

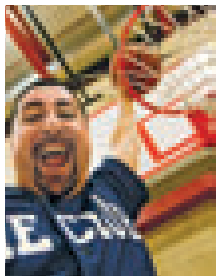


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Hoop It Up! Club to Start Hoops League

Attention, all you Kobes, Shaqs and Yaos – the Club is starting a basketball league!



Robert Larios,
the Club Sports Dude

THE CLUB — Last summer's inaugural Club Softball League got the ball rolling, so to speak. With that unqualified success, the Club builds upon that with the Club Basketball League.

"We are having so much fun with the Club Sports League, that we decided to extend it right through the winter," said the Club's Sports Dude, Robert Larios. "Have fun, get in shape ... and sign up!"

For now, the league is for men only. A minimum of five teams is needed for the league to form.

The 2009-2010 season would begin Nov. 15 and run through January.

"C'mon all you players – sign up, and let's have a great season!" Larios said.

Get all the details on page 17!

Five Honored By Finance for Excellent Service

Finance hands out its seventh annual Outstanding Service Awards.

FINANCE — On July 16, the Office of Finance honored five employees for their outstanding service as part of the department's seventh annual Outstanding Service Awards. Antoinette Christovale, Director of Finance, presented the awards, saying, "It gives me great pleasure to recognize some of our most dedicated, talented and innovative staff that have contributed to the Office of Finance and to the City of Los Angeles." Honored at the event were:

- **Victor Salaiza**, Tax Compliance Officer II, for his dedication to duty;
- **S. Jeametta Gates**, Customer Service Specialist, for her exceptional service to the public;
- **Eveyn Saw**, Tax Auditor II, for her outstanding dedication to her work;
- **Michael Gomez**, Systems Analyst II, for his dedication to duty; and
- **Bradley Moe**, Senior Management Analyst I, for his outstanding accomplishments.

**Congratulations to the honorees.
Read all about them on page 36.**

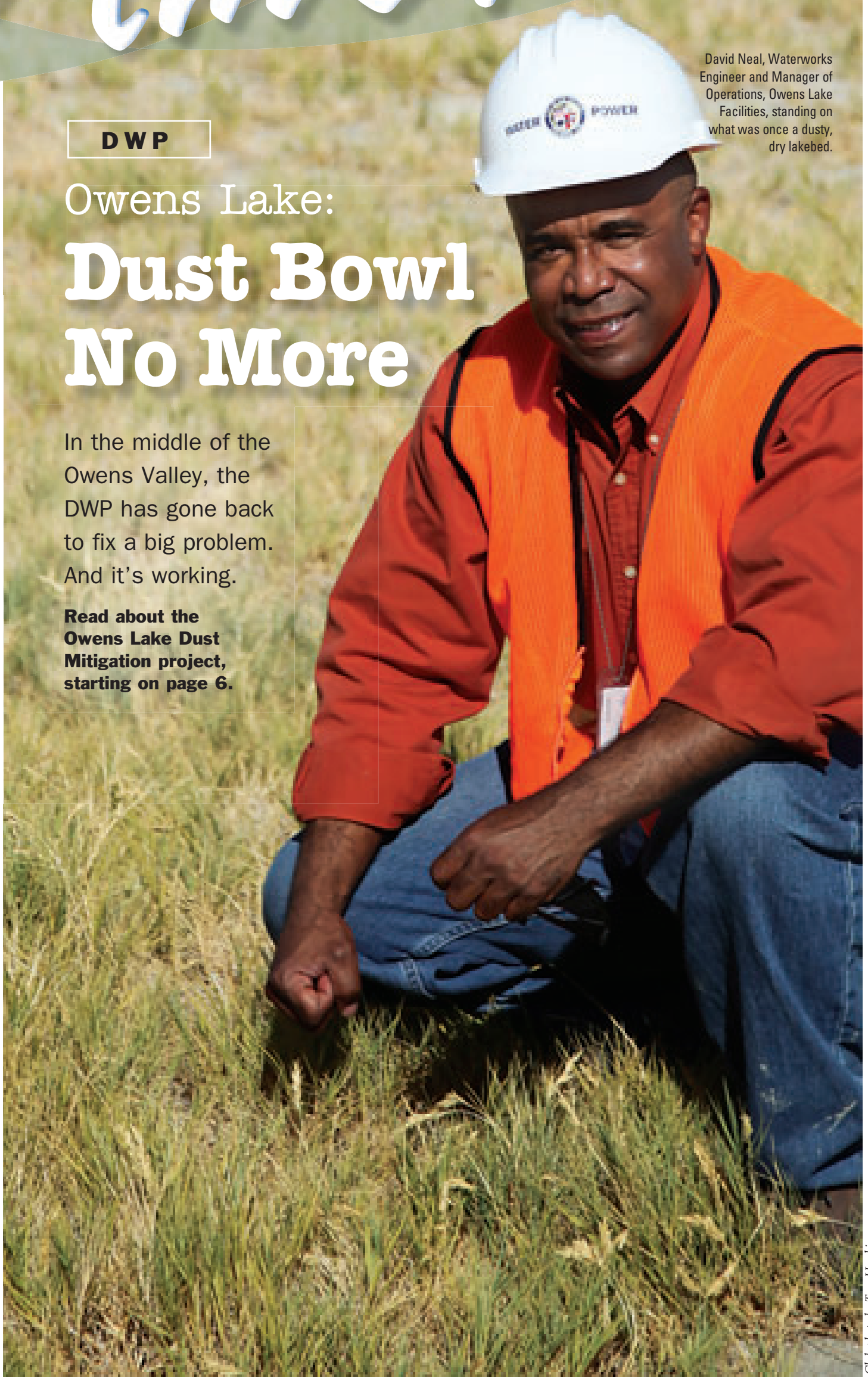
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Owens Lake: Dust Bowl No More

In the middle of the Owens Valley, the DWP has gone back to fix a big problem. And it's working.

Read about the Owens Lake Dust Mitigation project, starting on page 6.

David Neal, Waterworks Engineer and Manager of Operations, Owens Lake Facilities, standing on what was once a dusty, dry lakebed.



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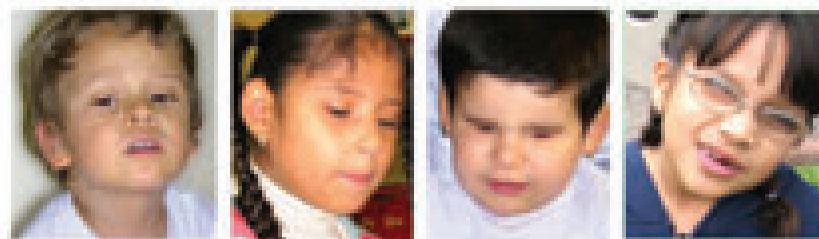
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** A Message From the CEO **

Settling Dust, Clearing the Air

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

Standing in the middle of the dry Owens Lake bed and seeing the awesome southern Sierra Nevadas all around us, it was hard to imagine what this must have been like with dust blowing so much that visibility was almost gone.

But that's the job that the DWP is doing up there – taking care of an environmental problem. Long ago, when the City diverted water to quench the thirst of Angelenos, Owens Lake dried up. And now the City is working to make it right, by reducing the dust that was blowing everywhere.

I take my hats off to **David Neal** and his great crew, in new buildings on the edge of a lake that no longer exists, doing their thing. The City created a lot of this problem, and now the City is working to reduce it. Good story.



John Hawkins with the Owens Lake crew, from left: David Neal, Larry Patrich and J.D. Biros.

By the time you read this, most likely I will have already seen many of you at the Dodgers game Oct. 4. I'm really looking forward to it – darn near the entire right pavilion will be filled with Club Members and their families. Fantastic! That would be enough, of course, but throw in a few Dodger Dogs and nachos, and we've got the makings of a really cool day. Shoutouts to the **Ticket Guy** and **Robert Larios** for changing our direction a little bit and pulling off a great event.

I also want to congratulate **Martin Chavez** for his great efforts at helping the next generation to get their feet wet into the professional career world. His high school summer intern program, which he has run for several years now, is a big winner in my book. It's these kinds of efforts that make City Employees (and Club Members) special.

On a lighter note, more congratulations to **Dawn Graham**, DWP, who won the scooter in the Club's recent insurance promotion with United Agencies. I know Dawn is thinking about letting her kids use it, but c'mon, Dawn, reserve at least a little time on it yourself.



If this is the fall, it must be time for ... basketball! I know there are tons of you out there who love to lace 'em up and get out there on the wood (or playgrounds, as it may be). The **Club's Sports Dude**, **Robert Larios**, is organizing the new league, to start in November and run into next year. I have no doubt that you'll have as much fun as the Sports Dude did here, taking the photos!

That's it from me – see you at the Dodgers game, and enjoy your fall.

JOHN

(jhawkins@cityemployeesclub.com)



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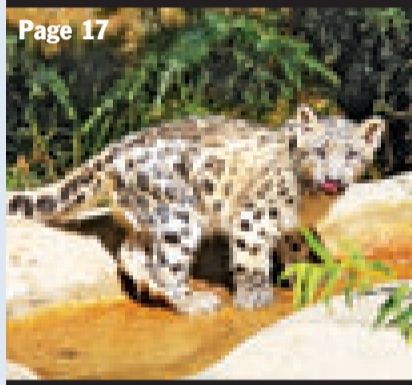
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**Cecilia Talbot,
Claims Manager**

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.

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– Joyce L. Johnson, June 2009

"The girls I spoke to were very helpful, kind and understanding. Marla was very understanding, and Cecilia was very helpful. Thank you both! And thank you for the book [The Fall of Freddie the Leaf]! It was refreshing and helpful at a time of loss. It gave me another look at life, love and death."

– June Shelehov, May 2009

"Everyone I spoke with was very helpful and kind."

– Jane Molina, May 2009

The Club's claims service was "very good. I was impressed by the sympathy cards sent to my daughter and me so quickly, but also by the fact that all the staff members signed them. [The book, *The Fall of Freddie the Leaf*] was well done for what it was. It was an unexpected and nice gift. Truth is good and always best, even if simple."

– Terri R. Nelson, April 2009

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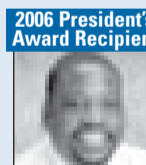
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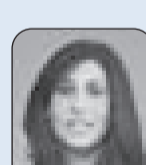
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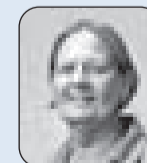
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LETTER OF THE MONTH

Retiree Runner Ken Is One Swift Man

Humans are the animal world's best distance runners. We can run long distances relatively fast without overheating. Once humans start running, it only takes a bit more energy for us to run faster.

Other animals, on the other hand, expend a lot more energy as they speed up, particularly when they switch from a trot to a gallop, which most animals cannot maintain over long distances.

— Ken Kochakji, Retired, Rec and Parks

Hi Ken, interesting information! Keep on running! —Ed.



Robert Has Thought Thru More Budget Crunch Ideas

Note: From time to time, Robert Lavelle, Public Works, submits various ideas for saving the City money. Here are a couple more, condensed. —Ed.

SOLUTION ONE: I have personally suggested a solution to increase revenues for the City of Los Angeles while saving the taxpayers 66 percent on their monthly energy costs for electricity and heating or chilling homes. The suggestion involved the use of a newly invented nuclear battery, Hyperion Power Units (HPUs) using non-weapons grade uranium the size of a softball to heat water to 800 degrees passing through a steam turbine linked to a generator to provide 25 megawatts of power, enough to light 20,000 homes and recover the thermal energy to heat or chill homes and building using a heat loop. The units can be linked to one another to meet any demands for power and are transportable on the back of a truck to the site. Each unit is projected to cost \$25 million, but I have contacted the company, and they might be willing to enter into a lease agreement to provide the units immediately to gain revenue the City of Los Angeles in order to pay each unit off in approximately three years. The City's current deficit would quickly become a surplus using the following calculations:

- Month average cost for power per household: \$100.
- Hyperion Power Units output: 25 megawatts or 20,000 homes.

CALCULATIONS:

- 20,000 homes times \$100 per home equals \$2 million per month revenue to the City.

SOLUTION TWO: Using reclaimed water and biosolids to grow renewable alternative synthetic fuels and lubricants (instead of the current practice of growing alfalfa and feed crops) would return revenue to the City while simultaneously reducing the cost of fuel at the pump. The City reports that at its farm "Green Acres" in Kern County, the farmer has been able to triple the yield on land once considered un-farmable due to high concentrations of alkali. The City could grow renewable alternative synthetic fuel crops, process, refine, distribute, and recycle used synthetic fuel at various syn-fuel stations for less than \$2 per gallon. The City fleet of Police, Fire and Operations and Maintenance vehicles could use the biofuels, saving taxpayers millions of dollars annually. Revenue from sales of bio-fuels and lubricant to the public, the airlines, and ships would bring in millions more in revenue as well.

As a 25-year City employee, I have never heard a City councilman or mayor come up with solutions to raise revenue while decreasing costs for energy or fuel at the pump.

I should be the mayor of the City of Los Angeles for these solutions.

— Robert James Lavelle, Public Works

Club Is Going to the Dogs ... And Soda and Nachos

Hey *Alive!* I am getting pumped up and ready to go to the Dodger game Oct. 4. I should never again think of the Club as just a place to get tickets -- you guys are *the* place! I still can't get over the fact that I was able to get tickets for \$15 each, and they're throwing in all-I-can-eat Dodger dogs, nachos, peanuts and soda. At that price, at least half the stadium should be filled with City Employees.

— Lou Terrel, General Services

With Questions of its Fate, Scooter Mania Hits Club Store

I was wondering what you guys did with that scooter that sits at the Club Store window. Is that the Store Manager's scooter and he's just trying to show off? Did you give it away? What gives? In any case, it's a really nice bike. I see people on them all the time here in Downtown LA. I think they get about 70 miles per gallon on gas mileage.

— Rita Houton, Retired City Employee

Hi Rita: Ticket Guy, on a scooter? Thanks, that made our day! No, the scooter was part of a great promotion co-sponsored by the Club and its home and auto insurance partner, United Agencies. See the story on page 18. —Ed.

Club Is a Good Sport When It Comes to Service

So the Club now does sports for City Employees? Wow. You guys are doing it all, huh? That's great! I was wondering if the Sports Dude could look into opening up soccer, volleyball and golf leagues. That would be super fun!

— Tina Thompson, Rec and Parks

Hi Tina, it's up to the Club Members! We've had great participation with softball, and now we're starting a men's basketball league. We'll judge the enthusiasm for that, and go from there. —Ed.

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 your favorite Halloween costume growing up?



"Bobby Light."

— Timothy Ochoa, General Services, 1 year of City service



"Batman."

— Romeo Prado, General Services, 1 year of City service



"Pippi Longstocking and Freddy Kreuger."

— Michael Delcid and guest, Housing, 7 years of City service



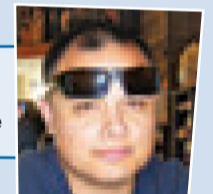
"The Unabomber."

— Oscar Ruiz, General Services, 11 years of City service



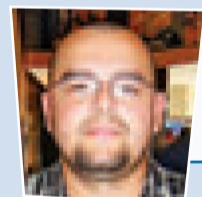
"A shower."

— Nora Verdesoto, DWP, 28 years of City service



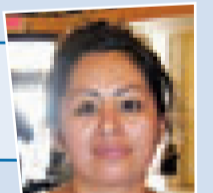
"G.I. Joe."

— Christopher Delaney, LAPD, 7 years of City service



"A werewolf."

— Joseph Perez, Building and Safety, 3 years of City service



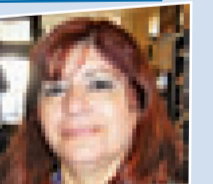
"A witch."

— Elvira Bailon, LAPD, 20 years of City service



"Superman."

— Ricardo Molato, Transportation, 18 years of City service



"An Indian."

— Mary Contreras, General Services, 16 years of City service

Something to  Think About

"There are many ways of going forward, but only one way of standing still."

— Franklin D. Roosevelt

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

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Owens Lake's dry lakebed, before the DWP began its dust mitigation program.

Owens Lake: Dust Bowl



BEFORE

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No More

The Owens Lake Dust Mitigation project is reducing the air pollution caused by fierce winds over a lake drained dry by diversions.



David Neal, Owens Lake Dust Mitigation Project's Operations Manager (right), explains the managed vegetation method of dust mitigation to Club CEO John Hawkins.

Settling the Dust

In the middle of the Owens Valley, the DWP has gone back to fix a big problem. And it's working.

Photos by Tom Hawkins, Club Photographer

“Back in 2001, Owens Lake was on the EPA’s top 10 list of worst dust polluters in the nation,” explained David Neal, Waterworks Engineer and Manager of Operations at the DWP’s Owens Lake facility, just south of tiny Keeler, Calif.

“We were right at the top of that worst-list,” added Larry Patrich, Labor Supervisor. “The dust storms used to be so bad that you couldn’t see the [Eastern Sierra] mountains from here.

“But now, in less than 10 years, the community of Lone Pine, our neighbor, is independently rated in the top 10 clean sites in terms of air quality,” David Neal continues. “That’s a major turnaround, in less than 10 years.”

Indeed it is. But it has not come without hard efforts – and a cost of more than \$500 million so far.

Owens Lake, which stretches across 110 square miles of the Owens Valley just south of Lone Pine, is the site of one of the nation’s largest dust mitigation projects. Historically, the Owens River flowed into Owens Lake, but human diversions, first by Owens Valley settlers and later the City of Los Angeles, exposed the saline lakebed.

High winds funneling through Owens Valley kicked up huge dust storms that blew particulates – known as PM10, particulate matter the size of 10 microns – more than 50 miles away.

The particulates consist mainly of naturally saline minerals found in the area, and the dust pollution that came from the drying of Owens Lake. The lake started drying up in the 1910s and was completely dry by 1915 or so, and the dry lake began emitting PG-10 dust pollution.

In 1998, after many years of discussion with the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District, the DWP accepted responsibility for reducing the dust emissions to meet federal requirements of the Clean Air Act. Not all of the dry lakebed’s 110 square miles are part of this dust mitigation project. Under the agreement with Great Basin, the DWP has installed more than 25 square miles of shallow flooding and planted 3.5 square miles of managed vegetation to control dust. And, the department is starting work on another 13.2 square miles identified as needing dust control. This next 13.2 square miles is known as Phase 7, to be completed in April 2010.

The DWP is also investigating waterless dust control measures, including solar panels configured to protect the lakebed surface.

“Each of our phases is just a little different than the last one,” Larry says. “We’re working to find the best ways to mitigate the dust.”



A sample of the kind of saline rampant on the Owens Lake dry lakebed.



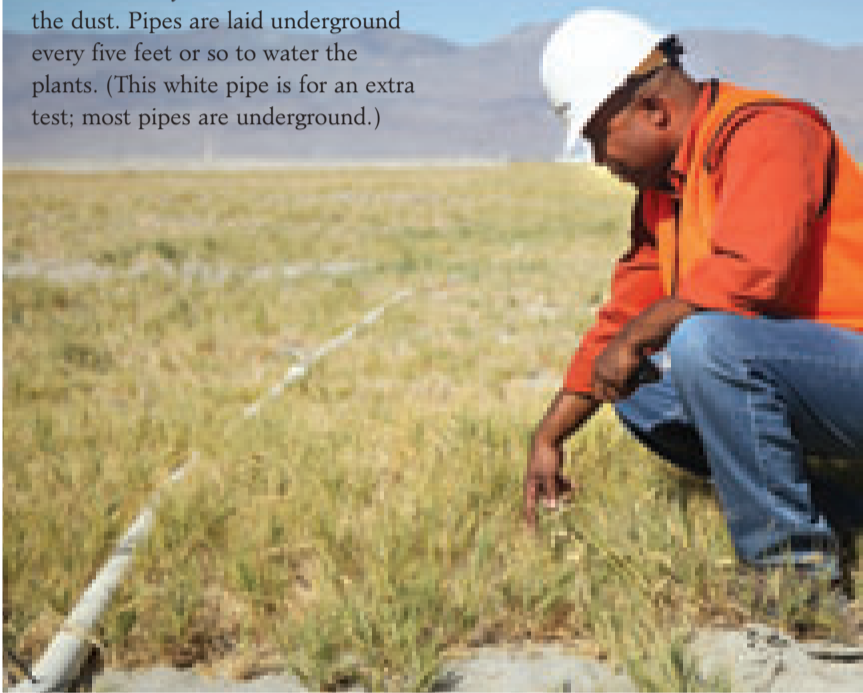
David Neal, Operations Manager (left-hand photo, right side) and Larry Patrich, Labor Supervisor (middle photo) explain the dust mitigation methods to John Hawkins, Club CEO (left).

Methods

Here's an overview of what methods the DWP is using to calm the dust on the dry Owens Lake Bed:

Managed vegetation:

The DWP is planting native vegetation on the dry lakebed to hold down the dust. Pipes are laid underground every five feet or so to water the plants. (This white pipe is for an extra test; most pipes are underground.)



David Neal, Operations Manager.

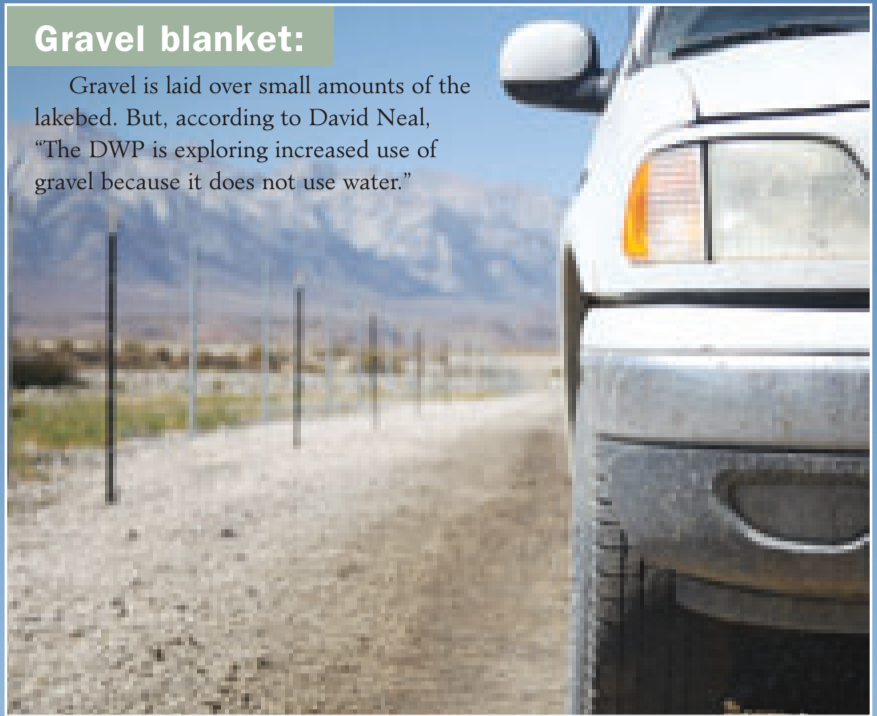
Shallow flood:

Parts of the lakebed are flooded with a thin but continuous blanket of water. The depth is less than a half-inch. But even at that, the amount of water after Phase 7 will equal some 95,000 acre-feet per year, according to David Neal, who pointed out that that's the same amount as used by the entire cities of Long Beach and Burbank combined each year.

The water is pumped into the dry lakebed from the Lower Owens River and the aqueduct that supplies Los Angeles.

Gravel blanket:

Gravel is laid over small amounts of the lakebed. But, according to David Neal, "The DWP is exploring increased use of gravel because it does not use water."



Gravel like on this roadbed is used to hold down the dust.

Moat and row:

A new waterless dust control method, called "moat and row," which will conserve significant amounts of precious water, is now being evaluated for that area. It features the digging of trenches and mounding the excavated material into rows, blocking wind and settling dust. This method is being researched and tested, and the DWP is pursuing approval for implementation. "We're in a drought," David Neal points out. "This experimental method is all about asking: How do we meet our environmental compliance, while conserving water?" The DWP hopes to get approval and start implementing this method in December.



David Neal, Operations Manager.



A dozer clears a flood channel (left); the pumping station at the end of the Lower Owens River (middle); a bubbler is used to distribute the water (right).

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Settling the Dust, *continued*

The People Behind the Project



Michael Lee, Electrical Engineering Associate, 25 years of City service.



Kook Dean, Mechanical Engineering Associate, 30 years of City service.



Ray Ramirez, Environmental Specialist, 2 years of City service.



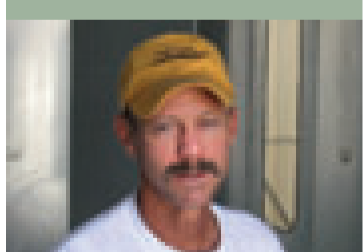
Erica Blyther, Environmental Supervisor, 11 years of City service..



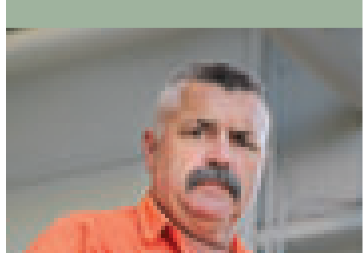
David Orasa, Materials Testing Technician, 5 years of City service..



Keith Leon, Environmental Specialist, 7 months of City service..



Wayne Hanley, Painter, 23 years of City service.



Dave Daughtry, Maintenance Construction Helper, 3 years of City service.

For the Birds

There's a different and largely unexpected effect of the dust mitigation project – those parts of the lakebed that have been treated have become a stopover site for many shorebirds and waterfowl species coming through the Intermountain Flyway.

“We have more than 47,000 ducks on the lake now, and 30 to 40 bird species,” says Larry Patrich, Labor Supervisor.

This development has piqued the interest of bird conservation societies and animal refuge agencies, which is fine with the project managers. But it does cause complications.

“We are supposed to be a dust project, not a migratory bird habitat,” Larry says. “But we’re working to sustain habitat values that have been indirectly created.”

Migrating birds have returned in large numbers to the flooded portions of the Owens Lake bed.



From left: Equipment Handlers (from left) Gus Bass, 2 years of City service, and Bob Harvey, 1 year.



From left: J.D. Biros, Acting Labor Supervisor; John Burnes, *Alive!* editor; Kirk Wilson, Maintenance Construction Helper, 1 year of City service; and Rick Schadler, Maintenance Construction Helper, 5 years.



Aarne Coats, Maintenance Construction Helper, 6 months of City service, with his 10-yard dump truck.



From left: Jeff Goss, Maintenance Construction Helper, 6 months of City service, and Brandon Dixon, Maintenance Construction Helper, 6 months, with the Kubota “mudder.”



Andy Maxey, Heavy Duty Truck Operator, 3 years of City service, with his 35-ton/24-yard heavy haul truck.



David Lopez, Warehouse Supervisor, 23 years.

Alive! Feature

Leaders, by Choice

Approximately 75 people work in the Owens Valley Dust Mitigation office. "Most employees working on this project are here by choice," Larry Patrich, Labor Supervisor, says. "They are here because they want to make a difference."

"We started out as strictly a research facility. But now we're much more than that. We were the first project in the world to be testing and implementing these methods of controlling dust. We're a world leader."

"The people working on the Salton Sea project [the Salton Sea is shrinking and drying up - Ed.] are keeping track of what we're doing here. This is an expensive project, and they want to see what it is that's working for us."

But it is working.

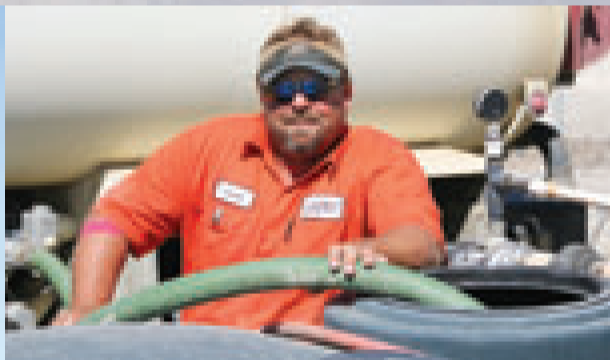
"Just up the road, Lone Pine has clean air now," Larry says. "That's what this is all about."



The administration team, standing, from left: Neale Gordon, Construction and Maintenance Supervisor, 29 years of City service; David Neal, Operations Manager; Ray Ramirez, Environmental Specialist, 2 years; Nancy Fullingham, Senior Clerk Typist, 27 years; Kook Dean, Mechanical Engineering Associate, 30 years; David Orasa, Materials Testing Technician, 5 years; Larry Patrich, Labor Supervisor, 40 years; and Erica Blyther, Environmental Supervisor, 11 years. Kneeling: Keith Leon, Environmental Specialist, 7 months; and Michael Lee, Electrical Engineering Associate, 25 years.



From left: Ernesto Nava, Maintenance Laborer, 4 years of City service, and Mark Berry, Maintenance Construction Helper, 1 year.



Jason Thomson, Maintenance Construction Helper, 6 months of City service.



From left: J.D. Biros, Acting Labor Supervisor, 5 years, and Bob Strub, Civil Engineering Associate, 2 years.

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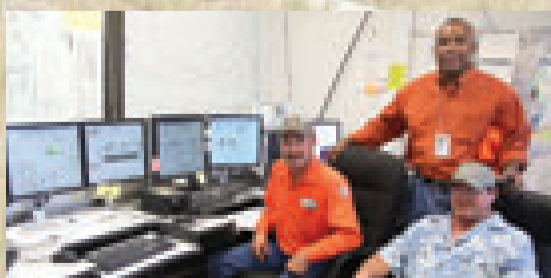
- Larry Patrich, Labor Supervisor



From left: Aaron Bishop, Equipment Mechanic, 2 years; Gary Clift, Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, 5 years; Rene Diaz, Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, 17 years; and Irv Moore, Sr. Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, 24 years.



From left: Larry Patrich, Labor Supervisor; David Neal, Operations Manager; and Michael Lee, Electrical Engineering Associate, in the under-construction SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) room, where many of the dust mitigation systems are monitored. By custom-building this room using their own staff's expertise, the Owens Lake team saved the DWP \$90,000.



From left: Gary Reiser, Aqueduct and Reservoir Keeper; David Neal, Operations Manager; and Larry Benbrook, Aqueduct and Reservoir Supervisor, in the current SCADA (Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition) room.



Michael Lee, Electrical Engineering Associate, demonstrates the sever room.

THE CAR CLUB



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

The Rock-Star Riviera



Life at times is full of tough decisions and challenges like dealing with an unruly neighbor or a boss you don't get along with. Tough decisions may come about from those challenges or ones that we bring upon ourselves, such as what car to stuff in the garage between our washing machine and the kids' toys. For **Public Works/Street Services Reserve Investigator Larry Ratel**, that decision was on his mind for a good six months before he saw the light at the end of the tunnel. Larry has owned 1950 Mercury, a Dodge Ram Viper truck and assortment of exotics, but he got rid of them for one reason or another. When it came time for his new ride, Larry wanted a car that looked cool and could also transport his wife and 2-year-old daughter. What Larry stumbled upon in his search was not only stunning to look at and comfortable for the family but also guaranteed him rock star parking anywhere he desired.

The Buick Riviera name first dates back to 1949, but it was not its own model. It was simply an option that you could upgrade to from the basic model. A few years later, Ford came out with the very successful Thunderbird that encompassed style, comfort and handling, all in a package that people could enjoy from the cabin.

General Motors, hungry for a fierce competitor for the T-Bird, went to the drawing board and came up with a design with Ferrari influences. Cadillac didn't want the design, and after a "lottery," the Riviera design was won by Buick. Buick unveiled the Riviera on its own platform in 1963, and it won over critics and consumers immediately. This automobile looks good painted; in primer, rusty, stock or customized, and that is why I opted to have one in my garage.

Larry's '63 Riviera is definitely an attention getter, to say the least. The first thing that turns your head is the massive rims it rides on. First off, the rims are a one-off custom design by the previous owner and are 20 inches high, 10.5 inches wide in front and 11.5 inches wide in the rear. To fit these wheels under the car, the wheel wells were "tubbed." That means that the wheel wells were cut, widened and heightened. It is definitely not a job for the faint of heart, but that's what it takes to stand out.

The Riviera's body has not been altered in any way. The Seamist Blue paint the car is wrapped in is fairly fresh and close to one of the stock colors Buick opted for from the factory. All Larry had to do with the paint was color-sand it and buff it when he got it home. The paint now shines ten

times better in both the sunlight and moonlight. The seats are wrapped with blue vinyl and suede that help keep the Ratel family comfortable while cruising the streets of Southern California.

Some people swap the stock Nailhead motor out of these Rivieras for the more common small-block Chevy, which I think is just wrong. The Nailheads are great running motors, they sound spectacular, and they have become more popular over the past few years for those reasons (I put one in my 1930 Ford). There is one downfall with the Nailhead motors -- they are expensive to rebuild when they break. Needless to say, Larry's Riviera has the stock 401 Nailhead and the twin turbine automatic transmission.

The last item we will tackle is the ride height of the car. Air Ride Technologies air bag system helps get the car up off the ground to clear bumps and low enough to lay the frame on the ground. Just to give you an idea of how low it is driven, we hit lane reflectors while taking a test drive.

Larry's Riviera is always polished and ready to cruise streets, highways, byways, and avenues. One thing he doesn't have to cruise is parking lots, because his car always gets VIP parking. That's what you get when you own a rock-star Riviera.



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Newsbriefs

TIRE PROJECT GETS GRANT:

Public Works/Sanitation's Terminal Island Renewable Energy Project (TIRE) has been selected as one of the Department of Energy's (DOE) 11 projects to receive grant support. The funding is aimed at increasing scientific understanding about the potential of promising geologic formations to safely and permanently store carbon dioxide (CO₂). The process involves isolating and capturing CO₂ from fossil fuel emissions and injecting it in geologic formations for permanent, safe storage. TIRE is a collaboration between the City and Terralog Technologies.

"The Department of Public Works takes environmental stewardship very seriously, and this is a great opportunity for us to do even more, so we are grateful for the grant support," said Board of Public Works President Cynthia M. Ruiz.

In a project first reported in *Alive!* more than two years ago, the City has allocated surface property at the Terminal Island Water Reclamation Plant to drill up to three wells for investigation of CO₂ sequestration and methane generation from injected biosolids. Two wells have already been drilled and cored in the area, and the DOE grant funding will support drilling of a new well to further characterize potential targets and seals for CO₂ sequestration in the North Wilmington Graben area.

"We are honored to have the Terminal Island Renewable Energy project selected for this research grant," said Sanitation Director Enrique C. Zaldivar. "TIRE is already at the forefront of technology, and we look forward to seeing how the results of this additional research can help us achieve our mission of protecting public health and the environment."

The 2009 American Reinvestment and Recovery Act funds \$49.75 million of the \$75.5 million in projects receiving grant support. For the Carbon Capture and Storage project, the grant funding is \$4.8 million, \$2 million of which will support the cost to drill TIRE's third well. The research conducted will characterize the Wilmington Graben for large-scale CO₂ storage, providing the City with an opportunity to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve environmental management of municipal wastes.

TIRE is undertaken in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The U.S. Department of Energy and the National Science Foundation also provide research support. Innovative technology used in the project converts biosolids into clean energy by deep well injection and geothermal biodegradation, sequestering greenhouse gases in the process.

The project is the nation's first and only full-scale application of biosolids injection technology, which adapts petroleum industry technology to convert biosolids into a new source of alternative green energy that can be utilized ultimately to power 3,000 homes. Simultaneously, TIRE captures and sequesters more than 83,000 tons of greenhouse gases, the equivalent of taking more than 14,000 cars off the road.

The City has been granted a five-year experimental permit from the U.S. EPA to evaluate the viability of injecting biosolids into deep subsurface. Project site is located at the City's Terminal Island Water Reclamation Plant in San Pedro. The demonstration project has been in operation for more than a year, and the data shows formation injectivity and responses are very good.

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS:

The community is invited to welcome in the holiday season with the annual and festive Victorian Christmas celebration from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat. and Sunday, Dec. 5 – 6, at the Banning Museum, 401 E. M Street, in Wilmington. Admission for the event will be \$5 for adults and \$1 for children 12 and under. Please call the Banning Museum for further information about the event at (310) 548-7777 or click on www.thebanningmuseum.org

Much research has been done to ensure that the museum will reflect realism in decor and display a re-creation of "A Southern California Christmas." In addition to tours of the museum, guests will enjoy free transport on a horse-drawn trolley between the museum and Drum Barracks Civil War Museum, as well as specially planned old-fashioned activities. Guests may visit the Stage Coach Barn for Victorian-style crafts, enjoy strolling Victorian entertainment and complimentary cookies and hot cider and a visit from jolly St. Nick! Lunch is available for purchase in the sunken patio.

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

CLUB HEADQUARTERS



E-Tickets: Your Ticket to Convenience

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

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

The test succeeded!

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

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

E-Tickets
Print at home
convenience.

"We're working on bringing other events and attractions to the E-ticket system," said the Club's Ticket Guy, Navin Cotton.

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

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

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

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

Newsbriefs

OCTOBER: FIRE SAFETY MONTH

Did you know that a residential fire starts every 82 seconds in the United States?

Don't become a statistic. This is a great time to take a safety tour through your home and to take appropriate steps to reduce the risk of fire. Use the fire safety checklist to the right and make certain you check off each item that applies to you, your home, and your family. And remember, a family escape plan is an essential item for every family to have – and to practice each fall. If you see fire, smoke, or believe your home is in danger, don't hesitate to dial 9-1-1. The LAFD will respond! To learn more about fire safety, visit: www.mysafela.org/fire-safety.

Safety Checklist

Review this safety checklist with your kids and family overall:

- Check and clean your chimney and install a spark arrestor.
- Rake dead leaves and trees branches. Put them in an approved recyclable container.
- Check all your security bar-release latches for functionality.
- Keep candles away from combustible materials, and place only near heat-resistant surfaces.
- Make sure your furnace/wall heater is working properly. Check the pilot light and change the filter regularly.
- Repairs should be done by a qualified/licensed technician. If you smell gas, call 9-1-1.
- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet from combustibles. (In many cities, kerosene heaters are illegal to use.)
- Check and replace electrical cords if they are frayed or worn out. Make sure the cord is UL-approved.
- Check dryer vents, and clean out the lint trap.

GREAT CALIFORNIA SHAKEOUT

At 10:15 a.m. Oct. 15, millions of Californians will participate in the largest earthquake drill ever. The purpose of the ShakeOut is to practice how to protect ourselves during earthquakes, and to get prepared at work, school, and home.

While the potential earthquake hazards you will experience depend upon your location, everywhere in California is considered at high risk compared to the rest of the country. There are many ways for individuals, businesses, schools, faith-based organizations, community groups, scouts and others to participate in the ShakeOut, to get prepared for earthquakes, and to share what you're doing with others so they can do the same. To learn more, check out these Websites:

www.shakeout.org
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CLUB SPORTS



News from Sports Leagues sponsored by the City Employees Club of Los Angeles

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Sept. 2nd Softball Games

Then There Was One

■ The LAX Jets are undefeated.

At press time, only one team was undefeated. The competition was heating up.

And then there was only one – at press time, only the LAX Jets were undefeated. That's because the Hitmen, who had gone 7-0, had lost four in a row. Ouch!



The Hitmen were on a great seven-game winning streak until encountering a losing streak of four straight at press time. The Warriors and the Sluggers made a mark in the standings, while the LAX Jets were still undefeated.

The playoffs could start as early Sept. 30, after several make-up games. It is a very exciting season thus far and the playoffs are going to be the best ever.

Check the Club Website for times and locations of the games!

Softball League 2009

Team Standings (as of Sept. 16, 2009)

TEAM	GAMES PLAYED	WINS	LOSSES	WINNING PERCENT	GAMES BACK
LAX JETS	10	10	0	1.000	-
Sluggers*	11	8	3	0.727	2
Hitmen*	11	7	4	0.636	3.5
Enforcers	10	6	3	0.600	3.5
Warriors*	10	5	5	0.500	5
Guzzlers	10	5	2	0.500	3.5
Bravo Tango*	9	5	3	0.556	4
Transformers	9	3	5	0.333	6
Head First*	11	3	7	0.273	7
I'd Hit It	10	3	7	0.300	7
Reservoir Dawgs*	11	1	10	0.091	9.5
DOT-GERS	10	1	9	0.100	9

* Game was postponed and will be played at a later date.

Game Scores

August 26, 2009

HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	LOCATION
Reservoir Dogs: 6	LAX Jets: 15	Yosemite
Guzzlers: 14	Sluggers: 14	Yosemite
Enforcers: 4	Transformers: 2	Transformers
Head First: 13	I'd Hit It	Shatto
The Hitmen: 3	Warriors: 7	Downey
Bravo Tango: 17	Dot-Gers: 7	Downey

September 9, 2009

HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	LOCATION
Reservoir Dawgs: 6	Dot-Gers: 10	Yosemite
The Hitmen: 7	LAX Jets: 8	Yosemite
Guzzlers: 6	Enforcers: 12	Shatto
Warriors: 5	I'd Hit It: 4	Shatto
Bravo Tango: 11	Transformers: 2	Downey
Head First: 1	Sluggers: 10	Downey

September 2, 2009

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Transformers: 9	Guzzlers: 9	Yosemite
The Hitmen: 2	Enforcers: 8	Yosemite
LAX Jets: 11	Warriors: 2	Shatto
Sluggers: 7	Bravo Tango: 0	Shatto
Dot-gers: 7	Head First: 8	Downey
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September 16, 2009

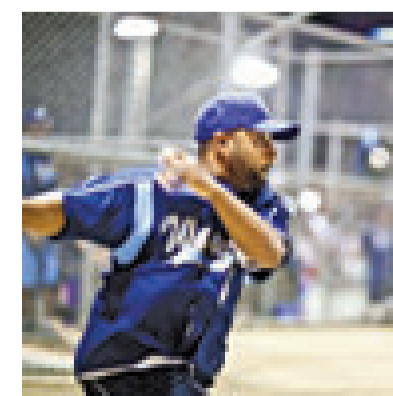
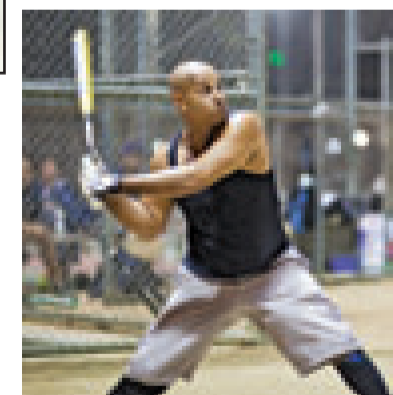
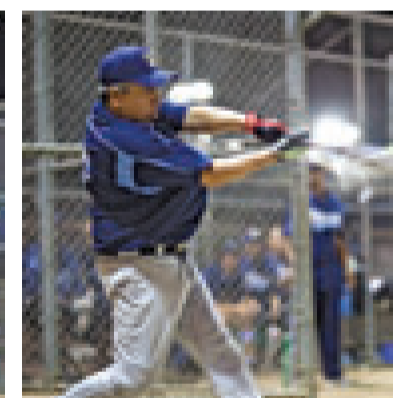
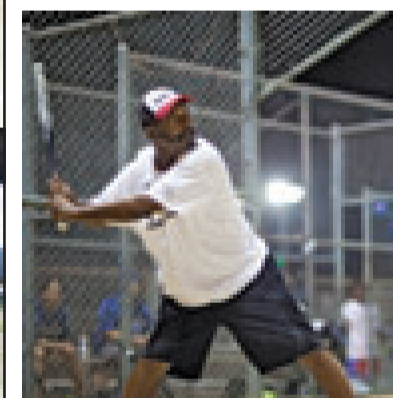
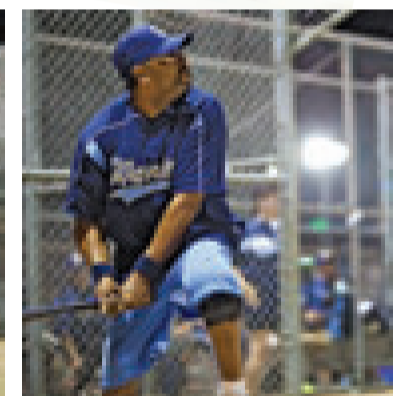
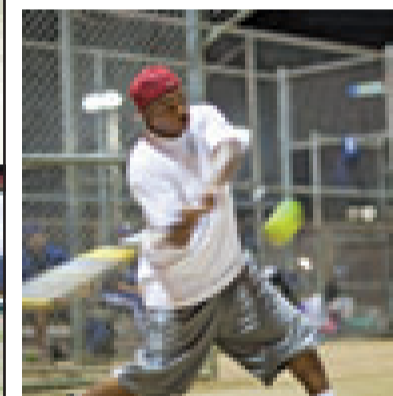
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Game Locations

Downey Recreation Center
1772 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA, 90031

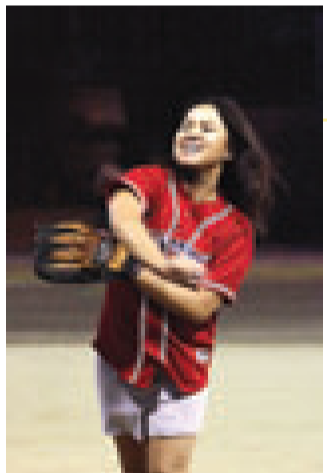
Shatto Recreation Center
3191 4th Street
Los Angeles, CA. 90020

Yosemite Recreation Center
1840 Yosemite Drive
Los Angeles, CA. 90041



Join the new Club Basketball League

Sept. 9th Softball Games



More pictures,
Sept. 16th games,
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It's Time for

Basketball!

The Club is starting a basketball league. Get in on the fun!

Calling all City hoopsters – and hoop stars! Join the new Club-sponsored Basketball League.

All Club Members are eligible to join. League memberships are paid for by the Club.

"Everyone has told us how much they're loving the Club Softball League," said the Club's Sports Dude, Robert Larios. "There's been real excitement on the fields.

"And we just know there are lots of great basketball players, too," he continued. "So don't wait. Let's get dribbling, and show your stuff!"

For now, the league is for men only. A minimum of five teams is needed for the league to form.

The 2009 season would begin Nov. 15 and run through January.

Possible gym locations are:

- Expo Sports Complex in Exposition Park; and/or
- LACES Recreation Center in the Fairfax area.

Games may be played at 7, 8 or 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. A playoff and championship game are planned.

All participants must be Club Members in good standing.

"We're really excited about this first hoops league," Larios said. "It's another great service the Club provides. So sign up!"



For registration information, contact Robert Larios, the Sports Dude:

- sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com
- (800) 464-0452, ext. 134
- www.cityemployeesclub.com



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2. Broken Teeth are typically treated with cosmetic bonding procedures as a temporary measure that may need further treatment such as crowns.
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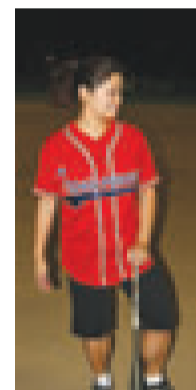
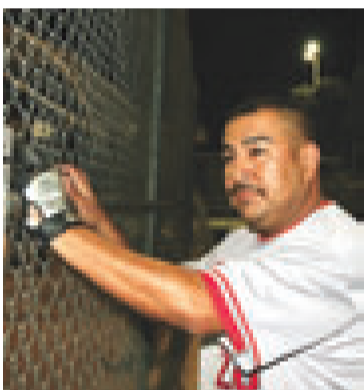
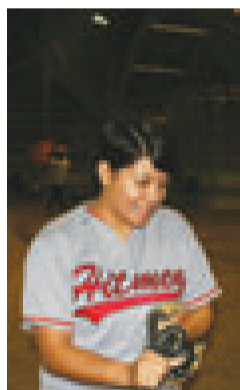
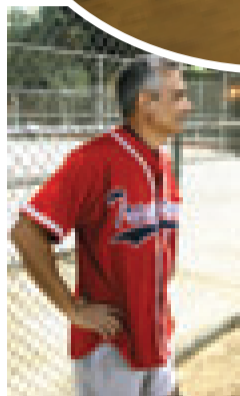
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ZOO

Meet the Baby Snow Leopards

Zoo debuts snow leopard cubs.

Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager, except where noted

On Sept. 10, the Zoo brought out its pair of rare snow leopard cubs, which were born May 26.

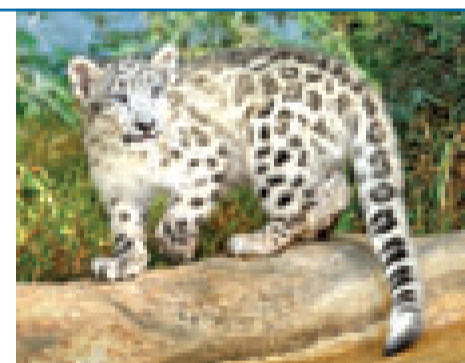
Native to remote mountains in Asia, snow leopards are extremely rare. It is estimated that only 5,000 to 7,000 snow leopards remain in the wild.

These cats are well adapted to life in high,

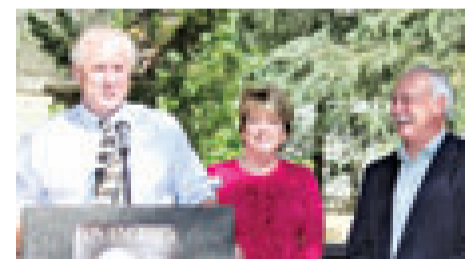
rugged terrain, partly because of their thick fur, which allows them to keep warm, and long tail they can wrap around themselves for added warmth. They can tolerate extreme temperatures of 104 degrees Fahrenheit down to 40 below zero. Snow leopards also have well developed chest muscles for climbing, and their long tail helps them with balance. Thanks to their outstanding night vision, their ability to leap 45 feet in the air and their capability to kill prey up to two to three times their weight, snow

leopards are very adept hunters. Their primary prey is ibex, markhor, goat and wild sheep. Unfortunately, due to the depletion of their natural prey, snow leopards are now hunting domestic farm animals, which brings them in closer contact with humans.

Living at the top of the food chain, the snow leopard is an "indicator species" for the fragile mountain ecosystems of Asia. This means that the ecosystem is considered healthy if it can support a large predator like the snow leopard.



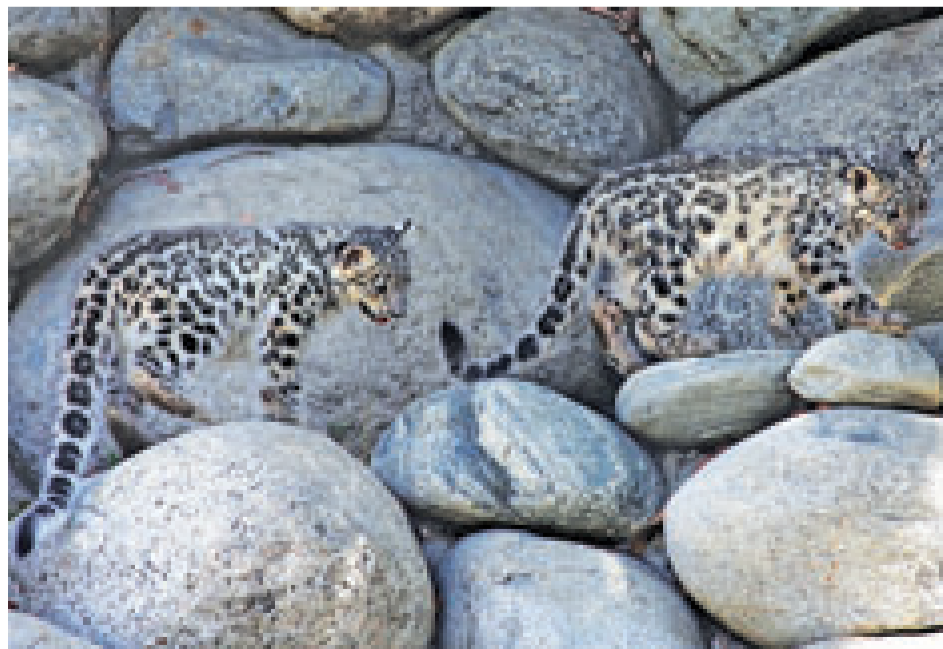
One of the snow leopard cubs. (Photo courtesy Zoo.)



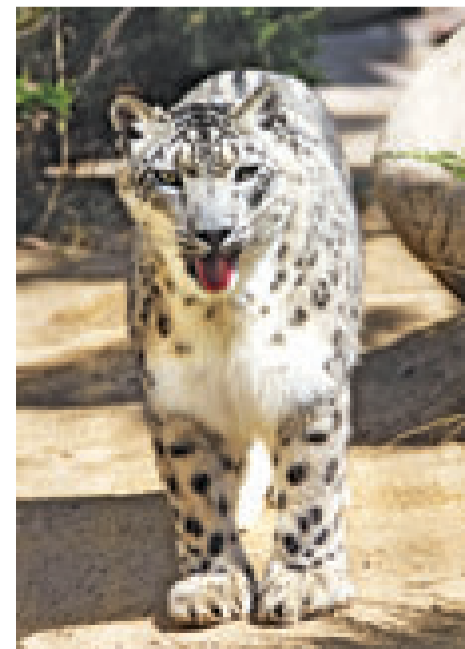
From left: Councilmember Tom LaBonge; zoo association President Connie Morgan; and Zoo Director John Lewis.



A cub explores the surroundings.



Brother and sister practice climbing the rocks.



Proud mommy "Gail."

THE CLUB

We Have a Scooter Winner!

Dawn Graham, DWP, wins the coveted scooter, courtesy of the Club and its partner, United Agencies.

Photos by Angel Gomez, Director of Member Services

It's official – Dawn Graham, Customer Service Rep, DWP, and Club Member for nine years, is going home with a cool new Motobravo scooter, courtesy the Club and United Agencies, the Club's auto and home insurance partner.

The promotion ran basically from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Dawn received her scooter in an event at the Club Store Sept. 11.

Dawn's journey to winning the Motobravo scooter began when she received a mailer at home about auto insurance through the Club. She called to get a quote, and United Agencies rep Norma Angulo registered Dawn for the scooter drawing.

When a United Agencies rep drew Dawn's name as the winner, Norma left Dawn a message to call her back about the quote. Dawn thought she was calling back about the quote. But Norma told her that she was the winner of the scooter, which had been on display at the Club Store.

Suzanne Eggli, Personal Insurance Manager, United Agencies, and Norma Angulo, Personal Insurance Agent, anxiously awaited Dawn's arrival Sept. 11 to congratulate her and hand over the keys. As Dawn entered the store, she smiled, and her eyes widened with tears of joy.

Dawn was also greeted and congratulated by Robert Larios, Club Director of Communications and Marketing; Angel Gomez, Club Director of Member Services;

and Navin Cotton, Club Director of Retail Sales and Operations ("the Ticket Guy"). Dawn arrived with her son, Jason, who attends El Camino College, plays baseball there and

studies aviation mechanics.

"Winning the scooter couldn't have come at a better time!" Dawn said. She has three children in college, and two of them attend UC Riverside. Her daughter, Christine, and son, Matthew, were sharing a car, but the addition of the scooter makes life so much easier for them. Dawn plans to let her children use it while they go to school.

"It is very gratifying for our organization to be partnered with a class company like United Agencies and be able to offer a promotion like this," Robert Larios said. "It's even better to know that Dawn and her children had a great need for the scooter. That takes this promotion to a joyful level that no one anticipated."

Congratulations, Dawn, from everyone at the Club and United Agencies. Happy scootering!

United Agencies is at the Club Store most every Friday, and is happy to provide Club Members with great quotes on auto and home insurance. Stop by for a free quote.

Special thanks to Jeff Gelineau, Vice President, and Suzanne Eggli and Norma Angulo from United Agencies.



From left: Navin Cotton, Club Director of Retail Sales and Operations; Suzanne Eggli, Personal Insurance Manager, United Agencies; Dawn Graham, Customer Service Representative, DWP, 30 years of City service, who won the scooter; Norma Angulo, Personal Insurance Agent, United Agencies; and Robert Larios, Club Director of Communications and Marketing.

GENERAL SERVICES

Turnaround Trip to Nevada

General Services Holiday Party Fundraiser

Sign up for a turnaround trip to Buffalo Bill's in Nevada. It's relaxing, fun and exciting. Movies, free refreshments and snacks will be served on the bus. Sat., Nov. 14, \$35 per person. \$5 discount if reserved by Oct. 14. All payments due by Oct. 23. No refunds.

Meal coupons included. Bus leaves Piper Tech at 7:30 a.m., with one pickup stop at Fairplex in Pomona at 8 a.m.

Contact Terry Pina, (213) 922-8570, for tickets and more information.

CLUB INSURANCE:
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Club Life Insurance Makes Sense

Here are six great reasons why you should buy life insurance.

Club Life Insurance is all about building your financial strength to take care of your family in the event you're no longer there to do it yourself. Life insurance should serve as the foundation of your family's financial security, helping to ensure that your loved ones will be all right financially, even if something were to happen to you.

This is a great time to think about all the things that life insurance can do for you and your family. But that can happen only with planning. Schedule an appointment with a Club Counselor, to make sure that you have the right amount and type of insurance to protect the ones you love.

Here are just some of the great benefits of Club Life Insurance:

- **It allows time to grieve.** Club Life Insurance allows loved ones to focus on their grief by helping to pay for the funeral and other final expenses.

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- **It offers flexibility.** Club Life Insurance gives a surviving spouse the chance to take time off from work to reestablish your family's stability.
- **It creates opportunities.** Club Life Insurance can provide funding to start a business, or pay for schooling so surviving family members can train for a new career.
- **It leaves a legacy.** Club Life Insurance gives parents the chance to leave future generations with the legacy of long-term financial security.

Club Life Insurance is good for you. It's good for your family. Club Life Insurance makes dollars – and sense. Contact your Club Counselor today.

HARBOR

Summer Interns 2009

Harbor completes another of its successful summer internship programs, partially sponsored by the Club.

Martin Chavez, Harbor, congratulates the 49 interns and thanks the employers for opening their doors to the students.



The summer intern class of 2009.

Story and photos courtesy Harbor

On Sept. 3, Harbor celebrated the culmination of the International Trade Education Program's ninth Summer Internship class, attended by 202 families, friends and supporters. The event was held at Banning High School in Banning.

During the nine-week summer program, 49 students from Banning High School in Wilmington experienced jobs involved in commerce and the maritime industry. Martin Chavez of the Port's Human Resources Division, who formalized the Summer Internship Program in 2000 under the motto, "Opening the World Today and Preparing for Tomorrow," hosted the event.

This year's 49 students successfully completed the preparation process, which began in December under the direction of the Port's college intern, Cynthia Jaime. Cynthia, who grad-

uated in May with a Bachelor's degree in mathematics from Cal State/Dominguez Hills, is working toward her teaching credential, also from CSUDH. Cynthia worked with the students, conducting sessions on preparing their résumés, personal statements and interviewing skills. She even did a workshop on how to properly knot a tie. Cynthia also interacted with potential employers and coordinated their requirements with potential students to interview for their organizations.

Students had to invest preparation time before they could interview with an employer. Each student was required to compose a personal statement; write a résumé; have maintained competitive grades; and achieved a good attendance record in school. After completing these tasks they then had an assessment interview with Martin.

Each Friday afternoon, this year's interns attended workshops on professional communication, time management, peer pressure, finan-

cial management, and college admission requirements.

During the culmination reception, the interns were recognized for their efforts by Los Angeles Unified School District Eight Administrator Karen Saunders, who told them, "This is about the connection to the real world." Ricardo Hong from the Mayor's Office reminded the students of their obligation to become leaders in their community.

Students were also recognized for their achievements during the summer. The City Employees' Club sponsored the 2009 Outstanding Student Award, presented to Greta Armenta, who received two Dodger game tickets. "It takes only one person with dedication to make a difference in this world," Greta said in her speech.

The Club also sponsored Workplace Professionalism awards that were presented to: Liliana Garcia, Angela Kinney, Eloy Ruiz and Geovanna Valenzuela, who each received a pair

of AMC movie tickets. Awards for outstanding professional development, sponsored by the Los Angeles Federal Credit Union, went to Robert Callanan, and the Workshop Excellence Award was earned by Flor Torres. An amazing 23 students were recognized for perfect attendance from the first prep class in December through the last day of the program.

In his closing, Martin Chavez told the students of their remarkable development during the program and how determined they were to do well. He reminded them they were more than students. "They are young adults who would be the leaders of their program and be the adults emulated by other students," he said later. "They took the responsibility to complete the requirements to be in this program, and they are proud examples of what they can do when they are committed to achieve."

Congratulations to the 2009 ITEP interns! And special thanks to Martin Chavez, for providing the information.



From left: Diane Dyché and Jacqueline Gonzalez worked with Chrizelle Quevedo in the Port's Risk Management Division.



From left: Lt. Matthew Arnold presented Jacqueline Iniguez with a special commendation for her work with the U.S. Coast Guard.



From left: Intern Brianna Alvarez with Elias Reyna and Gina Alvarado of Tesoro Refining. Alvarado was a past participant in the intern program.



From left: Mark De La Torre and Maria Gonzalez, representing first-year employer Juanita's Foods, with their two interns, Karen Rascon and Nancy Garcia.



From left: Amy Arnold and Rhonda Wheelwright, Harbor Real Estate Division, with their intern, Eloy Ruiz.



From left: Banning High alumna Wendy Mendoza, of the Port's Community Relations office, with intern Meripa Leaea.



From left: Martin Chavez, Harbor, presents Robert Callanan the Outstanding Personal Development Award.



From left: Diane Alps, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, and her intern, Diamond Enriquez.



Cynthia Jaime, Intern Coordinator, thanked the supervisors for helping the students gain valuable work experience during their internships.



From left: Contract and Purchasing Division's Emmanuel Garduno, a former summer intern, with Ana Peredia and Ruby Miramontes, whose older sister also had been a summer intern participant.



From left: Cynthia Jaime, Intern Coordinator, presented the Workplace Professionalism Awards to Liliana Garcia, Geovanna Valenzuela, Eloy Ruiz and Angela Kinney.



From left: Martin Chavez presents Greta Armenta the Outstanding Student Award. Greta spent her summer interning in the office of Councilwoman Janice Hahn, Club Member.

History Comes Alive!

Tales From the City Archives



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

City Halls, on a Poster

■ Here's the story of one of the Club Store's newest items.

Approximately 12 years ago when I was the City's Records Management Officer and in charge of the City Archives, a gentleman, Herb McNeely Sr., came to visit me at my office at the Piper Technical Center. He brought with him an 8-by-10-inch drawing of our current City Hall. It had the appearance of being an engineering project. Herb referred to it as a sketch. I was so impressed by his talent that I asked him to enlarge and enhance it to hang in our reference area of our office. He returned in time with a framed drawing approximately 19 by 24. It was beautiful and hung near our front door. We received many comments about his elegant portrayal.

During that time, the Los Angeles City Historical Society (LACHS) held its monthly Board meetings in our huge reference room in the City Clerk's Records Management Division. At some point, because of the nature of the society, and the interest in Herb's drawing, I invited him to attend one of our board meetings. The group was so impressed by the artist and his masterful drawing, that Herb eventually became a board member, and his drawing became a topic of interest as an historical project for LACHS.

After much discussion with the members of the board and how to best market it as another portrait of City Hall, one of our board members – Irene Tresun, I believe – came up with an incredible idea. During the same time period, LACHS was also much involved in developing and designing a historical tome on the history of Los Angeles City government from 1850 into the 21st century. This book eventually was published in 2007, and became a two-volume study of more than 1,000 pages. The official title is, *The Development of Los Angeles City Government: An Institutional History, 1850-2000*. This book is now available to purchase.

To continue: Irene Tresun was writing the histories of all past City Halls for the above work. It was either her idea or someone else on the Board to suggest that the LACHS City Hall poster should include drawings of all past official City Halls. This concept proved to give the present City Hall an historical value by placing its predecessors along with it. Therefore, the board went back to Herb and gave him the opportunity to research photographs of the prior institutions. He was able to attain

the photos and, along those lines, he found the locations of all the buildings. Herb then set forth and included the five previous government buildings in miniature in front of the present City Hall. These different structures defined the architecture of the times.

It should be noted that Herb had a love affair with downtown Los Angeles architecture, specifically the Civic Center, since the age of seven. This passion, along with drawing, as a youngster evolved into a lifetime need as an adult to continue this adulation and determination to replicate on paper what he had seen.

For a time, he put his dreams to rest while he was working and raising a family. But he did notice, during that time period, skyscrapers in Los Angeles were blooming all over the downtown area. Finally, in 1988, his desire returned again with overwhelming passion. He began drawing the skyscrapers he had recently noticed. Around 1996, he read an article by Cecilia Rasmussen in the Sunday *Los Angeles Times*. It was about the past City Halls in Los Angeles since the 1850s. After many starts, he completed his drawing and brought it to me in the City Archives.

Over the last 81 years of the current City Hall's existence, there have been many posters depicting its image. Some have been from photographs, while others have been seen in various other art forms. As stated above, the LACHS poster shows the current City Hall with drawings of all known past City Halls from 1853. From 1850 to 1853, the Common (City) Council rented three buildings to run government business. Where the remainder of City government held work schedules at that time could be a study for a Master's thesis or doctoral dissertation.

At the bottom of the poster is a legend, which includes explanations of all City Halls and the City seal; a map showing locations of the past buildings; and a diagram drawing of all City Halls in solid pastels with the dates of each in the above poster itself. The beautiful and informative legend was prepared by Raymond Kwan, City Council photographer.

A synopsis of the City Halls and City Seal from the legend follows:

1853: The Rocha Adobe City Hall.

The first owned City Hall sat on what is now Spring Street, previously known as New High Street and Primavera, then Spring Street. California was the 31st state in the Union, and the Rocha House was the first city-owned City Hall.

1859: Temple's City Market/City Hall

Also known as Clocktower Courthouse. Built by John Temple. Purchased by Los Angeles County, with the Common (City) Council meeting on the second floor.

1885: Second Street City Hall

Completed in 1885, it was on the north side of Second Street between Spring and Fort (now Broadway) Streets. The building became too small and four years later was moved again.

1889: Fort Street City Hall

Fort Street (now Broadway) City Hall had five stories with a very high tower at one corner. It resembled an Ivy League college.

1928: Spring Street City Hall

Voters approved a variance to allow this building to be 27 stories. It remained the tallest building in Los Angeles until 1965.

The City Seal

In 1905, Ordinance 10,834 authorized the current City seal. Prior to that date, the City's seal was a cluster of grapes. In 1905, the City Fathers felt that Los Angeles was more than an agrarian community.

These wonderful, colored posters come in two sizes. They make wonderful gifts and framed they look great in City offices. They can be purchased at the Club Store. The address is 120 W. Second St., about two blocks from City Hall. In a few weeks the Employees Club will have online order capabilities. If there are any complications, you may e-mail me at hyndarudd@att.net. Thank you.

The City Hall poster comes in two sizes, for \$10 and \$15. See page 51.

The City Hall poster is available at the Club Store.



Artist Herb McNeely looks over his poster.

LAPD



Juana Riley, Management Analyst II.

So Long, Juana

Juana Riley retires from the LAPD after 35 years of City service.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

Friends, family and coworkers gathered Aug. 19 for the retirement party for Juana Riley, who leaves with 35 years of City service.

The event was held at Taix Restaurant on Sunset Boulevard.

Juana Riley, Management Analyst II, began working for the City April 15, 1974.

During her 35-year career with the City Juana has worked a variety of jobs in several City Departments. As an Accounting Clerk, Juana worked for the Animal Services, CDD, Public Works/Accounting and the Convention Center. Juana also served as an Accounting Supervisor for the Building and Safety; as a Principal Clerk for the Public Works/Sanitation; and as a Management Aide for Public Works/Street Services.

Juana's career history with the LAPD has included a tour as a Police Service Representative at Communications Division, and her current position as a Management Analyst II with Facilities Management Division. In this final career assignment, which began in 2002, Juana has been very involved in the planning and coordination of design, construction and move-in phases for many of LAPD's new police facilities, which include: the Emergency Operations Center; as well as the Mission, West Valley, Rampart, Olympic, Harbor and Hollenbeck Stations.

Juana's dedication and hard work will be greatly missed by all who know and have had the pleasure to work with her. Thank you, Juana, for 35 years of dedicated service. On behalf of your family of co-workers throughout the LAPD and City of Los Angeles, we wish you many wonderful years of retirement with your husband, children and grandchildren.

The Club thanks Colleen Briggs, Sr. Management Analyst II and Club Member, for assisting us with this story.



From left: Jennie Davis, Clerk Typist, Club Member; and Pam Champion, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member.



From left: Yvette Sanchez-Owens, Commanding Officer, LAPD Crime Lab, Club Member; Nassef Eskander, Architect, Public Works; and Ken Meyer, Office Depot.



Back, from left: Brandy and Michael McGowan, PSR II, Club Member; David Riley, son; Juana Riley, Management Analyst II, and her husband, Michael Riley, Retired, LAFD. Front: Granddaughters Taylor Dickerson and Emily McGowan.



Standing, from left: Kathie Radabaugh, guest; Coleen Briggs, Sr. MA II, Club Member; and Jessye Scott-Stanford, Sr. MA, Club Member. Seated: Luis Osete, guest; Ron Vega, D3.



Juana Riley, Management Analyst II; and Peter Di Carlo, LAPD Police Administrator.



From left: Nuella Armbruster, retired, Admin Asst.; Rick de la Huelga, Sr. Construction Inspector, Contract Admin; Sonia Alvarez, Environmental Assoc., Public Works, Club Member; May Woo, Sr. Architect, Public Works, Club Member; and Carlette Colvin, Communications Engineering Associate, ITA.



From left: Sue and Sgt. II Bill Dolan, retired; and Sharon Harper, P3, Club Member.



From left: Chris Carson, P3; Elaine Painter, MA II; and Tony Popper, Principal Storekeeper.



Juana Riley, Management Analyst II; and Thom Brennan, Commanding Officer, Facilities Management Division.



Marianne Vila, Accounting Clerk, Rec and Parks, Club Member; and Jack Smith Jr., Clerk, Building and Safety, Club Member.



From left: Trish Crupi, PSR II; and Sylvia Barron, PSR II, Club Member.



From left: Ethelda Zari, Sr. MA II, Club Member; Leo Samaniego, MA II, Club Member; Mike Graves, guest; and Grace Hsieh, MA II.



From left: Christiane Alzner, Accounting Clerk, Building and Safety, Club Member; Christine Tabirara, Sr. Accountant, Building and Safety, Club Member; and Anita Tang, MA II, Transportation.

Life's Important Moments

Share your moments!

Did you get married? Have a baby? (Yea!) Get a promotion? (Hooray!) Retire? (Ahhhh.) We want to hear from you. Share your news with the world! Send all notices and high resolution photos with the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com or send paper notices and print photos to: *Alive!*, 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**
Pat Buckley
Peter Hernandez
Rodney Jessamy
Pamela Pace-Greene
Leon Rudolph Jr.
Bruce Williams
Kendra Williams
- Animal Services**
Jaclyn Smith
- City Attorney**
John Franklin
Patricia Mor
- CDD**
Ronald Carvajal
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Jose Rodriguez
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Stacy Rafter
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Denise Sicauros
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Jorge Medrano
Robert Ojeda
Tove Maiaale
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Nelson Olan
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Lewis Ontoine
- Rec and Parks**
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Rafael Vega
Gustavo Cortez
Dexter OConnell
Jasmine Rhodes
Adrian Romero
Sergio Flores
Ryan Reeder
- Transportation**
Inder Dugal
Lourdes Duran
Richard Garcia
Juan Diego Urzua
Yoko Arnold
- DWP**
John Cleveland
Andres Contreras
Josefa Esparrago
Amy Hung
John Levy
Robert Martinez
Raymond Meinert Jr.
Sergio Pinon
Aaron Solis
- Retired**
Diane Hart
Ben Juarez
James Livingston
Robert Robles
- Other**
Daniel Arriola
Jorge Banda
Jonathan Caldera
Roberto Clemente
Adam Elstein
Jaime Espinosa
Al Gonzalez
Teresa Kearney
YangSoo Lee
Vincent Lopez
James Marchesano
Fidel Nieto
Michael Rico
Larry Scales
Karrie Spencer



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**
Andres Alvarez, Transportation, 6
Maria Castro, LAPD, 11
Amber Colaco, Transportation, 11
Stephen Dickinson, Housing, 10
Darrin Hodge, DWP, 2
Thomas Kasowki, General Services, 35
Gilbert Pena, DWP, 34
Afsaneh Rafii, Public Works, 20
Sheldon Samuels, Rec and Parks, 4
Michael Trockey, Planning, 1/2
Harry Vermeer, General Services, 7
- Retired**
Patrick Adams, Cultural Affairs, 7
Arnold Ames, DWP, 22
Melvin Ames, Transportation, 19
Willie Austin, DWP, 29
Therman Boyd, LAFD, 18
Barney Branch, DWP, 33
Johnnie Broom, General Services, 13
Shirley Browne, DWP, 45
Charles Coleman, Transportation, 19
Dale Cornelison, General Services, 20
Bernard Coyne, Public Works, 13
Richard Fox, Rec and Parks, 26
Robert Frankel, DWP, 28
Jimmy Godwin, DWP, 28
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Baird Harris, DWP, 23
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Robert Spensko, DWP, 27
Jerome Spurlin, DWP, 31
Leo Strull, DWP, 27
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Harold Tolin, General Services, 10
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Pamela Allensworth	Police Service Rep	LAPD	34	Amy Gill	Librarian	Library	4
Rodrigo Becerra	Gardener Caretaker	Harbor	29	Willie Gilmore	Police Officer	Airports	30
Lari Beebe	Sr. Mech. Repairer	Public Works	23	Juan Godinez	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Joyce Bodley-Walker	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Sue Gordon	Police Administrator	LAPD	37
Dolores Boone	Head Custodian Supv.	Airports	27	Susan Gorney	Landscape Architect	Rec and Parks	13
Robert Brantley	Water Biologist	Public Works	26	Dan Hargrove	Plumber	Harbor	25
Alberta Brent	Clerk Typist	Harbor	29	David Haut	Management Analyst	General Services	17
Linda Buckspan	Neighborhood Svcs.	Housing	30	William Hayes	Garage Attendant	LAPD	31
Michael Burns	Sr. Wastewater Tmnt. Op.	Public Works	34	Solomon Hays	Maint. Supv.	Airports	31
Sandy Canister	Heavy Dty Eqp. Mech.	LAFD	40	Julie Heifetz	Project Coord.	Status of Women	6
Albert Carrillo	Street Use Inspector	Public Works	35	Jonni Hoffman	Dep. City Attorney	City Attorney	30
Alvin Carstensen	Auto Electrician	General Services	26	Michael Honda	Equip. Mechanic	LAPD	24
Chung Eun Chi	Sr. Chemist	General Services	37	Bruce Howell	Lot Cleaning Supt.	Public Works	40
Darrell Church	Painter	General Services	19	William Hume Jr.	Helicopter Mech.	General Services	21
Edward Cortazar	Street Svcs. Worker	Public Works	29	Antoinette Hunt-Watson	Clerk Typist	Library	15
Marjorie Currier	Dep. City Atty.	City Attorney	27	Paul Johnson	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Richard Davis	Sr. Systems Analyst	LAPD	34	Ann Jones	Sr. Personnel Analyst	Personnel	22
Kevin Dawson	Plumber	General Services	34	Bruce Jones	Gm. Support	Public Works	39
Santa De Leon	Systems Analyst	City Clerk	37	John Kane	Cement Finisher	Public Works	19
Lucina De Leon	Pr. Accountant	Rec and Parks	33	Subodh Kumar	Industrial Waste Insp.	Public Works	25
Anne Dunn	Personnel Analyst	Public Works	36	Chi Lau	Parking Attendant	General Services	20
Rebecca Encinas	Sr. Project Asst.	City Clerk	37	Alan Lee	Civil Engineer	Public Works	31
Tracy Evans	Pr. Tax Compliance Ofcr.	Finance	34	Annette Lewis	Risk and Insurance Asst.	CAO	24
James Frieze	Automotive Supervisor	General Services	25	Lynn Light	Sr. Librarian	Library	30
Sidney Gallegos	Equip. Operator	Public Works	29	Sharon Lind	Sr. Clerk Typist	Airports	30
Vincent Garcia	Police Sgt.	Airports	39	Delia Longoria	Airport Guide	Airports	11
Ronald Gearhart	Programmer/Analyst	ITA	22	Oliver Lopez	Air Conditioning Mech.	General Services	25

Births



Angus Eoin Hoerricks, born Aug. 24 to Jim and Teresa Hoerricks. Jim works at LAPD's Scientific Investigation Division, Electronics Section.



Dennis Clark Jr., born Feb. 2 to Tasha Muldrew, LAFD, and Dennis Clark Sr.



Rio Cruz Rodriguez, born Sept. 1 to Jorge (Paco) and Veronica Rodriguez, Public Works/Street Lighting.

Have a photo of a recent newborn? Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Special Achievements



Cynthia Billingslea, DWP, 15 years of City service, manages her own nonprofit, Hey Girlfriend Network. The organization focuses on positive community social networking events. To find out more about Hey Girlfriend Network, and see some of their upcoming events, go to: www.heygirlfriendnetwork.com

Have you or your children recently achieved something special? Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Quinceañera

Melanie Bizonia-Ellis celebrated her *quinceañera* July 18. She's the daughter of Laura Gonzalez-Ellis, Fire and Police Pensions. "I am proud to have my little girl grow up to be a beautiful and smart young lady."



Have a photo of a recent quinceañera? Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Weddings



Sheila Romero and Sean Lewis were married April 18 in Oak Hills, Calif. Sheila is an Assistant Inspector, Building and Safety.

Have a photo of a recent wedding? Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to 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

Graduations

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

Retirements, continued

NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS
Philip Lozano	Equip. Mechanic	General Services	30	Clyde Simmons	Rehab. Constr. Spec.	Housing	31
Yvette McFrazier	Exec. Admin. Asst.	ITA	40	Jack Simpson	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Karen Michael	Storekeeper	General Services	7	Ildefonso Sino Cruz	Transport Eng. Assoc.	Transportation	38
Joyce Miller	Occup. Health Nurse	Personnel	17	Brenda Smith	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	39
Gloria Molina	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	26	Richard Sokolowski	Rec. Facility Director	Rec and Parks	34
Lawrence Montoya	Sr. Commun. Elec. Supv.	ITA	44	Dennis Stewart	Build. Mech. Inspector	Building and Safety	21
Kathy Mooney	Animal Control Ofcr.	Animal Services	29	Akio Takasue	Civil Eng. Associate	Public Works	31
Mario Mora	Parking Manager	Convention Center	35	Terry Takeda	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Angel Morales	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	35	Shirley Tan	Pr. Dep. Controller	Controller's	33
Janice Mullins	Systems Analyst	LACERS	37	Robert Tanowitz	Ch. Mgmt. Analyst	CDD	25
Rose Neale	Sr. Clerk Typist	Housing	29	Sebouh Terzian	Ch. Creative Svcs. Div.	City Clerk	41
Quynh Nguyen	St. Lighting Engr. Assoc.	Public Works	28	Thomas Ulin	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
David O'Brien	Library Asst.	Library	37	Robert Valdez	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	CDD	25
Timothy Orteg	Signal Sys. Supervisor	Transportation	34	Allen Ward	Build. Repairer Supv.	Convention Center	33
Cynthia Pedroza	Exec. Admin. Asst.	LAPD	37	Aida Weaver	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Gilbert Pedroza	Street Mt. Supv.	Public Works	37	Dennis Weber	Street Mt. Gen. Supt.	Public Works	36
Dorothy Perez	Council Aide	Council	39	Leo Whang	Build. Mech. Inspector	Building and Safety	30
Roberto Razon	Sr. Tax Auditor	Finance	25	Bessie Williams	Management Analyst	LAPD	14
Rosario Reyes	Chief Acct.	Rec and Parks	27	Grace Williams	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	36
Juana Riley	Management Analyst	LAPD	35	Keith Wilson	Sr. Hvy Dty Eqp. Mech.	General Services	31
Clark Robins	Deputy City Engineer	Public Works	44	Linda Wyatt	Sr. Clerk Typist	Harbor	35
Patricia Rogers	Sr. Real Estate Officer	Airports	30	Stirling Yeargain	Librarian	Library	38
Raymond Serna	Stores Supervisor	Transportation	34	George Zavala	Police Officer	Airports	34
Ellen Shadday	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed				
Shelia Shannon-Thomas	Payroll Supervisor	Public Works	36				
Gabriele Shirley	Commission Exec. Asst.	Planning	34				

GENERAL SERVICES

After Saving Millions, Tim Retires

Timothy Marxer retires from General Services after 21 years of City service.

Story by Club staff; Photos by Lethu Tran, Jack Scott and Luke Wang

Timothy Marxer, who spent the last 14 of his 21 years with the City, saving the City a lot of money through water and power efficiencies, retired July 11.

His first retirement celebration was held June 24 at the City Hall South Conference Meeting Room, where he was presented with a certificate and cake. A retirement dinner was held that night at Golden City Seafood.

His first seven were with Rec and Parks. He then was transferred to General Services in February 1995. He retired at age 65 on July 11.

He became a field investigator for the Asset Management Division, General Services. He worked the next 14 years primarily on saving the City money. About \$10 million was achieved.

He received several commendations during his career. The first one came in 1995, from then-Councilmember Laura Chick. She congratulated him for his excellent work in saving \$5.5 million from the City's utility budget. The second came from the General Services in 1996 to recognize him for his unusual ability to identify and follow up on cost-saving opportunities for the City. He identified more than \$6 million in possible savings. In 1997, Tim was recognized again by General Services for his water and energy savings.



From left: Steve Moe, Rec and Parks (Tim's Water Utility Teacher); unidentified; and Timothy Marxer.

His efforts were recognized by many City staff members, the City Council and in the Los Angeles Times.

"Timothy was a very hard worker," said coworker Lethu Tran, General Services. "He worked in pursuit of answers, and upper management respected him greatly for his contribution to the City of Los Angeles."

Congratulations, Timothy, on your great career. Enjoy your retirement!

The Club thanks Lethu Tran for assisting us in producing this article.



From left: Unidentified; and Steve Moe.



From left: Timothy Marxer and Lethu Tran.



From left: Irene Pickens, Jennifer Lamb, Bruce Aoki and Drew Tolliffe.



From left: John Shepperd, David Robert and Gemma Lopez.



From left: Greg Wilkins, Beverly Pleasant, David Bloom, Tim Marxer and Irene Saltzman.



The dessert for the retirement dinner was taro-custard Jello shaped like a fish. In the Chinese culture, a fish symbolizes that there is no end, just freedom.



From left: Kim Vu, Stephanie Clement and David Bloom.



From left: Dennis Bloemhof, Janette Zatorski, Charles Kwan, Gregg Wilkins (Tim's supervisor) and James O'Camb.



From left: Lor Badillo, Abraham Tecle and Carlos Cueva.



Timothy Marxer is excited to get a piece of the decadent chocolate cake.



From left: Cheryl Nogales with Timothy Marxer, holding the award certificate given to him by General Services.



From left: Timothy Marxer and Jack Scott.

For Retired Club Members



The Best Years



By Phil Skarin,
RLACEI Publicity Chair

RLACEI:

Health Plan Benefits Summarized for 2010

President Ed Harding reports:



Ed Harding

"The Retired L.A. Fire and Police Association reports that the recently approved state charter amendment, which permits new spouses to become part of the pension system, is working. Their pension department has had 47 requests for applications, and seven members have applied to have their new spouses included in the new plan.

"We are working toward getting a similar plan for LACERS members. The retiree will take a reduction in their pension to provide for a pension for the new spouse. This will require an amendment to the City's Administrative Code. Stay tuned.

"An initiative titled 'Tax on

Pension Distributions and Health Care Benefits,' sponsored by a CPA, Paul McCauly, was approved by the Secretary of State of California for collection of signatures May 18. It will need 433,971 signatures by Oct. 15 to qualify for an election ballot.

"Do not sign this initiative.

"This initiative would establish a new personal income tax (surtax) on resident taxpayers with more than \$40,000 of taxable pension income, and an excise tax on non-

residents, or people who move out of the state, and their vested pension benefits from a California employer exceed \$50,000 per year.

"The excise tax will be 35 percent. Some examples of the scope of this initiative are shown in the chart below.

"We hope they fail to collect enough signatures to qualify this initiative.

"I look forward to seeing you all at our annual meeting and Christmas party."

Taxable Income	Tax
\$40,000 to \$49,999	\$5,000 plus 20 percent of T.I. over \$40,000
\$75,000 to \$99,999	\$15,750 plus 40 percent of T.I. over \$75,000

Legislative Update, Ken Spiker reports:



Ken Spiker

"I am glad to report our retirement fund has recovered some of its losses and now exceeds \$9 billion.

"The Benefits Committee, which I chair, has completed its negotiations with our health care providers and will submit its 2010 contract renewals to the full Board of Administration. All current providers will be continued and at the lowest premium increase in more than five years.

"Kaiser: Current coverage and service will remain the same in 2010.

"Secure Horizons: 2010 will eliminate the current dental and vision benefits through MetLife/Safeguard and VSP in California, Nevada and Arizona. This action will save the fund \$92,000 annually, and all those affected will be covered under different plans.

"Scan: Contract for 2010 will eliminate duplicate dental benefits, since all members currently have dental options through MetLife/Safeguard giving the fund \$66,000 annually.

"Anthem: Enhancements for 2010 include:

- add the My Health Advantage Silver Program;
- remove the \$350 per year routine physical examination maximum; and
- wave the annual deductible for colonoscopies, sigmoidoscopies, and other colorectal cancer screenings.

"The Benefits Committee refused to accept the recommendation to make generic drug substitution a rule. If adopted, the fund would have saved \$15,000 and reduced current co-pays. Though formulary and generic drugs are reported to be identical, many retirees don't think so and report side effects.

"Retirees are urged to give the generic drugs a test under the advice and care of a doctor, and if results are satisfactory, to switch from the more expensive formulary brand.

"The committee has also recommended that the annual medical plan premium subsidy be increased

to the maximum amount allowed by the administrative code. The subsidy cannot exceed the dollar increase in the Kaiser Two-Party Non Medicare plan premium. The current maximum subsidy is \$1,120, which will be increased to \$1,123 for 2010.

"It is unlikely that any Federal Health Care legislation, if passed, will affect our programs in 2010.

Years of Service	% Maximum Plan Subsidy
10	40 %
15	60 %
20	80 %
25	100 %

"There are two new commissioners on the LACERS Board of Administration: Roberta A. Conroy was appointed by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, and Elizabeth L. Greenwood was elected by Active LACERS Members. Both Conroy and Greenwood hold law degrees Loyola Law School and will serve terms that end on June 30, 2014."

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:

Oct. 8: Annual Corporation Meeting and Elections, Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr. Lunch, noon; meeting, 1 p.m.

Dec. 3: RLACEI Christmas party, Grace E. Simons Lodge in Elysian Park. Taxi rides will be available from the parking areas, courtesy of the Independent Taxi Owners Association.

Call (800) 678-4145, ext. 701,
for reservations to these events.

RLACEI Website

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

Contact LACERS

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

The Best Years

ADVENTURES with HAL!



The tour guide feeds a croc.



By Hal Danowitz,
Secretary, RLACEI

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

• R.S.V.P.	Ext. 701
• 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 Stennock	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 Stennock, 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 Stennock and Phil Skarin, Golf
Tom Stennock, 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



Guests of Uncle George

■ Hal and Evelyn accept an invitation to Costa Rica.

On the last Fourth of July, Evelyn and I were at the home of our daughter, Michelle, for her annual party. Michelle's Uncle George was also there and he invited Michelle and her family -- including Evelyn and I, and Effie and Pierre, the parents of our son-in-law, JP -- to visit him in Costa Rica. George and his wife, Katrina, had built two houses in the Central Pacific area. They are rentals, but no one was using one of the houses from Aug. 12 - 17, and we could use it. Michelle and JP and their three kids (Maddie, Isabelle and Coco) agreed immediately, but because I had jury duty scheduled for early August, I wanted to wait until that was completed. As soon as I knew that jury duty wouldn't interfere, we made plans to go.

Costa Rica, officially the Republic of Costa Rica, is a country in Central America bordered by Nicaragua to the north, Panama to the east and south, the Pacific Ocean to the west and south, and the Caribbean to the east.

Costa Rica, which translates literally as "rich coast," was the first country in the world to constitutionally abolish its army. Costa Rica ranks first in the "Happy Plant Index" and has been described as the greenest country in the world. The HPI measures how much of the earth's resources nations use and how long and happy a life their citizens enjoy as a result. The population is approximately 4.5 million, and the capital is San Jose.

Our destination was the Central Pacific coast, which is more developed for tourism than the Caribbean, but it still holds a good mixture of luxury resorts and deserted beaches. Some of the country's best-known beaches are in this region. Costa Ricans use the perfectly suited phrase *pura vida*, meaning "pure life," to describe the country, and examples of this are evident everywhere along the Pacific coastline.

Strung along the coast are scores of seaside villages and picturesque towns, exotic beaches and several protected reserves or national parks. Puntarenas is the largest town in the area and was a main port, but now it's used mainly for a base to

catch ferries to the Nicoya Peninsula.

There are many activities in the area, including surfing, kayaking and swimming in the azure waters of the Pacific. There is also hiking, birding and wildlife-spotting in the forests of the national parks as well as beach walks, volleyball and horseback riding. Beautiful parks like Parque Nacional Manuel Antonio and Reserva Natural Absoluta Cabo Blanco have pristine white-sand beaches as well as birds and animal life.

I booked our flights on TACA Airlines, which has been voted the best airlines in Central America, Mexico and the Caribbean. We left LAX at 2 a.m. Aug. 12 and arrived in San Jose, Costa Rica, at approximately 9 a.m., kind of a red-eye flight. The house is in the Del Pacifico Resort, halfway between Jaco (pronounced *hab-co*) and Quepos, (pronounced *kay-pos*), about 120 kilometers from San Jose. We were given the option of renting a car at the airport or having a car and driver take us to the house. We decided to have a car and driver take us to the house and then get our rental car. There is very little public transportation, and the house was about a half-mile from the main road.

Effie, Pierre, Evelyn and I drove to LAX and left our car at Wally Park. Our flight was nonstop, and Michelle and the rest were on a one-stop flight, which got them into San Jose about 45 minutes after us.

We carried our luggage on, so we made sure that we didn't have any liquids over 4 oz. and no banned items. The flight on TACA was great; I even slept for a few hours and was served breakfast before we landed. We breezed through immigration and customs and found our driver waiting for us. We had to wait for almost an hour before the rest of the travelers showed up. The weather was clear, with the temperature in the high 80s with very high humidity.

Once assembled, we started our drive to Del Pacifico, which we had been told would take between two and two-and-a-half hours. The road is a two-lane blacktop, winding through the mountains, and I was glad we had decided on a driver. About an hour into our journey, we stopped for lunch at a small restaurant. The view from the dining area was beautiful, and the food was very good and inexpensive. I had my first -- but not my last -- taste of the local beer, Imperial, and it was very good.



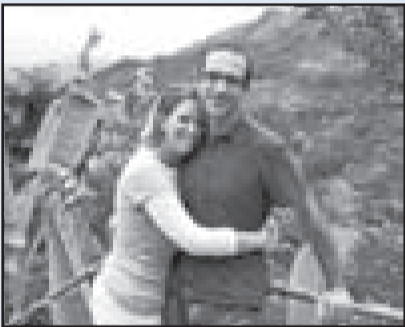
Hal gets in the pool at the house.



After about another hour on the road, we stopped at the Tarcoles River to see the crocodiles sunning themselves on the banks. When we got to Jaco, we stopped at the Mega Mart to buy groceries for the house. We got to the house at approximately 2:30 p.m. This was good because I



Hal and Evelyn at sunset.



JP and Michelle on the drive to the house.

had Adobe Car rental delivering a car at 3.

A word about the houses: (You can find them at www.costaricavacationhomesandrentals.com): The houses sit about a half-mile off the main road about a mile from the beach. Each house has a view of the ocean. Our house had two master bedrooms and two other bedrooms. There is also a casita (guest house), which has a mater loft and its own kitchen. There is a pool and spa, a volleyball court, a golf tee for hitting practice balls, Internet access, satellite TV, and most everything you would need to have a great vacation.

We spent the rest of the afternoon lying around the pool and relaxing. Costa Rica is very close to the equator, so sunrise and sunset times are about the same all year. While we were there, the sun rose about 5:15 a.m. and set around 6:15 p.m. At sunset, we drove down to the beach (a couple of miles), and the girls took a swim while we watched the sunset.

Our host had made a reservation for dinner at a very interesting restaurant. This is the story: The restaurant is owned by the former Ukraine gymnastics coach who came to Costa Rica to coach the Costa Rican women's gymnastic team. He decided to open a restaurant and found a sunken sailing ship, which he raised and refurbished. The deck area is the restaurant, and it holds only approximately 20 people. He and his wife do the cooking. That evening, he made *chile relleno*, a garden salad and mashed potatoes. It was delicious. There were 13 of us, and the bill was \$120, including a few beers. I don't know the name of the restaurant, but his name is Vladimir, and I'm sure that if you're in the area you could find the place. He also gives massages; he came to the house, and Evelyn got a 45-minute massage for \$25.

It was still early when we got back to

the house, but everyone was tired. Our bedroom was the master suite on the top floor, and we turned on the fan above the bed and opened the patio doors and slept like babies. We were awakened at 5 a.m. to see the magnificent sunrise. After that, I managed to go back to sleep for a few hours.

We relaxed during the morning, enjoying the fine weather. After lunch we drove about an hour to take the Jungle Crocodile Safari tour on the Tarcoles River. The river is the home to one of the world's largest crocodile populations in the wild, with individuals up to 15 feet long. In addition to the crocodiles, there were more than 50 different kinds of birds, iguanas and Jesus Cristo lizards. To get to the boat landing, we drove over dirt roads in an area where they were doing repairs, and I could hear the rocks hit the underside of the car.

The tour took about two hours, and our guide was bilingual and very knowledgeable. They used chickens to get the crocodiles to come next to the boat, and we saw some big ones. They didn't seem to want eat the guide, though, who was standing in the river; I guess the crocs knew where their next chicken was coming from. We saw a lot of birds and a number of lizards as we cruised the river. About halfway into our tour, it began to rain, coming down in a heavy storm with thunder and lightning. We were all soaked and worried about capsizing in the river. There were life jackets, but getting into the river with the crocodiles was not my first choice.

In the end, we cut the tour short and headed back to the dock. My camera was soaked and no longer worked. Evelyn brought her new Nikon SLR, which she protected, and it was fine. I was worried about driving back to the main road, because I thought that the dirt road would be all mud, but it was firm and seemed to drain very well.

On the way home from the tour, JP stopped and picked up fresh fish for dinner, and we had a family gathering of 13.

I'll finish telling you about our trip to Costa Rica next month.



Crocodiles sunning at the river.

Follow Hal and Evelyn!

As you read this, Hal and Evelyn will be on a 35-day cruise in Europe and the United States. Follow along on their blog:

www.halandevelyn.blogspot.com

And make sure you read about their adventures in upcoming issues of *Alive!*

RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

Marine Cpl. Will Beetz, nephew of **Mary Beetz**, was pictured in the L.A. *Times* Aug. 30 in the battlefield in Afghanistan. Mary has just returned from a vacation in Puerto Rico.

Cliff Cannon has been elected to the Deferred Compensation Board. Cliff has also been a Director in the LAFUCU for many years.

Lois Branstrom moved to Georgia. She will be an intern in a Be in Health organization, which advocates spiritual health.

Are you planning to retire Soon? If you are, Membership Chair Helen Salgado invites you to join the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI), the only one exclusively serving the interests of L. A. City retirees, for only \$1 a month. Call one of our officers for more information.

Do you have a poem for this year's Retirees' Poetry Contest? Send it to Phil Skarin by Nov. 1. Poems can be on any subject or style of interest to retirees. There are member and family member categories, and valuable cash prizes.

If you have news about yourself or other retirees, that you would like to share, send it to Phil Skarin at 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, Ca 91411.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

Building Bridges

Bridges are usually thought of as structures to carry trains and cars over rivers and canyons.

But there are other kinds of bridges.

What about bridges of understanding

bridges of tolerance

bridges of friendship

bridges of love.

How do you build these kinds of bridges?

Reaching out to others

With a spirit of sensitivity and compassion

Will help close many gaps.

But, sometimes you need to go

more than half the way

— Phil Skarin

Angel's

*Be Alive!*Angel Gomez,
Director of
Member
Services

Jawbone



- (1)** At Jawbone Station shooting range, Angel shot several handguns:
- Below: a high standard .22 target pistol.
 - Top right: A 9-m.m.
 - Middle right: the big gun, a Smith & Wesson .357 Magnum.
 - Bottom right: a single-shot .22.

Hello again!

Thanks for all the good comments you're sending me. Glad you like *Be Alive!*

Before I begin, I would like to take a moment to thank all the fire, police and other personnel who helped with the horrible fires in the our mountains above the 210 Freeways. Our payers are with the families of L.A. County Firefighters Ted Hall and Arnie Quinones, who died Aug. 30 trying to protect about 60 people as flames advanced near Mt. Gleason.

When you see any Fire or Police personnel, please show them your support. They are real heroes.

This month, I decided to take a short trip to Jawbone Canyon, about two hours from downtown Los Angeles, up the 5 Freeway, and then northeast up the 14. Why Jawbone? Well, as you might remember, I was in the U.S. Marine Corps, and besides the many outdoor exercises I learned to love while in the Corps, I also learned to love to target-shoot. You can do that at Jawbone Canyon, and it's not too far away.

Firearm Safety

Before we start shooting, let's talk about gun safety basics:

1. Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
2. Firearms should be unloaded when not actually in use.
3. Don't rely on your gun's safety.
4. Be sure of your target and what's beyond it.
5. Use proper ammunition. (There are limits on the ammunition you can use at Jawbone.)
6. If your gun fails to fire when the trigger is pulled, handle with care.
7. Always wear eye and ear protection when shooting.
8. Be sure the barrel is clear of obstructions before shooting.
9. Don't alter or modify your gun, and have it serviced regularly.
10. Learn the mechanical and handling characteristics of the firearm you are using.

To the Targets

So, off we go. After a short while on the 14, you will be in Palmdale. Stop at a fast-food place called Sonic Drive-in. It has the best Creamslush treats! (Exit the 14 at Rancho Vista Boulevard, and turn right.

(3) In Palmdale, you can also stop at the Wal-Mart and buy some last minute supplies. Just before you arrive at Jawbone Station, you will pass the Jawbone General Store; use it as a reference point. **(2)**

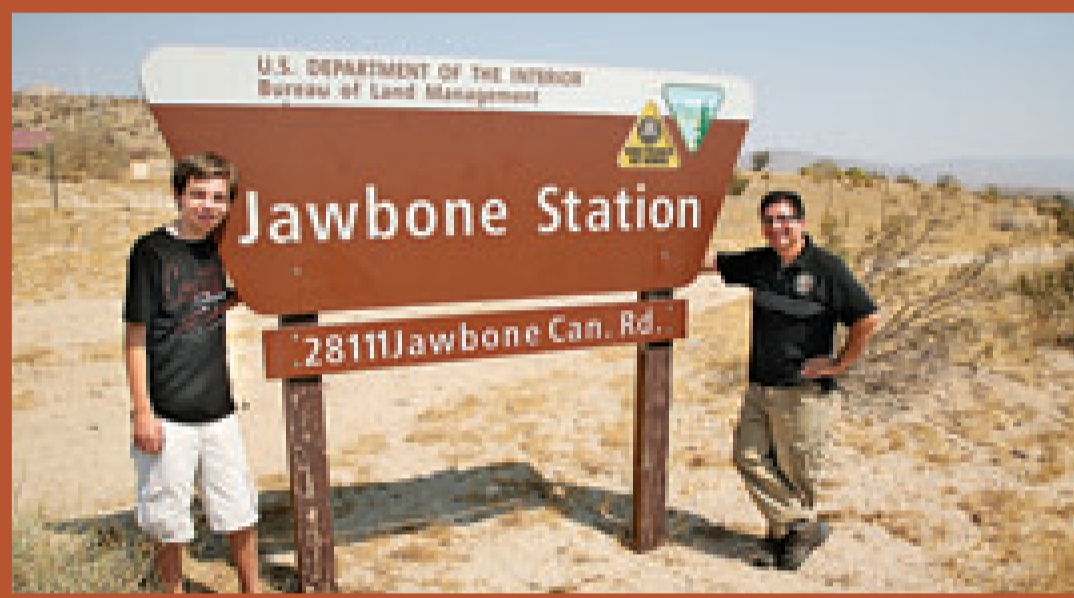
Let's go a little closer. As you walk up to the door, you will find a very small home that belongs to a desert tortoise named Bob. **(4)** Bob is more than 100 years old, and if you are very lucky, he might come out to say hello.

Inside the station, you will find lots of pictures, artifacts, and maps of the overall area. *Note:* You cannot rent weapons at the station, or anywhere in Jawbone. You must bring your own. **(5)**

After a short visit to the store, we traveled a few minutes into the mountains behind the station and explored all the peaks and valleys in this area. Finding an open area to prepare for "boys with toys"

Cantil, California

Canyon



(2) Noah Hawkins, son of Club CEO John Hawkins, and Angel at Jawbone Station.

was very easy -- just drive and almost any foothill will do. Please be aware that there are lots of ATVs, motocross bikes and other off-road vehicles, plus campers and hikers in Jawbone. If you are in doubt, and maybe even if you aren't, ask the attendant at the ranger station for location advice. And stay within Jawbone -- if you get as far as Red Rocks, target shooting is illegal there. (6)

When we had our safe location, we lined up our cans and a soda bottle. Let the fun begin. (1)

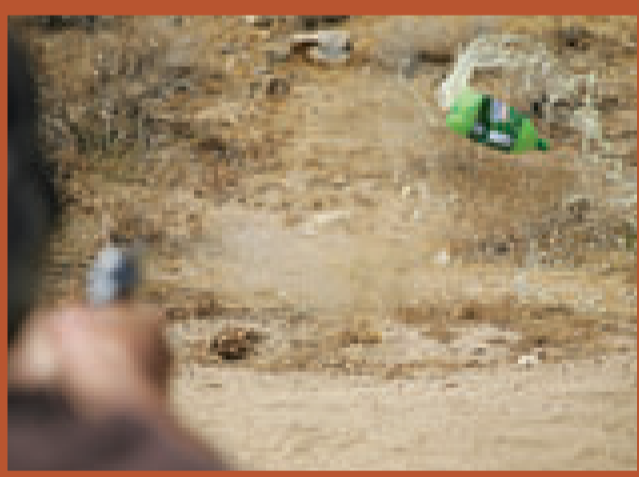
Remember to always pick up any items you bring with you on your trip -- in this case, the brass shells. (6)

I had a lot of fun and wanted to show you an action shot of the Smith & Wesson .357 Magnum and what happens when its hollow-point round strikes a soda bottle. (7)

I hope this helps relieve some stress and gets you out into the great outdoors. I had a lot of fun. This was the first time I had fired a weapon since the good old days back in the early 1990s in the Marine Corps. I didn't do so badly for not touching a weapon in more than 10 years.

I will do some more research and find some local shooting ranges. So go out and have a blast!

**Until next time,
be safe and
Be Alive!
— Angel**



(7) A hollow point round from a Smith & Wesson .357 strikes a soda bottle, sending it into the air!

Directions

Jawbone Canyon Visitor Center
28111 Jawbone Canyon Road
Cantil, CA 93519

- From downtown, take the 110 North (2.6 miles), then merge on to the 5 toward Sacramento (24.3 miles).
- Take the 14 toward Palmdale/Lancaster (69.6 miles), then turn right in Mojave as the 14 veers off in that direction, and drive 19.3 miles to Jawbone Canyon.
- You will pass the Jawbone Canyon Store, 32629 Highway 14, Cantil, Calif. (stop and pick up lots of water and snacks).
- Finally, stop by the Jawbone Canyon Visitor Center on your way into Jawbone Canyon.



(3) Creamslush delight!



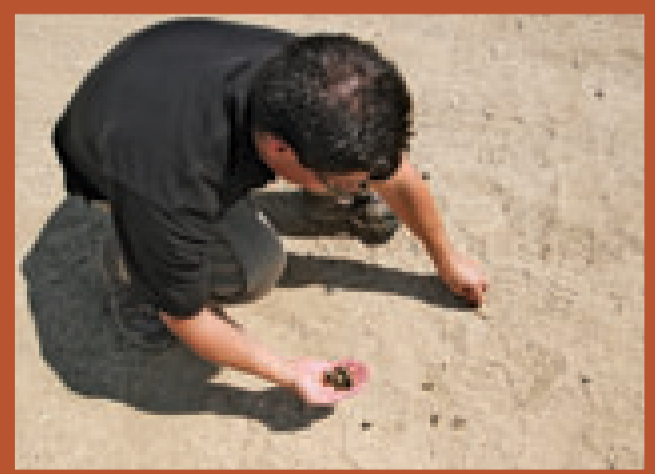
(4) Bob, a desert tortoise, is more than 100 years old, and if you are very lucky, he might come out to say hello.



(5) Take a look at the fantastic rocks.



(6) We chose this area.



(6) Angel collects his brass shells.

LAPD

9-1-1's Golf Tournament

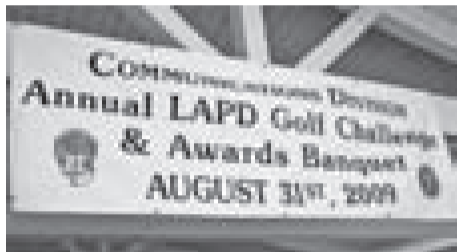
LAPD Communications hosts third annual golf challenge.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

On Aug. 31, LAPD Communications hosted its third annual golf challenge. The event took place at the Braemar Country Club in Tarzana.

Rounds of golf, lots of prizes and lunch and dinner were enjoyed by the golfers.

The Club was one of the event sponsors. Other sponsors were the LAPD Credit Union and Galpin Ford. Winners were:



Welcome to the event.



From left: Teresa Azevedo, PSR II, Club Member; Sgt. Anthony Azevedo, Club Member; Sue LePre, PSR III, Club Member; and Michael Hall, P.III.



From left: Pam Liske, PSR II, and Ashley Mikell, PSR II, Club Member.



From left: Jenelle Williams, PSR II, Club Member; Jasmine Anderson, PSR II, Club Member; and Ann McNamara, PSR II.



From left: Aileen Aranda, PSR II, Club Member; and Debbie Barrios, PSR II, Club Member.



From left: Lt. Stan Ludwig, Retired, Club Member; Louis Lopez; Joe Cappuccino; and Anthony Cappuccino.

OPEN CATEGORY:

First place: The Four Horsemen (Terry Turner, Rodney Gant, Al Perez and Boomer Billingsley)

Second place: Liske Team (Gregg Liske, David McWhirter, Brad Cummings and Gary Updahl)

Third place: Bass Team (Dennis Bass, Steve Goodwin, Mario Arredondo and G. Hernandez)

MIXED/FEMALE CATEGORY:

First place: Major Crimes Division (Bob Fox, Cmdr. Joan McNamara, Pete Barrera and Jason Veiga)

Second place: Bushey Team (Cathy Bushey, Betsy Melancon, Lee Masters and John Esparza)

PUBLIC SAFETY CATEGORY:

First place: Comm Div Team 1 (Rudy Vasquez, Michael Klundt, Chris Heinz and Manny Garcia)

Second place: Comm Div CO Team (Regina Scott, Bill Shean, Bill Judson and Jay Charbonneau)

HIGHEST-SCORING TEAM:

Team KenMar (Ken Yasaki, Marty Ford, Edward Chu and Mas Yasaki)

DIVISIONAL CUP WINNER:

Communications Division (Comm Div Team 1. Card-off with Major Crimes Division)

PUTTING CONTEST WINNER:

Pete Barrera

MEN'S LONGEST DRIVE WINNER:

Rodney Gant

WOMEN'S LONG DRIVE WINNER:

Gloria Vargas

CLOSEST TO PIN, #2:

Al Perez

CLOSEST TO PIN #10:

George Hernandez

CLOSEST TO PIN #12

Gary Updahl

CLOSEST TO PIN #18

Chris Heinz



From left: Dennis Bass; Mario Arredondo; Steve Goodwin; and George Hernandez.



From left: Gregg Liske; Gary Opdahl; David McWhirter; and Brad Cummings.



From left: Richard Pasqua, Northrup Grumman; Capt. Jeff Jantz, ITD; and Jack Nesbitt, Northrup Grumman



From left: Sharon Katona, PSR III, Club Member; Gaby Castro, PSR II; Teresa Kachirisky, PSR 2 + 1, Club Member; and Debbie Ramsey, PSR III, Club Member.

The 2009 Golf Planning Committee: Sr. PSR II Damon Farfan; Sr. PSR Debbie Willits; Sr. PSR Todd Austin; PSR Rudy Vasquez; PSR Chris McNabb; PSR Sharon Katona; PSR Mechelle Sherman; PSR Ken Yasaki; and PSR Gabriela Castro.

The Volunteer Committee (all PSRs): Ann McNamara, Aileen Aranda, Debbie Barrios, Pam Liske, Jasmine Anderson, Amy Case, Debbie Ramsey, Meg McKeever, Ashley Mikell and Teresa Kachirisky.

The Club thanks Sr. PSR II Damon Farfan and PSR Chris McNabb for their assistance in producing this article.



From left: VTD Motor Officer Terry Turner; Boomer Billingsley, Sheriff; Al Perez; and Rodney Perez.



From left: Capt. Regina Scott, Commanding Officer, LAPD Communications; Bill Shean; Bill Judson; and Jay Charbonneau.



From left: Rudy Vasquez, PSR III, Club Member; Michael Klundt, PSR II; Chris Heinz, PSR III, Club Member; and Manny Garcia, PSR III, Club Member.



From left: Lt. II Robert Fox; Commander Joan McNamara, Club Member; Pete Barrera, D III; and Sgt. Jason Veiga.



From left: Ken Yamasaki, PSR III, Club Member; Mas Yamasaki; Martin Ford, PSR III, Club Member; and Edward Cho.



From left: Jahna Beard, P III; Capt. Greg Meyer, Retired; Det. Sgt. Stephanie Krajchir; and Officer Jeff Horn, Costa Mesa PD.



From left: Cathy Bushey, Retired, Club Member; Betsy Melancon; Sr. PSR 1 Lee Masters, Club Member; and John Esparza.



From left: Fernando Farfan; Trini Cuevas, Firefighter Station 42; Lt. Vic Dennis, Club Member; and Chris Castillo, Sheriff's Dept.



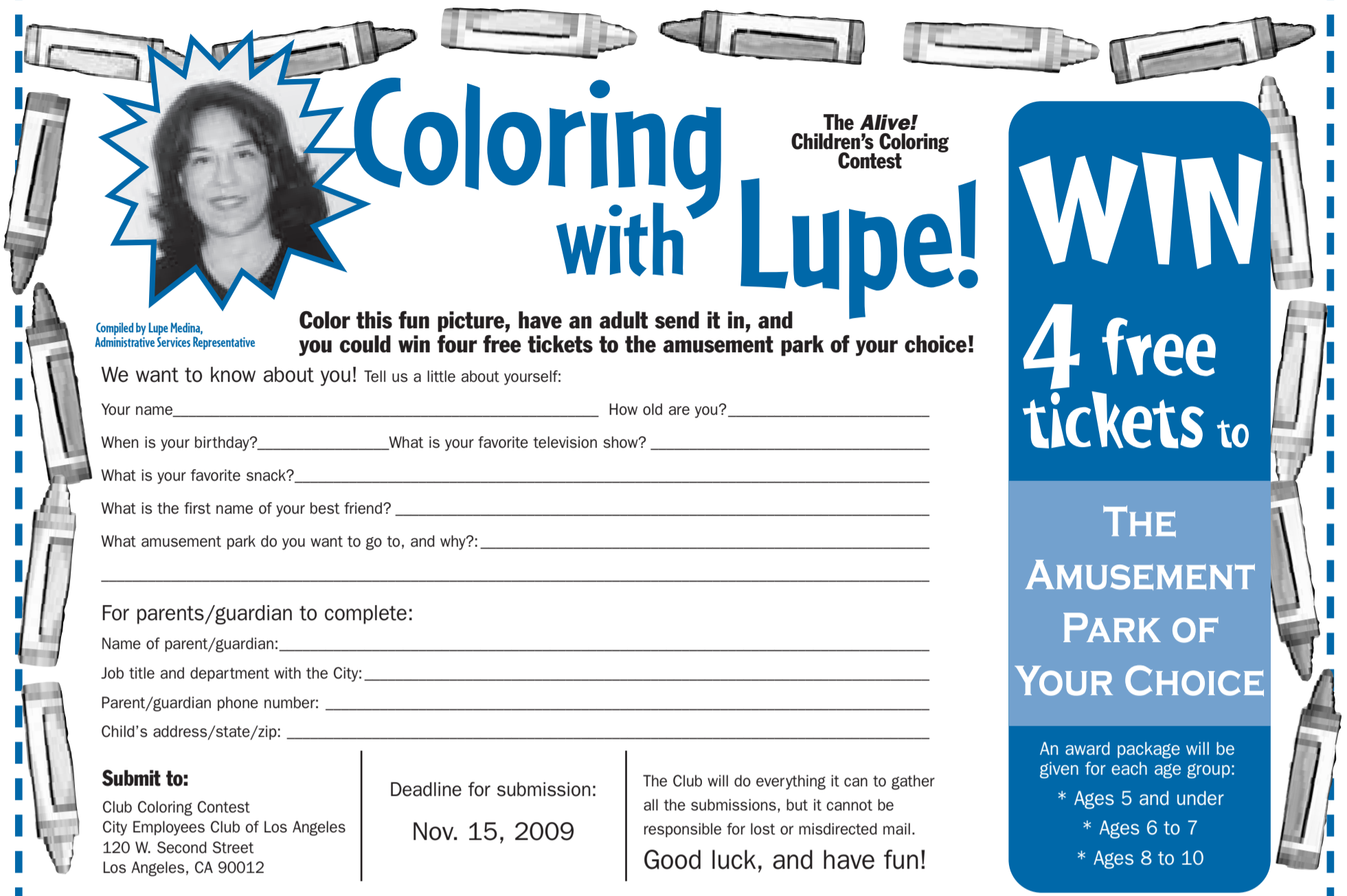
Making sure everyone was well hydrated were PSR Chris McNabb, Club Member, and PSR Amy Case, Club Member.



From left: Sr. PSR II Damon Farfan; Lt. Gloria Vargas; Donald Page; and Ramiro Arguello.



From left: Lt. Rick DeMartino; Tommy Thompson; Robert Palomino; and Danny Guerrero.



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Compiled by Lupe Medina,
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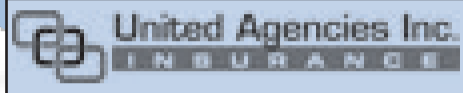
The Club will do everything it can to gather all the submissions, but it cannot be responsible for lost or misdirected mail.
Good luck, and have fun!



REST INSURED



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



Renting a Room

Your last child got married and moved out, and you're looking at a big empty house. A common question to ask is, "Should we rent out a room to make some extra money?"

If you have extra space in your house, you may have considered renting out a room to bring in some extra income and share the utility bill costs. If you are thinking about doing such a thing, you should realize that there are hidden costs that you should be aware of.

Aside from the obvious "cost" of the invasion of your privacy, your actual expenses may not be that bad. Most people find that their utility bills increase when you start adding additional bodies showering and using lights and air conditioning. Some people install a separate phone line, and pass that cost on to the renter, but with cell phones so common today, that practice is probably dying out. If you live in a condo, you may have to pay extra to get an additional parking spot.

One cost that you hope you never have to incur would be legal expenses. Getting into a protracted legal disagreement with a tenant can be very expensive. To help avoid any legal entanglements, it is *vital* that you get a signed rental agreement from anyone who stays with you. The contract should include the basic items like the term of lease, the amount of the rent, when it is due, and should also include things like what activities are not allowed in the house, what items they are allowed access to (kitchen, refrigerator, TV, stereo, etc.) This is also a time to set out any clear rules regarding parties, smoking, overnight guests and house-cleaning.

And don't forget taxes! Any income that you receive from a renter is taxable on both the state and federal levels, and will be paid at your personal maximum.

What about insurance?

First, we'll address your homeowners policy. Having a renter is not excluded on a typical homeowners policy, so you will not suffer a coverage problem. Some insurance companies will require your renter to buy their own renter's insurance if they find out that you have a tenant, and most will not write your policy if you have more than two renters living with you.

While there is no charge on your homeowners policy for having a renter, there is also no coverage for them, or any of their things. For this reason, we highly recommend that you ask your tenants to carry a renter's policy. These policies are extremely affordable, (often only \$20 a month). The most important thing that they provide is \$300,000 to \$500,000 of liability coverage. If your tenant were to

damage property or cause some bodily injury, their policy would respond. Also, in the event of a fire or theft, their belongings would be insured, where they are not insured under your homeowners policy.

The biggest hidden cost of a tenant would be the expense and hassle that they would cause you if they caused a fire. If they are smoking in bed, plugging 13 things into an electrical outlet, or cooking in their bedroom, you could easily have a fire on your hands. (Or, what about a theft, if they leave the house and do not properly lock it?) A loss like this could cost you thousands of dollars, in addition to your insurance deductible, and the considerable amount of time it takes to resolve a problem like this, to say nothing of any sentimental value that an irreplaceable item might have for you and your family.

You auto insurance is generally not affected by having a renter. Most people do not let their tenants drive their vehicles, and that should probably be officially stated (and included in the lease). The tenant would be covered if they did drive your car, unless you specifically exclude them from coverage.

Again, if your tenant is driving your car and is involved in an accident, not only will it cost you time and money, but your auto insurance will be harder to replace if the insurance company thinks that you let "strangers" drive your car frequently.

If you have any questions about what is affected when you rent a room, feel free to call our agency. If you would like to get a quote for your home or auto policy through us, or would like a question answered on any type of insurance, just give us a call.

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PUBLIC WORKS

Hispanic Honor for Ofelia

Public Works Civil Engineer Ofelia Rubio receives professional honor from Hispanic engineer conference.

Public Works/Engineering Civil Engineer Ofelia Rubio, P.E., received a professional Achievement award from the Hispanic Engineer National Achievement Awards Conference (HENAAC). The organization has given awards in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) awards category for the last 21 years to the best and brightest in the Hispanic community.

Award winners are to be honored at the HENAAC Awards Show Gala Oct. 9 in Long Beach.

Rubio has enjoyed a stellar career with the City for 10 years. She manages the effort to restore thousands of miles of the City's secondary sewer system (pipes smaller than 16 inches in diameter) to prevent spills and protect natural resources. She and her staff of seven engineering associates oversee construction crews renewing sewers across the City.

"We are not surprised by this honor," says Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer. "Ofelia has distinguished herself as a top performer within the Bureau of Engineering and is very deserving of this award. In her many leadership roles, including serving as liaison to the Board of Public Works and Los Angeles City Council and working on our Proposition K Program: LA for Kids, she has always gone above and beyond.

"We are very proud of her achievements." Congratulations from the Club, Ofelia!



Ofelia Rubio.

Donate to the Toy Drive!

The Club's gearing up its annual Holiday Toy Drive, held in conjunction with the Central City Police Boosters. Drop off your unwrapped toys to the Club Store between now and early December.



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Oct. 16

Patty Pulido, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Oct. 23

Norma Angulo, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

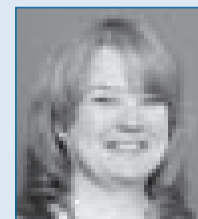
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LAFACE

Filipino Association's New Board

Filipino employees association hosts induction ball.

Story and photos courtesy LAFACE

On Sept. 11, the Los Angeles Filipino Association of City Employees (LAFACE) installed its new leadership team, and then had a party in celebration.

The dinner dance was held at the Kyoto Hotel and Gardens.

June Lagmay, City Clerk, administered the oath of office. The new term of the new officers is from July 1, 2009, thru June 30, 2011. The board members are:

- Cora Aragon Soriano, President
- Ruby de Vera, Immediate Past President
- Linda Granados, First Vice President
- Amelia Marucut, Second Vice President
- Fred Rivera, Third Vice President
- Nell Dizon, Recording Secretary
- Harriett Voloso, Corresponding Secretary
- Mildred Jacla, Treasurer
- Susie Feliciano, Assistant Treasurer
- Yolanda Huang, Auditor
- Noemi Cuevas, Assistant Auditor
- Alex Banares, Public Relations Officer
- Jose de Jesus, Webmaster
- Susana Reyes, Affirmative Action Liaison
- Eduardo Angeles, Legal and Legislative Affairs, and
- Caroline Lorenzo, Dely Villanueva and Edna Brown, Advisers.



June Lagmay, City Clerk, administers the oath of office to LAFACE board members (from left) Cora Aragon Soriano, Ed Angeles, Linda Granados, Amelia Marucut, Fred Rivera, Harriett Voloso, Mildred Jacla, Susie Feliciano, Yolly Huang, Nell Dizon, Susana Reyes and Alex Banares.

Ruby de Vera, Outgoing President, gave the welcome address and introduced Fred Rivera, who read the invocation and introduced Philippine Consul General Mary Jo Bernardo Aragon. Consul General Aragon delivered a very powerful message about the importance of Filipino unity and congratulated LAFACE members for its service in the City of Los Angeles.

Filipino singer Gelo Francisco impressed the audience with his performance during dinner. Yolly Huang, Controller's Office Chief Accountant and LAFACE auditor, surprised the audience when she joined Gelo for a duet.

In her acceptance speech, Cora Aragon Soriano, President, thanked the board members, special guests, representatives of other ethnic groups, LAFACE members, prospective mem-

bers, and guests for their support, which led to the huge success of the event. Cora appealed to everyone to be involved, even in a very small way, to make a difference in our community.

As the only Filipino-American organization in the City of Los Angeles government, LAFACE, founded in 1982, empowers one of the largest ethnic groups of City employees to strive for greater success in their work. The board members will work hand in hand in achieving the LAFACE goals.

Proceeds from the dinner dance will support LAFACE's scholarships and various activities and outreach programs.

Information about LAFACE: www.tambuli.org
The Club thanks Cora Aragon Soriano for her assistance in producing this article.



Mother/daughter line dancing features Cora Soriano; her daughter, Ramona; and guests.



Gelo Francisco and Yolly Huang sing a duet.



Philippine Consul General Mary Jo Bernardo Aragon.



Fred Rivera, Third Vice President, delivers the invocation.



June Lagmay, Chief Clerk, gives the introductions.



Cora Soriano, LAFACE President, delivers the acceptance speech.



Ruby de Vera, outgoing president, delivers the welcome address.



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An actual testimonial, dated June 25, 2009:

Dear Cecilia [Talbot], Club Claims Administrator:

I have a short true story, a much-needed thank-you and a definite 'huge hug' for the many [moments] of relief you and the staff have shown me within the last two years.

On Friday, July 13, 2007, I was diagnosed with cancer. I'm single with no children, and alone. I was in a state of shock, to say the least, and concerned about my future.

I live in San Pedro and take three buses to downtown Los Angeles. A very wonderful friend met me at my job (City Attorney's Office) and went with me to your office the following Wednesday.

All the way to Los Angeles, I kept thinking – no worries, you are insured. Every pay stub shows my deduction to LACEA. I insured myself adequately, thanks to my immediate supervisor, Eva Farlow Malbough, who asked LACEA to come speak to me and two other new employees at the office.

I purchased cancer, long-term, short-term and accidental care insurance. [Later] I increased my coverage to the maximum benefit.

The Standard Insurance offered by the City ceased paying me (they pay up to two years, 50 percent of my salary). I wasn't worried – why? Because LACEA long-term insurance policy continued to pay me!

My recovery, complications and surgeries (seven surgeries within a 22-month span) haven't been a picnic. I'm getting healthier in physical therapy and gaining strength in a worry-free financial situation due to the fact that I had direct payment via a payroll deduction for a very wise independent decision back in November 2001.

You and the staff had always told me, 'Don't worry, Miss Jake – you've got lots of insurance if you get ill.'

I wish special thanks to the late Mr. [Howard] Pompel and to you for handling my questions and my tears. You, my dear, are an angel, and I'm giving you a hug!

Regards,
Miss Jake

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FINANCE

2009 Outstanding Service Awards

Finance hands out its seventh annual Outstanding Service Awards.

July 16, the Office of Finance celebrated the top 1.2 percent of its workforce at the department's seventh annual Outstanding Service Awards, held at the Kyoto Grand Hotel and Gardens. Antoinette Christovale, Director of Finance, presented awards to five employees for their exceptional performance and dedication to the job, saying, "It gives me great pleasure to recognize some of our most dedicated, talented and innovative staff that have contributed to the Office of Finance and to the City of Los Angeles."

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

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

The Club thanks Andrea Angeles for assisting us in the production of this article.



2009 Outstanding Service Award honorees and their supervisors.

The following five honorees were recognized for their service during fiscal year 2008 – 2009 at levels above and beyond the normal duties of their jobs:

Tax Compliance Officer II,
Administration Division

VICTOR SALAIZA

Victor was recognized for his dedication to duty.



Victor began working at the Office of Finance in January 2003 as a Management Assistant and then became a Tax Compliance Officer I (TCO I) in July 2003 and a TCO II since 2004. Some of his assignments at Finance over the years have been in Field Enforcement and the Call Center, and he has worked with Accounts Receivable, Penalty Waiver and Refunds Units. Last year, Victor received a new assignment, providing tax code expertise to the Call Center and Special Desks units. He brought a solid technical-based knowledge to the section and as an added bonus, is very computer savvy.

Victor is a key player in making things happen and has been instrumental in coordinating several vital efforts to improve the Office's operations, including the implementation of the very successful Call Pilot software installation, allowing the section to download voicemail messages to wav files attached to emails – a much improved method to receive and assign workload to staff. Victor is a great asset to the Customer/Operations Support section. He continuously seeks out ways to improve operations. His upbeat attitude and positive outlook consistently support the Office's goal of providing excellent customer service. Victor's team effort and proactive stance is a model for those working with him – he is always willing to accept new challenges and is a pleasure to work with as the Office tackles its wide range of daily tasks.

Customer Service Specialist,
Tax and Permit Division

S. JEAMETTA GATES

Jeametta was recognized for her exceptional service to the public.



Jeametta began her City career in 1974, leaving for a period in 1986 and returning in 1998. She started with the Office of Finance in 2000 as a Senior Clerk Typist with Tax and Permit and became a Customer Service Specialist in

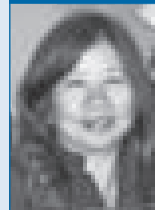
September 2008. Aside from Finance, Jeametta has worked for the LAPD, Transportation, ITA and Personnel. Jeametta, as a Customer Service Specialist, has the unique assignment of reporting to three satellite offices each week. She is assigned to San Pedro on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday; to Westchester each Tuesday and Thursday morning; and, finally, Watts on every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. She is a trusted employee and exhibits a high degree of independence and professionalism in serving each of these offices with minimal supervision. During the "Notice of Hearing" period, she was commended for making sure all offices were opened on time, as well as ensuring that the offices were sufficiently staffed. Jeametta plays a key role in the preparation of batches and deposits for each of her three offices. Her actions result in prompt batch/deposit completion and timely *Garda* pick-up.

Jeametta is assertive and proactive in making decisions independently, while keeping her supervisor informed on important issues involving the three offices. She does all this while maintaining excellent customer service skills and friendly taxpayer contacts. The Harbor District relies on Jeametta's knowledge and expertise, and she is held in the highest regard. Jeametta demonstrates a strong work ethic, consistently performing at a high level to complete assignments in a timely manner to ensure the satellite offices are current in their responsibilities and projects. Jeametta is truly an asset to the Office of Finance through her work product and by virtue of the positive example that she sets for other Office of Finance employees.

Tax Auditor II,
Tax and Permit Division

EVELYN SAW

Evelyn was recognized for her outstanding dedication to her work.



Evelyn began her City service in 2003 as an Auditor with Transportation. She was promoted to and has been with Finance since 2005 as a Tax Auditor. Evelyn performs exceptionally well in all areas of her duties. She consistently demonstrates reliability and diligence in producing high quality and a large quantity of audits with high recovery amounts. Her work always exceeds what is expected of her with very minimal supervision.

Because of her expertise, Evelyn is always

relied upon to do complex audits and out-of-state audits. Her list of complex audits of hospitals, online and telecommunications companies, lawyers, construction companies, hotels, newspaper publishing companies, major retail stores and investment companies involved difficult audit issues with minimal hearings and revisions resulting in recoveries of \$3.7 million for the current fiscal year.

In addition to her outstanding production, Evelyn has an excellent attitude and displays professionalism in working with taxpayers and their representatives. Evelyn is an excellent example of an ideal leader who consistently displays hard work and instills a positive work ethic in the workplace.

Systems Analyst II,
LATAX Systems Division

MICHAEL GOMEZ

Michael was recognized for his dedication to duty.



Michael began his City career in 2002 with the CDD. He began working with Finance in 2007. Michael is always helpful to staff above and beyond his assigned duties; he's self-motivated and solves many of the behind-the-scenes technology problems before they become problems for staff at Office of Finance. Due to the staffing shortages over the past year, Michael has been asked to do many different things and assume many responsibilities above what is normally expected of a Systems Analyst.

Michael has been the primary lead for the Office of Finance in the development and implementation of the "Documentum" imaging system, including working with the contract staff in the development of the system and with records management staff in the process of importing and scanning all of the documents tracked by the new system. This included learning "Documentum" and all of the related technologies essentially by himself with minimal formal training.

Michael is also a key member of the systems team behind the support of all of the desktop, laptop, and tablet PCs used by the department and has proactively worked with users of this equipment to ensure that it meets their needs along with being as reliable as possible. Michael also trains and directs our student worker staff that supports all of our computer equipment at our various work sites.

Senior Management Analyst I,
Revenue Management Division

BRADLEY MOE

Brad was recognized for his outstanding accomplishments.



Brad began his City career in 1999 as a Management Assistant with Finance at its West L.A. office. Over the years, he has served in different sections and capacities within Finance. Aside from West L.A., Brad has worked for AB63, Taxpayer Advocate and the Citywide Collections Unit. He has been a Management Analyst I, a TCO I, II and III. Brad has been performing Senior Management Analyst I duties since 2007.

Brad has been the supervisor of the Citywide Collection Unit (CCU) for the past two years. Earlier this year, he transitioned to the unit's newly formed Special Projects Unit when the CCU was reorganized to facilitate implementation of multiple revenue production projects. Brad has repeatedly demonstrated overwhelming dedication to duty and an exemplary work ethic, and he consistently shows initiative in assuming responsibilities and executing tasks. When new responsibilities were assigned to CCU, including the implementation of the (1) City Attorney litigation project, (2) publication of top tax delinquents and (3) revocation of LAPD permits for parking lot operators, he immediately jumped in and assumed a leadership role in the startup process and procedures preparation and administration of the programs. He is also responsible for the tracking requirements and coordination involved with the multi-pronged collection projects. For a period of time, he shared the supervisory responsibilities of both CCU and the Special Projects function without complaint. Brad consistently reviews and analyzes process and procedures with an eye on improvement and efficiency. He routinely devotes efforts at exceptional levels and standards to ensure projects and assignments are completed on time. His efforts have resulted in increased efficiencies, cost effectiveness and revenue production. To date, revenue directly associated with the special revenue projects exceed \$2.5 million for this fiscal year.

Brad maintains a positive approach to all assignments and in his working relationships with his peers as well and employees under his supervision.

Through his contributions, Brad has earned the designation as the Office of Finance Employee of the Year for 2009.

LACECA

'El Grito' Meet and Greet

Hispanic employees association hosts first 'El Grito' mixer.

Story and photos courtesy Charles Aguilar Rogers, President, LACECA

The Los Angeles City Employees Chicano Association (LACECA) held its first "El Grito" mixer Sept. 16 at Señor Fish downtown. The mixer commemorated Mexican Independence Day during Latino Heritage Month. The El Grito celebration marks Mexico's 1810 war for independence from Spain and was the cry for independence and the call to arms that rang from church bells across the Mexican countryside.

The mixer attracted approximately 80 guests. The crowd was comprised of a mix of City of Los Angeles employees, other governmental employees, and family and friends of LACECA members. Guests enjoyed delicious appetizers provided by Señor Fish, and listened and danced to great music provided by DJ Maximus. The evening also included an El Grito contest. The contestant who gave out the loudest and most compelling Grito won a beautiful gift basket comprised of various goodies. This year's winner was Ben Avalos, DWP. Other contestants, who were awarded consolation prizes, were Angie Roman, LAPD; Anthony Garcia, Public Works; and Blanca Mercado, who works for the State of California.

Due to the great turnout, LACECA plans on making the El Grito Mixer an annual event. Other upcoming LACECA events include the annual picnic, Oct. 17, at Griffith Park (Crystal Springs); and the annual holiday party and toy drive, Dec. 17 at Tamayo's Restaurant.

Information about these upcoming events can be found on LACECA's Website: www.LACECA.org.

LACECA would like to thank Enrique Ramirez, the owner and operator of Señor Fish, and his assistant Jesse. LACECA would also like to give out a special thank you to LACECA Executive Board members Leonor Garcia, Lupe Durazo and Ann Marie De La Riva for volunteering their time and effort in planning and coordinating the event. But LACECA would especially wish to thank all of the guests who made the El Grito mixer a huge success.



Welcoming guests to the mixer were (from left) Leonor Garcia, LACECA First Vice President, DWP; Charles Aguilar-Rogers, LACECA President, DWP; and Lupe Durazo LACECA Secretary, Personnel.



Guests, from left: Art Irigoyen, Personnel; Luis De La Torre, DWP; and Ruben Vasquez ITA.



Mixer guests, from left: Ann Marie De La Riva, LACECA Treasurer; Val Amezcuita; Lilly Calvache; Alma DeGarcia; Anita Ortega; and Adan Reinosa.



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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:

sparkles

Sparkles is a four-year-old spayed, declawed, domestic shorthair. She is an extremely friendly cat that is good with children. Since she is declawed, she must remain an indoor cat.
ID# A1029421 - West LA Animal Care Center



spice

Spice is a four-year-old female rabbit. She was surrendered by her owner because they decided they wanted a dog! Spice was an indoor rabbit that uses a litterbox. She is good with children.
ID# A1056605 - West LA Animal Care Center.



tippy

Tippy is a one-year-old female Jindo mix. She was being looked after by a homeless person who brought her to adoption events with a local rescue, but could no longer take care of her. Tippy is now looking for the perfect home.
ID# A1057438 - West LA Animal Care Center.



jimmy

Jimmy is a one-year-old male German shepherd mix. He is a great dog that is housebroken, great with other dogs and is looking for a home that has lots of love to give.
ID# A1057690 - West LA Animal Care Center.



oscar

Oscar. B. Wild is a 1-year-old male Irish wolfhound mix. He is a very sweet boy that loves to run and play! He loves to give kisses and really wants to play with the other dogs at the shelter.
ID# A1055916 - West LA Animal Care Center



Meet your new hope coordinator!



All of the above animals are available for adoption at the West Los Angeles Animal Care Center, 11361 Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, 90064. Contact **SAMANTHA WESTBROOK**, New Hope and Bottle Baby Coordinator, (213) 485-0494.

Other great animals are available for adoption at www.laanimalservices.com

{ Who are the people you see every day? }

No. 21 in a series.

People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.



Meet Robert Torres.

AGE: "I'm 60."
BIRTHPLACE: "Council Bluffs, Iowa."
WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES? "1977."
MARITAL STATUS: "Single."
FAMILY: "I have six brothers and six sisters."
RELIGION: "Catholic."
FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: "Being at home with my family."
MILITARY: "I was in the Marine Corps."
WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "Right here at Main and Third."
EDUCATION: "I graduated from high school in Council Bluffs."
WHAT WAS THE LAST JOB YOU HAD? "I worked with a private investigator back in Iowa."
IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE? "To go home to Iowa."
WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF FIVE YEARS FROM NOW? "Home in Iowa."
FAVORITE SPORTS: "Football."
FAVORITE FOOD: "Spanish food."
FAVORITE MOVIE: "I love James Bond movies and Westerns like *High Noon*."
FAVORITE ACTOR: "I like 'em all."
FAVORITE ACTRESS: "I like 'em all, too."
WHAT'S THE LAST BOOK YOU READ? "It was a spy book, a paperback."
FAVORITE TV SHOWS: "*Mannix* and *Cannon*."
FAVORITE MUSIC: "Rock 'n' roll, jazz, big band ... I love big band."
FAVORITE CANDY: "Snickers."
LAST THING HE HAD TO EAT: "I had some burritos last night."
FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY: "Right here."
DO YOU BELIEVE IN ALIEN LIFE FORMS? "Yes."
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE IRAQ WAR? "I'm sorry it's going on."
IF YOU WERE THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES, WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO HELP THE HOMELESS? "Build more missions."
WHAT ORGANIZATION HAS HELPED YOU THE MOST? "Union Rescue Mission."
ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "Sleep and eat. Be healthy."
IF YOU HAD A MILLION DOLLARS, WHAT WOULD YOU DO? "I'd buy a motorcycle."

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

This interview took place in Aug. 17 at Main and Third Streets, downtown.

Newsbriefs

CHIVAS SOCCER CAMPS:

Chivas USA resumes its 2009 "Chivas at the Park" youth soccer clinics into October, with two dates. The program is a partnership between the professional soccer organization and Rec and Parks, and the clinics are held at Department facilities.

Three 90-minute sessions will be conducted each day by Chivas USA coaches, with up to 200 kids ages 5-15 per session. The clinics will also include information about nutrition and wellness for participants and their families, and promote development of children through education and involvement in productive and rewarding activities.

The remaining 2009 "Chivas at the Park" clinic schedule is:

- Oct. 3: Boyle Heights Sports Center, 933 Mott St., Los Angeles, 90023, (323) 264-5136; and
- Oct. 10, Whitsett Fields Park, 12240 Archwood St., N. Hollywood, 91605, (818) 765-5885



Activities will begin at 9 a.m. each day and go until 2 p.m. (clinic times are 9 and 10:45 a.m., and 12:30 p.m.). Participants will also receive a soccer ball or T-shirt, vouchers for two free tickets to see Chivas play at the Home Depot Center (with discounts for family members), and a certificate of completion. In all, 15 clinics will be held in 2009.

Pre-registration for clinics is preferred and available at www.chivasatthepark.com. The cost is \$5 per child per session; scholarships can be given on an as-needed basis, but no one will be turned away unless a session is full, and kids can go to as many as they like.

MAR VISTA FALL FESTIVAL:

Mar Vista Recreation Center, a Rec and Parks facility at 11430 Woodbine Ave. on the Westside, will hold its 2009 Community Fall Festival on Sat., Oct. 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Mar Vista Goes Green" is a free event presented by Rec and Parks, the Mar Vista Park Advisory Board, and the Mar Vista Community Council. The goal is to increase awareness of and participation in protecting the environment – and have some fun.

Entertainment will include performances by the Stilt Circus troupe, the Red Ribbons square dance group, the Summer of Love show featuring live music from the 1960s and '70s and band members sporting styles from the era, and more.

For children there will be a morning puppet show by Kiddle Karoo and her Kooky Krew, promoting environmental awareness. The rest of the day will have a Kidz Go Green Zone with nine inflatable slides, bouncers, arts and crafts led by and using recycled materials provided by the Rediscover Center, face painting, games, and a petting zoo.

Students from area preschools through middle schools will be able to display their work at a youth art show. In addition, professional artists will present their own accomplished works, and an artisan marketplace will give festival-goers a chance to purchase arts and crafts.

Organizations with demonstrations and exhibits will include Heal the Bay, Ballona Institute, Surfrider Foundation, Buy Green, EcoPlum, L.A. Rainwater Harvesting Program, The Garden Nerd, Certified Wellness, and Reptile and Amphibian Rescue Network. There will also be information on recycling, composting, water conservation, and drought-tolerant landscapes.

Attendees who want to reduce their carbon footprint by riding a bicycle to the event will receive free valet service from Bikerowave, which will also provide information on how to keep bikes in good condition, and perform minor repairs at no charge.

Food and beverages will be available for purchase. For more information about the Mar Vista Community Fall Festival, call (310) 398-5982.



{ 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. }

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New Ads This Month!

Twenty-nine Palms Cabin. On 5 acres, Desert Getaway, great view of mountain & desert, 5 miles from nearest town: Only \$150/week-end. Call Rocky @ (626) 506-3799. 1009



1935 Ford 5 Window Coupe: All original, flat-head motor and transmission, original dash gauges. Doesn't run. Needs full restoration. \$4000. Call Everett @ (818) 339-2092. Also have a 302 Ford and transmission that can be sold with the car. 1009

House for sale: St. George, Utah, 55+, 3bdr / 2ba. w/ family rm., over 1700 sq.ft. & large enclosed garden rm., 2 car carport, tool shed, covered patio & window awnings. Close to shopping, restaurants, health care facilities & new hospital. Price includes land ownership. Low assoc. fees include club house, pool, spa, RV & Boat parking. \$125,000. OBO! Call - Linda / Jim (951) 505-9755 or Karen (435) 215-4813, cell - (435) 680-1129. 1009



Black 2007 Road King: 4,500 miles, six speed, Quadzilla fairing, Air ride adjustable suspension, 518 Chubby bars, Magnum braided cables, passenger back rest. \$17,000. Call Gilbert @ (909) 714 4071. 1009

Autos / Motorcycles / Boats

For sale: Set of 4 tires/ribs for 2006-7 Dodge Charger. 10 spoke 19" 6000 miles, great shape. Rick @ (951) 217-2878. 909

1996 White Toyota, Avalon XLS- great condition - \$2450 (Diamond Bar). Call Robert (909) 348-7000. 909



2003 Polaris Predator 90, 2-stroke, upgrades include exhaust/pipe, Keihin carburetor w/ K&N filter and lights, excellent condition. Reliable quad - great for kids. \$1550 OBO. Ralph Herrera (213)367-4182 909

Super Beetle 1971, 2 Dr, yellow, convertible. Disk brakes, McPherson Struts, does not have to be smogged, runs good. \$2495 or make offer. (818) 361-3444 or familyforbes@mac.com (Attn: Abe) 909

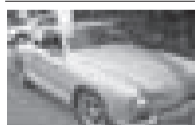


1994 Black Ford Probe; 52,000 miles; good condition; leather interior; moon roof; A/C;

radio and single CD player; five speed; power steering, cruise control; new engine, transmission, clutch, tires and wheels! \$3,000 OBO. Contact: Valerie McCain (323) 757-0386 909



2002 Smoke Grey Ford Taurus; 109,000 miles; new paint, tires/wheels; moon roof; tinted windows; power steering and brakes, power adjustable brakes; A/C; radio and single CD player; power windows and seats; \$3,200 OBO. Contact: Valerie McCain (323) 757-0386 909



1974 Karmann Ghia completely restored, 10 miles on newly 1600 rebuilt engine. \$8500 OBO. E-mail me @ msbadydi@yahoo.com for more information. 809

1972 Chevy Chevelle 2 dr. coupe fully restored, 10K miles, new 350 H.O. engine, 350 trans., blue, SS Cragers. Great investment \$16,000. Contact John (626) 331-0728. Have questions? Call (626) 241-3825. 709

Wilderness 27ft. Tow Trailer w/ 1 slide out, new upgrades & carpet, great condition, full kitchen, 2 door entry, must sell \$6000 obo. Call (661) 305-0483. 709

Classic pick-up Chevrolet 1978, 6 cylinders stander Trs. Heavy duty, 76,000 original miles, runs great. Asking 2,800 O.B.O. (213) 220-1738 serious buyers pls. 709

1989 Cadillac El Dorado Biarritz: for sale \$2100/obo. Blue exterior, white leather interior, 72,000 miles, good condition. Call Nyra @ (310) 634-6768. 609

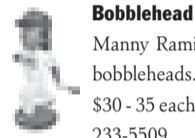
Stove & Refrigerator: white, 3 years old, Frigidaire brand, \$450.00. Call Curtis @ (323) 293-9320. 1009

4 Cemetery plots for sale: Rose Hills, Asking \$18,000 or best offer. (323) 382-2405. 1009



Rosarito Beach Condo: 2 bdr/ 2 bath w/ private balcony overlooking beach & city. \$50 - 75, nightly rate. Very clean, safe and beautiful. Call John @ (626) 233-5509. 1009

Quaint cottage-style **house for rent** outside of Chinatown, Civic Center/Academy. Avail 10-1-09. 2 beds/1 bath. Hrdwd floors, granite tile, skylights, etc. Fruit tree/patio area for outdoor dining. Min from Pas, Glen, 5/110/101 freeways. 3 units total. Inc w&d, and 1 gated parking space. 1-year lease. No animals. Credit check mandatory. \$1200 a month. (323) 919-1163. 1009



Bobblehead Dolls: Dodgers Manny Ramirez or Matt Kemp bobbleheads. Brand new in box. \$30 - 35 each. Call John @ (626) 233-5509. 1009



TOTOYA Parts: NEW chrome rims 15 X 7 at \$350; NEW Tires 205-60 R15 at \$220; SEMI-NEW (used only 500 miles) 4 (four) B.F. Goodrich tires w/ribs #P195-75 R14 Firestone at \$130. Call 626-919-3471. 409

2001 Toyota Celica GT: Silver, charcoal interior, fully loaded. Good condition. 76,300 miles. \$7,200 OBO. (213)249-4590 409



2001 Monaco Diplomat motor home, approx. 39,500 miles 38' diesel pusher with 6 speed transmission, 2 slides, with 4-door deluxe refrigerator, washer & dryer, generator, satellite dish w/ 2 TV's, VCR & DVD players. Well equipped and in good condition. Asking \$70,000 or make an offer. Call 909-229-6540. 409

1987 Jaguar XJS V12 Cabriolet Hardtop Convertible: This is a rare and unique Jaguar - hard to find. Only 1,000 of this model were brought into this country. Top is cloth covered and removes in three sections. Very good condition. Asking \$6,800 OBO. Call (626) 305-0920. 309



1991 Honda CRX \$1650 obo. Engine has many extras. Tags are current. Clean title. 102,000 miles. Also have new racing seats \$850 obo. Moving must sell. Make offer. Contact Sylvia (323) 363 0748 eves. 309

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Classic 1927 Ford T-Bucket Roadster, yellow with tan interior, chrome trim/brass radiator, 350 Chevy engine. Runs, looks great/will e-mail picture. \$14,000. Call (562) 989-4664 209

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Xbox 360 HDD 20gb: \$185; 30 days warranty includes: console, 20gb hd, all cables and head set. Works great. Inquire by phone or email: 818-399-7189 or brainblaster@att.net. 409

Xbox 360 HDD 20 GB hard drive, excellent condition, wireless controller & all cables needed. Price \$180. Call (213) 330-5935. 109

37" Sharp Analog TV with converter box. Excellent condition, \$350. Call (323) 227-8067 after 6:30 pm, Monday - Friday and after 9:00 am Saturday and Sunday. 809

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Furniture



Dining room set: Travertine marble and seats 6: OBO or if anyone can use it email godfth32@sbcglobal.net or Gaylynn Thomas at gaylynnt@msn.com 909



Handmade oak Loft Bed with Desk and Bookcase: 43" wide x 81" long. Birch drawers are dovetailed with sliders. Must see to appreciate. \$1200 OBO. Contact Nancy or Jim @ (818) 340-8059. 909

2 Leather Chairs: Brown, like new, asking \$450 for both, OBO. Call Carlos @ (310) 672-9026. 709

Thomasville Sofas, 2 matching, 7ft. each, clean, soft fabric, off-white, as new, \$600 for both. ggandaj@cox.net 509

Dinette Set: 5 piece, glass top, mauve & gold trim chairs, good condition, \$80. Call Mary Smith @ 626-318-7959. 209

Homes/Rentals/Land

House in Highland Park: near Occidental College, 2 BR / 1 BA / 2 car parking, \$1250 per month. Jerry (323) 428-7719 cell 909

For Rent: Nice 1 bed room/1 bath/1 parking apartment is available at 1832 S. Curson Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90019. Immediate occupancy available. \$1050 month. Contact: Jafar @ (213) 255-6371. 909

Room for Rent: 1 Bedroom with own bathroom. Access to kitchen and laundry. Dish Network provided in bedroom. \$550 and shared utilities. Located in Oxnard - Off 101 Freeway. Homeowner commutes 5 days a week to Los Angeles area. Call for more details (805) 231-1869. 809

For Rent: Nice apartment near Eagle Rock/Highland Park area. 4 units- 2 bed 1 bath, kitchen, dining room, living room, 1 car garage. Upstairs unit has new paint, carpet, Very quiet laundry facility. Call for more information (626) 643-9770 or (626) 641-5654. 809

House for Rent. Los Angeles. About 3 miles South of Southwest Police Division. 3 Bedrooms, 1 Bathroom. Ceramic Floors in Kitchen and Dining room. New Paint Inside and Out. Call Edwards @ (323) 759-9106. 809

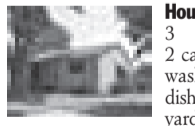
House with a nice view of Eagle Rock / Occidental College; 2 BR / 1 BA / 2 Car Parking; \$1300 per month; Call Jerry (323) 428-7719 or (323) 820-8880 809

For Sale - Two buildable lots in Lake Elizabeth. Build your dream/vacation home. Lake & golf, 25 minutes from Valencia. Beautiful country living. \$35,000 and \$59,000. Terms available. Call Frances @ (805) 583-5321. 809

Room for rent. Sunland, \$600. Utilities included. Kitchen/laundry privileges. Private bath. Street parking. Non-smoker, quiet, and clean. No other pets. Move-in 1000. Call (818) 400-7235. 709

Sgl. Family House for Rent: Burbank - 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bathroom, detached garage. Close to Media Area, private yard, \$2100 monthly. For appt call: Alex (818) 640-6212. 709

House for Rent: City of Ontario, 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bth, attached garage w/ small enclosed yard. A place to call home. Very clean and quaint. \$1,600/mo. Info @ (562) 322-6972. 609



House for Rent: Van Nuys, 3 bdrm, 2 bth, 2 car garage; 1500 sq. ft., washer/dryer, ref/stove, dishwasher, fenced in back yard, near all schools. \$2,200. (818) 780-0647. 609

FOR RENT- Lovely apartment in Los Angeles (4-units). 2 bed/1 bath, kitchen, living room, dining room, 1-car garage. Upstairs unit. New paint, carpet, newly remodeled kitchen and bath, new windows and fixtures. Very quiet. Leimert Park. Close to public transportation. Call for more details (310) 365-1868. 509



Palm Springs Condo for Rent. Close to shops, entertainment, restaurants and Spa & Casino Resort. 1 Bdrm 1 Bath, Beautiful gated community, 6 swimming pools, tennis court, green belt, park-like bbq areas. Call Martha (562) 301-2940. 509

CONDO RENTAL: 2 bdrm, 2ba, enclosed garage, security gate, Avail. 4/1/09, 114 E. Hillcrest, Inglewood, CA. Great Location, \$1450, 323-294-0539 after 6pm. 409

Gardena Townhome for Lease, 3bd, 3ba, lvrn w/fpl; new stve & dshwr; attch ga; 5 min to mjr fwy's & shops - \$2,200; Donna 323-755-2399 409

FOR RENT- San Pedro-Point Fermin area 2BD/1BA apartment. Stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer in unit, Indoor Cat ok, soft water, ceiling fans. Catalina and LA Harbor view. Non-smoking property. \$1390. Call Pete at (310) 547-4304 or cell (310) 809-6909. 309

Las Vegas Condo: 1 bdrm, 1 bath, 780 sq ft., A/C, heat, new fans in dining area and bedroom; other upgrades. Nice and cozy, quiet, across the street from Texas Casino and 1/4 mile from Fiesta Casino; gated community. 10 min from LV Strip. Sell for \$125,000. Info (310) 801-3164. 309

FOR RENT: In lovely Faircrest Heights neighborhood of LA. Newly renovated upper 2 BD/1 BA in Triplex. New paint, carpet, tile, granite countertops, dishwasher, laundry hook-ups, separate bath & shower. Beautiful, safe and quiet. Centrally located, near shops, parks and transportation. \$1625 per month. Call (310) 980-9415. 309

House for Sale: St. George, Ut. 55+, 3bdrm/2ba., family rm/garden rm. abt. 1700 sq.ft., 2 car carport, tool shed, patio. Close to shopping & restaurants. Low assoc. fees include club house, pool, spa, RV pkg. \$130,000. Call Linda/Jim (909) 466-9755 or Karen (435) 215-4813, cell (435) 680-1129 209

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For Rent - Lovely apartment in Inglewood (4-units). 1 bed/1 bath, kitchen, living room, dining room, 1-car garage. Downstairs unit. New paint, carpet, windows and fixtures. Very quiet. 82nd/Crenshaw. Close to public transportation. Call for more details (310) 365-1868. 1009

Household Items

Nordic Track AudioStrider 800 elliptical \$500. 18"-stride length. Interactive Audio CrossTrainer w/ iFit Workout Card technology. Entertainment port with MP3 input & built-in speakers. Includes clear equipment mat. Marisela @ (626) 358-5237 909

New Refrigerator, Kenmore, black, \$175. Great for travel or home usage. 2 ft high, 1 ft 7 inches wide and deep. 2.7 cu. Ft. interior w/ freezer. Norma @ (818) 994-6695. 509

Cross-stitched Arts - Beautiful home décor, no frame, prices are negotiable. Call Nida & leave a message (909) 800-3207. 709

Miscellaneous

Inglewood Park Cemetery - Double Capacity Crypt D-1092. Sanctuary of Sunset S.M.M. Tier-1. Retail price of \$10,095, I will sell for \$5,000. Call Edgar at (951) 243-7492 909

Cemetery Plot for sale: Inglewood Park, Lot 1 Single Grave C. Montcrest Vista Plot, appraised @ \$5200, asking \$4600. Please contact Valerie @ (323) 893-4061. 909

Melaleuca oil. Call Gilberto Barrera at (323) 695-3072. 809

Zippo lighter with Rams logo: like new in box. \$25 or best offer. Call Carlos (310) 672-9026. 709

2009 Oakland Raiders Turn Around Bus Trip. Come join other city employees at our annual trip to Oakland to see the Raiders take on the Philadelphia Eagles on October 18, 2009. Call Joe @ 909-519-8683 or email: raiderjo@roadrunner.com for more info. 609

2 Cemetery Plots for sale: Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills, Lot 713, Intermment Spaces 1 & 2, Eternal Love, Recently Appraised @ \$5,400 each, asking \$4,500 each or better. Please contact Alex at limobug@aol.com 609

Balloon Wrap Machine w/video instructions and equipment. For sale \$150. Call Nyra @ (310) 634-6768. 609

Tiffany & Co. Necklaces - Set of Three: Two white gold pendants and one silver, all with diamonds. Guaranteed authentic or your money back. 213-808-8532 or dplazo@lahd.lacity.org 509

Horseback riding lessons, for kids 8-16 yrs. In Lake View Terrace & Agua Dulce areas. No exp. required. Very affordable. Sponsored by Blue Shadows Mounted Drill Team. Call Janet @ 818-731-3096. 209

Travel / Timeshare

For Sale - Las Vegas Diamond Resort timeshare. 12,000 points to be used in any of the outstanding Diamond Resorts. Must Sell. Asking \$5,900 but price negotiable. Call Frances @ (805) 583-5321. 809

WorldMark by Wyndham Timeshare in Las Vegas for sale. You will receive 12,000 points once the property is sold. Call Danella (323) 434-1715. 709

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We'll run your ad in the next available issue on a space available basis. Your ad may be edited for length or appropriateness.

Las Vegas time share condo for sale. Two bedroom and Studio, once every year. Contact Dannie (310) 532-0976. 709

Cabo San Lucas timeshare for sale. Studio suite 1 BA; sleeps 4 w/ full kitchen; private balcony overlooks ocean. \$3,000. Please call Gil @ (323) 661-7947. 609

Orlando, FL Timeshare at the Marriott Cypress Harbour, 2 bedroom/2 bath, 8 occupants. Easter Week: April 10-17, 2009. Contact Maria Sanchez (323) 719-3727. 309



Cancun timeshare for rent. Only \$500 a week (Saturday to Saturday) anytime. Sleeps 4 with full kitchen, W/D, A/C CATV, VCR/DVD. Ice gallery member. Call Gina @ 818-265-5940 & leave msg. 709

Collectibles

Giant Star Trek Collection. 1,000's of items. Must sell as a whole. \$5,000 o.b.o. (310) 487-4557 or wrich1223@gmail.com for more info. 809

Silkstone Barbie Dolls: 2003 limited edition "A Model's Life" giftset. 2002 limited edition Maria "Therese." 2000 limited edition "Givenchy." Never out of box. Prices vary. Karen (213) 399-2182. 709

Various Beanie Babies from McDonald's \$2.00 - \$5.00 each. Call Greg (951) 235-3815. 909

Sports Memorabilia - All Sports and Non-Sports Cards. 25 Cents and Up. OBO. Greg (951) 235-3815. 909

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ESTATE SERVICES - Appraisal or Liquidation of Fine Art, Collectibles and Coin & Stamp Collections. Call Michael (626) 592-2929. 909

I BUY SILVER & GOLD U.S. coin collections, large or small. Please call Michael (626) 592-2929. 909

Wanted

Vintage stereo/Radio equipment, Receivers. Marantz, Yamaha, etc. 1975 and older. Call (805) 300-2147 709

WANTED: Donation of sewing machines desperately needed for teen sewing class at Rancho Cienega Sports Complex. Call Lisa Jenkins (323) 290-3142. 309

Wanted: I am looking to rent a single one bedroom for myself. I can afford \$500-\$600 a month. I can also do the cleaning of the building for the owner. Call me at (310) 500-0325 or (310) 824-3312. 109

Wanted: House Trailer, RV or 5th Wheel. I have house guests in need of housing and I'm running out of room for them in my house. I need something to put on my property so that they can live there. Call Ivan Forbes @ (818) 361-3444. 109

Wanted: Your Childhood Barbie Dolls and Clothes. I collect dolls from 1959 - 1966 and pay top dollar! I will buy 1 - 1,000 dolls. Clothing, structures, cases. Anything vintage Barbie! Call Cheryl (818) 771-4835. 109

Wanted: YOUR TOY TRAINS, any age, any size. Call Mike (818)-831-0846. 709



Everyday Heroes *in* Action

Station Fire

North of La Cañada/Flintridge

Photos by Juan Guerra.

The Station Fire has become one of Los Angeles County's largest ever.

At press time Sept. 24, the fire was nearing containment, but not yet fully contained. Aircraft continue to extinguish remaining interior hotspots in steep and rugged terrain inaccessible by ground crews. The fire began Aug. 26; since Sept. 15, 600,000 gallons of water and 200,000 gallons of retardant have been dropped.

Acres burned: 160,577. Cause: Arson. Injuries: 22; Fatalities: 2. Structures threatened: 100. Commercial buildings threatened: 50. Residences destroyed: 89. Commercial properties destroyed: 26. Outbuildings destroyed: 94.

Personnel assigned (approx.): 693. Helicopters: 9. Air tankers: 2. Engines: 22. Hand crews: 12. Dozers: 30. Cost to date: \$88 million.







John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins, Club CEO

WIN \$25 WalMart Card
 NEXT DEADLINE: **October 15**
 Happy Snapping!



"My husband and I went on a trip to St. Lucia recently for our honeymoon, and I took this shot, thinking it would make a lovely postcard. The two palm trees (looking like newlyweds holding hands) along with the ocean and sand really set a romantic tone."

- Sheila Romero Lewis, Building and Safety

John's comments: Yes, this would definitely make a lovely postcard – and I really enjoyed pointing out how the two palm trees are touching their branches like newlyweds. It's a very nice added touch to your entry.



"Yesterday I took my granddaughter, Annalisa, to her first day of preschool. I had my new Panasonic Lumix DMC-ZR1 camera with me, to take some photos for my son, since he was working and could not attend this important moment in the life of his first child. At the time that the parents had to leave, one of the children started crying and screaming. I turned around to reassure my granddaughter that everything was going to be okay, and I noticed the expression on her face. It clearly showed her uncertainty of being there alone without the protection of her loved ones. When I converted the image to sepia tone, I noticed the impact of her expression at that moment. Sometimes we must remove the color to see the human, fragile feelings of a child."

- Carlos Ojeda, Transportation

John's comments: Carlos, my daughter, Hannah, just started kindergarten, so I can completely relate to this photo. And your description was the clincher in making this one of the winners this month. Thanks as always, Carlos!



"A Polynesian student demonstrates the lost art of fishing. This shot was taken in full auto mode with a Canon PowerShot S5 IS, during twilight."

- Dominique Daito

John's comments: This is awesome! The energy, the silhouette effect of the setting sun ... it all comes together perfectly. Thank you, Dominique.



"This is springtime at the Walt Disney Concert Hall. I took it with my Canon PowerShot S3 camera, using the color accent setting, which highlighted the pink blossoms on the tree."

- Arvin Lopez, DWP

John's comments: What can I say, this is a brilliant photo. I've seen many photos of the Disney Concert Hall, but this is definitely the best. Thank you, Arvin!

RULES:

- The contest is open to all Club members in good standing. Non-members are welcome to submit, but only Club members are eligible to win the monthly prize.
- If your photograph does not win, you are welcome to re-submit.
- Winners are chosen by Club staff. All decisions will be final.
- You must certify (if asked) that you indeed took the picture. No ringers!
- Photos can be submitted either on paper or digitally. Please don't send both.
- If you want your print photo returned, please write your name, address and phone number on the back of your photo.
- Photos can be of any subject matter: vacation, portraits, families, landscapes, still lifes, pets, etc. Subject matter must be appropriate for *Alive!*
- Paper prints can be mailed to: Picture Perfect Contest, *Alive!*, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 120 W. Second Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- When you send digital photos through the Internet, **please send the full, original digital file yourself**, rather than using digital photo software like Kodak EasyShare, Kodak Gallery, Flickr, etc. These programs send very low-resolution images, and they don't look good in print.
- We want you to look your best, so send us the original digital file, please! Thanks!
- Digital photos optimally should be between 100K and 2 megabytes in size and may be e-mailed to: pictureperfect@cityemployeesclub.com
- The contest is all in good fun: The Club cannot be responsible for delays in delivering *Alive!*, or for delays in the transmission of responses.

Scream! And save!

Great discounts on Knott's Scary Farm and Universal Horror Nights at the Club Store!

For pricing and ticket purchases, go to www.cityemployeesclub.com





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 SEAWORLD!

Look for our new contest on page 31 in this edition of *Alive!*



Winner
5 & under
YEARS OLD

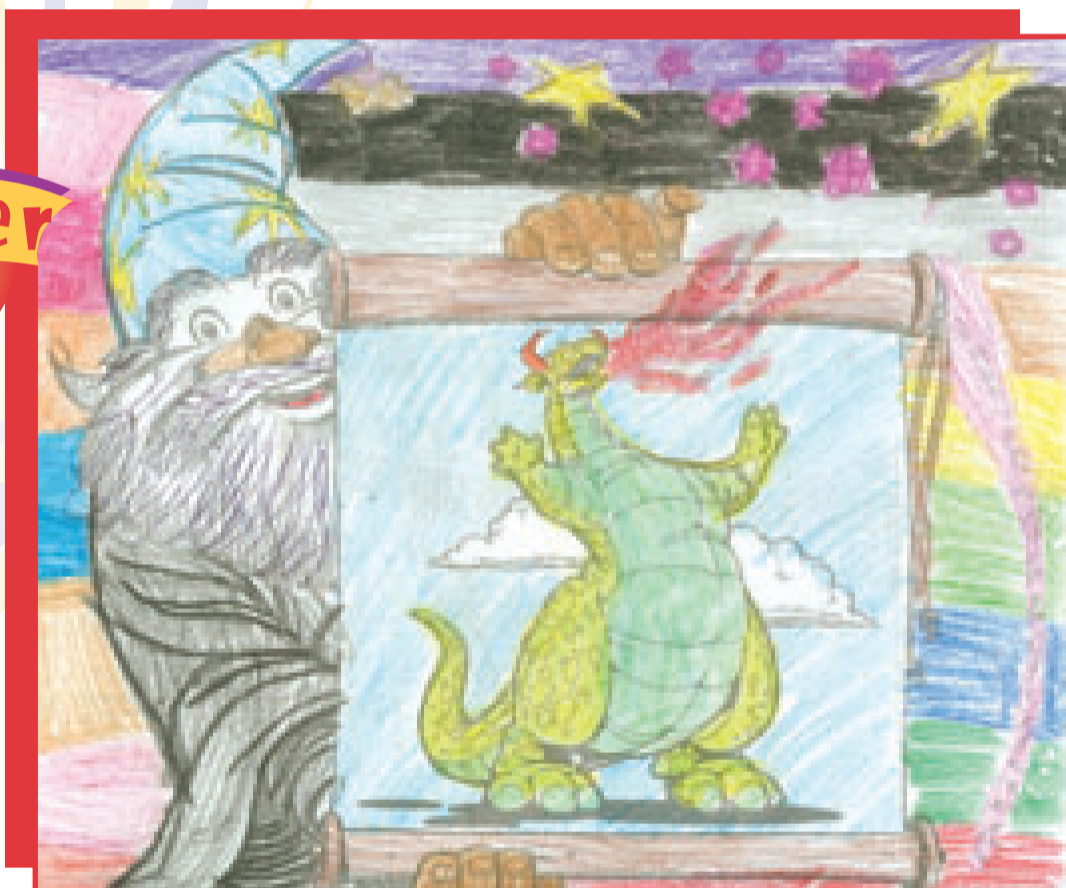
Joey Webb, 5

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Chowder" • FAVORITE SNACK: Strawberries • BEST FRIEND: Mikey (my brother) • WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO SEAWORLD: Because I want to feed the batrays at Forbidden Reef. • PARENT: Joseph Miniaci, Carpenter Supervisor

Winner
6 to 7
YEARS OLD

Giselle Ponce, 7

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Hanna Montana" • FAVORITE SNACK: Apples • BEST FRIEND: Yuriko • WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO SEAWORLD: Because you get to see Shamu. • PARENT: Cesar Ponce, Traffic Officer



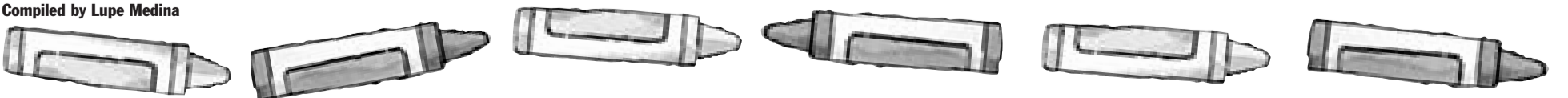
Honorable Mention

CHILD	AGE	PARENT/GUARDIAN	DEPT
Mikey Aki	2	Joe Aki	Retired
Addison Sousa	2	John Sousa	Airports
Estelle Bonstin	4	Shana Bonstin	Planning
Mikey Webb	4	Joseph Miniaci	General Services
Michael Bagmanian	5	Angela Bagmanian	Rec and Parks
Hannah Higbee	5	Audrey Childress	Finance
Elisa A. Ruiz	5	Robert Ruiz	DWP
Joey Webb	5	Joseph Miniaci	General Services
Nicole Ammari	6	Pablo Rivero	Public Works
Kylee Gabon	6	Audie Gabon	DWP
Reyna Johnson	6	Rhonda M. Baychue	LAPD
Grant Martinez	6	Kimberly Martinez	LAPD
Giselle Nevarez	6	Nancy Nevarez	Harbor
Zachary Oghigian	6	George Oghigian	General Services
Peter Otoshi	6	John T. Otoshi	DWP
Zuri Quarterman	6	Jennifer Quarterman	Child Care Dir.
Desiree Rendon	6	Luis Rendon	Public Works
Jaylen Woods	6	Latesha Hamm	Housing
Robert Brymer	7	Bob Brymer	DWP
Trevor Canton	7	Thomas Caton	Electrical Mech.
Leslie Cobian	7	Juan Cobian	LAPD
Vian De La Torre	7	Anthony De La Torre	Airports
Kate Gabon	7	Audie Gabon	DWP
Viviana Arredondo	8	Jaime Arredondo	Airports
Erika Consebido	8	Cecille Consebido	Public Works
Kayla R. Cortez	8	Olivia Gonzales	DWP Retiree
Nate Fischer	8	Russ Fischer	DWP
Imelda Franco	8	Imelda Vega-Perez	DWP
Emily Hibma	8	Dan Hibma	LAFD
Emily Higbee	8	Audrey Childress	Finance
Percy Williams	8	Hubert Williams Sr.	Public Works
Arianna Curiel	9	Jennifer Curiel	Animal Services
Alyssa Graab	9	Lance Graab	Public Works
Cassandra Hernandez	9	Eduardo Hernandez	Gardener
Gabriel Honore	9	Bill Honore	Retired
Santiago Lopez	9	Ed Lopez	Airports
Andres Maldonado	9	Noe Maldonado	Vocational
Jessica Martinez	9	Liseth R. Martinez	Housing
Ashley M. Orantes	9	Sonia Galan	Transportation
Joseph Otoshi	9	John T. Otoshi	Project Manager
Julia Rodarte	9	Manuel Mendoza	Retired
Daniela Tapia	9	Daniel Topia	DWP
Jacelyn Ayers	10	Lonnie Ayers	-
Jake Hibma	10	Dan Hibma	LAFD
Marian Johnson	10	Tishandra Merriweather	UFD
Blair Landry	10	Victor Landry	DWP
Blake Landry	10	Victor Landry	DWP
Vanessa Pelayo	10	Ullis Pelayo	LAX
Amanda Salamanca	10	Emilio Salamanca	Finance
Kyss Stefanovich	10	Robert Stefanovich	Airports
Samantha Vera	12	Graciela Vera	Custodial
Samantha Landa	13	Esiquio Landa	Gard. Caretaker

Winner
8 to 10
YEARS OLD

Vicky Espinoza, 9

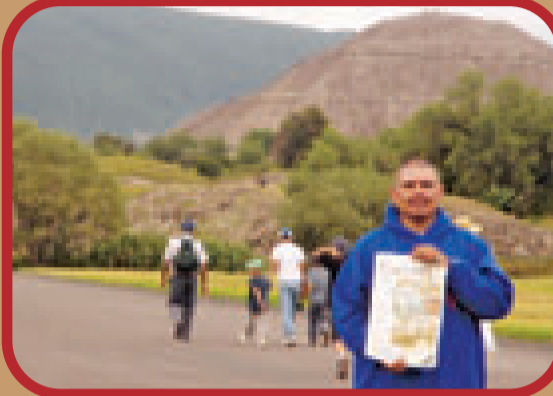
FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Hanna Montana" • FAVORITE SNACK: Fruit • BEST FRIEND: Londi • WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO TO SEAWORLD: I want to go to SeaWorld because I want to explore sea life. • PARENT: Sergio Espinoza, DWP





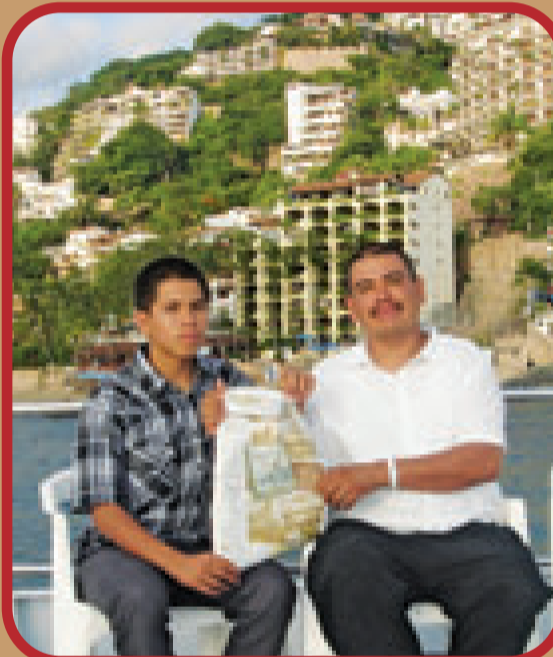
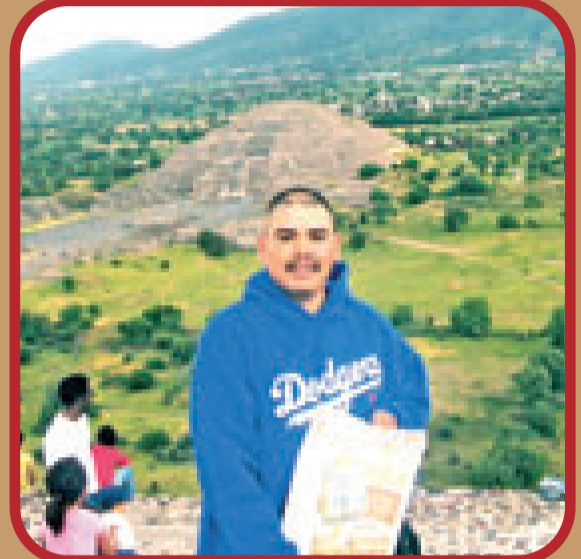
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Mexico



"Here are some photos of my family and I on our summer vacation that took place in August. We visited the Villa of Guadalupe and the pyramids of Teotihuacan in Mexico City, and we also spent our last week at the Sea Garden Beach Resort in Nuevo Vallarta. It's next to Puerto Vallarta."

- **Guillermo Perez, Housing**



Don't Forget the *Alive!* Around the World Contest!

Contest Rules:

- The contest is open only to all Club Members in good standing.
- Your location must be clearly discernable in the photo. (We have to be able to determine you really are at that location.)
- You must be holding a copy of *Alive!* in the photo.
- All photos must be submitted by the close of business Dec. 15, 2009.
- Club staff will be the final judges of mileage from Los Angeles.
- One winner will be awarded \$100 in gift cards.
- Send your high-res digital photos to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com
- We prefer digital photos. But if you must send a paper print photo, make sure you write your name and phone number on the back. Drop it off in person, or send to: *Alive!* Around the World, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 120 W. Second St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

Win! \$100 in Gift Cards

How far from Los Angeles can you take your *Alive!*?

In honor of *Alive! Around the World's* fifth anniversary in September, we're creating a contest. How many miles from Los Angeles can you take your issue of *Alive!*? The Club Member who submits the photo with *Alive!* that's the farthest from the City of Los Angeles, will win \$100 in gift cards.

It's not about danger or adventure, so there's no need to go to extremes. It's just about miles and fun. Any Club Member can play.

Submit your entry by Dec. 15, 2009, and we'll include the winner in the January 2010 issue of *Alive!*

Have fun!

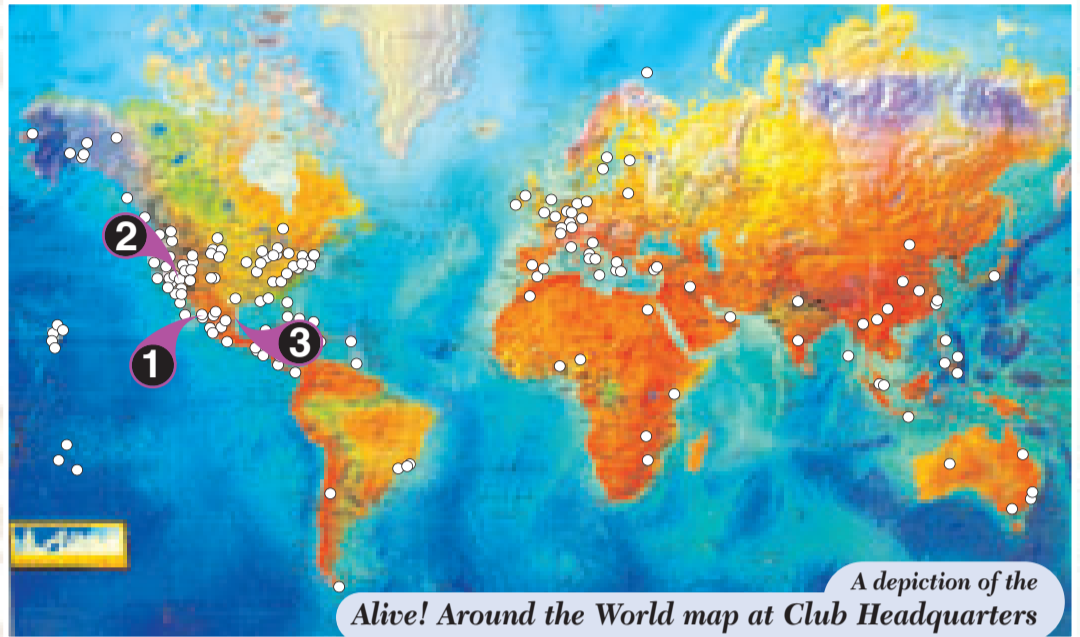
Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



2 Kern County



Here's **Larry Patrich**, one of the supervisors at the DWP's **Owens Lake Dust Mitigation Project**. Larry is standing in the middle of what used to be a 110-square-mile lake. See the feature, elsewhere in this issue.



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

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

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3 Mexico



"My wife, Tiffany, and I took our very first well-deserved vacation after 10 years of marriage and three kids. We left them at home with my mom, Donna, and enjoyed some quiet time to ourselves. We went to Cancun, Mexico. We went snorkeling at Xel Ha, a natural lagoon water park. It was beautiful. We also visited Tulum, a Mayan ruin. Beautiful sites."

- **Larry Ly, Public Works/Sanitation**



Cooking with the Club

by Chef Robert Larios



Send Us Your Recipes!

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

Noodling Around With Cheese

The Larios Six-Cheese Mac and Cheese

DIRECTIONS:



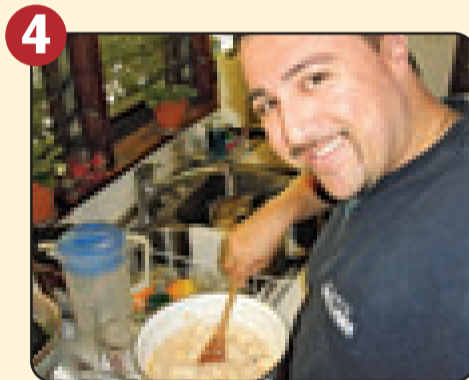
1 Gather your ingredients.



2 Add the macaroni into a pot of boiling salted water. Cook for two to three minutes, just enough to soften the macaroni. Strain with a strainer, and place to one side.



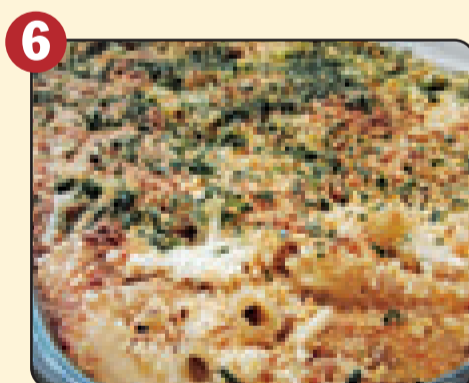
3 Shred the gouda, Swiss, sharp cheddar and Muenster.



4 Get a giant a bowl and add the butter, cream cheese, sharp cheddar, Swiss, Muenster, whole milk, egg whites, salt, pepper, cayenne and garlic powder. Add macaroni.



5 Use a non-stick spray or butter to grease a square baking pan. Place mixed ingredients in the pan. Add any remaining cheese on top of the mac and cheese. Add also the Parmesan cheese, bread crumbs and parsley. Place in oven and bake at 350 F for one hour.



6 Take the pan out of the oven and let cool for 30 minutes before serving.

I know most of you have had macaroni and cheese sold in a box. It was a big hit with the powdered cheese, and then, when Ma and the manufacturers combined their efforts with the upgraded gooey processed cheese in a bag, it was an even bigger hit. I take nothing away from the convenience of these products, but if you are looking to taste rich and deep flavors, using real cheese is the way to go.

Most mac and cheese recipe call for just one cheese: sharp cheddar. While that is tasty, I've upgraded the traditional recipe to hold six cheeses! Yes, six cheese mac and cheese. The six are cream cheese, sharp cheddar, gouda, Swiss, Muenster and Parmesan. It may sound like cheese overload, but believe me, the combination works on your taste buds beautifully.

The Larios Six-Cheese Mac and Cheese

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups elbow macaroni
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 1 cup cream cheese
- 1 cup sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 cup gouda cheese
- 1 cup Swiss cheese
- 1 cup Muenster cheese
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1 cup bread crumbs
- 2 cups whole milk
- 3 egg whites
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons fresh ground pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 cup dried parsley

Cooking TIDBIT:

Feel free to use other pasta shapes other than the tube-shaped variety. Shells, twists and ribbons work well.



7 Plate and enjoy!

[A Cook's Dictionary]

Macaroni:

Legend has it that upon being served a dish of this food, an early Italian sovereign exclaimed "Macaroni!," meaning, "how very dear." This semolina-and-water pasta traditionally does not contain egg. Most macaronis are tube-shape, but there are other forms including shells, twists and ribbons. Most macaronis nearly double in size during cooking. The Italian spelling of the word is maccheroni.

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



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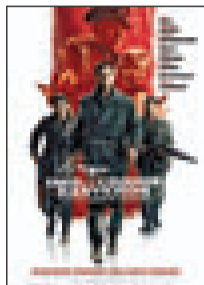
"Is this chicken, what I have, or is this fish? I know it's tuna, but it says 'Chicken of the Sea.'" - Jessica Simpson

- Jessica Simpson

REVIEWS BY FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS

ENTERTAINMENT

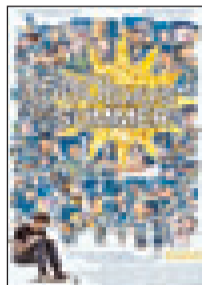
MOVIE REVIEWS


Inglorious Basterds
 Rated R
 My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Quentin Tarantino has written and directed a fantasy/what-if movie about a group of Jewish-American soldiers in Nazi-occupied France during World War II. The group, known as "the Basterds," is tasked to spread fear throughout the Third Reich by scalping and brutally killing Nazis. One of the compelling subplots in this short-story-style movie is that of French teenager Shoshanna Dreyfus (Melanie Laurent) and her German stalker, Colonel Hans Landa (Christopher Waltz), the "Jew Hunter."

While it's great to watch Nazis get their comeuppance Tarantino-style, it's still sad to note that this didn't really happen.

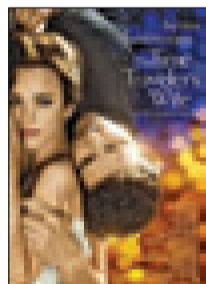
— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks


(500) Days of Summer
 Rated PG-13
 My Score: 5 (out of 5)

An independent film this good needs to be talked about, and, more importantly, it needs to be seen. Living and working in downtown Los Angeles, Tom (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) falls in love with Summer Finn (Zoey Deschanel), who does not believe in love. Tom and Summer are smart, sympathetic characters, and their lives are shown with deft and a touch of humor.

The wonderful soundtrack includes music by the Smiths, Regina Spektor, Simon and Garfunkel, and more.

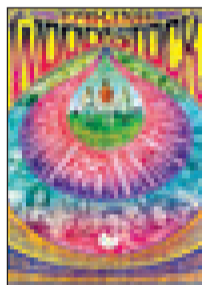
— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks


The Time Traveler's Wife
 Rated PG-13
 My Score: 2 (out of 5)

Watching this movie, I was bored right away and debated leaving and catching another movie. But on the chance it would get better, I stayed for the whole thing. The movie was like a book with missing pages, with no real character development. I guess I wanted more than the movie was going to give.

The two main actors, Rachel McAdams and Eric Bana, did a great job. If you must see this, I recommend waiting until it is at the rental store and save yourself some money. I also recommend you have some tissue handy.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP


Taking Woodstock
 Rated R
 My Score: 2 (out of 5)

Director Ang Lee's latest film is about a young man's turning point in his life and how, while working on his family's motel in the Catskills in 1969, he helped find a location for the Woodstock music festival. Unfortunately, this tediously slow and unfocused film wastes the comic talent of Eugene Levy (Max Yasgur) and dramatic chops of Liev Schreiber (Vilma). There are a few moments of poignancy and history, which almost redeem the cinematic effort involved. But as for *Taking Woodstock*? I'd give it back.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

THEATRE REVIEWS


Spamalot
 Musical
 At the Ahmanson
 (closed)
 My Score: 6 (out of 5)
 Real Score: 5 (out of 5)

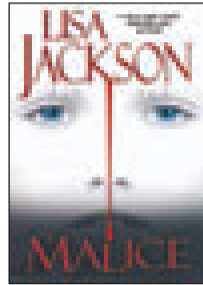
Is *Spamalot* a musical to end all musicals? Almost! *Spamalot* is the Tony Award-winning musical that combines the best of the crazy-funny-silly lines and songs from the Monty Python gang. The storyline is paper-thin (Arthur searches for the Holy Grail), but along the way must find knights worthy of the task. John O'Hurley's Arthur is pitch-perfect as the Python-esque Arthur, with songs that

include "I'm Not Dead Yet" and "Always Look on the Bright Side of Life." And let's not forget the French taunters and the Knights of Ni. If you missed it, I'll sneeze in your general direction!

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks



BOOK REVIEWS


Malice
 Lisa Jackson
 Thriller fiction;
 432 pages
 Kensington Publishing
 My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This is a gripping tale of deception and betrayal, as New Orleans detective Rick Bentz confronts the ghosts of his past—and a killer's twisted vengeance.

Rick buried his wife, Jennifer, 12 years ago, but now sees her everywhere. Rick is recovering from an accident in the hospital and sees Jennifer standing in the doorway, blowing a kiss to him before disappearing.

He can't tell his new wife, Olivia, about the sightings or his secret fear that he's losing his mind. But Olivia is also hiding a secret.

Someone's been waiting patiently, silently, someone who knows exactly what happened that night 12 years ago and has been anticipating Rick's every move. Soon it will be Rick's turn to suffer for his sins. But he won't be the only one made to pay the ultimate price.

This compelling thriller novel by Lisa Jackson keeps the readers at the edge of their seats.

— Linda Rorex, Personnel


Killer Cruise
 Laura Levine
 Mystery fiction,
 256 pages
 Kensington Publishing
 My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Writer Jaine Austen is on an all-expenses paid cruise to the Mexican Rivera and finds a stow-away in her luggage—her cat, Prozac. The ship's steward finds out about Prozac and tries to blackmail Jaine into editing his manuscript.

Jaine meets Emily Pritchard, a wealthy 70-year-old who's traveling with her bossy personal secretary, Ms. Nesbitt, and her nephews, arrogant investment banker Kyle and his ruggedly handsome brother, Robbie. Emily is swept off her feet with the charming and sleazy British dancer, Graham.

Emily and Graham announce their engagement two days later and no one is more surprised than Graham's longtime girlfriend, Cookie. But the news is quickly overshadowed the next morning by the discovery of Graham's body with an ice pick protruding from his chest.

The captain is quick to accuse Cookie, but Jaine suspects there are more sharks in the water. Between hiding a furry fugitive, flirting with Robbie, and baiting the hook for a clever murderer, Jaine is about to dive into her most dangerous case yet.

This romance fiction novel was great.

— Linda Rorex, Personnel

DVD REVIEWS


Tootsie: 25th Anniversary Edition (1982)
 Rated PG
 My Score: 5 (out of 5)

The recent death of writer Larry Gelbart inspired me to watch this movie once again. I always knew *Tootsie* was great, but compared to the recent onslaught of Judd Apatow-fueled dumb man-child movies, *Tootsie* shines even more as the greatest movie comedy I've ever seen.

That it takes on so many themes – relations between men and women; ego; elitism; the performing arts; pretending to be someone you're not; family; hopes and dreams fading into decline; and does them all smartly and hilariously – is just amazing.

Tootsie is the rarest of things these days, a true comedy for adults that respects you for your intelligence and humor, that tells you something about yourself and the world. Bravo to Mr. Gelbart and the whole creative team.

— John Burnes, editor, *Alive!*

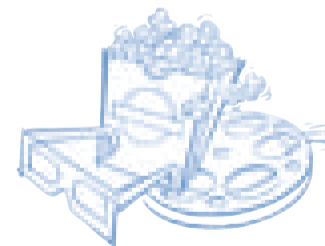

The Rockford Files, Season One (1974)
 TV/Unrated
 My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Going back to watch the first season of any show is always interesting, but not always great. We remember the prime seasons, or even the final ones, of our favorite shows because that's when series tend to find their best confidence and style. In the first season, the creators are still finding their way. This was true in all-time classics like *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*, *The Carol Burnett Show* (anyone remember Lyle Waggoner?) and *Homicide: Life on the Street* (although less true with *Hill Street Blues* and *St. Elsewhere*).

Anyway, *The Rockford Files*, one of TV's greatest series, holds up well. You can tell that the great actor James Garner is feeling the character out – how much darkness to add to the classic anti-hero Rockford, how much toughness vs. tenderness, how much cynicism. The pilot episode is a little too much Raymond-Chandler-meets the 1970s for me, but it doesn't take long for Garner to find the sweet and human spot.

Aside from Universal's on-the-cheap 1970s production style, this is classic American television.

— John Burnes, editor, *Alive!*



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Men's Large Seal, Stainless Steel Band
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PRICE: \$55.00* **Now \$40**



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PRICE: \$45.00* **Now \$35**



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PRICE: \$25.00*



Men's Watch, Leather Band
ITEM: #SF2000
PRICE: \$25.00*



Men's Large Seal, Leather Band
ITEM: #VVL2600
PRICE: \$45.00*

City Department Shirts

City "Bold" Department Shirts

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

Size: **3XL** \$13
Size: **4XL** \$14

Member Price:
\$12
per shirt*



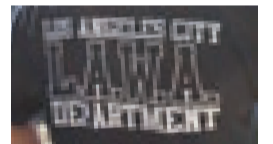
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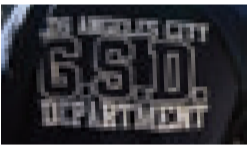
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City "Harbor" Short Sleeve Shirt

Available Colors:
Navy Blue Sky Blue



ITEM: #HARBORLAC2000

City "Harbor" Long Sleeve Shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL**

Size: **2XL** \$15
Size: **3XL** \$16
Size: **4XL** \$17

Available Color:
Navy Blue



ITEM: #CHRBS3000

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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:

Sky Blue	Khaki
Navy Blue	Pink
Yellow	White
Black	



ITEM: #WMNLSSTCTY4000

City Men's Long Sleeve Button Down Shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL 3XL**

Size: **3XL** **\$28**

Available Colors:

Black	Navy Blue
White	Khaki



ITEM: #LSB1000

Women's Watches

Women's Professional Watch
ITEM: #WTCH6550
PRICE: \$34.99*



Ladies' Watch, Leather Band
ITEM: #LWBLK5000
PRICE: \$29.99*



City Men's Short Sleeve Button Down Shirt

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

Available Colors:

Black
Navy Blue
Oxford
White

Member Price:
\$22⁹⁹
per jacket*

Size: **3XL**

\$23⁹⁹



ITEM: #CTYSLST1000

City Girl "Classic" T-shirt

City Girl "Classic" T-shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL**



ITEM: #T-W1000

Available Colors:
Crew Neck Style:

Heather Gray	Hot Pink
Cherry	

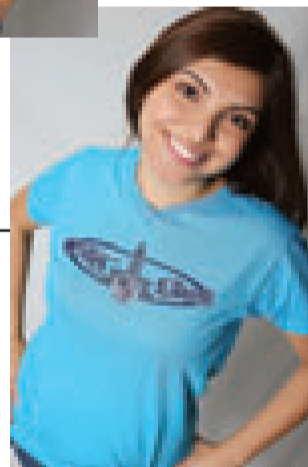
Member Price:
\$10
per shirt*

City 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
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ITEM: #WMNCLSC4000



Club Exclusive: Limited-edition City Hall Poster!



- Produced by the Los Angeles City Historical Society, this poster - featuring a collection of historic Los Angeles City Halls, along with their histories - is now available to Club Members.
- Drawn by artist Herb McNeely, suitable for framing.

Small **\$10** Large **\$15**
per poster*

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**

Available Colors:
V-Neck Style:

Black	Heather Gray
Red	Pink
Violet	Caribbean Blue
Key Lime	White

Member Price:
\$8
per shirt*

On white shirt, emblem is pink



ITEM: #JS1000

*Plus tax and shipping

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Men's Polo Shirts

LA City Seal Herringbone Polo
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price:
\$19⁹⁹
 per shirt*

NEW!

ITEM: #HRBPOLO3000

Available Colors:

Maroon	Navy Blue	Tan
White	Black	Heather Gray

 Size: **3XL** **\$19⁹⁹**
 Available Colors:

White	Navy Blue
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City Seal Polo Shirt with Stripes
 Sizes: **M L XL 2XL**



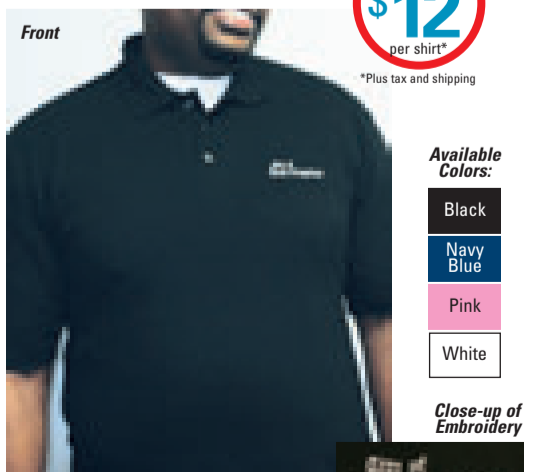
Member Price:
\$19⁹⁹
 per shirt*

Available Colors:

Black	Navy Blue	White
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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

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



Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

Available Colors:

Black
Royal Blue
Navy Blue
White

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

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

Front

ITEM: #NC1000

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



Member Price:
\$10
 per shirt*

Size: **3XL** **\$11**

Available Colors:

Black	Gray
Navy Blue	Maroon
Green	Carolina Blue
Cedar	White

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
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Size: **3XL** **\$23**

ITEM: #LAC-6000

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



Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

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

Available Colors:

Blue Dusk	Charcoal	Chestnut	Forest Green	Indigo Blue
Leaf Green	Light Pink	Maroon	Olive	Orange
Royal Blue	Sport Gray	Texas Orange	White	White available with front pocket.
Black	Navy Blue			

Front

Back

ITEM: #T1000

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

Available Colors:

Blue Dusk	Charcoal	Forest Green
Indigo Blue	Royal Blue	Sport Gray
White	Black	Navy Blue

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

Available Colors:

Indigo Blue	Sport Gray
Black	Navy Blue

White available with front pocket.

Navy & Black LIMITED

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



Member Price:
\$8⁵⁰
 per shirt*

Available Colors:

Black	Blue Dusk	Navy Blue
Sport Gray	Tan	White
Forest Green	Charcoal	Red

Sizes: **3XL** **\$9⁵⁰**

Sizes: **4XL** **\$10⁵⁰**

Available Colors:

Black	Navy Blue	Sport Gray
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Front

ITEM: #CN1000

Retired Employee T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL 3XL**



Sizes: **3XL** **\$12⁹⁹**

Member Price:
\$11⁹⁹
 per shirt*

Available Colors:

Black
Navy Blue
White

Front

ITEM: #RCE3000

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

Front

ITEM: #MOCS1000

"Your City" T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL 3XL**



Available Colors:

Black	Navy Blue	Royal	White
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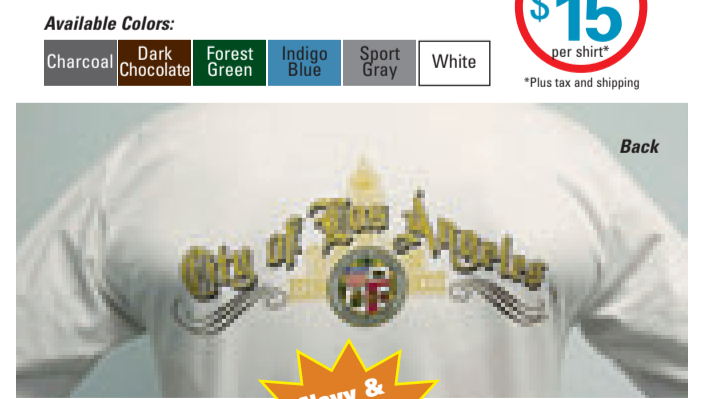
Sizes: **3XL** **\$10⁹⁹**

Member Price:
\$9⁹⁹
 per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping

ITEM: #YCYR1000

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
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*Plus tax and shipping

Back

ITEM: #T1500

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

Available Colors:

Dark Chocolate	Forest Green	Indigo Blue	Sport Gray
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Size: **4XL** **\$17**

Available Colors:

Black	Navy Blue	White
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Navy & Black LIMITED

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DWP T-shirts

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

Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*



Available Colors:
 White Navy Blue



ITEM: #WTRSDE3000

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



Back

Available Colors:
 Gray Maroon
 Charcoal Carolina Blue
 Sand Navy Blue
 Black

Member Price:
\$15
 per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping

Size: **3XL**

Member Price:
\$16

Available Color:

Gray



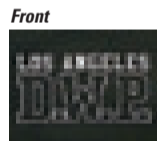
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DWP "Bold" T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Available Colors:

Black Navy Blue White

Member Price:
\$8.50
 per shirt*



Back



ITEM: #T3000VWP

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

Available Colors:

Black Navy Blue Orange White

Member Price:
\$10
 per shirt*

Front

Back

Available Colors:

Black Navy Blue Orange White

White available with front pocket.

ITEM: #T2003VWP

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

Available Colors:

Blue Dusk Charcoal Orange Black Navy Blue White

White available with front pocket.

Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

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

Available Colors:

Navy Blue Orange White Black

Front

Back



ITEM: #T2000VWP

Size: **3XL**

Available Colors:

Blue Dusk Charcoal Black Navy Blue

Size: **4XL**

Available Colors:

Black Navy Blue



ITEM: #T2001VWP

For Baby

LA City Baby Onsie

Sizes: **6, 12, 18, 24 months**
 ITEM: #BABY1000

Available Colors:

Light Pink Sky Blue
 Light Yellow Green
 White



Member Price:
\$19.99
 each*



Kid's T-shirts

Available Colors:

Green Black Royal Blue
 Red Pink

Member Price:
\$8.99
 per shirt*

"Official City Kid" Kid's T-shirt

Sizes: **XS S M L XL**



ITEM: #KIDOFF2000

"Future City Employee" Kid's T-shirt

Sizes: **XS S M L XL**



ITEM: #KIDOFF2000

City Jackets



LA City Seal Hooded Weather Resistant Jacket

Sizes: **L XL 2XL**

ITEM: #CITHOODJKT5000

Available Colors:

Black Navy Blue

Member Price:
\$39.99
 per jacket*



City Executive Sueded Microfiber Jacket

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

ITEM: #SUDJKT1000

Available Colors:

Brown Indigo Blue Charcoal



Member Price:
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 per jacket*

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LA Hall Hat

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#LHALLHT2000

Member Price:
\$8
per hat*

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Available Colors:

- Navy Blue
- Olive
- Royal Blue
- Black

LA Hall Bucket Hat

NEW!



#BKTHLLHT1000

Sizes: **L XL**

Available Colors:

- Olive
- Khaki
- Forest Green

Member Price:
\$15
per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping

LA B-Label Hat

NEW!



#BLHT1000

Available Colors:

- Light Gray
- Navy
- Black

Member Price:
\$8
per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping

City Seal Ball Cap with Department Name



Transportation
NAVY: #H2003
BLACK: #H2004

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:

- Forest Green
- Navy
- Black

Member Price:
\$10
per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping



Bureau of Sanitation
FOREST GREEN: #H1996
NAVY: #H1995
BLACK: #H1998

DWP Ball Cap



DWP Hat
BLACK: #DPWH3000

Member Price:
\$8
per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping



DWP Hat
NAVY: #DPWH2000

City of LA Bucket Cap

Member Price:
\$15
per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:

- Black
- Navy
- White



City Brushed Twill Visor



SOLD OUT

Available Colors:

- Black
- Pink

Member Price:
\$9.99
per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping

City Seal Ball Cap with Script

ORANGE: #H1990
KHAKI: #H1991
BLACK: #H1613



Seal w/Script
NAVY: #H1989

Member Price:
\$8
per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping

City Seal Ball Cap

ORANGE: #H1661
KHAKI: #H1988
BLACK: #H1987



City Seal
NAVY: #H1628

City Seal Merchandise

City Engraved Pen & Case



Member Price:
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per pen*

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- Elegant electro-plated two-tone 24k gold plated and chrome silver pen with solid brass construction.
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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 of LA Expandable Computer Bag



Member Price:
\$34.99
per bag*

Available Color:

- Black

City of LA Portfolio Deluxe Bag

ITEM: #DELBG1000

Available Color:

- Black



Member Price:
\$20
per bag*

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City Seal Mugs

City of LA Travel Mugs



ITEM: #CLAMG3000



ITEM: #CLAMG2000

Member Price:
\$12⁹⁹
per mug*

Hot Beverage Mug

Member Price:
\$9⁹⁹
per mug*

*Plus tax and shipping



ITEM: #MGS1000

Identification Holders

Holders come with Attachable Clear Badge Clip.



Retractable Badge Holder
ITEM: #RBH1000

Member Price:
\$2⁴⁹
per badge*

City of LA Lanyard



Member Price:
\$4⁹⁹
per badge*

ITEM: #CTLYRD1000

City Department Bears

Each custom made "City Bear" stands 10" tall and is dressed in meticulously detailed and accurate uniforms.

Stand not included.

Member Price:
\$20
per bear*

*Plus tax and shipping



DWP
ITEM #BDWP



Transportation Department
ITEM #BDOT



General Services
ITEM #BGSD



Sanitation Department
ITEM #BBOS



Street Services
ITEM #BSTS

Member Price:
\$12
per bear*



CITY SEAL BEAR
ITEM #TEBY1000

Available T-shirt Colors:
Blue
Green

City Seal Key Chains



City Seal Key Chain - Silver
ITEM: #LAKC2000

Member Price:
\$5
per chain*

*Plus tax and shipping



City Seal Key Chain
ITEM: #LAKC001

LA City Clear Badge Holder with City Seal

ITEM: #CLRBGHLDR



Member Price:
\$1³⁷
per badge*

City Seal Lapel Pins

Pins are 3/4" in Diameter.



DWP Enamel Lapel Pin
ITEM: #LP4 PRICE: \$10.00* **Now \$5**



Full-Color Silkscreened Lapel Pin
ITEM: #LPI PRICE: \$5.00*



"The Classic" Enamel Lapel Pin
ITEM: #LP3 PRICE: \$10.00* **Now \$8**



City of LA Hall Enamel Pin
ITEM: #LPH1 PRICE: \$5.00*



Gold Embossed Lapel Pin
ITEM: #LP2 PRICE: \$5.00*



City of LA Hall Silver Finish Pin
ITEM: #LPH2 PRICE: \$5.00*

City Wall Clocks



ITEM: #C8003

Member Price:
\$12
per clock*

*Plus tax and shipping

10" Diameter Battery Operated (AA)



ITEM: #VCWSPT3000

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