City service, with Beth Slick, Executive Administrative Assistant III, Public Works/Contract Administration, 7 years.



The retirement cake for Irma Aranda, Retiree, Public Works/Contract Administration.



Manny Perez, Management Analyst II, Public Works/Contract Administration, 37 years of City service, with Irma Aranda.



Walter Bradley, Assistant Director, 20 years of City service, with Irma Aranda.



David Chao, Management Analyst I, 4 years of City service, paid tribute to Irma Aranda in Spanish.



Lydia Gonzalez, Sr. Management Analyst I, Public Works/Engineering, 37 years of City service.



Larry Williams, Chief Management Analyst, 24 years of City service.



Irma Aranda and her family.

# Congratulations, GRADUATES



**Let the Club family celebrate with you ... by putting your photo in *Alive!***

**Club members: Have you had a family member graduate from elementary school ... high school ... or college this summer? Send us a photo, and we'll publish it in *Alive!***

**Make sure you tell us:**

- The name of the graduate.
- The school from which they graduated. If a college, tell us their major.
- Their future plans (briefly)
- The name and department of the Club member they're related to (and how they're related)

Digital photos are preferred. Send them to: [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

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Print photos will be returned within two months after publication if you request it, and if you write your name and address on the back.



{ Who are the people you see every day? }

No. 18 in a series.

# People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.



## Meet Antonio Palacio.



At the end of our visit with Antonio, he asked if he could play the harmonica for us and we said sure. He played a couple of wonderful Cuban songs. It gave us a sense of what old Cuba must have been like.



**AGE:** "I'm 63 years old."  
**BIRTHPLACE:** "Oriente, Cuba."  
**WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO THE UNITED STATES?** "I escaped Cuba in 1980, landing at Key West, Fla."  
**MARITAL STATUS:** "I'm married, but I'm not with my wife anymore. I have six boys, three daughters and two grandsons."  
**FAMILY:** "I have seven brothers and three sisters."  
**RELIGION:** "Catholic."  
**MILITARY:** "I spent seven years in the Cuban army as an army tank driver."  
**WHERE DO YOU LIVE?** "Here in Flag Park."  
**WHAT WAS THE LAST JOB YOU HAD?** "I worked at a body shop about four years ago."  
**IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE?** "I would wish for a trip back to Cuba to see my family."  
**FAVORITE SPORTS:** "I like basketball and soccer. I like the Lakers."  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** "I love rice and beans."  
**FAVORITE ACTOR:** "Cantinflas."  
**FAVORITE MUSIC:** "I really like Cuban music, and harmonicas and accordions."  
**FAVORITE CANDY:** "I don't really like candy all that much."  
**WHAT WAS THE LAST THING YOU ATE?** "Last night, a couple brought us some rice and beans."  
**WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY?** "I like it here in Flag Park."  
**ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE:** "Make yourself better and do good. Life on the streets is no good."  
**IF YOU WERE THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES, WHAT WOULD YOU DO FOR THE HOMELESS?** "I would help people with addictions. I would try to give them an education."

*The Club gave Antonio a McDonald's gift certificate, some cash, snacks and a Club tote bag.*

This interview took place April 29 in Flag Park, near the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration.

### LAPD

## 3 Captains Go Higher

Police Dept. promotes three.

The LAPD has promoted three Captains to higher-level captains.

Capt. II Dennis Kato has been promoted to Captain III; Capt. I Evangelyn Nathan has been promoted to Captain III; and Capt. I Kelly Mulldorfer has been promoted to Captain II.

**Capt. Kato** is assigned as the Assistant Commanding Officer of Metropolitan



Capt. III Dennis Kato

Division. He joined the LAPD in May 1987. Capt. Kato will become the first Asian American to serve as the Commanding Officer of Metropolitan Division.

Capt. Kato has a Bachelor of science degree in occupational studies from the California State University at Long Beach. He is a member of the Law Enforcement Association of Asian Pacific and the California Narcotics Officers' Association. He is a coach in the Sansei Baseball organization in South Bay.

**Capt. Nathan** is the Commanding Officer, Wilshire Patrol Division. Upon her promotion and transfer to West

Los Angeles Area, Capt. Nathan becomes the second female African American to command an operational Area. Capt. Anita Ortega recently became the Commanding Officer, Hollenbeck



Capt. III Evangelyn Nathan

Area. Capt. Nathan joined the LAPD on June 29, 1981. She obtained a Bachelor of science degree in business administration from California State University, Dominguez Hills. She is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy, West Point Leadership Institute, Supervisory Leadership Institute, and Command Development School.

Capt. Nathan is actively involved in the Oscar Joel Bryant Foundation, Los Angeles Women Police Officer Association, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement, FBI National Academy Association, and Association of Black Law Enforcement.

**Capt. Mulldorfer** is currently the Commanding Officer, Van Nuys Patrol



Capt. II Kelly Mulldorfer

Division. Upon her promotion and transfer, Capt. Mulldorfer will be the first female captain in Metropolitan Division history. She has been with LAPD since January 1981.

Capt. Mulldorfer is a graduate of the LAPD West Point Leadership Program, the FBI National Academy, and she holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Organizational Management from The Master's College in Santa Clarita, California. Capt. Mulldorfer is a POST-certified Institute of Criminal Investigation instructor and regularly instructs a variety of law enforcement-related courses.



{ 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. }

LAFD

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# Are You Prepared?

The recent earthquakes in the South Bay remind us to be prepared for a disaster.  
The LAFD offers group safety classes. Sign up for one!



Jayson "JJ" Johnson has been a member of the LAFD for more than 18 years. Jayson is an active-duty member and often works on fire and rescue apparatus, but his focus is teaching disaster awareness and preparedness strategies to the citizens, students and employees in Los Angeles.

Story by Jayson A. Johnson, Firefighter/  
Paramedic, LAFD; Photos by Juan Guerra.

Are you ready for a major disaster? The recent earthquakes in the South Bay remind us all that there might not be time after a disaster to prepare. The time to get ready is now.

The good news is that the LAFD offers safety classes for groups. Look at the bottom for contact information to get a class arranged for your group.

Are you prepared for disasters like these?

## 1992

After the infamous Rodney King verdicts were read, riots broke out in South Los Angeles. Many in the area had to survive for several days on the food they had on hand. Essentials including diapers, baby formula, water and sanitation supplies had to be rationed until calm was restored.

## 1994

In the predawn hours of Jan. 17, a magnitude-6.4 earthquake lasting close to 20 seconds rocked the San Fernando Valley. The Northridge Earthquake caused the collapse of several freeways, close to 9,000 injuries and 57 recorded deaths (some say as many as 72 deaths can be directly attributed to the Northridge Earthquake).

## 2001

The sobering images of passenger jets being used as weapons and flying into the Twin Towers

of New York and the Pentagon in Washington D.C. on Sept. 11 are images that I will never forget. The subsequent collapse of the Twin Towers put a horrible exclamation point on the day.

## 2005

On Aug. 28, a category-five hurricane trampled on everything in its path and left a trail of destruction in Florida, Mississippi and finally New Orleans that to date still has not seen anything close to a full recovery. Katrina claimed more than 1,800 lives, and the number of lives adversely affected cannot be measured.

## 2008

The San Fernando Valley had a very tough 2008. In September, the residents of Chatsworth witnessed one of the worst commuter train accidents in U.S. history. This accident saw a Metrolink commuter train run into a Union Pacific freight train, killing more than 20, including Club Counselor Howard Pompel. Because of the location, many injured passengers had to help themselves until first responders could get to them.

In November, the northwest area of the San Fernando Valley had the Sylmar and Sayre fires, which saw the destruction of hundreds of homes and the displacement of thousands of residents, many of who are still trying to put their lives back together.

## Organize a Class

You never know when the tentacles of disaster will touch you or a family member until it happens. The time to prepare is now.

The LAFD offers classes in several areas of preparedness. The most basic is the Disaster Awareness Course. The DAC can be tailored to the needs of your group. In general, a DAC can be from one hour up to three hours. The DAC covers basic disaster preparedness, a brief history of earthquakes in Southern California, and tips to help prepare your home/office before the earthquake.

The more detailed and complete training is our CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) class. The CERT class is a seven-module class with 18 hours of education that covers many topics from earthquake preparedness, fire suppression, first aid, search and rescue, team building and terrorism.

These classes are offered free and provide students with tips, suggestions and materials that can assist in the increased preparedness of the students and their families.

The LAFD also offers an additional class on the use and operation of fire extinguishers. This class covers the proper use and identification of the class A, B, C extinguishers as well as an opportunity to have practical/hands on application of the information and put out live fires. This class has some specific requirements, and people seeking this class should call the Disaster Preparedness Section and ask for the Fire Extinguisher Demonstration/Presentation form.

## Static Display/Booth

The DAC Unit can also provide a static display or booth if you, your company, your community group, block club or your house of worship is sponsoring an event such as a street fair, health and safety fair, picnic or gathering that will offer people a chance to come and ask one on one questions regarding disaster preparedness. Our goal is to reach as many citizens as we can, to afford Los Angeles the highest disaster preparedness IQ as possible.

## No Cost to You

The classes offered are free. We request that organizers have a minimum of 20 students, an area/room to accommodate the group and a slide/PowerPoint presentation, and come with an attitude for learning. Please also note that some classes, such as the first aid and search and rescue portions of CERT, may require adequate space to practice the techniques.

To learn more about what CERT and DAC have to offer, click on [www.cert-la.com](http://www.cert-la.com).



Firefighters from Fire Stations 60 (North Hollywood) and 7 (Arleta) transport an actor portraying an earthquake victim, as part of the ShakeOut exercises last year.

I also invite you to check out my blog at [www.yourhouseinorder.blogspot.com](http://www.yourhouseinorder.blogspot.com). To contact the LAFD's Disaster Preparedness Section office directly, call (818) 756-9674 or email [jayson.johnson@lacity.org](mailto:jayson.johnson@lacity.org). You can also follow up to the moment activities and updates on

Twitter: [RescueJayLAFD](https://twitter.com/RescueJayLAFD)

For an excellent start on your preparedness journey, download the LAFD's Emergency Preparedness book at: [www.cert-la.com/2007EmergPrepBooklet.pdf](http://www.cert-la.com/2007EmergPrepBooklet.pdf).

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Last year, a military helicopter soars over the athletic fields at Bishop Alemany High School, as part of the disaster simulation.

Angel's

Be Alive!



Angel Gomez,  
Director of  
Member  
Services



As you can see, there are many trails to choose from.



These are the erosion dams built to control water flow, I believe.



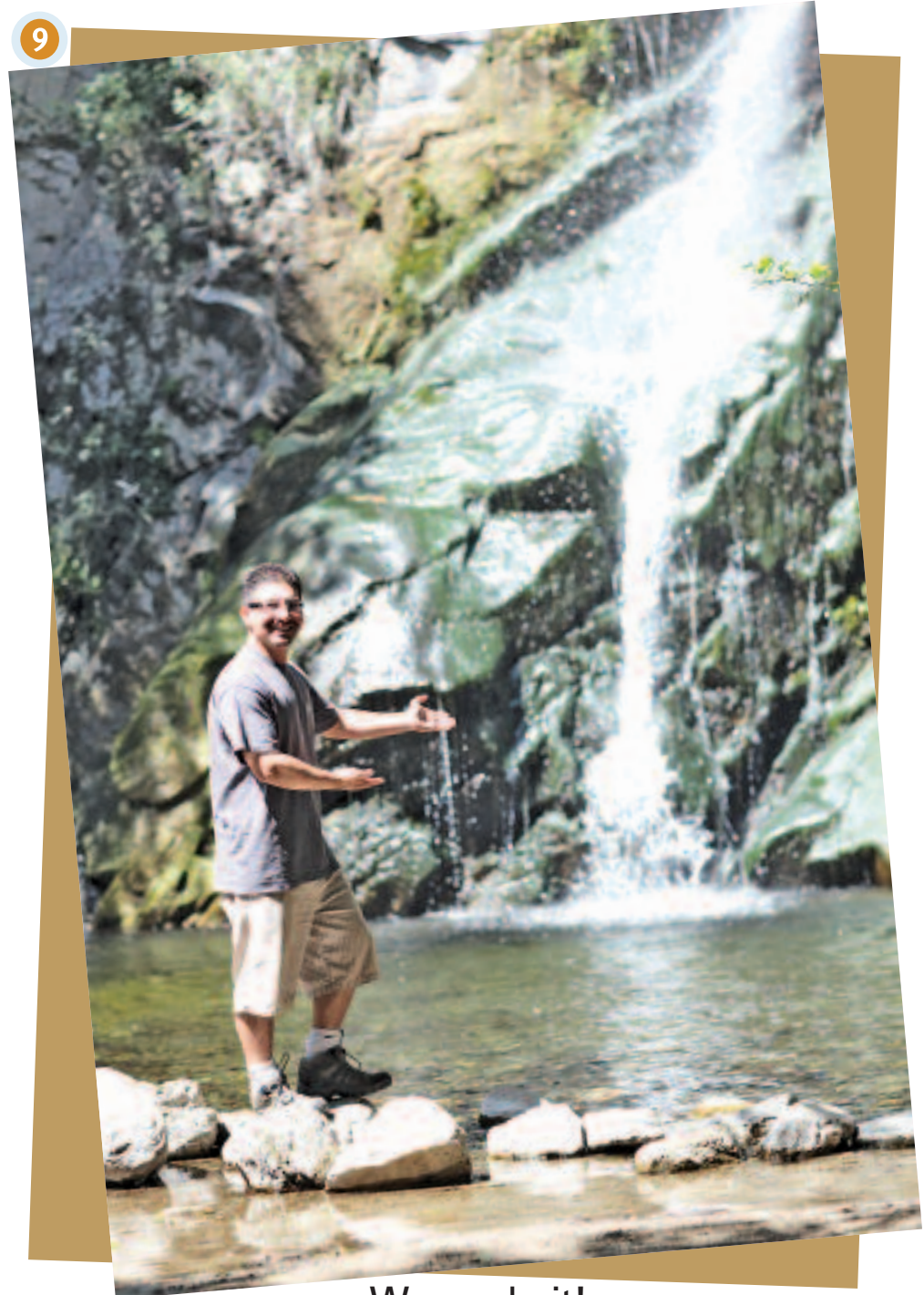
Angel crosses along the footbridge and gets closer with every step.



Angel walks along the creek toward the cabins.



There are a lot of cabins up there.



We made it!



Angel stands next to the dirt path going toward the footbridge.



# Sturtevant Falls

## Hello again!

This month we visit Sturtevant Falls, “the crown jewel of Big Santa Anita Canyon,” near Arcadia. This is a fairly easy (day) hike and only about 3.7 miles round trip. On our adventure, you will see a lovely creek, a 50-foot waterfall, historic cabins, and campgrounds. What more could you ask for?

## History

Sturtevant Falls was named for canyon pioneer Wilbur M. Sturtevant, who carved out a trail in the 1890s and built his Sturtevant Camp trail resort two miles up the canyon from the falls. (1)

During the Great Hiking Era (1895-1938), lots of hikers trod the famous Sturtevant Trail to enjoy the delights of Big Santa Anita Canyon. Weary hikers found respite at a host of trail hotels — Jose Clark’s Halfway House, First Water Camp, Roberts’ Camp, Fern Lodge, Muir Lodge, Hoegge’s Camp, and of course, Sturtevant Camp. Other items in the area included a stone lodge and a dining area, and numerous cabins and tents once stood here; there were enough buildings to accommodate 180 guests at a time. Some of those old cabins are the ones you see here today. People actually live in these cabins.

## The Hike

Start from the entrance of the lower parking lot at Chantry Flat. Walk past the locked gate and

## Hiking Information:

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Lovely creek; 50-foot waterfall, historic cabins and campgrounds, ocean views

**DISTANCE:** 3.7 miles round trip

**ELEVATION:** 700 feet

**HIKE TIME:** 1.5 hours

**DIFFICULTY:** Easy

**INFO:** www.parks.ca.gov

look for a sign calling this route the Gabrielino Trail. (2)

Gabrielino Trail meanders under the shade of oaks and wanders along Big Santa Anita Creek. The stream is tamed somewhat by a series of small erosion dams, forming pretty artificial waterfalls and glassy pools. (3)

Hike north down the paved road into Big Santa Anita Canyon. After sixth-tenths of a mile, veer to the right, cross a footbridge, and arrive at Roberts Camp, the confluence of Winter Creek and Big Santa Anita Canyons. Take a few minutes to read about the history of the location. (4)

A trail sign at Roberts Camp points the way to Sturtevant Falls (about one and a quarter miles). Follow the broad path (5) east, which then curves north up the main canyon. The path soon narrows, and you’ll pass a number of rustic cabins from the early 1900s. (6)

About three-quarters of a mile from Roberts Camp, you reach Fern Lodge Junction. (7)

Turning left would take you to Sturtevant Camp and beyond. But to reach the falls, continue straight ahead (the sign indicates a half-mile to Sturtevant Falls). In about three minutes, the trail veers right (east) and crosses the creek. The cabin there has a sign that reads “Fiddler’s Crossing.” (8)

The creek crossing is a little dicey with some possibility of getting wet if you lose your footing. In another three or four minutes, the trail veers left (west) and crosses the creek again; this is also a little dicey. In about 100 yards, you arrive at a jumble of river rocks, marking the entry to the sanctuary of this majestic waterfall. (9) (10)

Enjoy the view.

I almost forgot — there is a small store above the parking area, open Fridays through Sundays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (11)

Bring plenty of water snacks and maybe spend a little time at the waterfall having a picnic.

Let me tell you, I liked this hike so much that I am taking my family out this weekend. If you also take your family or friends, I would love to see your pictures. So send them to me at [agomez@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:agomez@cityemployeesclub.com).

## As always, Be Safe and Be Alive!



The Fern Lodge Junction sign.



Fiddler’s Crossing and a cabin are in the background.

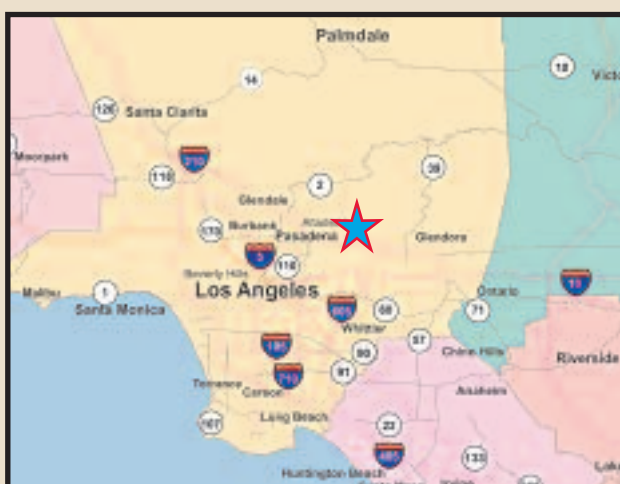


Enjoy the view.



Adam’s Pack Station and General Store.

## Directions:



From the Foothill Freeway (I-210), in Arcadia, take the Santa Anita Avenue exit and drive north to Chantry Flat, 4.6 miles.

A National Forest Adventure Pass is required for parking. The vehicle gate for Chantry Flat Road is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Access note: Due to destructive weather, Chantry Flat is subject to periodic and extended closures. It is best to check with the Forest Service (626) 574-5200, or the Sierra Madre Police Department, (626) 355-1414, before hitting the trail.



Angel stands next to the Chantry Flat Sign.



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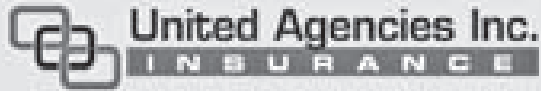
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## AIRPORTS

# Designs on Retirement

After 20 years of perfect attendance, Don Kalanick, Civil Engineer, Airports, retires after 43 years of City service.

*Story and photos courtesy Cindy Shumaker, Airports*

A retirement luncheon was held April 30 for Don Kalanick, Civil Engineer, Facilities Engineering and Technical Services Division, Airports.

The luncheon was held at the Proud Bird Restaurant in Westchester.

Don was born and raised in Los Angeles and graduated from Eagle Rock High School. After attending community college, he served two years in the United States Army. He later graduated from UCLA with a Bachelor of science degree in civil engineering.

On April 21, 1965, Don began his career with the City as a Civil Engineering Draftsman in Public Works. In June 1968, he was promoted to a Civil Engineering Assistant. In July 1970, he was promoted to Sr. Civil Engineering Assistant. In August 1980, he was promoted to Sanitary Engineering Assistant. In November 1984, he transferred Civil Engineer Associate I. In July 1986, he advanced to Civil Engineering Associate II.

During the time at Public Works, Don worked in the Coordinating Division as well as the Sewer Design and Construction Division.

On March 1, 1987, Don was promoted to Civil Engineer and joined the Engineering Division (later the Engineering and Project Management Division), Airports.

As the Manager of the CAD/Mapping Section of the Engineering Division, Don has been responsible for reprographics; drafting and support services; the master lease exhibit program; the drawing archival and retrieval program; creation of an inventory of engineering drawings; microfilm utilizing a searchable database/the Drawing Index System (DIS); and aerial photography. He participated in the development of the LUSAD, DDMS, and GIS programs, providing research and information, as well as creating numerous special exhibits. Some of the notable projects Don was involved in were Green's Ready Mix, Gateway Freight Services and Westchester Parkway.

During his time at Airports, Don has been awarded the Perfect Attendance Award 20 consecutive years.

After retirement, Don looks forward to spending more time with his family, catching up on some home projects, and pursuing his hobbies including traveling, boating and especially hunting and fishing.

The Club congratulates Don Kalanick on a great career and wishes him an enjoyable retirement. *Thanks to Cindy Shumaker, Secretary, Airports, for her assistance.*

Don Kalanick was presented a Certificate of Appreciation from the City, signed by Councilman Bill Rosenthal. The presentation was made by Don's supervisor, Sr. Civil Engineer Jeff Moore.



Don Kalanick was presented a Resolution from the City, signed by Mayor Antonio Villarigosa and all the City Council members. The presentation was made by Chief Airports Engineer Jeff Smith.



Don Kalanick was presented the book, *Images of Aviation: Los Angeles International Airport* by Ethel Pattison.



Don Kalanick was presented a Resolution from Airports, signed by Executive Director Gina Marie Lindsey; Deputy Executive Director Dave Shuter; and Chief Airports Engineer Jeff Smith. The presentation was made by Dave Shuter.



Back row, from left: Don Kalanick's son, Travis Kalanick; daughter-in-law, Katrina Kalanick; son, Cory Kalanick, holding granddaughter, Wynn; daughter, Jaime Kalanick; daughter, Anji Arm; and son-in-law, Steve Arm. Front: Brother-in-law, George Encinas; sister, Mary Ann Encinas; wife, Bonnie Kalanick; and Don Kalanick.

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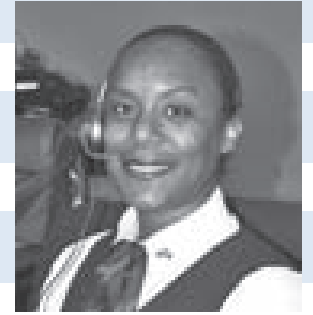
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Kathy Kravitz, PSR II, Club Member, with James Sumbi, PSR II, Club Member, the "House Manager of the Year."



From left: Jean Sarfaty, PSR II, Club Member, and Michelle Willis, PSR III, Club Member.



From left: Rosalynne Cavanaugh, PSR I, and Caroline Graf Von Langkammerer, PSR III, Club Member.

## National Dispatchers Week

Attention is given, and employees are honored at this annual event dedicated to the City's 911 emergency dispatchers.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; Bios courtesy Norma Espinoza-Cato, LAPD Communications

The Police Department's Communication Division celebrated National Dispatchers' Week April 12 through 18 at the Metro and Valley Communications Centers.

Three dispatchers were honored for their excellence over the past year.

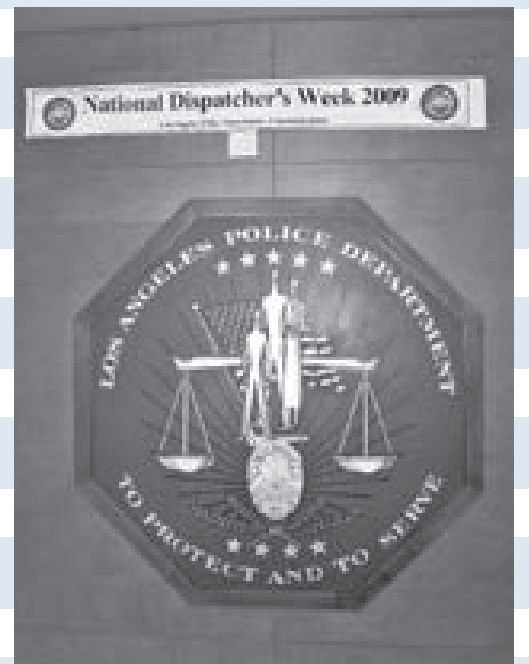
The annual event, established in 1992 by President George H. Bush, honors dispatchers nationwide for providing vital emergency services in their respective communities.

LAPD dispatchers, known as Police Service Representatives (PSRs), are an integral part of

the public safety net in Los Angeles. They fulfill dual roles as police dispatchers and 911 operators. Last year, PSRs provided all dispatching services for LAPD officers and answered 3.8 million calls for police service from the public.

Both dispatch centers offered guided tours for officers, City employees, members of the media and the general public. Tours were conducted all day, and refreshments were provided. The Club provided several prizes for the week-long event and attended open houses at both centers. Chief William Bratton also visited both centers.

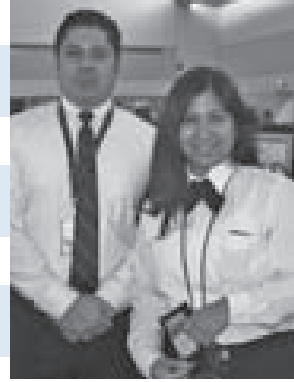
The Club thanks Angela Rodriguez, PSR II, and Norma Espinoza-Cato, Secretary, for their assistance in producing this article.



Welcome!



From left: Robert Lopez, PSR II, Club Member, and Autumn Kohoutek, PSR II.



From left: JC Vizcarra, PSR II; and Fabiola Lomeli, PSR II.



Michael Schmidt, PSR II, Club Member, and Deby Herdrich, PSR II, Club Member.



From left: Berta Ugas, Sr. PSR 1, Club Member; son, Dallas; Sgt. II Delaney Jones, WELD Division; and daughter, Tiffany.

### MONIKA QUEEN

#### 2008 Supervisor of the Year

Monika's role of a high-quality, first-level supervisor cannot be overstated. She has been observed fulfilling her supervisor's duties to ensure that the goals of the Department and Communications Division are accomplished. The complex goals of the Department and Communications Division, coupled with the need for teamwork, has made Monika's position as a supervisor an extremely demanding one. Monika has taken an overt interest in the success of Communications Division by providing leadership to all Police Service Representatives with the professional tools needed to perform their duties and responsibilities as professionally trained PSRs.



Monika does not strive for popularity or build false hopes; she holds her subordinates to be accountable and provide service. She has a unique way of instructing and supervising PSRs to a level that takes the PSR beyond their expectations to complete their assigned duties. Monika possesses the three basic skills (technical, interpersonal and analytical) that every seasoned and knowledgeable supervisor should utilize to be effective and competent in

their duties and responsibilities.

Jan. 6, 2008, the Department suffered a devastating loss when LAPD Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Officer Randal Simmons was killed in the line of duty, and his partner, Officer James Veenstra, was seriously injured. Monika was assigned as a supervisor for a.m. watch, monitoring all "calls and cars" to ensure that resources were sufficient for the numerous requests for additional units, specialized units, additional tactical frequencies and various continued request during this very tragic event. Monika's outstanding leadership during and after this incident was yet another example of her supervisory leadership, dedication and attention to duty.

Monika has been involved and has shown support for every Divisional activity; her dedication to improving the morale and positive atmosphere of the Division is evident. Monika has been recognized for her excellence, loyalty and dedication along with her valuable and varied contributions to the Division, the Department and the citizens of Los Angeles.



Harold Ross, PSR I.



Nicole Salls-Carr, PSR II, Club Member.



Mary Montes, PSR I.



Robert Gieser, PSR III, Club Member.



From left: Maribel Madariaga, PSR III, Club Member; Georgina Griego, PSR III, Club Member; and Louie Cuevas, PSR III.



Lori Powell, PSR III, Club Member.

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**SOPHIA THOMAS**

2008 Police Service Representative of the Year

Police Service Representative Thomas has been an esteemed member of the Department for nearly seven years. She maintains a high level of expertise in all facets of the arduous duties of a PSR. She is well versed in policy and procedure and has a keen sense of intuition that lends itself to exemplary performance. She is a no-nonsense yet empathetic operator whose work product is consistently above par.

During the catastrophic firestorms last October, PSR Thomas showed her flexibility and willingness to assume whatever assignment was requested of her. She not only worked as a directly affected Valley division radio operator, but she also assisted supervisors in making notifications when a Citywide



response was called for, moving from task to task transparently.

Police Service Representative Thomas has the respect and admiration of her peers and supervisors alike. Not only is she affable, approachable and consistently pleasant, she sets a lofty example for her co-workers concerning attendance. Police Service Representative

Thomas has not called in sick in several years and routinely reports to work as scheduled.

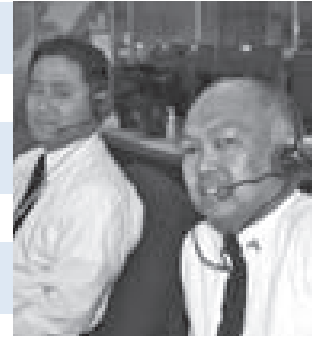
Police Service Representative Thomas is the quintessential PSR. There is no assignment within the division in which she is not proficient. Her trustworthiness and professional demeanor make her a valued asset as the Watch Commander's Aide. Sophia is truly an asset to the watch and the division.



From left: Eric Askew, PSR III; and Sinvon Von, PSR II, Club Member.



From left: Olga Rivera, PSR II, Club Member; and Lidia Marcial, PSR II, Club Member.



From left: Scott Bae, PSR I; and Buddy Ramiro, PSR III.



Meg McKeever, PSR III.



Terry Price, PSR II.



Anthony Civitate, PSR III.



Mike Sanchez, PSR I.



From left: Cathi Pearson, Sr. PSR 1, Club Member; and DeAnne Avery, PSR II, Club Member.



From left: Cynthia Lam, PSR III, Club Member; and Karen Brents, PSR III, Club Member.



Jennifer Lindstrom, PSR III, Club Member; and Natalie Osling, PSR I.



From left: Gloria Martinez, PSR II, Club Member; and Gabriela Castro, PSR II.



From left: Cheryl Chillis, PSR III; and Heidi Keesey, PSR II, Club Member.



From left: Donelle Nubia, PSR II; and Naima Tobias, PSR II, Club Member.



From left: Mellissa Merrin, PSR II, Club Member; and Kimberlee Gallardo, PSR II, Club Member.



From left: Spenser's mom, PSR III, Club Member; and Yvette Binns, PSR III.



The "A" Team, from left: John Phillips, Sr. PSR II, Club Member; Marie Mardesich, Sr. PSR II, Club Member; April Hoff, Sr. PSR I, Club Member; Larry Cardinas, Sr. PSR I, Club Member.



Standing, from left: Marlene Swancy, Sr. PSR I, Club Member; and Hope Wright, PSR II, Club Member. Seated: Lt. Penna



From left: Sue LePre, PSR III, Club Member; and Amelia Ocon, PSR I, Club Member.



From left: Sunita Pidech, PSR II, Club Member; and Cheryl Garcia, PSR II, Club Member.



From left: John Phillips, Sr. PSR II, Club Member; and Marty Ford, PSR III, Club Member.



From left: PSR III Farell, Club Member; and PSR II Civitate, Club Member.



Standing, from left: Marlene Swancy, Sr. PSR I, Club Member; Shaton Brown, Sr. PSR I, Club Member; and Carol Schott, Sr. PSR II, Club Member. Seated: Robyn Frazier, Sr. PSR I, Club Member; and Margaret Peters, Sr. PSR I, Club Member.

**SANDRA MARTIN**

2008 Administrative Employee of the Year

Sandra Martin began her career with Communications Division in January 1999. She quickly demonstrated an exceptional aptitude for the duties required of a PSR and was appointed as an instructor within four years of being hired. Consequently, she was selected as a Training Unit Instructor less than a year later. She has continually demonstrated knowledge, teamwork, initiative, leadership, flexibility and approachability, and has provided a positive learning environment to new employees as well as to tenured employees with expertise and poise.

In addition to her duties, Martin was asked to coordinate a five-day assimilation course for new Training Unit instructors. She developed an agenda to cross-train the selected instructors in all phases of the unit: simulation, administrative and P.O.S.T. She interviewed several of her peers and developed easy-to-follow lesson plans. Furthermore, she developed a training guide and handouts and exemplars for each instructor and created a schedule that incorporated having the new



instructors teach the EBO class in progress. She not only created and taught the assimilation class, but she divided her time to teach the ongoing EBO class. She taught every class with the same amount of high-level enthusiasm and energy, incorporating her creativity and sense of humor.

The best simulator instructors demonstrate outstanding leadership, a keen sense of teamwork, confidence and initiative. Because of Martin's knowledge, discretion and leadership abilities, she has become the "go-to" person as the most tenured simulator staff member. On top of her usual instructor duties, Martin has also been assigned numerous projects and performed as a quasi-supervisor in the simulator office in the absence of supervision. Martin is, without question, one of the best this Division has to offer.

Ms. Martin does all of this while consistently remaining cheerful and positive. Her pleasant willingness to take on any task required of her make her a highly valued employee and a delight to supervise.

# BAKER TO VEGAS RUN 2009

## Results of

# Baker to Vegas



■ **LAPD Communications celebrates and says thanks after completing the Baker to Vegas Relay foot race.**

*Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; Photos by Arlene Herrero, Angel Gomez, Club Director of Member Services; and Anita Whited, LAPD*

The LAPD Communications 911 team that ran in the recent Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay race faced tough challenges this year, but celebrated their achievements at a post-race party at the Mirage Hotel in Las Vegas, and at ceremonies at the Metro and Valley Communications Dispatch Centers.

The Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay

race is a grueling relay race on foot between Baker, Calif. and Las Vegas, comprising approximately 120 miles of sometimes challenging elevation changes. The race, in its 25th year, is produced by the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club Inc. The Club is grateful for their leadership in this event.

Though this year's LAPD Communication's

Baker to Vegas team was filled with many challenges for Sr. PSR Anita Whited, the celebration went on at the Mirage Suite in Las Vegas followed by thank-you presentations to those who sponsored the team. Among those who received a thank-you plaque, held at the Metro Division Center, were the Club, accepted by Club CEO John Hawkins and Club Counselor

Arlene Herrero. Runners each received a baton to commemorate the event while supporters each received a medal.

Special thanks go to Extreme Graphics for the outstanding Baker to Vegas shirts and jackets, and to Dr. Paul Copeskey for sharing his knowledge with the team for an injury-free run.



A few of the runners say thank you.



Anita Whited, Sr. PSR 1, Club Counselor, and Dr. Paul Copeskey.



From left: Anita Whited, Sr. PSR 1, Club Member and B2V Team Captain, with Extreme Graphics representatives.



From left: Margaret Peters, Sr. PSR I, Club Member; Tracy Page, Sr. PSR I, Club Member; and Desiree Tobin, PSR III, Club Member.



Carlos Mejia, PSR II, Club Member.



From left: Kiyoko Clemons, PSR II, Club Member; Desiree Tobin, PSR III, Club Member; and Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor.



From left: Gloria Martinez, PSR, Club Member; Susana Reynoso, PSR, Club Member; and Berta Ugas, Sr. PSR 1, Club Member.



From left: Ella Tate, PSR; and Charlotte Williams, PSR, Club Member.



From left: Sr. PSR 1 Anita Whited, Club Member; John Hawkins, Club CEO; and Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor.



From left: Quincy Mirage, PSR II; and Debbie Ramsey, PSR III, Club Member.



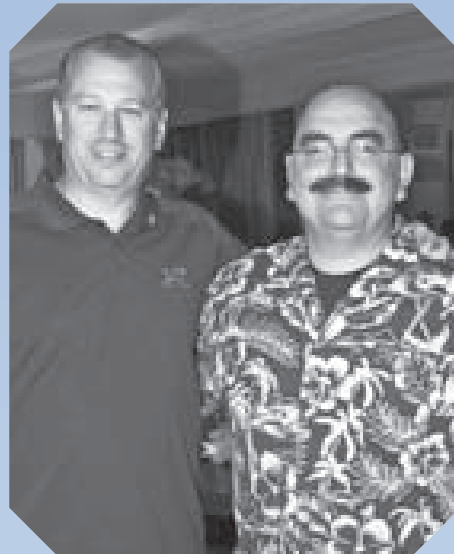
A few of the support staff say thank you for the successful fundraising!

# BAKER TO VEGAS RUN 2009

## the Big Race



From left: Theresa and Jose Alvarez, CRO, Club Member; and Officer Alfredo Moya, Club Member, and his wife, Vianey.



From left: Baker to Vegas Co-Captains Lt. Michael Kettelkamp, Club Member, and Officer Rudy Meza, Club Member.



From left: Robin Jackson, MA, Follow Vehicle staff; and Christine Pina, Port Police Cadet.



Celebrating like rock stars were, from left: Mark Pagliuca, P2, Marine Unit, Club Member; and Officer Brandy Anderson, Club Member.



From left: Baker to Vegas Support staff Tracey Zuliani, Executive Analyst, Club Member; Caprice Staten, Port Police Dispatcher, Club Member; and Jessica Bautista, MA, Club Member.



From left: Sgt. Rosario Ferrara, Club Member, and his wife, Jessica; Sgt. Glen Twardy, Club Member; and Tina Madrigal, guest.

### ■ Port Police hit the Mandalay Bay to celebrate their achievement.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; Photos by Daniel Wang, Alive! photographer



Though the Port Police Baker to Vegas team was a tantalizing 22 minutes shy of bringing home their mug trophy, the team still found much to celebrate.

The party took place March 15 at the Mandalay Bay hotel in Las Vegas. There was lots of great food to enjoy in the Mandalay Bay hotel suite high above Las Vegas Boulevard.

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Baker, Calif. and Las Vegas, comprising approximately 120 miles of sometimes challenging elevation changes. The race, in its 25th year, is produced by the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club Inc. The Club is grateful for their leadership in this event.

*Special thanks to Officer Alex Castillo for assisting us in producing this article.*



From left: Max Sandoval, Port Police Cadet; Sgt. Rosario Ferrara, Club Member; Danny Rodriguez, P2, Club Member; and Officer Rudy Meza, Club Member.



From left: Ron and Mikki Mowrer, Dispatcher, Club Member.



From left: Vanessa Guillen, Clerk Typist; Officer Brandy Anderson, Club Member; and Renee Decker, Clerk Typist, Club Member.



From left: Det. Al Alvarado, Club Member; and Ryan Bernaldo, Park Ranger, Rec and Parks.



Sgt. Dan Cobos, Club Member, and his wife, Carolyn.



From left: Renee Decker, Clerk Typist, Club Member; Lt. Michael Kettelkamp, Club Member; and Vanessa Guillen, Clerk Typist.



From left: Alex Castillo, P2, Club Member; Officer Jose Magana, Club Member; Officer Danny Rodriguez, Club Member; and Ismael Flores, SLO, Club Member.

# Life's Important Moments

# Share your moments!

Did you get married? Have a baby? (Yea!) Get a promotion? (Hooray!) Retire? (Ahhhh.) We want to hear from you. Share your news with the world! Send all notices and high resolution photos with the appropriate information to [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com) or send paper notices and print photos to: *Alive!*, 311 S. Spring St., Suite 1300, Los Angeles, CA 90013

## New Members

### Welcome New Members!

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

- Airports**  
James Andrade  
Michael Briseno  
Monte Carter  
Mark Demers  
Eliseo Garcia  
Alfredo Iniguez  
Dominic Lonigro  
Siaosi Manu  
Angel Martinez  
Gilberto Ortiz
- Animal Services**  
Roman Rincon
- Building and Safety**  
Laura Biggie  
Veronica Lopez
- City Attorney**  
Elizabeth Greenwood
- CDD**  
Jaime Pacheco-Orozco
- Emergency Preparedness**  
Eric Baumgardner
- ITA**  
Eduardo Cartagena  
Elvira Mendez
- LAFD**  
Justin Lass  
David Riles  
Robert Rodriguez  
Erik San Martin  
Ricky Terrell
- Harbor**  
Nalleli Avila  
Alfonso Garcia  
Lena Lorenzana  
Wanda Solomon
- General Services**  
David Ables  
Marleen Aguilar  
Jeanette Carter-Navarro  
Jennifer Lamb  
Ramon Montiel  
Arthur Sieger  
Kim Snell
- Library**  
Robert Butler  
Charistine Godinez  
Jacqueline Henriquez  
Cecily Thomas
- Housing**  
Shamika Harris  
Veronica Jacinto  
Marina Ramirez-Lopez
- Convention Center**  
James Pantaleon
- LAPD**  
Glenn Abellanosa  
Aja Adeagbo  
Aileen Janice Aquino
- Jorge Aragon  
Tiffany Baltazar  
Natalie Benitez  
John Branum  
Jonathon Britton  
Vanessa Cadena  
Saul Corpeno  
Blanca Cruz  
Ernestine Dedrick  
Kelli Elliott  
Justin Flanagan  
Marissa Frial  
Juan Hernandez  
Christine Jardscak  
Gail Jefferson  
Erick Lara  
Jerry Lee  
Javier Mageno  
Jorge Moodie  
Ariel Moreno  
Robert Palma  
Prisilla Plata  
Gerald Pulley  
Kathi Richey  
Annamarie Robles  
Melissa Sanchez  
Mary-Elizabeth Silva  
Theresa Stanley  
Diana Torrero  
Luis Torres  
Damon Williams  
Katricea Wilson

- Rec and Parks**  
Eric Calhoun  
Carlos Juarez  
Julie Martinez-Diaz  
Alfonso Meza  
Joseph Pallares  
Carlos Perez  
Brooke Powers  
Jorge Rodriguez  
Rigoberto Rodriguez  
Francine Sylvia  
LaShon Wiggers  
James Yates
- Transportation**  
Steven Banks  
Emily Bassallo  
Nichole Bonner  
Jacob Brothers  
Temeker Burnett  
Lester Hofilena  
Lehman Johnson Jr.  
Domingo Lovell  
James Randall  
Shinetha Scott  
Brian Shoji  
Carol Tagle  
Alexander Volkov
- Finance**  
Mary Cheng  
Edmond Khajkian
- Zoo**  
Maribel Albarran  
Keren Gonzalez  
Donald Spivack
- DWP**  
Evangeline Carlos  
Manas Desai  
Doris Diaz  
Lora Eggan  
Leonor Garcia  
Alejandra Golsab  
Phil Hanna III  
Jason Hurr  
Co Huynh  
Jeffrey Leong  
Anthony Lyons Sr.  
Daphne Nolan  
Helen Grace Olivares  
Kyle Ornelas  
Steven Pike  
Maral Sarkissian  
Rodney Swanson  
Reuben Trujillo  
Collette Zemitis
- Other**  
Syleah Gentry-Charles  
Brian Gilmore  
Marlon Santa Cruz  
Samuel Smith

- Neighborhood Empowerment**  
Guillermo Carreon
- Fire and Police Pensions**  
Lady Smith
- Public Works: Contract Administration**  
Sandy Garcia  
Paola Valencia
- Public Works: Engineering**  
Robert Salerno
- Public Works: Sanitation**  
Lawrence Amie  
Mark Caradine  
Tom Juma  
Clarence Matthews  
Elizabeth Munoz  
Ron Paige  
Mario Reyes  
Dashawn Robertson  
Randy Torres  
Melba Williams
- Public Works: Street Services**  
Steve Alvarado  
Louis Fee  
Thomas Fox  
Christopher Gilbert  
George Jimenez  
Martin Rubio  
Brian Schroeder

## In Memoriam

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

- Active**  
Cheryle Louis, Harbor, 24  
Marcus MacNeal, Public Works, 20  
Sally Moribe, Public Works, 18  
Mark Orkin, DWP, 33  
Joseph Rosenthal, DWP, 23  
Joaquin Salgado, General Services, 1  
June Simmons, Airports, 8  
Odell Stewart, General Services, 25
- Retired**  
Carlos Almeyda, Rec and Parks, 18  
Carl Ashford, DWP, 34  
Marcel Barksdale, Public Works, 22  
Ida Berkowitz, Rec and Parks, 8  
Alice Boyajian, City Clerk, 32  
Johnnie Cherry, DWP, 28  
Herschel Christian, ITA, 28  
James Clingerman, DWP, 22  
James Dugan, Public Works, 31  
David Einseidler, Public Works, 37  
Robert Ferris, DWP, 34,  
David Fields, Public Works, 32,  
Thomas Fitzgerald, Rec and Parks, 8,  
Geraldine Folk, DWP, 29  
William Haggerty, DWP, 39  
James Harris, Public Works, 14  
Blanche Hostetler, Public Works, 19
- Eugene Joffe, LAPD, 39  
Quincey Johnson, Public Works, 13  
Frederick Jordan, DWP, 16  
Edward Kenney, Airports, 20  
Theodore Lerchenmuller, Public Works, 32  
Ruth Meyer, DWP, 23  
Mitsuru Mihara, DWP, 31  
Joseph Miller, General Services, 34  
Douglas Norwood, Public Works, 31  
Thornton Prime, Transportation, 35  
Michael Radice, DWP, 34  
Joseph Randall, DWP, 34  
Linda Rausch, City Planning, 21  
Edward Riley, DWP, 41  
Charles Sawyer, Public Works, 26  
John Scandlin, DWP, 25  
Patrick Shannon, Public Works, 33  
Herbert Sherman, Animal Services, 17  
Mary Sims, Mayor's Office, 24  
Helen Stork, DWP, 37  
Charles Tichenor, LAPD, 14  
Isami Tsutsumi, Public Works, 12  
Walter Wallace, DWP, 17  
Henry Williams, Public Works, 17  
Curtis Wolf, Public Works, 23  
Dwane Wolf, DWP, 33  
Lagronie Wyatt, Public Works, 37

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## Quinceañera

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## Weddings

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## Retirements

NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS
Richard Becker	Structural Eng. Associate	Building and Safety	13
Porfirio Blas	Police Officer	Harbor	35
Rodolfo Cerda	Build. Fac. Management	General Services	10
Brenda Chambers	Pr. Clerk	City Clerk	35
Anik Charron	Assoc. Zoning Admin.	Planning	29
Jimmy Christian	Wastewater Coll. Worker	Public Works	22
Carolyn Cole	Sr. Librarian	Library	25
Patricia Currie	Accounting Clerk	Transportation	33
Sharylon Davis	Pr. Clerk	Public Works	34
Parvathi Donthineni	Sr. Industrial Waste Insp.	Public Works	25
Gwnedolyn Duyao	Program Coordinator	LAFD	25
George Edison	Street Maint. Supv.	Public Works	38
Gloria Garcia	Management Asst.	LAPD	21
Lucien Gendron	Special Prog. Assistant	Rec and Parks	1

NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS
Marie Iribarren	Airport Guide	Airports	3
Michael Jones	Ref. Coll. Truck Op.	Public Works	24
Stephen Loreda	Parking Attendant	General Services	23
Francisco Mendoza	Event Attendant	Convention Center	29
Subhardra Multani	Airport Guide	Airports	7
Kathy O'Leary Lefferman	Mayoral Aide	Mayor's Office	7
Gilbert Perez	Sr. Painter	Airports	36
Robert Reeves	Wastewater Treat. Op.	Public Works	30
Nico Sempelsz	Sr. Detention Officer	LAPD	26
Paul Terrell	Heavy Duty Truck Op.	Public Works	26
Fermina Torrado	Laboratory Tech.	Public Works	19
Connie Troutt	Police Service Rep.	LAPD	18
Howard Woods	Refuse Crew Field Instr.	Public Works	24



## Graduations



Craig Daniel Mosley graduated in May from Cal State University/Northridge with a Bachelor of arts degree in sociology, with an emphasis in criminology and criminal justice. Craig intends to pursue a special division of Law Enforcement where he can utilize his special interpersonal skills and artistic talents to present alternatives to those with a criminal lifestyle. He's the son of Chandra Mosley, Management Analyst, DWP, 28 years of City service.



Joi Marie Frances graduated in April from pre-kindergarten at New Zion Head Start in Bogue Chitto, Miss. Joi will start kindergarten at Mamie Martin Elementary School in the fall. Joi is the granddaughter of Gil Frances, Welder, Public Works/Sanitation.

## Congratulations!



Cherlyn J. Clark Harrison, Programmer Analyst IV, DWP, 23 years of City service, graduated in May from Cal State/Dominguez Hills with a Master's degree in public administration.



Mykieanna Gauff graduated from Washington Prep High School in Los Angeles. She plans to attend Cal State Long Beach in the fall, majoring in nursing. She is the daughter of Shannone Gauff, Transportation.

*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)

## 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)



Lcpl. Jorge L. Jimenez, United States Marine Corps, is stationed in Afghanistan. He's the son of Ricardo Jimenez, Carpenter, Airports, and Luz Jimenez, Custodial, Airports.

## Special Achievements



Maiah Watanabe won the Little Miss Mojave 2009 contest earlier this year. She was co-sponsored by employees at the Ontario Airport Maintenance Yard. Maiah is the daughter of Eric and Cindy Watanabe. Eric works for Airports/Ontario.

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)



Christen Ganotise has been invited to attend a 2009 People to People World Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C. Selection for participation in the World Leadership Forum is based on the academic recommendation of valued and respected educators. People to People was founded in 1956 on the premise that peace can be achieved through understanding. World Leadership Forum offers a unique opportunity for Christen to join other highly motivated and accomplished middle school students from around the globe. Christen's mom is Vitolina Ganotise, Club Member.

## Insurance Products From the Club

The Club offers these group-rated insurance products to its members. Don't wait... make a positive step for your peace of mind today. Contact your Club Counselor for all the details of these plans.

**Term Life** (from \$10K to \$300K)  
Safeguard your loved ones! Life insurance is a great way to protect them. Purchasing term life insurance also makes you eligible for the Club's famous refund check...whatever we don't spend in claims and overhead, we return to the policyholders. Smart...well managed...and service-oriented.

**Spouse Life Insurance**  
Include your spouse with Club Term Life Insurance.

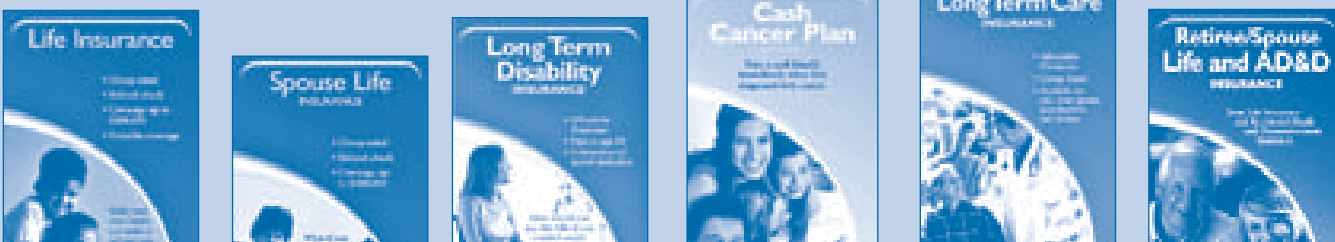
**Long Term Disability Insurance**  
Protect yourself from career-ending traumas.

**Long Term Care Insurance**  
Manage your future health-care costs with this Club package.

**Cancer Insurance**  
Purchase a Cancer Insurance policy from the Club, and put this affliction out of your mind.

**Group Rated Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance**  
Use the power of the Club to protect yourself against the financial downfall of accidental death or dismemberment.

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



## Protect Your Family With Club Insurance. Today!

## Your Counselor Can Help

Your Club Counselor will be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding the Club's insurance packages. Look on page 4 to find out which Counselor represents your department ... or call (800) 464-0452.



Arlene Herrero



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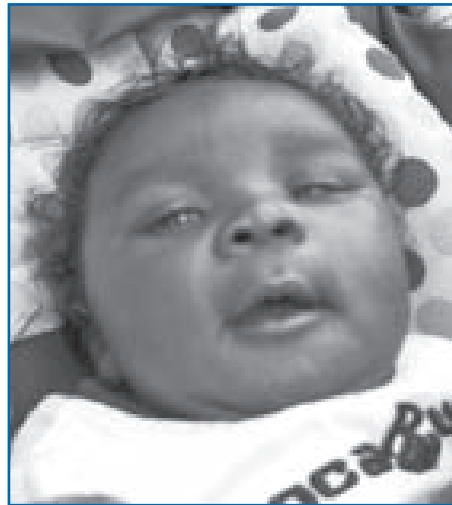
## Life's Important Moments



### Births



Kobe Maddox Roland, born March 13 to Mark Roland and Kiyoko Kinoshita. Kobe is the first grandson of Shig and Rose Kinoshita. Rose is a Sr. Clerk Typist, Harbor.



Darius Eugene Burgess, born Feb. 7. He's the grandson of Carmen Steward, Fire and Police Pensions.



Kylie Sherrod, born April 29. She's the ninth grandchild of Darryl Sherrod, General Services, and Christy Sherrod, Airports.



Lewis Belangel Colson, born April 8 to Douglas and Nora Colson. Douglas is an Accounting Clerk II, Airports.

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## Newsbrief

### ZOO AMONG BEST FOR KIDS:

In early April, *Parents* magazine announced the results of their first-ever survey designed to find the best zoos for kids. The outcome is the culmination of a three-month study, which examined zoos across the country. Coming in at number 24, the Los Angeles Zoo is proud to be among the prestigious institutions named on this list.

"The Los Angeles Zoo has made great strides over the past decade to institute educational programs, immersive exhibits and entertaining activities as well as many other kid-friendly aspects to our facility," states Zoo Director John Lewis. "Being recognized by *Parents* magazine is a honor and shows what an excellent resource we are to the children of Los Angeles."

According to *Parents* magazine, "Parents focused on honoring zoos that offer a variety of hands on, family-friendly activities while fostering appreciation, knowledge and excitement about the natural world." The top results of this survey appeared in the May 2009 issue of *Parents* magazine. In addition, the full list is posted on [www.parents.com/topzoos](http://www.parents.com/topzoos).

In response to hearing the news, Councilmember and Club Member Tom LaBonge said, "I'm so proud of the Zoo and the people who work and care for the animals and beautiful grounds. It's a beautiful zoo. Hooray that it's being recognized."

The L.A. Zoo has a wide range of activities and programs geared towards children, including a number of camps, educational programs and opportunities to get up close with various creatures through Animals & You. Kids can have a great time climbing and playing at the Neil Papiano Play Park or taking a ride on the L.A. Choo Choo Train. The Winnick Family Children's Zoo offers a variety of entertainment; from visiting the contact yard, to taking part in the theatrical programs at Adventure Theater, to stopping by Riordon Kids Korner for a fun story or challenging puzzle.

Beyond these great opportunities, the Los Angeles Zoo has an extensive curriculum available to the children of Los Angeles and its surrounding areas, which focuses on exploring and learning about the animal kingdom.

### ZOOCAMP:

Registration is now open for the Zoo's annual Summer ZooCamp.

Each day at the ZooCamp brings new discoveries as kids have the time of their lives going ape over the Zoo's hundreds of amazing animals. Through fun, safe, engaging activities, campers will trail blaze through the week.

Each camp is lead by specially trained, experienced staff. Summer ZooCamp is a full day program, Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and runs from July 6 to Aug. 28.

Categories are:

- Critter Club (4-5 years old)
- Wild Bunch (6-7 years old)
- Zoo Troop (8-9 years old)
- Eco Explorers (10-12 years old)

Information: (323) 644-4211.

Monday, August 31, 2009

## LAPD Communications Division 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Golf Classic



**BRAEMAR  
COUNTRY CLUB**  
4001 Reseda Blvd.  
Tarzana, CA 91357

(818) 344-5172

**Monday,  
August 31, 2009**

**Cost: \$130 per player  
\$520 per team  
Registration 09:00 AM**

Enjoy a complete program of special events, 18 holes of golf (including cart), lunch, and an exciting awards banquet...

All for just \$130 / player

- Several "Winner" Categories, including: LAPD Perpetual trophy, mixed team, and others.
- Putting contest
- Longest drive contests
- Closest to the pin challenges
- And Hole-in-One chance for a car

### Third Annual Golf Classic - 4 Person Scramble



This year's event will be held **Monday, August 31, 2009** at the picturesque **Braemar Country Club** in Tarzana, CA

Registration begins at 09:00 am, with tee-off at 11:00 am.

The cost for this event is only **\$130**. The price includes: 18 holes of golf, practice balls into a net, shared cart, box lunch, plated chicken dinner and various awards.

There will be an awards presentation and dinner directly after golf. For those that would like family and/ or friends to join us for the award presentation and dinner only; the dinner is \$40.00 per person.

Registration is open. Register early so that you do not miss the chance to golf this beautiful private country club at this amazing price. We anticipate a sell-out tournament. To help us properly plan for this event, please pre-register or sponsor the event by July 31, 2009 at <http://lapdcommdiv.dojiggy.com/>.

*Golf attire is required. Collared shirts and slacks. No steel spikes are allowed on the course. No denim or denim-looking attire allowed.*



# Congratulations to the WINNERS!

of our Club Coloring Contest!

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

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



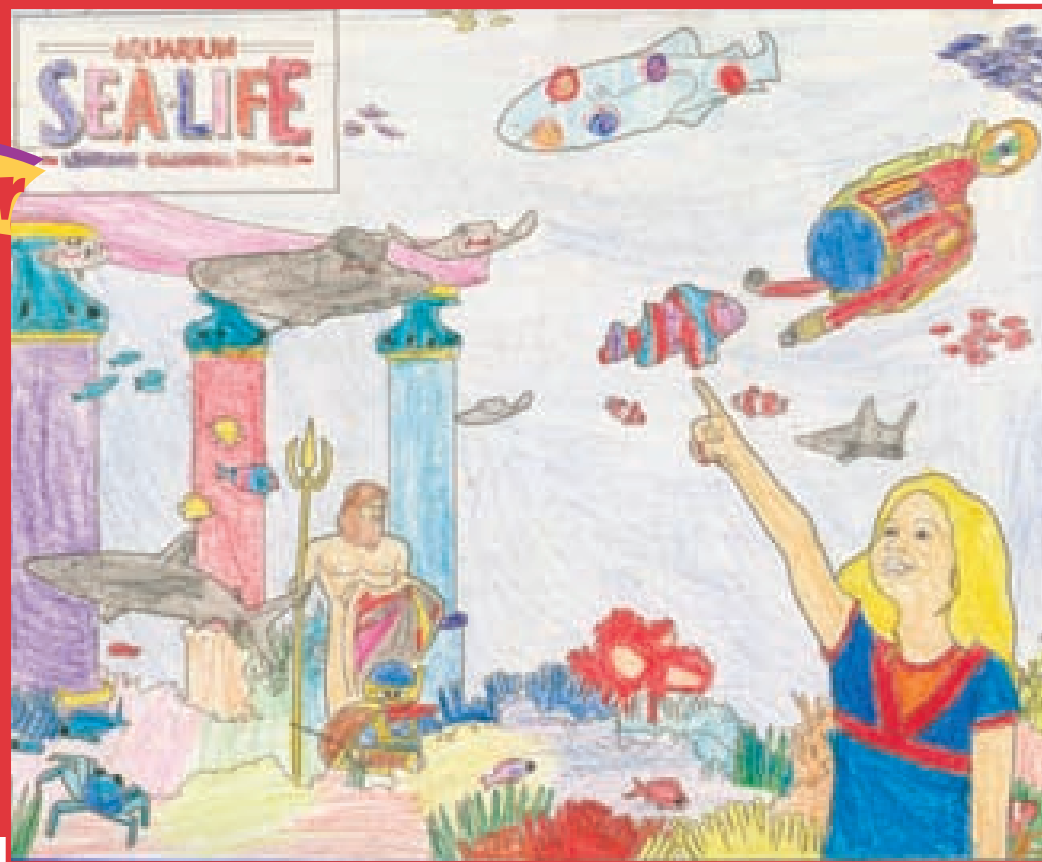
## Natalie Mercado, 5

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Tom and Jerry" • FAVORITE SNACK: Oreo cookies • BEST FRIEND: Laila • WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO LEGOLAND: Because I want to get on the LEGO rides and I've never been there. • PARENT: Luz Elena Ruiz, Animal Services



## Maya Horvath, 7

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Qubo" • FAVORITE SNACK: Chocolate chip cookies • BEST FRIEND: Kappany • WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO LEGOLAND: I want to go to LEGOLAND because I like it. • PARENT: Robbie Horvath, Public Works



## Honorable Mention

CHILD	AGE	PARENT/GUARDIAN	DEPT
Mikey Webb	3	Joseph Miniaci	General Services
Joey Webb	4	Joseph Miniaci	General Services
Lyna Vasquez	4	Andrea Medina	Airports
Ashley Brad	5	Erica Washington	CDD
Angela Miranda	5	Dynl Miranda	Public Works
Clarissa Murillo	5	Carolina Murillo	Acct Clerk
Elisa A. Ruiz	5	Robert Ruiz	DWP
Reyna Johnson	6	Rhonda Baychue	LAPD
Rha'vtn Johnson	6	Henry Starks Jr.	Retired
Makenzie Mendieta	6	Antonio Mendieta	Transportation
Elissa Mendieta	6	Antonio Mendieta	Transportation
Peter Otoshi	6	John T. Otoshi	DWP
Erika Consebido	7	Cecilia Consebido	Public Works
Vian De La Torre	7	Anthony De La Torre	Airports
Nathan Fischer	7	Russell Fischer	Not Disclosed
Emily Hibma	7	Dan Hibma	LAFD
Edwin Realegeno	7	Edwin Realegeno	Rec and Parks
Nathan Lam	8	Peter Lam	ITA
Alexander McCor	8	Melody McCormick	General Services
Daniel King	9	Manuel Frausto	LAFD
Joseph Otoshi	9	John T.Otoshi	DWP
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THE CITY

# City Prepared for Employee Layoffs

Council approves budget that could see layoffs of up to 1,200 employees, furloughs. Negotiations continue at press time.

Facing a budget shortfall of an estimated \$530 million, the City Council May 18 approved layoffs of up to 800 City employees (in addition to 400 previously approved) and a furlough program that would require most non-sworn City employees to take up to 26 unpaid days off.

The final numbers depend on negotiations with City unions that are ongoing at *Alive!* press time.

SEIU Local 721 estimates that 500 City employees demonstrated their disapproval of the layoffs/furlough program by showing up inside Council Chambers and outside City Hall May 18.

At the same time, local and federal funds were located to continue the LAPD's workforce

expansion program, meaning the Police Dept. is not expected to face a hiring freeze among its sworn personnel.

The final budget must be passed by June 1.

Other cuts are expected, including cuts to the operating hours of some library branches and some Rec and Parks facilities, and street and sidewalk maintenance might be curtailed.

Most City departments are expected to see cutbacks in their operational budgets.

An earlier proposal to sell the City's parking meter and parking lot businesses to outside investors was rejected, although \$500,000 was included to study the idea.

"You're not just laying people off, you're shattering lives," Traffic Officer Gordon McCullough, Transportation, told the Council, according to the *Los Angeles Times*.

"There are people who are one paycheck away from landing on the streets," McCullough said, as quoted in the *Times*. "It's easy to say, 'Let's lay people off.' It's hard to work to make government more efficient."

Funding the LACERS and Fire and Police Pensions is also an issue – the funds have suffered losses during the economic downturn. The City is obligated to keep the pension systems solvent.

More information is available at [www.keeplaworking.com](http://www.keeplaworking.com)

**What do you have to say?** Write to *Alive!*: [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)



Unionized City Employees protested against job layoffs and furloughs outside City Hall May 18.

CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

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# Deadline for Club Scholarship: June 30

Apply now for 2009 Club Scholarship.

Applications are available for the 2009 Club Scholarship program. All applications must be complete and turned in to the Club Store and Service Center by noon June 30.

The scholarship is open to Club Members, spouses and their immediate families under the age of 25, for those who attend an accredited college, or will attend one next year.

Ten awards totaling \$10,000 will be awarded, each for \$1,000. Applications must be physically in the Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second St. downtown, at that time.

Applications are available at the Club Store, or they can be downloaded at:

[www.cityemployeesclub.com/scholar.asp](http://www.cityemployeesclub.com/scholar.asp)

"This is one of the great ways the Club celebrates the lives of City Employees, especially during the tough economy" said Club CEO John Hawkins.

"Go online, or come into the Club Store, and get the application," Hawkins said. "We look forward to your entries."

"Every year, we're amazed at the quality of the applicants," said John Hawkins, Club CEO. "We expect this year to be even better."

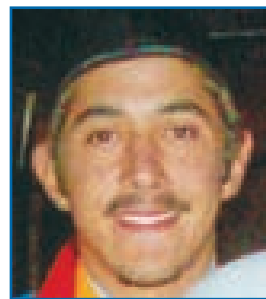
"We fully support the dedication of our Club families to taking care of the educational

needs of themselves and their children," Hawkins continued. "We want to help them in every way possible."

**Eligibility requirements:**

- All Club Members and their spouses, and children of Club members under the age 25, are eligible to apply. Club members must be in good standing.
- The successful candidate must attend an accredited four-year college or university full time in the fall semester 2008. Current high school seniors matriculating to a four-year school in fall 2008 are eligible.
- Candidates will be judged for academic excellence, community service and financial need.
- Five (5) scholarships will be awarded, in amounts of \$3,500, \$2,000, \$1,000 and two for \$500 (each).
- Deadline for application: They must be in the Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second St. downtown, by noon June 30, 2009. All applications must be physically in the Club office at that time to be eligible. Sorry, but the Club is not responsible for delays in delivery.
- Decisions will be made by Club personnel and will be considered final.

Club Store and Service Center address: 120 W. Second St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. Send questions to: [scholarship@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:scholarship@cityemployeesclub.com).



Jorge Zavala, winner of a Club Scholarship last year.

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# Cooking with the Club

by Chef Robert Larios



## Send Us Your Recipes!

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# Beef, for Dad

**Father's Day Special: marinated beef strips and creamed spinach.**

June is here, and to me it's all about paying tribute to my Dad on Father's Day. And it reminds me that I need to pay tribute to him on every other day, too! One of his favorite dishes is a marinated beef strips (or, as he would prefer to call them, *carne asada*), with a side of creamed spinach. The trick is to marinate the beef strips overnight so that the marinade penetrates the beef thoroughly and activates the full flavor it intended. It's very important to use fresh ginger and not the powdered version. Although they're the same product, the flavors are completely different.

Creamed spinach is quite a tasty side dish and, to be frank, it's very easy to make. Of course, anything with heavy cream invariably tastes good.

Plate these together, and you have the makings of a meal that all the dad's stomachs will enjoy. Happy Father's Day!

## Creamed Spinach

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/4 cup diced green onions
- 1 shallot
- 2 pounds frozen spinach (fresh spinach is fine, too)
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 3/4 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 cup heavy cream



### DIRECTIONS: Creamed Spinach



Take the frozen spinach and place in a large pot with salted water, and boil over high heat. Cook for about two minutes, then drain with a strainer. Melt the butter in medium sauté pan over medium-high heat. Add the shallots and garlic, and cook and stir. Add the spinach and cook, stirring just until the liquid is released. Add the cream, salt, pepper and nutmeg, and cook until the cream is reduced by half, about four minutes. Remove from the heat and serve immediately.

## Marinated Beef Strips

INGREDIENTS:

- 6 cloves garlic
- 1/4 cup diced green onions
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons honey or brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons hot sauce (of your choice)
- 3 lbs thin beef strips (can be *carne asada*)

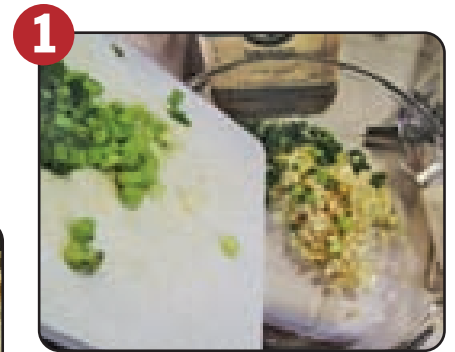


**Cooking Tidbit:** If you can't marinate the beef overnight in the refrigerator, shoot for three to four hours.

### DIRECTIONS: Beef Strips



Add the extra virgin olive oil, soy sauce, honey and hot sauce to the large bowl, and mix the ingredients.



In a large bowl, add your grated ginger, diced green onions and minced garlic.



Place the beef strips in a gallon-sized Ziplock bag.



Add the ingredients in the bowl to the beef in the Ziplock bag. Let marinate overnight if possible.



Take the beef strips and place on a grill on medium heat until browned on each side. Once cooked, place to the side.

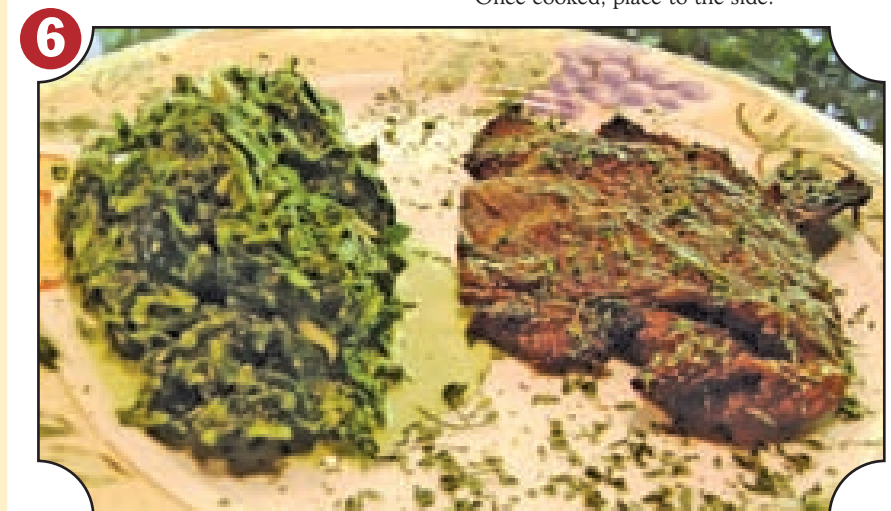


Plate the beef strips and the creamed spinach. Give to your dad.



### [ A Cook's Dictionary ]

#### Heavy Cream:

Upon standing, unhomogenized milk naturally separates into two layers – a milk-fat-rich cream on top and an almost fat-free (or skimmed) milk on the bottom. Heavy cream, also called heavy whipping cream, is whipping cream with milk fat content of between 36 and 40 percent.

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



**Food Factoid:**

"The secret to staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age." – Lucille Ball

## REVIEWS BY FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS

## ENTERTAINMENT

## MOVIE REVIEWS

**17 Again**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Although a lot of the storyline seems recycled, I still liked the movie. The beginning with Matthew Perry was a little long and boring, but when he became 17 again and Zac Efron took his place, the movie became a lot more enjoyable.

Zac did a great job and is adorable. He really made you believe he was an adult in a teenagers' body. I also thought Matthew did a great job in the ending. This is one of those movies where I would have liked to see it go on a little bit longer.

- Gail Seltzer, DWP

**The Soloist**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Los Angeles Times journalist Steve Lopez (Robert Downey Jr.) befriends a homeless Juilliard-trained musician (Jamie Foxx as the mentally-ill Nathaniel Ayers) while writing his

story for the paper.

Not only are Foxx and Downey excellent actors, but this film also stars the streets of downtown LA, as well as the LA Philharmonic Orchestra. The unsolvable problems of the homeless are brought into sharp focus as the film wisely shies from offering trite solutions to this sticky problem. As a fan of our local orchestra, I enjoyed the film on a musical level, but the heartbreak of homelessness left me saddened.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

**State of Play**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Cal McCaffrey (Russell Crowe), an investigative journalist, is trying to help his friend, Congressman Stephen Collins (Ben Affleck), find out who killed Collins' mistress and why. He uncovers a giant coverup that the government and large corporation are trying to hide from the public.

Rachel McAdams does a good job playing a new journalist, too. This movie has a good story line with several twist and turns. It kept my interest throughout the whole movie.

- Gwen Lew, DWP

**State of Play**

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This was a good crime thriller. Russell Crowe plays an investigative reporter in Washington, D.C. Ben Affleck plays a congressman who happened to be Crowe's roommate in college. Affleck is involved in some dirty dealings (now that's a shock for a political figure). Crowe ends up investigating Affleck, which of

course Affleck is not too pleased about. There are some good twists and turns, and the movie keeps you on the edge of your seat.

- Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

**Star Trek**

Rated PG

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

*Star Trek* stars Chris Pine as James T. Kirk. This is the most exciting, intense movie that I have seen in a long time. You could tell exactly which characters were portraying the original ones, just by their mannerisms and voice or accents. They did a remarkable job. I could not imagine how they were going to pull this off, but they did, and the way they did it left the door open for *Star Trek* to continue. It didn't matter if you ever saw or knew about *Star Trek*; you would catch on.

- Patty Saucier, DWP

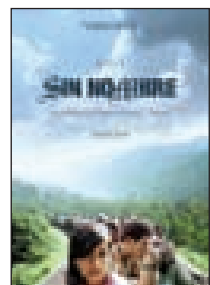
**Star Trek**

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This was worth the wait in line and the extra price for IMAX. This new remake, the 11th *Star Trek* movie, stars Chris Pine as Capt. Kirk and Zachary Quinto as Spock.

It was very entertaining. I liked how they kept the history of the *Enterprise*, and I especially enjoyed the anticipation as each familiar character is introduced. The ones I liked most were Bones and Chekov, and of course, the original Spock's cameo. The special effects were flawless and not too overwhelming. There was never a dull moment. It had a little humor and lots of cool space scenes. As the movie kept at a perfect pace, it had me hoping this movie would never end.

- Chuck Beas, DWP

**Sin Nombre**

Rated R

My Score: 3 of 5

Untold stories about immigrants are presented in this movie. *Sin Nombre* shatters the myth that most illegal immigrants are from Mexico. Crossing the borders in this movie begins in Honduras, Central America, and that means crossing through Guatemala, Mexico, and finally the U.S. The journey is long, perilous, and deadly atop a freight train called "the train of death."

The story centers on a headstrong teenage girl being brought to the United States by her recently deported father. A chance meeting with repentant Mexican gang member from the Mara Salvatrucha gang in Tapachula, Mexico, impacts the plan. In this movie, you may appreciate the efforts and sacrifices in search of the American Dream.

- Lourdes Zaldivar, LAPD

## BOOK REVIEWS

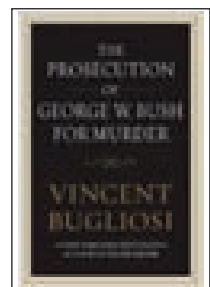
**I Heard You Paint Houses**

Charles Brandt  
Steerforth, Publisher  
Nonfiction, 352 pages  
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This nonfiction book explores the life of an Irish mobster, in first-person narration, as told to the author. Frank

Sheeran describes mobster life—brutal murders, beatings, extortion—with the banality of a store clerk conducting inventory. This is what makes his life and story so compelling. The book explores Sheeran's childhood and family life, his early truck-driving jobs, and subsequent rise in the Teamsters and eventual friendship with Jimmy Hoffa. Sheeran attempts to set the record straight on the question of who killed Jimmy Hoffa, and his account rings true. This book is very engaging and is told in language that is easy to read and understand. I highly recommend it for true crime and thriller fans.

- Erin Knight, Public Works

**The Prosecution of George W. Bush for Murder**

Vincent Bugliosi  
Vanguard Press  
Nonfiction, 344 pages  
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

The author of *Helter Skelter* and prosecuting attorney in the Mansion trial, Bugliosi provides a blueprint for a criminal case against the former president and presents compelling evidence that supports the illegality of his war, and intentional deception of the American people relating to the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks upon New York and Pennsylvania. Bugliosi concludes that justice demands that Bush stand trial in an American and/or world court for all of the lives senselessly lost in his conspiracy.

Another book, *George W. Bush, War Criminal?* by Michael Hass, details 269 war crimes it claims were committed under Bush, and the risk of several hundred more each moment until our new president reinstates the Geneva and other historically agreed-upon Conventions, tossed away like yesterday's trash for Bush's personal agenda. America has an opportunity to regain its integrity in the eyes of the world by learning these facts and heeding its call to action.

- Rosalynn Brown, Rec and Parks

**Look Again**

Lisa Scottoline  
Suspense Fiction,  
352 pages  
St. Martin's Press  
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

When reporter Ellen Gleeson gets a "Have You Seen This Child?" flyer in the mail, she almost throws it away.

But something about it makes her look again, and her heart stops. The child in the photo looks exactly like her adopted son, Will. Could the

child in the photo really be her son?

She investigates, uncovering clues no one else was meant to discover, and when she digs too deep, she risks losing her life—and that of the son she loves.

In this emotionally charged, heart-pounding thriller, Lisa Scottoline has broken new ground. *Look Again* questions the very essence of parenthood and raises a moral quandary that will haunt readers long after they've finished the last page, leaving them with the ultimate question: What would I do?

- Linda Rorex, Personnel

**The Renegades**

T. Jefferson Parker  
Crime fiction,  
352 pages  
Penguin Group  
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Some say that outlaws no longer exist, that the true spirit of the American West died with the legendary bandits of pulp novels and bedtime stories. Charlie

Hood knows better. He patrols vast stretches of the new American West, not on horseback but in his cruiser.

Hood prefers to ride alone and at night. His headlights illuminate only the patch of pavement ahead of him; that's all the better to hide from the demons -- and the dead outlaws -- receding in his rearview mirror.

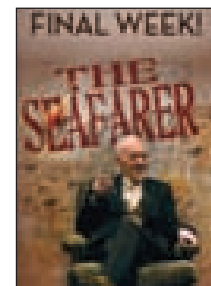
He's assigned a partner, Terry Laws, who's a county veteran who everyone calls Mr. Wonderful. Laws is shot dead in the passenger seat, and Hood is left to bear witness by someone who knew that Mr. Wonderful didn't always live up to his nickname. As he sets out to find the gunman, Hood knows one thing for sure: The West is a state of mind, one where the bad guys sometimes wear white hats -- and the good guys seek justice in whatever shade of gray they find it.

It's a great suspense novel of the old West mentality in modern-day Southern California.

- Linda Rorex, Personnel



## THEATRE REVIEWS

**The Seafarer**

Geffen Playhouse  
Production has closed  
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Irish playwrights love to wrestle with their devils, and Conor McPherson's *The Seafarer* is no different. In this amusing and insightful comedy, veteran actor John Mahoney stars with a great cast as drunks musing on life and playing cards on Christmas Eve in his Dublin home. One member of the group is not who he seems, which gives a supernatural, life-and-death twist to the final poker game, one that you will joyfully remember for a long time.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

## Your Reviews

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- Have fun!

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- Give us your score on a scale of 1 to 5. Use this format: *My Score: X (out of 5)*.
- Make sure you give us your name and City department (or retired).
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## DVD Reviews



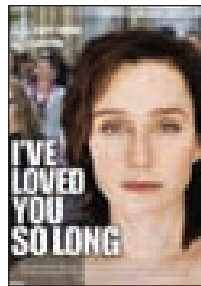
### Rachel Getting Married (2008)

Rated R

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

This film succeeds as a portrait of a family trying to heal after being torn apart by addiction. One sister is getting married and the other sister just got out of rehab. The new husband's family doesn't embrace the addict, but everyone in both families likes music. The marriage ceremony itself is a sprawling, multiethnic smorgasbord that left me unfulfilled. Despite this rather large flaw, the film is worth seeing if only for the acting, which is excellent.

— Erin Knight, Public Works



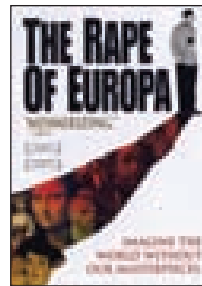
### I Have Loved You So Long (Il y a Longtemps que Je T'aime)

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This 2008 French film was rightly nominated for several awards, and is not only intriguing but highly entertaining. Kristin Scott Thomas is wonderful and expressive as the tortured Juliette Fontaine, a woman who struggles to interact with her family and find her place in society after spending 15 years in prison for murder. The reasons for her going to jail slowly and carefully unfold, while the film builds a compassionate understanding of her acts. I was not completely satisfied by the ending of this otherwise-wonderful film, but I highly recommend it to all mature viewers. *In French, with English subtitles.*

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks



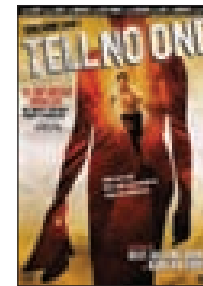
### The Rape of Europa (2007)

Unrated

My score: 4 (out of 5)

If you are interested in history, art and the Nazis, this will be an interesting movie. It's about the Nazis stealing and destroying art from numerous individuals and museums in Europe for 12 years during World War II. Curators from America and the U.S. military helped rescue and return millions of artworks to their rightful owners.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD (Art Detail)



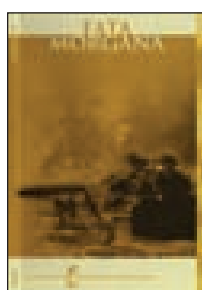
### Tell No One (Ne le Dis à Personne) (2006)

Unrated

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

*Tell No One* is a thriller that takes so many unexpected twists and turns that I wanted to watch it again immediately after it ended. The suspense had me on the edge of my seat from the opening sequence. What happens when people are wrongly accused of criminal acts? How do the rich and powerful escape justice? These are just two of the important questions this film addresses. I highly recommend this film.

— Erin Knight, Public Works



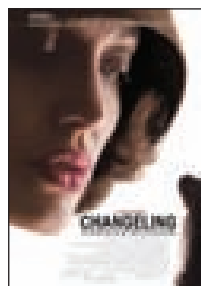
### Fata Morgana (1971)

Unrated

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This unconventional documentary, shot in the Sahara, depicts mirages and desert landscapes, along with some eccentric people and (both dead and alive) desert animals. These unique images are set perfectly to an eclectic soundtrack that includes Leonard Cohen, Popol Vuh and opera. I enjoyed the seemingly unscripted, poetic nature of this film, including numerous very long shots without cuts. I highly recommend it to documentary fans. *Note: Fata Morgana is distributed as bonus material on the same DVD as another Werner Herzog film, Lessons of Darkness.* —Ed.

— Erin Knight, Public Works



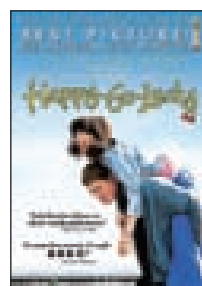
### Changeling (2008)

Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This is a true story with Angelina Jolie playing the part of Christine Collins, a single mother back in 1928 in Los Angeles. One day her son vanishes without a trace. Then five months later, the police return a boy to her, saying the boy is her son. This movie shows that a mother knows her son and has the determination to look for him, no matter what.

— Gwen Lew, DWP



### Happy-Go-Lucky (2008)

Rated R

My Score: 1 (out of 5)

*Happy-Go-Lucky* is a series of life episodes of Poppy, a 30-year-old cheery and upbeat elementary school teacher who lives in London. Writer/director Mike Leigh made his first-ever attempt at comedy, and actress Sally Hawkins (Poppy) received an Oscar nomination for Best Actress. Despite the acclaim this little 2008 film received, I found Poppy to be annoyingly one-note-happy, and the movie to be a pointless and plotless mess. However, I do recommend this film for anyone suffering insomnia.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks



### Vicky Cristina Barcelona (2008)

Rated R

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This film is filled with excellent performances. The Spanish scenery weighs heavily in the plot. It's both a travel film and an anti-travel film. The central theme is that everyone has different ideas of what love is and what they want out of relationships. I highly recommend this film.

— Erin Knight, Public Works

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**TICKET GUY Tips for Visiting the Club Store:**



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

# Club Store



## 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 Silver "AG" Watch**  
ITEM: #4623  
PRICE: \$39.99\*



**Men's Silver "RL" Watch**  
ITEM: #4622  
PRICE: \$39.99\*



**Men's Watch, Leather Band**  
ITEM: #SF2000  
PRICE: \$25.00\*



**Men's Watch, Leather Band**  
ITEM: #SF1000  
PRICE: \$25.00\*



**Men's Watch, Silver**  
ITEM: #WGS3000  
PRICE: \$50.00\* **Now \$25**



**Men's Small Seal, Leather Band**  
ITEM: #VWL2601  
PRICE: \$45.00\*



**Men's Large Seal, Stainless Steel Band**  
ITEM: #WS2500  
PRICE: \$65.00\*



**Men's Large Seal, Leather Band**  
ITEM: #VWL2600  
PRICE: \$45.00\*



**Men's Small DWP Seal, Stainless Steel Band**  
ITEM: #DWPWS2700  
PRICE: \$55.00\* **Now \$40**



**Men's Small DWP Seal, Leather Band**  
ITEM: #DWPW3050  
PRICE: \$45.00\* **Now \$35**

## Ladies' Watches with City Seal



**Ladies' Watch, Leather Band**  
ITEM: #LVB4000  
PRICE: \$25.00\*



**Ladies' Watch, Leather Band**  
ITEM: #LVB4000  
PRICE: \$25.00\*



**Ladies' Watch, Silver Band**  
ITEM: #LVB4000  
PRICE: \$25.00\*



**Ladies' Watch, Two-tone gold and silver**  
ITEM: #WGSW1000  
PRICE: \$50.00\* **Now \$25**

## 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)



\*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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## City Button Down Shirts

City Woman's Long Sleeve Button Down Shirt

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



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

Member Price: **\$22.99** per jacket\*

Size: **3XL** \$23.99

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**



Available Colors: Crew Neck Style:

- Heather Gray
- Hot Pink
- Cherry

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

ITEM: #T-W1000

## City "Bold" Department Shirts

City "Bold" Department Shirts

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



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

Available Colors:

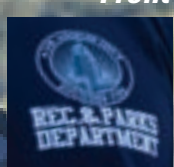
- Navy Blue

Size: **3XL** \$13

Size: **4XL** \$14

Front

Back



ITEM: #RECPKSLAC6000



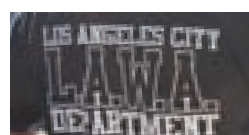
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ITEM: #D.O.TLAC3000



ITEM: #HARBORLAC2000



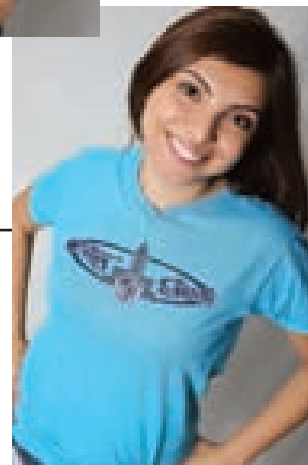
ITEM: #L.A.W.A.LAC5000 also available in:

- White
- Green
- Red
- Sky Blue

ITEM: #G.S.DLAC4000

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: **\$34.99** per jacket\*

Available Colors:

- Black
- Charcoal
- Khaki
- Navy Blue

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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## Polo Shirts

**City Seal Polo Shirt with Stripes**  
 Sizes: **M L XL 2XL**

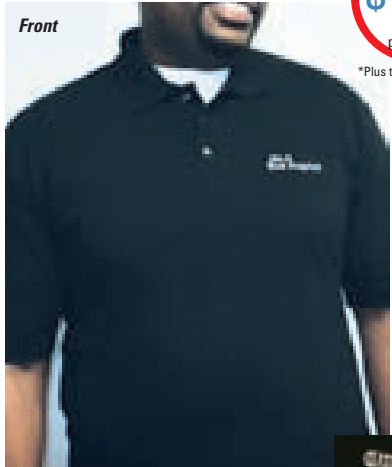
Available Colors:  
 Black Navy Blue White

Member Price:  
**\$19<sup>99</sup>**  
 per shirt\*



ITEM: #CTYPOLO2000

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



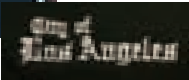
Member Price:  
**\$12**  
 per shirt\*

\*Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:

Black Navy Blue Pink White

Close-up of Embroidery



ITEM: #PS1000

## City Seal Tank Tops

**Women's**  
 Sizes: **S M L XL**

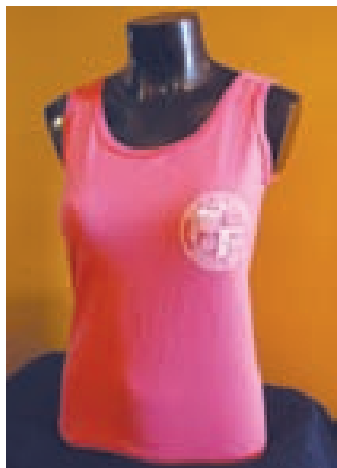
Available Colors:

Hot Pink White

On white shirt, emblem is pink

Member Price:  
**\$8<sup>99</sup>**  
 per shirt\*

\*Plus tax and shipping



ITEM: #WTT2000

**Men's**  
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



ITEM: #MTT3000

Member Price:  
**\$8<sup>99</sup>**  
 per shirt\*

\*Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:

Heather Gray White

## L.A. City T-shirts

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

Available Colors:

Black Royal Blue Navy Blue

Size: **3XL**

**\$13**

Size: **4XL**

**\$14**



ITEM: #NC1000

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

Available Colors:

Black Blue Dusk Navy Blue Sport Gray Tan White

Size: **3XL**

**\$9<sup>50</sup>**

Size: **4XL**

**\$10<sup>50</sup>**

Available Colors:

Black Navy Blue Sport Gray



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**



ITEM: #LAC-5000

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

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

Available Colors:

Black Navy Blue

Size: **3XL**

**\$23**



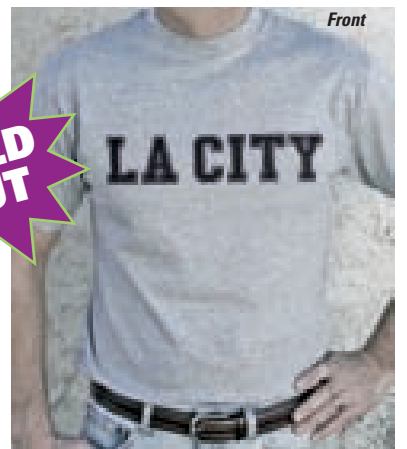
ITEM: #LAC-6000

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

Member Price:  
**SOLD OUT**

Available Colors:

Black Gray Navy Blue



ITEM: #LAC-2000

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

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

Available Colors:

Cedar Dark Heather Metro Blue Military Green Sand Sky Blue Black Navy Blue



ITEM: #MOCS1000

**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.

Non-Member Price:  
 \$25 per shirt

\*Plus tax and shipping



ITEM: #T1000

Size: **3XL**

**\$13**

Available Colors:

Blue Dusk Charcoal Forest Green Indigo Blue Royal Sport Gray White Black Navy Blue

White available with front pocket.

Size: **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\*

**SOLD OUT**

Available Colors:

Black Navy Blue



ITEM: #LAC-4000

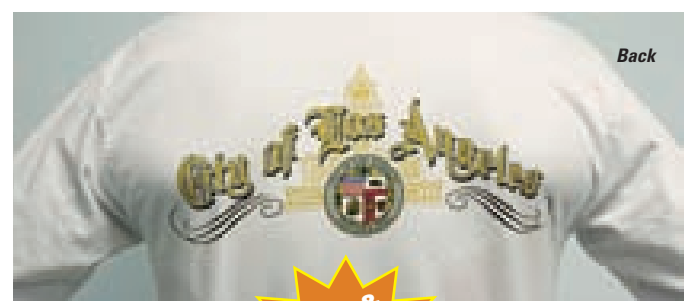
**Long Sleeve "Classic" T-shirt**  
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

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

Available Colors:

Charcoal Dark Chocolate Forest Green Indigo Blue Sport Gray White

\*Plus tax and shipping



ITEM: #T1500

Size: **3XL**

**\$16**

Available Colors:

Dark Chocolate Forest Green Indigo Blue Sport Gray

Size: **4XL**

**\$17**

Available Colors:

Black Navy Blue White

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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

Navy & Black LIMITED

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

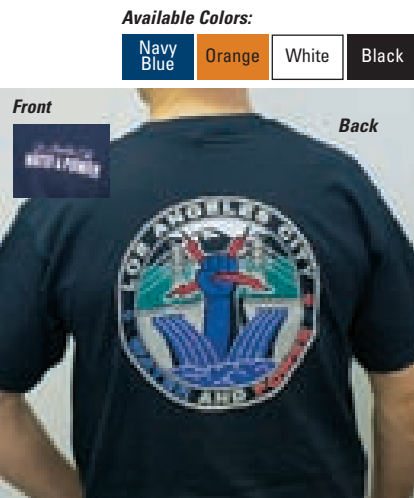
White available with front pocket.



ITEM: #T2000WP

Size: **3XL**  
Available Colors:  
Blue Dusk Charcoal  
Black Navy Blue

Size: **4XL**  
Available Colors:  
Black Navy Blue



ITEM: #T2001WP

## Kid's T-shirts

"Official City Kid" Kid's T-shirt  
Sizes: **XS S M L XL**



ITEM: #KIDOFF2000

Available Colors:  
Green Red Royal Blue

Member Price:  
**\$8.99**  
per shirt\*

"Future City Employee" Kid's T-shirt  
Sizes: **XS S M L XL**



ITEM: #KIDOFF2000

## Hooded Sweatshirt



NEW!

City of LA Full-Zip Hooded Lightweight Sweatshirt

Sizes: **XS S M L XL XXL**

Size: **3XL** **\$20**

Available Color:  
Black

Member Price:  
**\$19.99**  
per jacket\*

NEW!

ITEM: #4613



## City Jackets



City Executive Sueded Microfiber Jacket

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

Member Price:  
**\$45**  
per jacket\*

Available Colors:  
Brown Charcoal Indigo Blue

\*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**

SOLD OUT

ITEM: #JKT2000



ITEM: #JKT1000

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## 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

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

\*Plus tax and shipping

### City of LA Bucket Cap

Available Colors:



ITEM: #4569

### City Brushed Twill Visor



**NEW!**

Available Colors:



**Member Price:**  
**\$9.99**  
per hat\*

\*Plus tax and shipping

ITEM: #4567

### City Seal Ball Cap with Script

ORANGE: #H1990  
KHAKE: #H1991  
BLACK: #H1613



Seal w/Script  
NAVY: #H1989

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

\*Plus tax and shipping

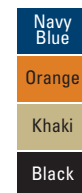
### City Seal Ball Cap

ORANGE: #H1661  
KHAKE: #H1988  
BLACK: #H1987



City Seal  
NAVY: #H1628

Available Colors:



## City Seal Merchandise

### City Executive Portfolio with Pen and Calculator



Size:  
9" x 7"

**Member Price:**  
**\$20**  
per portfolio\*

\*Plus tax and shipping



ITEM: #EXEPC1000

### City of LA-Letter Size Portfolio w/ Calculator

Size:  
13" x 10"



**NEW!**

ITEM: #4680



**Member Price:**  
**\$24.99**  
per portfolio\*

\*Plus tax and shipping

### City Engraved Pen & Case



ITEM: #CLPEN3000

**Member Price:**  
**\$19.99**  
per pen\*

\*Plus tax and shipping

- Elegant electro-plated two-tone 24k gold plated and chrome silver pen with solid brass construction.
- "City of Los Angeles" is engraved on the pen.

### City Umbrella-Large

ITEM: #CTYUMB1000



**Member Price:**  
**\$19.99**  
each\*

\*Plus tax and shipping

### Umbrella-Small

**Member Price:**  
**\$14.99**  
each\*

\*Plus tax and shipping  
ITEM: #SMUMB3000

### City Professional Bag

ITEM: #BAG1000

Available Color:  
Black



**Member Price:**  
**\$25**  
per bag\*

\*Plus tax and shipping

### City Hot Beverage Mug

**Member Price:**  
**\$9.99**  
per mug\*

\*Plus tax and shipping



ITEM: #MGS1000

### City of LA Portfolio Deluxe Bag

**Member Price:**  
**\$20**  
per bag\*

\*Plus tax and shipping

Available Color:



ITEM: #DELBG1000

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## 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\***  
\*Plus tax and shipping

Each custom made "City Bear" stands 10" tall and is dressed in meticulously detailed and accurate uniforms.  
**Stand not included.**



**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



ITEM: #C8003

**Member Price: \$12 per clock\***  
\*Plus tax and shipping

**10" Diameter Battery Operated (AA)**



ITEM: #WCWSP3000

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### FAX

### MAIL

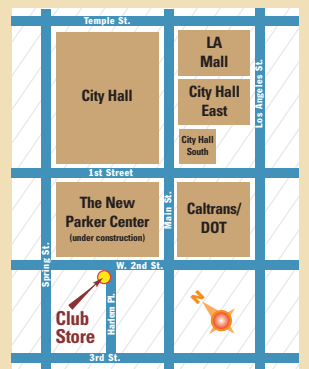
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**Ticket Guy**  
City Employees Club of Los Angeles  
120 W. 2nd Street  
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### PICK-UP

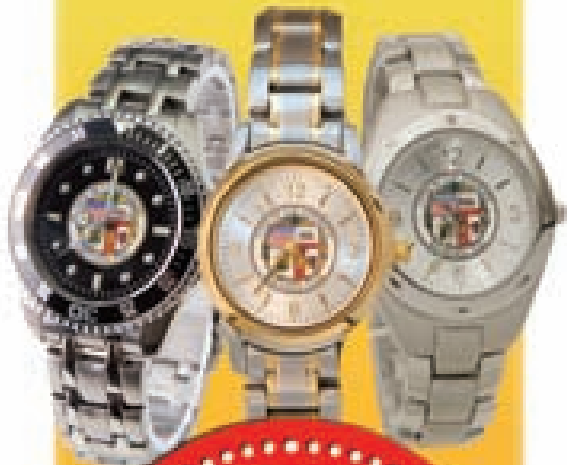
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**- downtown, between Spring and Main Streets**

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