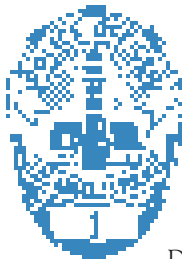


13 Officers Honored for Being Heroes

■ **LAPD hosts its 41st Medal of Valor ceremony.**

Story and photos courtesy LAPD

LAPD — On Sept. 6, 13 police officers received the LAPD's highest honor, the Medal of Valor. The award celebrates bravery and heroism beyond the call of duty. The 41st Medal of Valor Ceremony, which was expected to draw more than 500 guests, was held at the Sheraton Los Angeles Downtown Hotel.



The 41st Medal of Valor Ceremony is sponsored by the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and the Los Angeles Police Foundation. The Medal of Valor is the Los Angeles Police Department's highest honor and

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Strong Words, Heavy Hearts at 9/11 Memorial

■ **LAX hosts ceremony in honor of those fallen on Sept. 11, 2001.**

*Story by Liz Montes, Club Counselor;
Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager*

AIRPORTS — The public, airport employees and passengers participated in the commemoration of the fifth anniversary of the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, on New York, Washington, D.C. and Pennsylvania.



Airport Police took part in the 9/11 ceremonies at LAX

The ceremony was held Sept. 11 at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX).

Airport officials planned two events – a “Circle of Unity” and moment of silence beginning at noon, which was immediately followed by a wreath-laying ceremony at 12:30 p.m.

“Our airport was tragically linked to the

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* A Message From the CEO *

LA History Makes For Historical *Alive!*

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



Okay, hang on because *Alive!* for October is one of those issues that's jam-packed with story after story of intrigue.

First, you'll notice that this issue is dedicated to the 225th birthday of the City of Los Angeles. Most of us take for granted just how old our employer is, which is why we've used some interesting examples to illustrate this. (Just in case you hurriedly bypassed the front page so that you could immediately get started reading my column, our City was just beginning as Beethoven was turning 11 years old!)

Instead of regurgitating dry facts from the encyclopedia (or Wikipedia, if you're Web savvy), we decided to interview three of the City's foremost and illustrious experts on the history of Los Angeles: Suellen Cheng, Doyce Nunis Jr. and Glenna Dunning. We also enlisted the brilliant archiving abilities of our own Hynda Rudd. She helped us complete a comprehensive timeline that will give you an amazing perspective of when many of our departments were formed in relation to world events. There's also a quiz on our history provided by Larry Williams on page 27; memorize the answers and then go test the Mayor, see if he knows as much as you!



See pages 21-28

It all starts on page 21, so go grab your vanilla latte, get comfortable in your favorite chair and get absorbed in the wonders of our fascinatingly humble beginnings. (Of course you have to finish my column first.)

As for the rest of the paper, we've covered the heroic actions of 13 brave LAPD Police Officers who just received the coveted Medal of Valor from Chief William Bratton. Read the stories behind their awards and see the faces of the country's finest!

We also received some real interesting letters to the editor, so if you're not already addicted to them, make sure you start the habit. In addition, the DWP's Fleet Services really outdid itself with an astounding number of its employees receiving awards. See the full story on page 6.

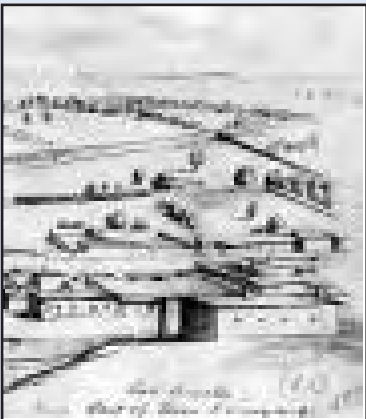
And on a very somber yet important note, Airports held its fifth commemorative ceremony marking the tragic events of 9/11. Three of the four hijacked planes were bound for LAX, bringing the reality of 9/11 even closer to home (the complete story begins on the cover). There's much, much more so I'll stop yapping so you can get started reading.

All the best,

JOHN

(And remember, success is a journey, not a destination....)

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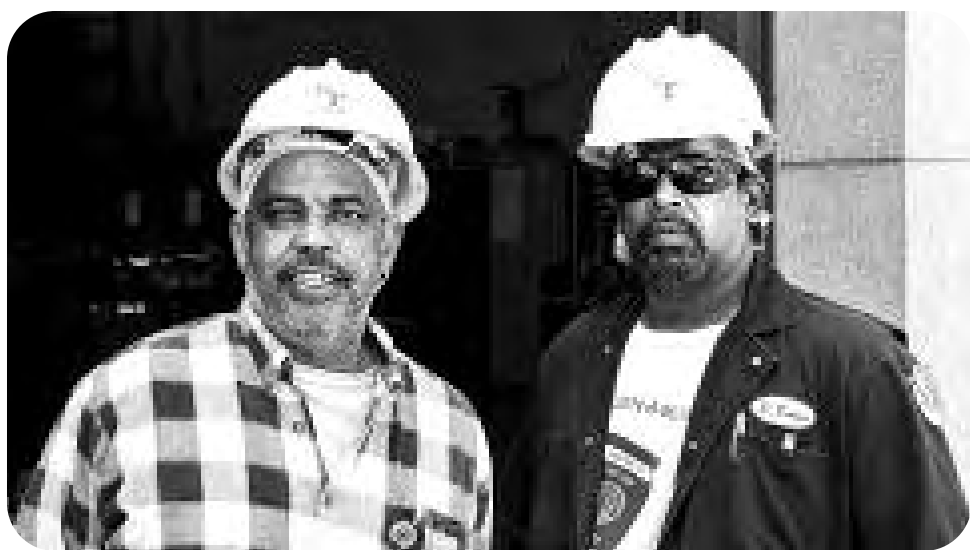


PUBLIC WORKS — Nick Terrell, Pipefitter, and Derrick Gordon have been recognized as Hyperion's Employees of the Month for July.

They were recognized for their teamwork and professionalism demonstrated while preparing for and providing operations with safe access to inspect a Digested Sludge Wetwell during a plant

maintenance outage. This task had never been performed before, and due to their knowledge and understanding of the system and its safety concerns, the task was completed on time with no incidents.

Congratulations, Nick and Derrick!



Hyperion Employees of the Month: Nick Terrell and Derrick Gordon.

The Word on the Street



Cecilia Talbot,
Club Claims Administrator

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

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— Waneé Jeerapael, June 2006

"[Your service was] prompt, kind, thorough. You returned calls in a timely manner. I only have nice things to say about all you have done; everyone has been so thoughtful in helping me speed the process along. I'm a stay-at-home mom who is 45; this was such a shock to us all. Thank you for your kindness. God will bless you! And what an awesome book! I have two children, but [it's good] even for adults who are hurting or just don't understand why. Thank you for sending it. I will share it with many people."

— Mari Tackett, June 2006

"[Your service provided] good, quick response. The book is a different way to look at death; I read it to young grandchildren. Thanks."

— De Anne Dozier, June 2006

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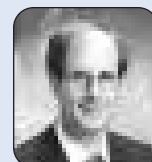
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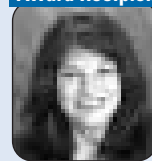


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Director of Communications & Marketing

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Cecilia Talbot
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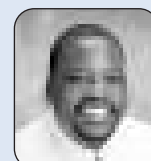
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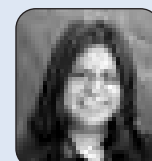
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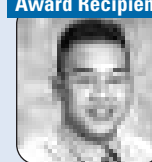
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I will proudly wear my T-shirt, and I have already placed my decal onto my car. Thanks again for such quick and accurate service.

— Armida Herrera, CDD

Ordering Via New Website Worked Just as Promised

I just logged on and bought tickets at your new and improved Website.

I wish all online purchases went this smooth. I also really liked the feature that allows me to see all my account transactions. Thanks for giving us City Employees such a quality product.

— Mike Vippoli, Club Member

Thank you for your new Website. It's very clean and easy to use. Buying tickets and T-shirts is easier than any other site I've been to.

Keep up the good work.

— Jennifer Strikland, Club Member

Hey, I just logged in to www.cityemployeesclub.com and bought your discount tickets to Disneyland. What an amazingly cool service!

I never had to step foot in your office. I just simply clicked away in my jammies at home. And the best part is that the Club has the cheapest tickets in the City! Thanks, City Employees Club!

— Zachary Bridges

It's One Honey of a Recipe ... But How Much Honey?

Hello *Alive!*

I really enjoy the Cooking with the Club columns. They're always quick and easy to make, which is my kind of cooking.

I have a question about the Honey Mustard dressing recipe. There's no mention of how much honey I should use.

— Larry Timlin, Retired City Employee

Thanks for pointing it out, and you're quite right – through the excitement of putting together the recipe, I left out one of the most important ingredients to honey mustard dressing: honey! I usually go for two parts mustard and one part honey, so that means if you use two tablespoons of mustard, then you should use one tablespoon of honey. In this recipe I used three tablespoons of Dijon mustard, so that called for about 1.5 tablespoons of honey. In the end, though, the preference of how much or how little of each ingredient to use is entirely up to you. — Chef Larios

Mary Rose: Usually a Cut-up, But Now She's Just Cut Up

Hey *Alive!* staff, it's me again, Mary Rose Wilkens.

Sorry if I'm about to sound bitter, but I'm just so frustrated. I don't know if it's just me or what, but I just cut my hand on the plastic packaging of a flashlight I just bought, dogging thing!

Am I alone on this or is it getting increasingly dangerous to try to cut through that heavy molded plastic that protects new products so well? I always debate with myself, should I use a knife to get through the packaging or try to cut the edges with a pair of scissors? Each choice brings with it severe dangers of its own. But in the end, it doesn't really matter, I end up cutting or hacking half way around and then I get impatient and try to rip the plastic the rest of the way ... and that's when I cut myself. Suddenly, the flashlight that I bought to protect myself in times of danger transforms itself into an out of control weapon of mass destruction.

Guess there's evil lurking everywhere, except in my rose garden of course! Take care you guys; keep up the good work!

— Mary Rose Wilkens, Retired City Employee and loyal Club Member

To the Editor

She Agrees That LA Needs A Country Music Station

Thank you Mr. Beacheau for your Letter to the Editor in last month's *Alive!* I too miss KZLA.

It's hard to believe there's not country music choice in Los Angeles any more.

—Belinda White, Club Member

'Working Matters' Column Came at Just the Right Time

I just wanted to let Jackie David know that I had enjoyed her column [*Working Matters*] regarding returning to work after a long vacation, in my case an injury. The article could not have come in just the right time.

You seem to write something everyone is thinking about and yet unable to talk about it. That's what I call good writing. Looking forward to your next column.

— Regina Osuna, Animal Control Officer II, Animal Services

James Feagin Interview Did Good Job of Capturing Him

I just wanted to thank for the article you wrote on James Feagin. I like the way you captured the full scope of his experience and how he has brought that to the City of Los Angeles. The feedback from his friends and colleagues has been overwhelming.

I like the way *Alive!* spotlights individuals and departments, and how it positively contributes to the morale, and unity of all City employees.

Thanks again.

— Roosevelt Bagby II, Senior Construction Inspector, Public Works

Boyle Heights History Column Taught Long-timer Something

You know, I've lived in Boyle Heights all of my life yet never was aware of the rich history it possessed. Thank you, Hynda Rudd, for bringing to light such an invigorating past. Now, when I take my daily walk, I'll be walking with a purpose knowing that beneath my feet lie's fabulous stories of intrigue.

Thank you, Ms. Rudd!

—Tom Lopez, Club Member

Wherever There's a Robot, There Will Be Bad Service

I recall [Club CEO] John Hawkins writing about customer service robots a few months back and thought I'd share my own experience.

I think I unearthed the mother of all robot customer service companies: Jamba Juice. Go ahead, give it a try. As soon as you walk in the door, you'll hear loud (albeit enthusiastic) "hello's" in sort of an abstract sequential order. It's very similar to the sound of diseased birds chirping wildly in a forest of sharp pine needles and seeping lichens.

Of course, the robots never look up, they just know (through what must be very rigorous training) that as soon as they hear the door open they are supposed to say "hello." It's really kind of eerie, like Pavlov's dogs. Someone needs to stop this nonsense!

I'm sure the customer service consulting agency that gave them this idea is laughing all the way to the bank (with a "Strawberry Surf Rider" in their hand, of course).

— Mike Simpson

All Civil Servants Should Be Like Councilman Greig Smith

I just wanted you to know that I met Grieg Smith the Councilman the other day. I was really impressed with him. He took the time to actually listen to my issues. I hope all of our City Council people are as nice and caring as him. Please tell him to keep up the good work.

— Franco Entwistle

QUESTION

of the Month

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

What are you going to be for Halloween?



"Winnie the Pooh."

—Valerie Hunter, Sr. Management Analyst I, LAX, Club Member.



"A pirate."

—Julio Alfaro, SPA 1, Haines Generator Plant, Club Member. (This is also his joke: "Why are pirates the way they are?" Answer: "They are Arrrrr.")



"I don't do Halloween!"

—Dino Baskerville, Security Officer.



"A grandfather."

— Jose Alvares, Custodian, DWP, Club Member.



"Lilo from Disney's Lilo & Stitch."

— Hadith Mendoza, Electrical Engineering Associate, DWP, Club Member.



"My grandson wants me to dress up as SpongeBob SquarePants."

— Gary Witherspoon, Custodial Service Attendant, DWP, Club Member.

She Thinks City Controller Should Stick to Financials

I'm sure it's none of my business, but why is Laura Chick getting involved with personnel issues at the Fire Department? Isn't her job to ensure the City's "fiscal" health? After hearing her comments on KFWB it sounds like she's taken up the job of fixing its "mental" health too!

I may be old-fashioned, but it sounds like Ms. Chick needs to heed by the old adage of "too many cooks spoil the broth." Let Chief Bamattre do his job.

Hey, don't get me wrong, I appreciate all the great work she's done, but I think she crossed the line on this one. Ms. Chick, stay focused!

— Margaret De Longpre

Corrections

In our story on the DWP Customer Service Graduation, we misstated the date of the event. It took place July 20.

In the story on the Spring Future Focus Leadership Graduates, three graduates should have been included. They are:

- Robert Steinbach, Assistant Deputy Superintendent of Buildings, Building and Safety;
- Anita Meacham, Principal Recreation Supervisor I, Rec and Parks; and
- Alina Yeghyazarians, Telecommunications Planning and Utility Officer, ITA.

Alive! apologizes to Robert, Anita and Alina and congratulates them on their success.



In the same story (the Spring Future Focus Leadership Graduates), we misidentified people in two photos. On the left is Alvin Blain, General Manager, General Services; in the photo at right is Andrew Adelman, General Manager, Building and Safety. We know Alvin and Andrew well and send our apologies.

DWP Fleet Services: Safety First

■ **DWP's Fleet Services recognizes its employees with great safety records.**

Photos by Summy Lam, Club Tech Guru, and Robert Larios, Director of Communications and Marketing

DWP — To show that it takes safety seriously, the DWP's Fleet Services Division hosted its annual Safety Recognition Event to recognize employees who met safety criteria last year.

Two events were held, to accommodate the recipients. The first was held Aug. 9; the second one was held Aug. 17.

These were the first recognition events since new safety criteria were established with Cal OSHA, the state branch of the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration, which establishes and monitors safety benchmarks.

Of DWP Fleet Services' 336 employees, 269 received individual safety awards. The Night Shift employees received group awards.

The Metro/Valley evening work shifts received 80 individual safety awards, 84 group awards and 105 awareness awards.

The Metro day work shifts received 85 individual safety awards, seven group awards and 125 awareness awards.

Congratulations to all the winners for keeping safety as priority one; and thanks to Thomas Patzlaff, DWP Fleet Services Training and Safety Manager, for his assistance.

Congratulations!



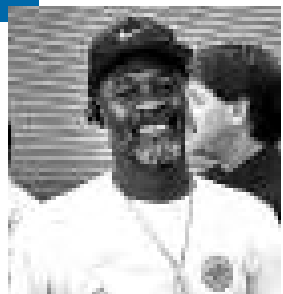
Thomas G. Patzlaff, Fleet Services Training and Safety Manager, gives an introductory speech for the awards ceremony.



Buddy H. Shelley, PM/Metro, Wilmington.



William Yeargin, PM/Metro, Main Street.



Darryl Goines, Day/Metro, Fleet Operations, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Gilbert Avila, Day/Metro, Main Street, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Randall Ballard, Day/Metro Fleet Operations, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Adrian Benitez, Day/Metro, Central Fleet, receives individual safety and awareness award.



Larry Boord, Day/Metro, Central Fleet, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Scott Briasco, Day/Metro, Main Street, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Andrew Castillo, Day/Metro, Fleet Operations, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Martin Ceci, Day/Metro, Main Street, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Michael Chiodetti, Day/Metro, Main Street, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Timothy Coburn, Day/Metro, Central Fleet, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Brian Cosner, Day/Metro, Fleet Operations, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Winfred Crawford, Day/Metro, Central Fleet, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Robert Cwiakala, Day/Metro, Central Fleet, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Arturo Delacruz, Day/Metro, Palms, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Teresa Duenas, Day/Metro, Central Fleet, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Hugo Duran, Day/Metro, Fleet Operations, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Craig Eagleson, Day/Metro, Temple Street, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Charles Echols, Day/Metro, John Ferraro Office Building, receives individual safety, group and awareness awards.



Nathan Emanuel, Day/Metro, John Ferraro Office Building, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Carlos Gamboa, Day/Metro, Fleet Operations, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Patricia Giles, Day/Metro, Temple Street, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Elias Gutierrez, Day/Metro, Central Fleet, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Hamlet Hamladjan, Day/Metro, Fleet Operations, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



James Harper, Day/Metro, Truesdale, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Rene Hernandez, Day/Metro, Main Street, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Allan Hibbert, Day/Metro, Main Street, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Kenneth Holloway, Day/Metro, Main Street, receives individual safety, group and awareness awards.



Santiago Jimenez, Day/Metro, John Ferraro Office Building Garage, receives individual safety, group and awareness awards.



Leonard Johnson, Day/Metro, Main Street, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Tom Khosrovani, Day/Metro, John Ferraro Office Building, receives an awareness award.



Francis Lastic, Day/Metro, Fleet Operations, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Gerald Lee, Day/Metro, Wilmington Shop, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Victor Lee, Day/Metro, Fleet Operations, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



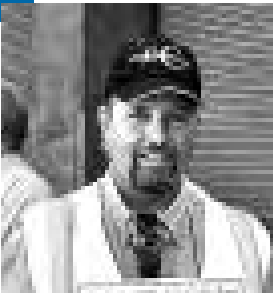
Tommy Lang, Day/Metro, Wilmington, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Robert Mata, Day/Metro, Truesdale, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Eulalio Melendrez, Day/Metro, Fleet Operations, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



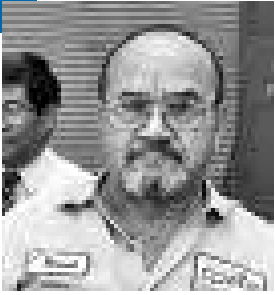
Brett Merenstein, Day/Metro, Fleet Operations, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Harold Morgan, Day/Metro, Fleet Operations, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Daniel Olson, Day/Metro, Fleet Operations, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Manuel Orozco, Day/Metro, Main Street, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



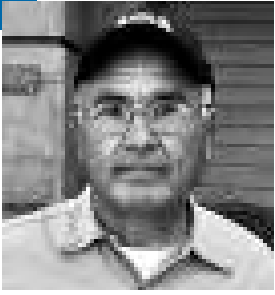
Miguel Ortiz, Day/Metro, Central Fleet, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Roman Pelayo, Day/Metro, John Ferraro Office Building Garage, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Ernest Peltz, Day/Metro, PDC CST HQ, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Hector Peraza, Day/Metro, Central Fleet, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Robert Pfeiffer, Day/Metro, Main Street, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Natalie Pruitt, Day/Metro, Central Fleet, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Anita Quinones, Day/Metro, Central Fleet, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Rito Rios, Day/Metro, Store #33, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Humberto Rodriguez, Day/Metro, Central Fleet, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Raul Rodriguez, Day/Metro, Central Fleet, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Roy Roehm, Day/Metro, Fleet Operations, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Samuel Rosan, Day/Metro, Central Fleet, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Steven Salazar, Day/Metro, Fleet Operations, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Joaquin Zamocona, Day/Metro, Fleet Operations, receives individual safety and awareness awards.



Rene Hernandez, Day/Metro, receives an awareness certificate.



Thomas G. Patzlaff, DWP Fleet Services Training and Safety Manager, gives Richard Guarente of Day/Metro his awareness certificate.



Garret Lund, Day/Metro, Main Street Facility Building 14.



Craig Hauck, PM/Valley, Van Nuys Fleet Maintenance.



Mark Jackson, PM/Metro Central Fleet, receives individual safety, group and awareness recognition.



Danny Liu, PM/Metro, Central Fleet.



Pete Moreno, PM/Metro, Central Fleet.

- Here's a list of all the recipients:
- Metro/Evening:**
- Murphy, Timothy
Nelson, James
Oberlander, Michael
Orona, Michael E.
Paden, Carl
Perez, Javier
Pfefferle, Robert
Pimentel, George G.
Posten, George J.
Ramirez, Albert
Ramirez, Enrique
Richards, Dennis L.
Rifkin, David J.
Rinkenberger, Larry G.
Roesch, Daniel
Royal, Donald
Rufo, Henry
Sahaj, Steven P.
Sakurai, Glen
Schey, Albert
- Seielstad, Michael
Shelley, Buddy H.
Shepherd, Ronald
Spale, William
Staffeldt, Troy A.
Steffen, David
Takeuchi, Troy
Tapia, Daniel
Tatsumi, Byron
Teter, Melvin
Thomas, Michael
Thrower, Orlando
Tram, Tom Huy Van
Vanderput, Dan P.
Vivian, Wesley
Wai, Andrew
Wantana, Neil
Waters, Daniel
Wellington, Dennis A.
Yeargin, William
Zamudio, Carlos
- Metro/Day:**
- Aastrom, Dale
Amador, Joel
Angus, John
Arrizon, Ignacio G.
Avila, Gilbert
Ballard, Randall
Benitez, Adrian
Boord, Larry
Briasco, Scott M.
Burnley, Melanie
Byrnes, Cecyl Ann
Cardenas, Hector
Castillo, Andrew
Ceci, Martin
Chiodetti, Michael
Clark-Harison, Cheryl
Coburn, Timothy
Cook, Mammie S.
Cortez, Gus
Cosner, Brian
Crawford, Winfred
Cwiakala, Robert
Daniels Sr, Elwood
Delacruz, Arturo
Dickerson Sr, Robert
Duenas, Teresa
Duran, Hugo
Eagleson, Craig
Echols, Charles
Emanuel, Nathan
Ferri, Frank
Gallentine, Kenneth
Gamboa, Carlos
Garcia, Javier
Gardner Jr, John
Gibson, Cynthia
Giles, Patricia
Godinez, Jorge
Godoy, Thomas
Goines, Darryl
Gonzales, Esperion
Gonzalez, Daniel F.
Gonzalez, Frankie
Green, Norman
Grosso, James
Guarente, Richard
Guerra, Efrain
Guerrero, Rocky
Gurrola, Steve
Gutierrez, Elias
Hall, Charles
Hamladjian, Hamlet
Harper, James W.
Hernandez, Rene
Hernandez, George
Hernandez, Sal
Hibbert, Allan
Holloway, Kenneth
Isaac, Michael D.
Isaiah, Roy
Jimenez, Santiago
Johnson, Leonard
- Jones, Thurman
Khosrovani, Tom
Kishimoto, David H
Lamoureux, Eugene
Lastic, Francis J.
Lee, Gerald
Lee, Jeffrey
Lee, Victor J.
Long, Tommy C.
Lund, Garrett
Maclaughlin, Ranol
Manzano, Jose A.
Martin, Raymond
Mata, Robert A.
Melendrez, Eulalio
Merenstein, Brett M.
Meyer, David
Moe, Frederick
Moreno, John
Morgan, Harold
Murphy, Joseph
Oh, Kwan
Olson, Daniel
Orozco, Manuel
Ortiz, Miguel
Pelayo, Roman
Peltz, Ernest P
Peraza, Hector
Pfeiffer, Robert
Platte, Stephen
Pruitt, Natalie (Ricks)
Quinones, Anita
Quintero, Jesus
Ramirez, Gloria
Reyes, Juan
Rios Jr., Rito
Rodriguez, Humberto G.
Rodriguez, Raul
Roehm, Roy
Rosan, Samuel
Ruiz, Eric
Salazar, Steven
Simmons, James
Smith, Robert
Stewart, Fred
Torres, Alfred
Trask, Daniel
Trujillo, Edward
Ulberg, Marlow
Vanderwal, John
Vasquez, Michael
Velasquez, Trinidad M.
Villanueva, Enrique
Warren, Robert
Washington, Kevin D.
Watson, Ronald
Weber, Mary R.
West, Douglas
White, Kenneth
Yamaguchi, Tad
Yanez, Sergio U.
Zamacona, Joaquin
Zovak, Anthony S.



From left: Scott Briasco, Manager of Fleet Environmental, 21 years; Tom Anderberry, General Services Manager, 23 years; and Ken White, Automotive Truck Repair Supervisor, 24 years.

Thanks, Interns!

Public Works honors its City Hall interns.

PUBLIC WORKS — On Aug. 18, the Board of Public Works recognized 54 high school students who participated in the 2006 Public Works High School Internship Program.

Public Works commissioners presented Certificates of Appreciation to the interns during the Board's regular 9:30 a.m. meeting. The interns then proceeded to City Council, where Councilmembers recognized them for their achievements in this distinctive program.

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa addressed the students at a special luncheon on the Spring Street steps (forecourt) of Los Angeles City Hall.

Councilman Tony Cardenas and Director of the Bureau of Sanitation and Club Board Member Rita Robinson and other dignitaries were there to honor the students.

The program, now in its fourth year, offered students paid summer internships with local architectural and engineering firms who partnered with the Board of Public Works, said commissioner Yolanda Fuentes, Board of Public Works Intern Program coordinator.

The Board of Public Works and MWH, Inc. (an international engineering consultant firm) cosponsored the six-week program. "The goals of

this program are, one, to expose students to engineering, architectural, and construction management; two, to integrate classroom learning with work-based experience; and three, to create and encourage student interest in science and engineering," Fuentes said.

For details or more information about the Board of Public Works High School Internship Program, call the Public Works Public Affairs Office at (213) 978-0333.

Congratulations to the high school interns (future Club Members?), and thanks to Diana Williams, Executive Administrative Assistant, for her assistance.



Councilman Tony Cardenas. Director of the Bureau of Sanitation and Club Board Member Rita Robinson.



Some of the high school interns present at the recognition event on the footsteps of City Hall. Public Works Board President Cynthia Ruiz.

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Los Angeles Airport employees form a "Circle of Unity."

9-11 Remembered

9/11 Memorial

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terrorist attacks on our nation, as three of the four hijacked flights were bound for LAX," said Lydia Kennard, Executive Director of Los Angeles World Airports, which owns and operates LAX and three other Southern California airports. Airports invited the public to attend its special ceremonies to remember and reflect about these events five years later.

At noon, participants joined hands to form a "Circle of Unity" around LAX's landmark Theme Building and observed a moment of silence followed by the singing of "God Bless America." The event recreated the original event held at LAX Sept. 14, 2001, the first full day of flight activity after the tragic events.

In the center of the Theme Building is a permanent memorial to 9-11 called

Recovering Equilibrium, a compass-shaped art piece that features words and phrases reflecting national perceptions, rights and ideals. At night, the words are illuminated and projected onto the surrounding areas. The art piece was unveiled as part of LAX's 2003 commemoration of 9-11.

At 12:30 p.m., immediately following the "Circle of Unity" event, participants observed the laying of a wreath by the Los Angeles Airport Police Honor Guard at a plaque entitled, "In Memory of September 11, 2001," in the LAX Flag Courtyard at Century and Sepulveda Boulevards. The bronze plaque is inscribed with the names of the passengers and flight crewmembers aboard the four California-bound flights (three to LAX). The plaque was unveiled during a candlelight vigil commemorating the first anniversary of 9-11 in 2002.

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) LAX Choir, comprised of federal security screeners, sang during both ceremonies. The U.S. Congress created TSA in the aftermath of 9-11. President George Bush's Patriot's Day 2006 proclamation was read

Laying the Wreath

■ LAX hosts ceremony in honor of those fallen on Sept. 11, 2001.

Michael Biagi, Chief of Landside Operations, Airports, and Club Board Chair, delivered the following words as part of the wreath-laying portion of Airports' ceremonies remembering the tragic events of Sept. 11, 2001. —Ed.

My name is Michael Biagi, and on behalf of Los Angeles World Airports, I want to thank you all for attending this special wreath laying and the "Circle of Unity" we just observed.

At ceremonies around the country today, Americans are gathering to remember the events of Sept. 11, 2001. Nearly 3,000 innocent people lost their lives that day. For those they left behind, today is a painful anniversary. But even for those of us who don't personally know someone who died that day, the memories are fresh and the emotions come flooding back as we again see the horrible images of planes crashing into buildings; the burning field in Shanksville Pennsylvania; the charred Pentagon.

On Sept. 11, 2001, we saw evil. But on that day, and in the weeks and months that followed, we also saw heroism, courage and compassion. In the aftermath of 9-11, a new wave of patriotism spread like wildfire across this country. Americans stood together as never before. The differences among us faded away as shades of red, white and blue emerged across the nation. We were Americans and, although we were fearful, we were proud. Proud of who we were. Proud of what this country stands for. Proud of the way we were facing this crisis.

As we stand here today surrounded by the beautiful pylons lit in red, white and blue, we can once again hold our heads high. As an airport community we have seen

amazing progress in a very short time. However, as we were reminded just last month when British authorities uncovered another terrorist conspiracy, we have two enemies in the war on terror: the terrorists and our own complacency. For those of us who work at LAX, complacency is not an option. We must remain vigilant in doing our part to secure the airport. Whether we are wearing a badge and gun doesn't matter; we all have a role to play in airport security.

And on behalf of airport management, I want to personally thank each of you for the jobs you do day in and day out. Because of you, we are more secure than we were five years ago. Because of you, this airport, our tenants and the airlines are continuing to recover and move forward. There is still work to be done, but we have come a long, long way.

I also want to thank you for recognizing the importance of coming to an event like this. It's important, especially for those of us in the airport community, to take the time to reflect on the events of five years ago. Our daily lives are busy, job responsibilities are constant, and moments of reflection are difficult to come by. Yet pausing to remember the events of the past ensures that we do not become immune to the feelings we had immediately after the terrorist attacks. I am not suggesting we allow ourselves to be overcome by the grief and deep sorrow we felt in the days and weeks immediately following 9-11. But I am concerned that we will develop what some have called "compassion fatigue." So, on a day like this, we allow ourselves to feel some of the emotion we felt five years ago. It's painful, yes, but it helps us remember those who live with this pain every day, and it promotes our own healing.

We will never forget what happened on 9-11, and today especially, we remember.

during the wreath-laying ceremony by Michael Biagi, LAX Division Chief and Club Board Chair.

As part of LAX's commemoration, the Gateway LAX pylons along Century Boulevard were relit Sunday night at 9:01 p.m. in a dynamic display of red, white and blue. The pylons remained lit for 27 hours through midnight Monday. The pylons were dark during the past six months while they underwent refurbishing and upgrades with new light-emitting-diode (LED) technology that is more energy-efficient and easier to maintain than the original theatrical-style lighting system.



The Los Angeles Airport Police Honor Guard.



Michael Biagi, Chief of Landside Operations, Airports, and Club Board Chair, starts the wreath ceremony.



Los Angeles Airport Police Officers place a wreath in front of the 9-11 Memorial.



Los Angeles Airport Police Officers stand tall and proud.



The TSA LAX Choir sings at the wreath ceremony.

WORKINGMATTERS

by JACKIE DAVID, Public Information, Public Works



Time for Telecommuting?

Telecommuting.

The very mention of it sends shivers down the spines of some managers. Yet, in a day and age when computers, laptops, high-speed internet, cell phones, Blackberries and personal digital assistants are the norm and where unreasonably high gas prices, traffic congestion and road stress are all also the norm, one would think that telecommuting would slowly replace the office cubby. We obviously have a long way to go.

An article by Kate Lorenz of CareerBuilder.com points out that AT&T, a major U.S. company, has as many as 90 percent of its managers working virtually in some capacity. She quotes AT&T's Telework Director, Joseph Roitz, as saying that the result of the virtual workplace is that AT&T's managers are interrupted less frequently, have improved concentration and are better able to manage their time.

The Society for Resource Management estimates nearly 40 percent of corporations across the country offer some type of virtual work program: IBM, Putnam Investments, Allstate, Cigna Corporations, Texas Instruments, etc. Interestingly enough, progressive employers who have embraced telecommuting are the very same ones who offer such benefits as compressed work schedules, job-sharing and flextime.

So, what gives? Why do some employers embrace telecommuting while others shun the very thought of it? Is the issue of "control" and fear of "managing people you can't see" central to the notion that telecommuting is not a healthy and economically viable work option?

Bizjournals recently conducted an informal Los Angeles business survey, asking if gas prices are prompting telecommuting. Here's how the response broke down:

- Yes: 59 percent
- No: 33 percent
- Other: 6 percent

For those willing to consider offering their employees some sort of telecommuting option, here are some of the benefits:

- Fewer cars on the freeway and on roads means less pollution
- Fewer cars on the freeway and on roads means less congestion.
- Fewer cars means less parking congestion.
- Higher gas prices mean more telecommuting, which could lead to lowered gas prices.
- Employees pay for energy costs for lighting, cooling, computer-use, etc. while working at home.
- Work spaces/cubbies can be shared.
- Work can be extended to last more than the normal eight-hour day.
- Post 9-11 provides both employers and employees with natural-disaster preparedness in that less centralized companies that have a distributed workforce are less likely to be subject to terrorist attacks.
- Companies with a distributed workforce can continue to operate in a disaster.
- Telecommuting has broad appeal and does attract and help keep employees.
- Telecommuting prevents disruptions – planned or otherwise. This means less time off the job for such chores as to wait for a plumber or to take care of a sick child.
- Employees are given a better shot at work-life balance.

When you stop to consider, many Los Angeles City employees do work virtually from many locations throughout the City – mostly in and from their vehicles while stuck in traffic or while commuting from one work site to another (how so very L.A.).

Virtual management, managing people you can't see, life away from the cubby, cubby-sharing, drafting a proposal and teleconferencing in a bathrobe and bunny slippers – what a progressive concept. It all boils down to the bottom line: "Work is what you do, not where you are."

LAABP's New Officers

■ Black Personnel Association installs new officers, honors Councilman Herb Wesson, other executives.

LAABP — More than 150 people attended the Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel's Recognition Celebration July 13 to honor Councilmember Herb Wesson and eight City executives, and to install new officers for 2006-08.

The event was held at the City Club in downtown Los Angeles.

Program participants were Jeffery Whitmore, outgoing LAABP President, who made welcoming remarks and presented an award to Councilmember Wesson in recognition of his government and community service. Wesson also conducted the installation of the new officers.

The LAABP Board members are:

- Cora Jackson Fossett, President (Public Works);
- Steve King, First Vice President (Transportation);
- Susan Huntley, Second Vice President (Rec and Parks);
- Linda Lanier, Third Vice President (Personnel);
- DeWanna Sharp, Treasurer (Personnel);
- Mignon Washington, Recording Secretary (Housing); and
- Sheila Darling, Corresponding Secretary (LAPD).

The Directors-at-Large are Audrey Atkins (Personnel), Terrence Montgomery (Public Works), Adriene Murphy (Personnel) and DeMarlo Sims (DWP).

Following the installation, past President Whitmore and new President Fossett presented distinctive awards to the newest high-ranking managers in City service. The honorees were:

- Donald Austin, Assistant Chief, Fire Department;
- Richard Benbow, General Manager, Community Development;

- Selwyn Hollins, Assistant General Manager, Transportation;
- Gloria Jeff, General Manager, Transportation;
- Lydia Kennard, Executive Director, Airports;
- Rhonda Sims-Lewis, Commanding Officer, Police Department;
- Earl Paysinger, Assistant Chief, Police Department; and
- DeWitt Roberts, Chief Deputy, Controller.

Among the guests attending the celebration were Laura Chick, City Controller; Alvin Blaine, General Manager, General Services; Cynthia Ruiz, President, and Commissioner Valerie Lynne Shaw, Board of Public Works; Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer; John Reamer, Inspector of Public Works; Rita Robinson, General Manager, Bureau of Sanitation; Carmen Hawkins, President, Black Attorneys Association; Charley Sims, President, L.A. Professional Managers Association; and Molly Campbell, CFO, Harbor.

Also on hand were Varouj Abakan, Asst. General Manager, Bureau of Sanitation; David Paschal, Asst. General Manager, General Services; Deborah Weintraub, Deputy City Engineer; Phillip Hill, Asst. General Manager, Convention Center; Joe Rouzan, LAX Workforce Development Director; Dr. Greg Burke, Community Development Business Services; and Reginald Jones-Sawyer, Vice President, and Adel Hagekhalil, Secretary, L.A. Professional Managers Association. In addition, Rhonda Gaston and Cecil Flournoy attended from the office of Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.

The LAABP is the official representative for City employees of African American heritage. Incorporated in 1972, the LAABP advocates equal employment within the City's workforce and increased opportunities for people of color to attain management and executive positions. Among the services the organization provides are career development seminars, student scholarship program, mock interview program and networking forum.

The event was co-sponsored by Bob Blake, Associate Managing General Agent of Colonial Supplemental Insurance.



City Executives honored were, from left: Donald Austin, LAFD Asst. Chief; Gloria Jeff, General Manager, Transportation; Lydia Kennard, Executive Director, Airports; Selwyn Hollins, Acting Asst. General Manager, Transportation; Richard Benbow, General Manager, Community Development; Earl Paysinger, LAPD Asst. Chief; incoming LAABP president Cora J. Fossett; and outgoing President Jeffery Whitmore.



NEW LAABP Executive Board includes, from left: Linda Lanier, Third Vice President; Mignon Washington, Recording Secretary; Sheila Darling, Corresponding Secretary; Audrey Atkins, Director; Councilman Herb Wesson, Terrence Montgomery, Director; Cora Jackson-Fossett, President; Adriene Murphy, Director; DeWanna Sharp, Treasurer; DeMarlo Sims, Director; and Steve King, First Vice President. Not pictured is Susan Huntley, Second Vice President.

Picnic Fun at LAX

■ **LAX hosts a picnic for employees.**

*Story by Liz Montes, Club Counselor
Photos by Angel Gomez, Member
Services Manager*

AIRPORTS — LAX held its annual Employee Picnic Aug. 12 at Westchester Park. Several LAX employees attended the picnic with friends and family. Guests enjoyed barbequed food, games and music.

Hundreds of raffle prizes were given away throughout the day, including bikes, televisions, kitchen accessories and different electronics. The City Employees Club donated Disneyland tickets; Linda Brown, Club Representative, was the lucky winner.

The picnic once again was a big success.



From left: Brejanae Grant, Colbi Young and Dawn Riles. Face Painter.



From left: David Rose, Club Member; Phyllis Hayes, Club Member; Ricardo Jimenez, Club Member; and Carmen Robles, Club Member.



From left: Doris Vigil, Marina Vigil and Joshua.



Tracey Perdue and Ruben Rosledo.



From left: Desiree Villanueva; Ray Villanueva, Window Cleaning, Club Member; and Amanda Villanueva.



From left: William Flowers, Airport Maintenance Supervisor. Club Member: and Roe Flowers.



From left: Candi Lincoln, Nicholas Jackson and Aja Scott.

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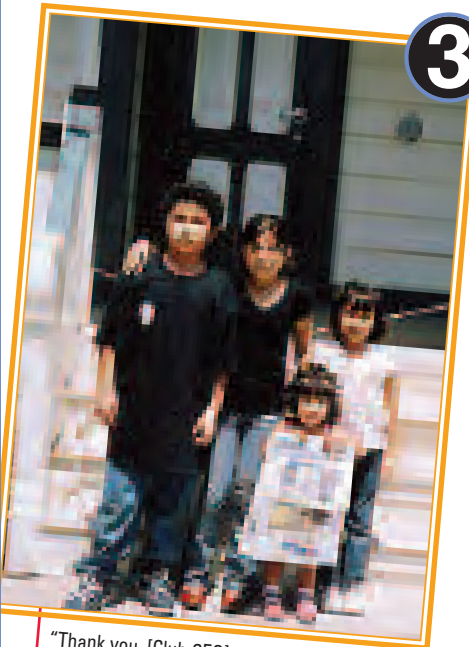
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"I spent this past week with my family in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, just to relax before the kids go back to school. It was hot and humid, but we had a great time cooling off in the pools."
—Cuong Nguyen, ITA



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Here's a photo of retired DWP employee Jim Schopper in Bokkos, Nigeria, working at a free medical clinic. Good going, Jim; we're glad you took us along on your fantastic mission.—Ed.



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"Thank you, [Club CEO] John [Hawkins] for the tip on the Point Fermin Lighthouse tours! What a great way to spend a warm summer afternoon with Nana and Granddad. [Point Fermin Director] Kristen [Childs] gave us a neat tour all the way to the top of the lighthouse. Wow! What a view from high on top of the bluffs. We had such a great day in San Pedro and hope to go back again soon." — Little Club Fans: Mathew Medina, Miranda Medina, Hannah Franco and Emma Franco



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"On our recent trip to Europe (London, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Austria Switzerland and France) this was taken in Paris with the Eiffel Tower as a background."
—Pablito and Fely Adradas. Pablito is Retired from the General Services Mail Division.



Club Member Makes the Rounds with *Alive!*

Club Member and frequent *Alive!* contest contributor Ken Moody has been busy taking photos for *Alive!*

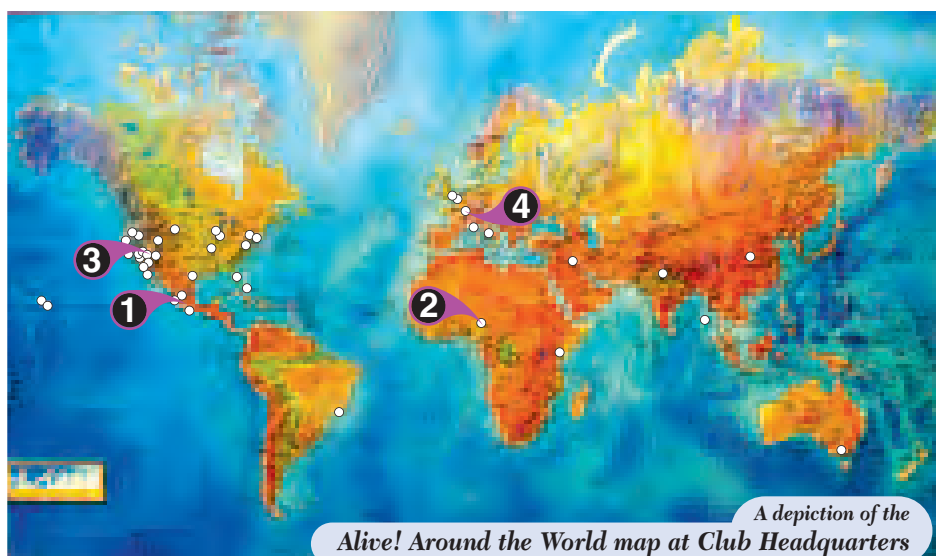
Actor Richard Karn [Home Improvement, Family Feud] reads *Alive!* at an LAFD event. (Photo taken by Ken.)



Ken, holding *Alive!*, reports: "Tom Cruise was walking down the street, mumbling something about the Martians were coming and that they were at war with us. But I didn't care. If I saw a Martian, I would just give them my *Alive!* I know that would calm them down." That's good thinking, Ken ... even there at Universal Studios.



"I was off work for awhile," Ken says. "That gave me time to catch up on my back issues of *Alive!*" Sure did ... although we had no idea you liked hanging out at the bars, Ken.

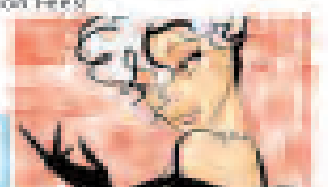


A depiction of the *Alive!* Around the World map at Club Headquarters

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Detention Graduations



■ LAPD graduates its new class of Detention Officers.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor
Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

POLICE DEPT. — The LAPD graduated 19 new Detention Officers at a ceremony and exercises Sept. 1 at the Police Academy.

Of the 19, three were from police departments other than the LAPD. The class began in June.

The graduates (all from the LAPD unless otherwise stated) were:

- Pedro Arriola;
- Genevieve Belasco, Alhambra PD;
- Melva Carter;
- Tony Chang;
- Norma Franco-Hernandez;
- Alfredo Garcia;
- Erika Gonzalez, Garden Grove PD;
- Marvin Hall;
- Cesar Hernandez;
- Ilvia Ibarra;
- Janette Martinez;
- Heric Obregon;
- Cochise Rodriguez, Downey PD;
- Sara Soria;
- Gail Thompson;
- Marita Waight;
- Dania Ward; and
- Kawanis Washington.

- Special recognitions included:
- Outstanding Academic Achievement, Cochise Rodriguez;
 - Outstanding Physical Training Achievement, Marvin Hall;
 - Outstanding Uniform Appearance, Melva Carter;
 - Best Overall Recruit, Conchise Rodriguez.

The Recruit Class speech was delivered by Detention Officer Pedro Arriola. The uniform inspection was conducted by James P. McDonnell, FirstAssistant Chief of Police. Capt. Patrick K. Findley delivered the introduction.

The invocation was performed by Rabbi Chaim Kolodny. Family members and friends were present to witness the occasion.

Congratulations to the new Detention Officers. Thanks to Principal Detention Officers Cheryl Walker and Michael H. Ellington for their assistance.



From left: George Cabarrus, Principal Detention Officer, Club Member; Senior Detention Officer; and James P. McDonnell, First Assistant Chief of Police, Club Member.



Training staff, back, from left: Capt. Patrick K. Findley, Commanding Officer, Jail Division; and Principal Detention Officer Michael H. Ellington. Middle: Principal Detention Officer Cheryl Walker, Club Member; and Senior Detention Officer Patrick Thompson. Front: Detention Officer Olivia Valencia, Club Member.



Capt. Patrick Findley, Commanding Officer, Jail Division, conducts Uniform Inspection alongside First Assistant Chief of Police James P. McDonnell, Club Member.



Capt. William Murphy, Commanding Officer, Training Division, addresses the graduates and their families.



From left: Heric Obregon, Detention Officer, Van Nuys; Genevieve Belasco, Alhambra Detention Officer; and Marita Waight, Detention Officer, Van Nuys, Club Member.



Melva Carter, LAPD Detention Officer, Club Member.



Tony Chang, LAPD Detention Officer, Club Member.



Pedro Arriola, LAPD Detention Officer.



Genevieve Belasco, Alhambra Detention Officer.



Erika Gonzalez, Garden Grove Detention Officer.



Janette Martinez, LAPD Detention Officer.



Gail Thompson, LAPD Detention Officer, Club Member.



Marita Waight, LAPD Detention Officer, Club Member.



Tony Chang, Detention Officer, Club Member, with his family. He will be stationed at Metro.



Dania Ward, LAPD Detention Officer, Club Member.



Norma Franco-Hernandez, LAPD Detention Officer, Club Member.



Alfredo Garcia, LAPD Detention Officer.



Hector Obregon, LAPD Detention Officer.



Marvin Hall, LAPD Detention Officer, Club Member.



Gail Thompson, Detention Officer, with her family. She will be stationed at Van Nuys.



Kawanis Washington, LAPD Detention Officer, Club Member.



Cesar Hernandez, LAPD Detention Officer.



Elvia Ibarra, LAPD Detention Officer, Club Member.



Cochise Rodriguez, Downey Detention Officer.



Sara Soria, LAPD Detention Officer, Club Member.



Dania Ward, Detention Officer, Metro, Club Member, with her family.



Cesar Hernandez, Detention Officer, with his wife and son.



From left: Lorraine Rocco, friend of Marvin Hall, Detention Officer, 77th, Club Member; and Elvia Ibarra, Detention Officer, Van Nuys, Club Member, with her husband, Geronimo.



Alfredo Garcia, Detention Officer, with his family. He will be stationed at 77th.

Life's Important Moments

Graduations

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Promotions

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Weddings



Kedren Pilgram, Sr. Clerk Typist, Harbor, and Ray Robinson Jr., Sales Team Manager for Grainger, July 15 in Maui, Hawaii.

Retirements

- Douglas Anderson,** Transportation Eng. Assoc., Transportation, 37
- Cheryl Aubry,** Sr. Clerk Stenographer, Housing, 26
- Joseph Callaway,** DWP
- Christine Clemente,** Crossing Guard, Transportation, 10
- William Cole,** Ref. Coll. Truck Op., Public Works, 21
- Judy De Balogh,** Sr. Clerk Typist, CAO, 37
- Kim Dinh,** Sr. Clerk Typist, Finance, 21
- Gloria Engel,** DWP
- Patricia England,** DWP
- Jack Feldman,** DWP
- Yvette Gimple,** Veterinary Asst., Animal Services, 19
- Mark Gutierrez,** DWP
- Francine Kawabe,** Sr. Mgmt. Analyst, Public Works, 41

- Tom Kilmer,** Civil Engineer, Public Works, 36
- Mary Ellen Knowles,** Information Systems Mgr., ITA, 18
- Quyen Lam,** Legal Secretary, City Attorney, 15
- Yolanda Lickson,** DWP
- Wai Ching Lit,** Structural Engineer, Public Works, 21
- Karen Mason,** Custodial Services Attn., Rec and Parks, 28
- Beverly McCowan,** Clerk Typist, El Pueblo, 24
- Mercedes Medellin,** Secretary, LAPD, 40
- Victor Mitchell,** DWP
- Rebecca Nadon,** Police Services Rep, LAPD, 20
- Thomas Petrique,** Management Analyst, Rec and Parks, 34

- Donald Ree,** DWP
- Robert Rott,** DWP
- Randall Shirk,** DWP
- Bobken Simonians,** Director of Housing, Housing, 10
- Carmen Steffey,** Sr. Gardener, Rec and Parks, 22
- Gloria Thomas,** Tax Compliance Officer, Finance, 41
- Walter Tillman,** Street Maintenance Supv., Public Works, 39
- Flora Trostler,** Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney, 26
- Wayne Willis*,** DWP
- Douglas Yeretian,** Helicopter Mech. Supv., General Services, 28
- * Club Member

Births

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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.

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|---|---|--|
| Active | Julian Leon,*
DWP, 21 | Sandy Smith,
Public Works, 31 |
| Jackson Lin,
Public Works, 17 | Julia Marton,
DWP, 19 | Loyal Stinebaugh,
Transportation, 31 |
| David Weinstein,
DWP, 15 | Joseph Mascitto,
City Attorney, 7 | Max Strauss,
Public Works, 17 |
| Retired | Joseph Mendez,
General Services, 19 | Galloway Taylor,
Public Works, 18 |
| Robert Barger,
DWP, 34 | Theodore Mirkov,
Transportation, 27 | Michael Thompson,
Transportation, 24 |
| Dawood Boone,
Public Works, 25 | Robert Montgomery,
General Services, 27 | Albert Tillitson,
DWP, 22 |
| James Duggan,
ISD, 28 | Edmund Moreno,
Rec and Parks, 6 | Donald Troy,
Rec and Parks, 36 |
| Robert Egan,
Building and Safety, 27 | Raymond Prittie,
DWP, 28 | Hilmer Truedson,
DWP, 27 |
| William Grissom,
DWP, 35 | Glenn Reynaldo,
Public Works, 25 | George Warren,
Public Works, 14 |
| Donald Hale,
LAPD, 31 | Anna Rhodes,
DWP, 8 | Richard Welsh,
Public Works, 33 |
| Morris Hayes,
LAPD, 13 | Julian Rodriguez,
Public Works, 30 | Jerry Williams,
Rec and Parks, 15 |
| Ben Hite,
DWP, 29 | Ernest Romero,
DWP, 40 | Mike Wright,
Public Works, 33 |
| Sylvester Hunter,
Public Works, 35 | Raul Serrano,
Rec and Parks, 32 | Helen Zakaryan,
DWP, 20 |
| Elizabeth Jackson,*
DWP, 13 | Ophelia Silva,
Housing, 8 | * Club Member |
| Danilo Jokanovic,
Rec and Parks, 9 | Sidney Simon,
Building and Safety, 23 | |
| Lawrence Joshua,
General Services, 30 | | |
| Arthur Kaeding,
DWP, 27 | | |
| Helen Kiely,
DWP, 30 | | |
| Harold King,
DWP, 25 | | |
| Shirley Kleinman,
DWP, 16 | | |
| Charles Leipold,
DWP, 20 | | |
| Gonzalo Lelis,
DWP, 11 | | |



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 digital photos to: moments@cityemployeesclub.com Send paper notices and print photos to: *Alive!* 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071

New Members

Welcome New Members!

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

Airports

Jorge Alvarez
Kanisha Debase
Shannon DiNardo
Anthony Flake
Paul Herrera
Thomas Hicks
Dollie Jackson
Carl Jones
Curtis Kirkpatrick
Hem Lee
Toccara Martin
Charisma Mouton
Antoinette Munns
Michael Scott
Nancy Semtner
Eusebia Serna
Cynthia Shumaker
Barbara Taylor
Rosa Vides

Animal Services

Gabriel Castillo
Carlos Regaert
Ansinee Smith

Building and Safety

Syed Ali
Tracy Jackson
Rebecca Zamorano

City Clerk

Heloise Mitchell

Personnel

Preston Kim
Catherine Mastrolia

ITA

Jeffrey Orr
Leonardo Reyes

Fire Department

Greg Acevedo
Julio Banuelos
John Callahan
Ricky Crawford
Raphael Doyle
Dionisio Garza
Joy Emanuel
Matt Leigh
Julio Maldonado
Miguel Martinez
Anthony Mastrolia
David Miranda
Lisa Nerkowski
Donna Norrington
Sean O'Reilly
Luis Ochoa
Patrick Oyama
Juan Paredes
Brandi Pilato
Orin Saunders
Milton Urquilla
Carlos Vargas
Sandra Vides
Wayne Wiesehan

Harbor

Frank Albers
Alicia Bell-Molina
Ricardo Concepcion Jr
Leslie Dunlap
Lynda Johnson
Dongy Lee
Brian Montgomery
Glenn Morgan
James Webb

General Services

Scott Atkins
Diana Castellanos
Rea Lazo

Gabriel Mayorga
Danny Nava
Daniel Owens
Thomasina Tucker
Sidney Wimbish

Library

Lorena Castellanos
Alonzo Clark Jr
Ana Medina
Beverly Neal
Sallie Riley
Tariq Shah
James Sherod
Caroline Zakarian

Housing

Anna Moreno
Melissa Perez
Raquel Tejada

Convention Center

Liliana Castillo
Juan Lopez

Planning

Phyllis Parker

Police Department

Maria Alcaraz
Angelique Allah
Caressa Andreas
DeAnne Avery
Emada Castillo
Michael Cryer
Toni DiPaolo
Elon Douglas
Arthur Duran
Christopher Giles
Sonya Grayson
Brian Hollenbaugh

Keasha Johnson
Allison Karnoff
Valorie Keys
Gerald Legaspi
Fred Lobato
Cari Long
Cari Long
Autumn Love
Ardon Manuel
Lamont Marshall
Debra Mercer-Watson
Elizebeth Nunez
Jessica Okuma
Frank Partida
Perla Perez
Ronald Quinton
Rachel Ramirez
Susana Robinson
Sergio Rodarte
Angelica Seo
Hector Vidal
William Wales
Sheila Woolfoolk

Accounting

Melita Zaldivar

Public Works - Engineering

Edmundo Asuncion

Public Works - Sanitation

LaQueisha Duvall
Wilfred Esguerra
Keela Gordon
Nancy Loll
Michael Neal
James O'Bar
Gefei Sun
Vanessa Williams

Public Works - Street Services

Fernando Diaz
Elliot Galindo
James Huynh

Rec and Parks

Maria Aquila
Francisco Fiallos
Phillip Gonzalez
Juan Lopez
Micha Mims
David Moreno
Lorenzo Olivera
Jose Ramirez
Emmanuel Renteria
Miguel Saucedo

Transportation

Rickey Collins
Glenn Hightower
Antranel Marshall
Elise Matturi
Tashane Roots
Rene Sanabria
Hans Sosa-Lanza
Brenda Wade

Finance

Maria Baronian

Zoo

Derek Jackson

Retired

Eunice Charbonnet
Eligio Chavez
Zernail Hardy
Joyce Harris
Nancy Jones
Debra Mercer-Watson
Floyd Montoya

Robert Moore
Jose Perez
Mario Rodriguez
Andrew Viloria

DWP

Rene Anderson
Milus Baron
Jesse Batista
Mark Blunk
Ramonette Carranceja
Ralph Carretino
Chris Claro
Gary Clift
Vahe Dabbaghian
Maria Deniz
Hugo Gonzalez
Kevin Greer
Eliseo Hernandez
Hadi Jonny
John Kord
Franklin Martinez
Carolyn McLaurin
Angelica Munoz
Norma Nunez
Marin Parra
Justin Powels
Holly Ricardez
Lisa Ross
Jerry Smith
Gloria Vite-Ontiveros
Jayson Weatherman
Clayton Yoshida
Lawrence Zielinki

Other

Herman Avilez
Estella Gonzalez
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Matthew Tobin

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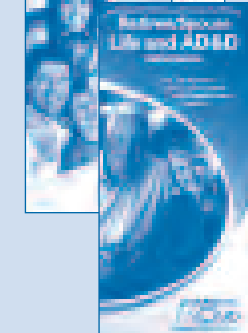
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Protect yourself from career-ending traumas.



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

Your Counselor

Can Help

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



Beverly Haro



Arlene Herrero



Liz Montes

Finance's First Picnic

■ Office of Finance has first picnic for employees, families.

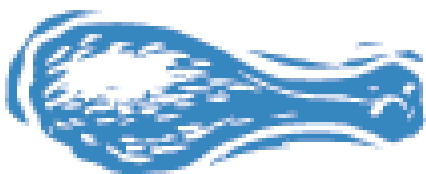
Story by Yvonne Liu and
Eduardo Garcia, Finance

FINANCE — The Office of Finance held its first department-wide family picnic Aug. 19 at Crystal Springs in Griffith Park.

The Hawaiian Picnic brought close to 200 Finance employees and their families together for a day of fun. While the employees usually provide information to businesses and individuals and enforce the City's tax and fee collection program, on this perfect sunny day, they participated in a water balloon toss, tug of war, best dessert competition, and a balloon stomp. They also enjoyed a performance by two professional Hawaiian dance groups: Tago le Pasefika and Penina O le Pasefika. Prizes included toys, candy, electronics, and tickets to Disneyland and AMC theatres.

The majority of the kids at the picnic went home with at least one prize, a pocketful of candy, and a lot of expended energy. The professional dance group Penina O le Pasefika included former Special Desk Unit supervisor Faith Maulupe. A few lucky audience members, like Director of Finance Antoinette Christovale, had the opportunity to dance the hula with lots of island flavor (see photographs). The "almost better than (censored) cake," a dessert made by Tax Compliance Officer II Audrey Childress, was so good it won the Disneyland prize.

The Office of Finance was created in 2000 as a result of Charter reform efforts. Annually, the Office of Finance collects more than \$2 billion in revenue from various sources including taxes, licenses, fees and permits, which pay for numerous essential municipal services to City residents and businesses. The Office assists other revenue-producing departments in the City by recommending standardized billing and collection procedures based on best practices in an effort to improve the City's collection of outstanding debt.



Carl Sampson, 17 years, Club Member, and his family.



Hawaiian dancers included Sharon Williams, 31 years; June Ulrich, 33 years; Antoinette Christovale, 7 years; Vanessa Lopez, 9 years; Eddie Garcia, 6 years; and Jorge Enciso, 8 years, Club Member.



Hawaiian piñatas.



General Manager Antoinette Christovale, 7 years, dances.



From left: General Manager Antoinette Christovale, 7 years; Jeff Whitmore, 18 years, Club Member; and Tim Rhyne, 3 years.



Assistant General Manager Pam Mooney, 14 years, Club Member, with her husband Mike.



Organizers Eddie Garcia, 6 years (right), and Vanessa Lopez, 9 years.



Children participated in the watermelon-eating contest.



From left: Jeff Whitmore, 18 years, Club Member; June Ulrich, 33 years; Joy Ory, 30 years, Club Member; and Brad Moe, 7 years.



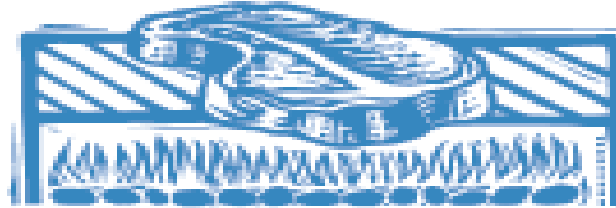
In the three-legged race, from left: Ela Vallejo, 28 years, Club Member; Sharon Williams, 31 years; Veronica Cavanaugh, 6 years; and Jeff Whitmore, 18 years, Club Member.



Vivian Nguyen, 26 years, and Michael Poon, 5 years, Club Member.



From left: Kevin Truong, 1 year, and Vern Lapuz, 20 years, Club Member, playing football.



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For Retired Club Members



The Best Years

City Retiree Associations:

DWP Retirees Association



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

Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association



James Chastain, 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: (805) 584-9417
or via E-mail:
postmaster@rlacei.com

Change of Address?

If you change your address, notify Helen Salgado, Membership Chair, at 323-728-4930, or write to her at 5423 Dewar St., Los Angeles, CA 90022. Also notify LACERS.

Have News About Yourself?

Contact Phil Skarin, 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411-3910, or call (818) 784-0130.

RLACEI Executive Board Positions Up for Election

By Phil Skarin, RLACEI Publicity Chair



Ed Harding, RLACEI President, reports:

"I hope you will plan to attend our Annual Meeting and Elections Thursday, Oct. 12, at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center. A free lunch will be served at noon, only if you have made reservations by calling one of the officers on the Retirees Helpline a week ahead. The meeting at 1 p.m. will have speakers who will bring you up to date on retirement benefits and health plans.

"Nominating Committee Chair Neil Ricci will present these nominations for the office of Director and our Executive Board: Ed Harding, Ken Spiker, Jerry Bardwell, Jack Mathews, Helen Salgado and David Wilkins, all of whom are incumbents. I wish to thank them all for the great service that they have accomplished during the past two years. Without them my job would be very difficult.

"Americo Garza, our Entertainment Chair, and I met with Tom Redditt, manager of the Grace E. Simons Lodge, and made reservations for our Christmas party Dec. 7. We will meet with the owner of Chris & Pitts to pick the menu for the meal.

"Be sure to call (800) 779-8328 to reserve for the LACERS Open Enrollment Fair at the L.A. Convention Center Oct. 25. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Parking vouchers will be provided in RSVP packets.

"In September I planned to be at a Rotary Club district Safari in Bishop. Then I planned to visit my two daughters and son and their families in Minden, Nev., and then go to Lake Tahoe to visit my baby daughter and her husband. They really give me a great time and won't let me pay for anything. I have the best seven kids in the world. They give me 'a shot-in-the-arm' that helps to offset the shots I have been getting in my back."

"Special thanks go to Americo Garza, Picnic Chairman; Thomas Redditt, Simons Lodge Manager; and Ron Black, who provided the musical entertainment. Ron is available for parties (square dance). Call him at (818) 752-6810.

"Our next event will be our Annual Corporation Meeting and Election of officers at 1 p.m. Oct. 12 at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Citizens Center. There will be a free lunch at noon. If you have called one of the officers a week ahead, you may bring one adult guest.

LACERS is having an Open Enrollment Retirement Fair at the L.A. Convention Center on October 25, details later in this article. Hal Danowitz, Neil Ricci and I will be there to hand out materials to those that plan to retire. If you are thinking of changing your health plan, be sure to attend the fair, they can help you. The open enrollment period is from Oct. 15 to Nov. 15.

Legislative Update:

Ken Spiker reports that the LACERS Benefits Administration Committee, which he chairs has, after five months of negotiations, finalized their report regarding the health Care Contracts effective Jan. 1.

The Committees report must still be approved by the LACERS Board of Administration. Ken hopes the Board will approve the report so that enrollment can begin Oct. 25.

Overall cost for all plans for 2007 are estimated to be increased 12.3 percent, or \$10 million. Unfortunately, increased co-pays for some offices visits (which haven't been adjusted for four or more years) and increased prescription co-pays (not adjusted for seven or more years) had to be accepted.

The Committee is recommending the following improvements:

- Increase the maximum Medicare subsidy from \$928 to \$983.
- Increase Blue Cross Dental maximum from \$1,000 to \$2,000.
- Increase Blue Cross PPO Inpatient Hospitalization out-of-network benefits from 70
- Reduce SCAN office visits co-pay from \$10 to \$5.
- Increase VSP visual frame allowance from \$120 to \$150, and contacts from \$105 to \$120.

Ken reports the plan submitted to the Board of Administration still compares very favorably with plans provided to LACERA (City active employees) and to PERS (State employees), and it's a better plan than any retiree plans he has seen.



Upcoming Events:

Oct. 2:

Second annual LAFD Historical Society Charity Golf Tournament. Look in the June and July issue of the Grapevine for the application. (LAFD)

Oct. 12:

Annual Meeting and Elections - Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Citizen Center: Lunch at noon, meeting at 1 p.m. (RLACEI)

Oct. 25:

LACERS Open Enrollment Fair

Dec. 7:

Christmas Party, Grace E. Simons Lodge (RLACEI)

RLACEI Poetry Deadline Extended

The eleventh annual RLACEI Poetry Contest will award prizes totaling \$150 to the winners. The deadline has been extended to Nov. 1, any style, length or subject. Send a typewritten copy to Phil Skarin, 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411-3910. There will be a separate category for members and spouses. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number.

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 Hall at (310) 472-0224.

Moving?

RLACEI members: If you move, notify Helen Salgado, Membership Chair, at 5423 Dewar St., Los Angeles, CA 90012. Also notify LACERS and Alive!



Poetry Contest

The 11th Annual Retirees Poetry Contest deadline is Nov. 1.

Send your typed entry to Phil Skarin. Separate categories for members and spouses. Everyone will win a prize.

The Best Years

ADVENTURES with HAL!



The Grand Palace.

By Hal Danowitz,
Secretary, RLACEI

Retiree Hotlines

Who to call? Following is a list of contacts for RLACEI and for the DWP:

City Employees Retirement System:

(213) 473-7200

RLACEI Retirement Counselors:

• Edward Harding	(805) 584-9417
• Phil Skarin	(818) 784-0130
• Robert Wilkinson	(818) 886-1000
• Jerry Bardwell	(818) 782-5568
• Harold Danowitz	(310) 472-0224
• Jack Mathews	(310) 762-1942
• Helen Salgado (membership)	(323) 728-4930
• Americo Garza	(562) 928-2051
• Neil Ricci	(310) 394-1971

DWP Retirement Plan Office:

(213) 367-1722

RLACEI:

Officers for 2006

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

Committee Chairpersons for 2006

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

Directors

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



Bangkok, and Then Home



Hal and Evelyn in front of the Golden Buddha.

■ Hal and Co. say goodbye to Asia before heading home.

When we booked the cruise, we decided to spend time (three days) in Bangkok before flying home. After much discussion we decided to take the Shangri-La Hotel package, which included a three-night stay, plus transfers from the ship to the hotel and from the hotel to the airport. We could have also booked a tour package, but we decided to set that up on our own.

A couple of days before we docked, I e-mailed the concierge at the Shangri-La and asked for a quote on a half-day tour of Bangkok on the afternoon of our arrival. He booked us a private van tour to see the Grand Palace and Emerald Buddha; Wat Trimit, the Temple of the Gold Buddha; Wat Po, the Temple of the reclining Buddha; and Wat Benchamabopit, the Marble Temple. The tour would take about five hours, and the cost was quoted at \$50 per person. I found out later that Princess Cruises was charging more than \$100 per person for the same tour,

and you would be going with 40 of your closest friends.

We were one of the last groups to get off the ship, and the disembarkation was delayed because they couldn't account for all the passengers. The bus ride from the ship to the hotel was about one-and-a-half hours. We were welcomed at the hotel with cold drinks and cool towels and directed to a check-in room. We were lucky that we were first because they were not well organized. Evelyn and I were able to get our room, but the rooms for Effie and Pierre and Elaine and Lanny were not ready. We took all our carry-on luggage to our room, and just as we got there the phone rang to tell us that our guide was here.

Our English-speaking guide had an eight-passenger van with a driver. Bangkok or Krung Thep, which means the "City of Angels," was constructed in 1782 and is the capital of Thailand. The current population is approximately 10 million, and it's considered one of the biggest cities in the world.

Our first stop would be at the Golden Buddha, and driving there gave us a good understanding of the size of Bangkok, with lots of cars, motorbikes and bicycles set within a mixture of both old and new. It reminded me of Hong Kong 20 years ago.

The Sukhothai Traimit Golden Buddha image is the largest Buddha image in the world. It is made of pure gold and weighs almost five tons. The Buddha, more than 700 years old, was at one time completely covered with plaster to conceal it from invading enemies. It wasn't until 1955 that it was discovered it was made of pure gold.

The Grand Palace is the former home of the royal Siamese court and is on the banks of the Chao Phraya River. The whole area is surrounded by a large white wall and has an area of 1.5 kilometers. To enter the grounds, women must cover their bare shoulders and legs. We have

been a lot of places, but this was one of the most impressive groups of building I have ever seen.

The buildings were covered with gold and jewels and carved art relief. Each building was more intricate and beautiful than the last one. The royal chapel contained the Emerald Buddha. To enter the chapel we needed to remove our shoes, and we were not allowed to take any pictures inside the chapel. Our last stop in the palace complex was the Temple of the Reclining

Buddha, built in 1688. It may seem that we are seeing a lot of temples, and you would be right – 94 percent of Thailand is Buddhist, and everyone seems to have their own temple.



The Jim Thompson House.

It had been raining on and off most of the day, and on the way back to our hotel the rain stopped and the sun came out. On the ride back our guide asked if we wanted to go to the Floating Market the next day, and we decided to book him for the day.

Our hotel was on the Chao Phraya River in a mixed retail and residential area. We had some time before dinner to walk around the area and visit the many shops selling local goods. There were a number of tailors where you could get two suits, a sport jacket, two pairs of pants and three shirts for under \$500, all made in a few hours and to your measurements.



Shopping at the Floating Market.

We asked the hotel to suggest a restaurant for dinner, and they gave us directions to one that was about six blocks from the hotel. It took us a while, but we found the Harmonique Restaurant in an alley behind (what else) a temple. It looked like a converted house, with a number of dining areas. Most of the patrons were tourists, and we were concerned about the quality of the food. We had nothing to worry about. We had the owner order for us and we had a great meal. With a few beers each and dessert, the cost

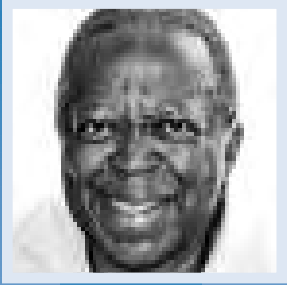


Boats to the Floating Market.

Retiree Question of the Month

Alive! asked retirees...

What was your best Halloween costume?



"Myself."
— Reginald Foster, Planning.



"A headless person."
— Bill Turner, Street Maintenance.



"A pirate."
— Art Almeraz, Engineering.



"A hobo."
— David Port, General Services.



"A hippie. None of my co-workers recognized me."
— Harvey Ledesma, Building and Safety.

The Best Years

was about \$12 per person.

Every one of the locals whom we met were happy to help us, and we did a lot of walking in the area around the hotel and never felt threatened or afraid.

The next morning, our guide picked us up at the hotel and we drove the 50 miles to the Damnoen Saduak Floating Market. According to history, around 1866 King Rama IV ordered that a 19-mile-long canal be dug at Damnoen Saduak. The Floating Market allows tourists to see the old style and traditional way of selling and buying fruits, vegetables and other goods from small boats. To get to the market we boarded small boats and traveled up the canal, which allowed us to see traditional Thai houses along the canal. We were able to buy a lot of Thai handicrafts and local goods that were cheaper than in Bangkok. This is a tourist attraction that should not be missed.

After we left the market, our guide asked if we wanted to ride an elephant. Now Evelyn and I have done that in Africa, but she wanted to do it, so she and Elaine took the ride. It



The Night Market.



lasted only about 20 minutes, and they almost ended up falling off into the water.

Our last stop was a teak furniture factory. This was strictly a tourist place, and they had beautiful teak furniture and art items. We could not resist, and we all bought something. We picked a traditional Thai welcoming statue, which we had shipped home. It now greets visitors in our entry hall.

Our guide dropped us back at our hotel, and we felt very lucky to have gotten him.

We had been told not to miss the Patpong night market, so we asked for directions from the hotel. We thought it was a lot closer than it was, and we must have walked about a mile before we found the market. The market has the same souvenirs, fake name-brand items and cheap clothes as in any tourist area in the city, but it is a fun place and you need to bargain hard to get a good price. It is about the length of a football field, with four rows of stalls; on both sides are regular shops and seedy bars. It was a fun place to spend the evening. We took a taxi back to the hotel (\$3) and ended up eating dinner in the hotel's Chinese's restaurant, which was very good.

On our last day in Bangkok, we wanted to visit the Jim Thompson Thai House. He was the founder of the Jim Thompson Thai Silk Company and was directly responsible for developing the silk industry in Thailand. In 1967, while on vacation in northern Malaysia, he disappeared. Because he was member of the OSS (precursor to the CIA) during World War II, there remains some suspicion about his disappearance.

The house consists of a complex of six traditional Thai-style houses completed in 1959



Elaine and Evelyn on the Elephant

and is furnished as it was when Thompson lived in it.

To get to the house we took a boat from our hotel (free) to a shopping complex down river and then hired a taxi to take us to the house. To keep the taxi price low we had to stop at a jewelry store where the tax driver would get a fee for bringing us. We walked through the store and almost bought something.

We returned to our hotel to pack. We needed to buy a suitcase to pack all the stuff we bought and then took the boat again to the shopping complex for dinner.

Our flight home left at 6 a.m., so we had to leave the hotel at 3 a.m. Security was very heavy at the airport; we had to open most of our bags, but we left on time. After a brief stop to change planes in Tokyo, we made it back home.

I really liked this cruise better than the one to northern Europe because of the different places that we saw. Both Evelyn and I loved Bangkok and can't wait to return.

RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

Member News: **Norma Schuster** wrote to thank us for the publicity that enabled her to give her organ to a friend and resulted in many phone calls that gave her warm feelings. Phone: (310) 470-0803.

Sterling Buesch decided to help his wife celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary Sept. 6 by doing the grocery shopping for her. When he got the cart to his car to unload it, the cart was empty and the checker came out to him, wheeling the filled cart. They laughed about it. Then when he went home to tell his wife about it. Call Stu at (626) 446-6675 to find out about that.

Helen Wright makes gift baskets and floral arrangement for businesses. She is also working on her second book of poetry.

These members have written or phoned expressing appreciation for our efforts: **Mark Fuller, John Powell, Jane Hansen, Eli Merchat and Bob Okuda.** Thanks for your thanks!

If you have any news about a retiree that you would like to share, or constructive comments about this column, send them to:
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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: Role Models

We often adopt people we admire,
Who have many of the qualities we wish we had,
To be our Role Models.

But, by focusing our admiration
On others, we may be trying to divert attention
From our own presumed inadequacies.

We each have many good qualities
And potentials. If we focused more on developing
And improving them, then maybe someone will
Adopt you as their Role Model.

— Phil Skarin, RLACEI

Public Safety's First Picnic

■ New Office of Public Safety hosts first family picnic.

Story by Sontue Beacham, Management Assistant, OPS
Photos by Stan Molden

GENERAL SERVICES — The Office of Public Safety (OPS) held its first summer picnic Sept. 9 at Griffith Park. It was a success, with more than 170 staff, friends and family members attending. OPS is responsible for providing a safe environment for City buildings and facilities throughout the City of Los Angeles, including municipal facilities, public libraries, the Zoo, El Pueblo Historic Monument, Convention Center, Rec and Parks, and the Public Works Bureau of Sanitation.

OPS participated in fundraisers for the three months to raise money for the picnic. The division sold candy, pizza, enchiladas, candy apples and banana split/sundaes to raise money for the event. Food contributions included potato salad from Georgina Rodriguez and macaroni salad from Enriqueta Espinoza's mother. Officer Frank Crescenzo and Lt. Ray Lucas were on the grill preparing the barbequed chicken, hot links, hot dogs and hamburgers. Lt. Ray Ingall organized the games, Officer Orlando Castillo deejayed, and Los Huizacheros Ballet Folklorico de Santee (referred by Isabel Vasquez) performed from the Santee Educational Complex. It was a great day that brought OPS family together in fun-filled activities and great food! The Picnic Committee and Chief would like to thank everyone for their support, participation and enthusiasm.



From left: Lt. Yin Wong, Club Member and Lydia Marquez.



From left: Maria and Capt. Richard Musquiz, Club Member, with children, Megan and Mathew.



Isaiah Hawkins, son of Club CEO John Hawkins, with neon snake on leg.



Cyndy and Antonio Orozco, Sr. Lead Officer, Club Member, with grandkids Brianna and Gaby.



From left: Sontue Beacham, Management Assistant; Brittany Cotton, Clerk Typist; and "Ms. Q," Clerk Typist, Club Member.



Chief Gary Newton checks out the Zoo Mobile.



Sgt. Mark Kapoh, Club Member, and Sgt. Susan Kapoh, Club Member, with sons, Chris (left), and "Little" Hank.



Alex Muñoz and his father, Damien Muñoz, playing cards.



D.J. Orlando Catille, Public Safety Officer.



Andrew Anderson and Shakira Richardson, cousin of Sontue Beacham.



Arlene Herrera, Club Counselor, and Isaiah Hawkins, Club Counselor in the making and son of Club CEO John Hawkins.



Hector Graciano, Sr. Lead Officer, Club Member, his wife, Diana, and his daughter, Alyssa. In front: Faith and Aidan.



From left: Chef Frank Crescenzo and Lt. Ray Lucas.



Chief Gary Newton and his daughters, Alex (left), and Jordyn.



Rahid Baig, Lead Logistics Officer, with his family, Saba (left) and Asif.



Officer Harry Denton, Library, Club Member.



Chef Frank Crescenzo in his custom chef suit.



Lydia Marquez's family, from left: Max, Rosemary, Jeremy and Art.



From left: Evelyn, Melissa, Karina, Cindy Orozco (wife of Sr. Lead Officer Antonio Orozco) and Gaby.

SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE SECTION

225 YEARS

1781-2006

Happy Birthday Los Angeles



■ Los Angeles is 225 years old. That's a lot of history! In this special section, three historians paint pictures of what the very beginning was like.

THE CLUB — Do you realize just how old you are? Los Angeles has a great history all its own. And it began way before the 20th century. When the first 44 settlers arrived to form the frontier pueblo *El Pueblo de la Reina de Los Angeles de la Porciúncula*:
■ George Washington would have to wait eight years before becoming the first president of the United States.
■ Mozart was 25.
■ Marie Antoinette was 35.

Amazing!
The City's official recognition of this historic birthday took place on Labor Day, Sept. 4, the date of the City's official founding, with a ceremonial walk from the San Gabriel Mission to Olvera Street. But there has been little other recognition of the event. So *Alive!* got busy. To commemorate this great occasion, *Alive!* has put together a special section of expert interviews, photos and a trivia quiz. Remember, City Employees: You are living history. Our thanks to the interviewees; to Carolyn Cole of the Los Angeles Public Library Photo Archive; to the Library's Security Pacific Photo Collection; to Hynda Rudd; and to Larry Williams.



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Timeline



Here's a timeline of the founding of City departments, plus some other cultural references, too. How old is your department?

Special thanks to Hynda Rudd, retired City archivist and *Alive!* columnist, for contributing the departmental history. Hynda is a treasure to have as a resource.

1754: The French and Indian War Begins	1781: City of Los Angeles: Los Angeles is founded under Spanish rule	1800: Federal Government moves to its new capital, Washington, D.C.	1848: California Gold Rush
1769: The first California Mission is founded (San Diego)	1781: The U.S. Revolutionary War ends	1820: The Missouri Compromise	1850: California admitted to the Union as the 31st state
1773: Boston Tea Party	1789: George Washington chosen as first president	1821: Mexico wins independence from Spain; California now under Mexican rule	1850: City of Los Angeles: The City of Los Angeles is officially incorporated
1776: Declaration of Independence is ratified			



ALIVE! INTERVIEW:

For the Early Settlers, a Simple Life



Suellen Cheng, Curator, El Pueblo Historic Monument

■ An interview with Suellen Cheng, Curator of El Pueblo Historic Monument.

EL PUEBLO — Alive! CEO John Hawkins sat down with Suellen Chang, curator of the City's El Pueblo Historic Monument (Olvera Street), to talk about what life was like for the very early settlers of Los Angeles. The interview took place at Avila Adobe, the oldest residence in Los Angeles, dating from 1818. The house is on Olvera Street.

Alive!: We don't believe people realize how old this City is.

Suellen Cheng: Correct.

Alive!: And of the things that we want to focus on is what was life like in 1781. Now, the owner of this house, Don Avila, was not the first mayor of Los Angeles?

Suellen Cheng: No, he wasn't. In 1810 he became the mayor. He was from Mexico. New Spain. It was a colony.

Alive!: So in 1781, this was Spanish territory.

Suellen Cheng: Correct. Los Angeles actually was under three governments. First was the Spanish. Spain wanted to make sure

they could protect their colonies here. Prior to that, even though 1781 was the founding of the town, there were already Native American Indians here, the Shoshone tribe.

Alive!: We always think of Southern California as being a desert. Where was the water?

Suellen Cheng: Los Angeles River was full of water. It was quite a powerful source of water.

Alive!: Just in the spring or all year round?

Suellen Cheng: According to the diary when they arrived here, that's the reason why they picked this site. It's near the water. I'll show you the way they brought the water to town from the river: through the ditches. What they called the "Mother Ditch," Zanja Madre.

Alive!: Like an aqueduct?

Suellen Cheng: Yes, but it's brick. It's about, I would say, two feet or even wider. For irrigation as well as for drinking. Here [at the Monument], during construction, we hit the Zanja Madre, the remainders of it.

FAMILY TOWN, SPARSE LIVING

Alive!: The family that lived in this house, there were children in the family?

Suellen Cheng: Yes. The 44 settlers here consisted of 11 families. The youngest child was one year old, and the oldest among that group was 67 years old. It was families.

Alive!: It was very multi-ethnic, wasn't it? Blacks, Mexican Indians, and some with Spanish blood.

Suellen Cheng: Yes. Basically, they were of mixed heritage from Mexico. One family from the Philippines did not make it to here, so we could not claim that we already had an Asian family.

Alive!: But in spirit.

Suellen Cheng: In spirit, yes. From the very beginning, the City had already consisted of people from different ethnic backgrounds.

Alive!: What did they eat?

Suellen Cheng: They were brought here to grow crops, to provide for the presidio [in Santa Barbara and San Diego]. That was the purpose of the pueblo. This is a civilian town that supplied food for them.

Alive!: That's quite a ways.

Suellen Cheng: In the earlier days, they had to ship the provisions from Mexico to here. Compared to Mexico, this is not that far. When the explorers came here in the 1760s, they identified this site, again, as close to the river. They felt that the fertile soil could grow enough food to provide.

Alive!: We're talking corn ...

Suellen Cheng: Corn, yes ... they used the cactus, too. They could eat that. There were roses here already.

Alive!: Lettuce?

Suellen Cheng: I think the vegetables came much later. Some of the Anglo vegetation sprang from different parts of the world.



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

1850: City of Los Angeles: City Assessor is founded (would be merged in 1917)

1850: City of Los Angeles: City Attorney's Office is formed (see also City Prosecutors)

1850: City of Los Angeles: Office of City Clerk founded

1850: City of Los Angeles: City Marshall and Tax Collector dept. is founded; exists until 1876

1850: City of Los Angeles: LAPD is formed

1850: City of Los Angeles: Public Schools Dept. is founded (exists until 1965)

1850: City of Los Angeles: City Treasurer Dept. is formed

1852: City of Los Angeles: Health Dept. is founded; exists until 1962

1854: The City's first seal is created

1860: Abraham Lincoln elected president

1861: The Civil War begins

1863: City of Los Angeles: Animal Services is founded

1872: City of Los Angeles: LAFD is founded

1872: City of Los Angeles: Library Dept. is formed

1876: City of Los Angeles: City Auditor Dept. is founded (would become Controller's Office in 1925)

1877: Olvera Street gets its name (it was Wine Street)



The First Families



Here's a roster of those brave families who trekked from Sonora, Mexico, to become the first inhabitants of the pueblo of Los Angeles.

The Villavicencio Family

Antonio Clemente Villavicencio, 30, of Spanish lineage
Maria Seferina Villavicencio, 26, Indian
Maria Antonia Villavicencio, 8, Indian/Spanish

The Mesa Family

Antonio Mesa, 38, Black
Maria Ana Mesa, 27, Black
Maria Paula Mesa, 10, Black
Antonio Mesa, 8, Black

The Lara Family

Jose Fernando Lara, 50, of Spanish lineage
Maria Antonio Lara, 23, Indian
Maria Juana Lara, 6, Indian/Spanish
Jose Julian Lara, 4, Indian/Spanish
Maria Faustina Lara, 2, Indian/Spanish

The Vanegas Family

Jose Vanegas, 28, Indian
Maria Bonifacia Vanegas, 20, Indian
Cosme Damien Vanegas, 1, Indian

The Rodriguez Family

Pablo Rodriguez, 25, Indian
Maria Rosalia Rodriguez, 26, Indian
Maria Antonia Rodriguez, 1, Indian

The Camero Family

Manuel Camero, 30, Black
Maria Tomasa Camero, 24, Black

The Navarro Family

Jose Antonio Navarro, 47, Indian
Maria Regina Navarro, 42, Black
Jose Eduardo Navarro, 10, Indian/Black
Jose Clemente Navarro, 9, Indian/Black
Mariana Navarro, 4, Indian/Black

The Moreno Family

Jose Moreno, 22, Black
Maria Guadalupe Moreno, 19, Black

The (First) Rosas Family

Basilio Rosas, 67, Indian
Maria Manuela Rosas, 43, Black
Jose Maximo Rosas, 15, Indian/Black
Jose Carlos Rosas, 12, Indian/Black
Maria Josefa Rosas, 8, Indian/Black
Antonio Rosalino Rosas, 7, Indian/Black
Jose Marcelino Rosas, 4, Indian/Black
Juan Esteban Rosas, 2, Indian/Black

The (Second) Rosas Family

Alejandro Rosas, 19, Indian
Juana Maria Rosas, 20, Indian

The Quintero Family

Luis Quintero, 55, Black
Maria Petra Quintero, 40, Black
Maria Gertrudis Quintero, 16, Black
Maria Concepcion Quintero, 9, Black
Maria Tomasa Quintero, 7, Black
Maria Rafaela Quintero, 6, Black
Jose Clemente Quintero, 3, Black

Alive!: So they ate meat, too?

Suellen Cheng: Yeah. They raised a lot of cattle; they used the hide for bartering. There was no currency. They raised cattle and then their land expanded. The Avila family had a ranch in La Cienega, where the La Brea Tar Pits are.

Alive!: How hard did they work? Let's look at the children. Compared to a child today, let's say of 10 years old. What's the difference? What did the kids do all day? Did they work? How would it compare with the life of a child today?

Suellen Cheng: Based on the display you see here [at Avila Adobe], the children did not have a lot of toys. They really pretty much had to help, I would think.

The only difference might have been is that because these were the owners of the ranch, they were the richest. They could have helpers so the children did not necessarily have to work.

I don't believe any literature that I have read describes how the children lived. It is a good subject. When they wrote about their history, they often wrote about the leaders, the politicians, the criminals. The more sensational things. The common people's daily life was not a subject.

I would assume that, at the time, children had to be very innovative in terms of entertaining themselves. More natural kinds of activities. Maybe they played with rocks for different games. Most likely, things were very simple. But sometimes they might be ...

Alive!: ... better?

Suellen Cheng: Yeah ... the environment was there for them to be creative.

Alive!: Was there a lot of music here? I saw a piano [on the house tour]; I saw a violin.

Suellen Cheng: According to one account from the mid-19th century, there was plenty of music around here. We see pictures of guitar players. I think music was a very important part of their lives.

A HOME IN TOWN

Alive!: How long would it have taken for Don Avila to go from his ranch back here to town?

Suellen Cheng: I often wonder about that. It's not a short distance, with a horse and probably wagon. I would say quite a few hours.

Alive!: So he probably didn't do it very often. Maybe he worked [on the ranch] during the week and came here on weekends.

Suellen Cheng: Only the weekends. Most likely, it's the weekends. In the earlier days, the rancheros had two places. One is in the ranch and the other one is in town. That's why we call this is a townhouse. Townhouses are smaller.

When they came [to town], many attend church. That's on Sunday. La Placita church. That was built between 1818 and 1822, about the same time. For them, actually, they attended [for major events] – it's not a frequent trip. We do not have the records, but I would think that they attended church once a month at least, if not once a week.

They also came here to visit their friends. Everybody came to town. This is where they had social gatherings and festivities. If you are out there on the farm, you don't see people for miles and miles. This is the gathering place.

Alive!: Was there a school at La Placita? Were their children educated at all?

Suellen Cheng: I was looking at the old maps, and there didn't seem to be a school. I would think that there was no formal school. Children are important field hands. They just don't have the opportunity.

STRONG WOMEN

Alive!: If Don Avila was in the field most of the week, then the women had to be really self-sufficient, didn't they? The women kind of ran a lot of this.

Suellen Cheng: Yes. Well, again, it depends on the situation. Here, for the Avila family, the first wife actually died at a young age. The second wife was 15 when Don Avila married her. She inherited the three children from Don Avila's first wife. Being barely a teenager and having to be a mother and take care of the children, raising the kids, wasn't easy, taking care of the whole house and all.

Alive!: Was life hard here? When you consider the way we live our life, would we consider this to be a hard life?

Suellen Cheng: It depends on how you interpret it. At that time, you definitely didn't have all these conveniences. But on the other hand, you didn't live as complicated a life as today. One would think that you get up there [to the ranch] early, you help in the farm field in the morning and then later you worry about your lunch. You worry about your dinner.

The women could spend all day just preparing a meal, because you had to grind your corn and you had to pick some of the fruits from the yard, because there were fruits. That takes time. Today everything is mixed already. You just open the refrigerator, and sometimes we even find ourselves not even wanting to do that much. If you compare that, life was hard. You have to do everything from scratch. Even to grow it. But then again, that was their daily life, and then they had a little time to relax and make conversation. You didn't have to worry about lining up at the movie theaters, calling

people, writing your emails. Today you can be very productive and do certain things because of the convenience of computers and everything. But at the end, do you really enjoy your lifestyle? Every day you just go up and down, checking your email. In the earlier days, if you didn't know you had all these conveniences, you could just enjoy what you had.

OVER THE YEARS, A BOND

Alive!: What do we have in common with the people who lived in the pueblo, with the people who founded our City?

Suellen Cheng: There are a lot of commonalities here. First of all, it's a community. We are all still very close-knit, we hope. It might be different in a way, because it was a smaller town then. But they worked on the ranch, and if they wanted to see their friends, they had to come here [to the town]. Today, we contact our friends in different ways. Communication is different. But in terms of human relations, we still very much focus on family life. We still have to work for a living. People always enjoyed entertainment. They didn't have TV. But they had different forms of entertainment.

Alive!: It also seems like they were very social. Is the whole point of this house that they could get together with other people?

Suellen Cheng: Yes, [Olvera Street] was like downtown.

Alive!: Thank you, Suellen.

Suellen Cheng: Thank you!

1879: Edison invents the light bulb
1889: City of Los Angeles: Building and Safety is founded
1889: City of Los Angeles: Rec and Parks is founded

1889: City of Los Angeles: Sealers of Weights and Measures Dept. is founded
1903: U.S. begins digging the Panama Canal

1903: City of Los Angeles: Civil Service Dept. is founded; exists to 1967 (see Personnel)
1903: City of Los Angeles: Parks Dept. is founded; exists until 1947 (see also Rec and Parks)

1905: City of Los Angeles: Playground Dept. is formed (see also Rec and Parks)
1906: City of Los Angeles: Public Works is founded (Board of Public Works: 1906; Accounting, 1941; Aqueduct [DWP], 1910; Contract Administration,

1908: Engineering, 1853; Management/Employee Services, 1946; Sanitation, 1958; Street Lighting, 1925; Street Services [Street Maintenance], 1927; Construction, 1924)

1907: Olvera Street's Italian Hall was built
1908: Henry Ford introduces the Model T
1911: City of Los Angeles: City Prosecutor Dept. is formed (see City Attorney)



ALIVE! INTERVIEW:



Setting the Record Straight



This stone marker in Elysian Park stands near where it is believed the expedition of Gaspar de Portola first looked over the river and valley in 1769 in what is now Los Angeles.

■ What’s the real name of the City? Did people really march into LA from San Gabriel, as we depict every September? Historian Dr. Doyce Nunis clears the air.

THE CLUB — History can sometimes be romanticized and lead to myth. But what is the truth? Dr. Doyce Nunis Jr., Distinguished Emeritus Professor of History at USC and longtime editor of the Southern California Quarterly, the publication of the Historical Society of Southern California, sat down in his home in Los Feliz with Club CEO John Hawkins to clarify matters.

Alive!: Let’s set the record straight. What’s the official name of the City of Los Angeles, and how did it come about?

Dr. Doyce Nunis: On Aug. 2, 1769, the Gaspar de Portolá Expedition arrived here. They had camped the night before in what we today would call Santa Ana, on the banks of the Santa Ana River. They pushed on into L.A. the next day and they entered into what is today Los Angeles, right where Broadway crosses the Los Angeles River. As a matter of fact, Fr. Juan Crespi, the diarist for the expedition, went up on that far hill, Elysian Park, and reconnoitered the land. He wrote the first description of Los Angeles in his diary. August 2 was a solemn feast day in the Franciscan Order, the Order of Friars Minor, to which he belonged. That day was called [the feast of] La Nuestra Señora de Los Angeles de Porciúncula, Our Lady of the Angels of the Small Little Chapel, or Small Little [Portion]. The Porciúncula is a tiny little church that was the foundation where the Order of Friars Minor began in Assisi. Today there’s a large baroque church built over it, built in the 19th



Dr. Doyce Nunis Jr., Distinguished Emeritus Professor of History at USC and longtime editor of the Southern California Quarterly

century, to house it [see sidebar]. You can go right there, and right around the corner near the altar is where St. Francis died. It was a very important feast day for the Franciscans. As the expedition came into Los Angeles, they encountered a series of earthquakes. When they got to the banks of the Los Angeles River, one of the members of the expedition said, “I think we ought to name this the Valley of Los Temblores.” The River and Valley of Earthquakes. But Friar Crespi urged that the valley and the river be named El Rio y Valle de Nuestra Señora de Los Angeles de Porciúncula for the feast day. Portolá approved. [Fr. Crespi] went up on the top of the hill and he wrote in his diary, “This area has a great prospect.” There’s a marker up there by the way, in Elysian Park, in the vicinity of where he

stood. We don’t know exactly where he stood. But he could see the river coming around the bend from the west, which it does there. The Los Angeles River flows down the Golden State Freeway. It bends south at Elysian Park. Since there were no trees in the way, he had really a good perspective.

Alive!: So then the pueblo was founded.

Dr. Doyce Nunis: On Sept. 4, 1781, the Pueblo of Los Angeles was established by royal decree by King Charles III. The grant of land said, “...and all waters tributary thereto,” and that was very important for the future of Los Angeles because it gave the city a legal claim to control all the water that drained out of the mountains. That was established in 1967 in a very long, drawn-out court case.

In the historic documents, Théodore de Croix, the Commandant General of the Provincias Internas, said, “The Pueblo shall be known as ‘La Reina de Los Angeles sobre El Rio y Valle de Nuestra Señora de Los Angeles de Porciúncula.’” He said, in effect: The title of the pueblo shall be ‘the Queen of the Angels on the Banks of the River and Valley of Our Lady of the Angels of the Porciúncula.’ So he combined what Crespi had named the river and valley, but he didn’t give that name to the city. The city’s name, given by the Spanish government, was “La Reina,” and Reina in those days was spelled “Reyna.”

The question of the pueblo’s actual name becomes muddled. It gets mucked up because, first of all, the populace was totally illiterate. No one could read or write in the pueblo of Los Angeles. That’s why they didn’t establish a pueblo government for four or five years. So the governmental authorities put Los Angeles under the jurisdiction of the Presidio in Santa Barbara. So Los Angeles was actually ruled into the early part of the 19th century by the Presidio District Commandant of Santa Barbara.

Alive!: The Presidio is a military base, a fort?

Dr. Doyce Nunis: The Presidio District Commandant appointed a commissioner for Los Angeles. He appointed a sergeant to come here and live to be the key administrator. Yet, the inhabitants had all the apparatus of a town government, of a pueblo government, but without the independent power.

No school was established in Los Angeles until 1823. Education was not deemed important. For example, Pio Pico, in the Mexican period, was illiterate.

Alive!: And he was the Governor?

Dr. Doyce Nunis: Yes, but he lost his vast ranch land grant at Oceanside because he signed a legal paper to his son-in-law who took him to court and got all of what today is Camp Pendleton because he couldn’t read and write English.

THE WALK FROM SAN GABRIEL

Alive!: Let’s talk about the famous walk between Mission San Gabriel and Los Angeles that we commemorate each year.

Dr. Doyce Nunis: That is a modern, romantic reenactment.

Alive!: Right.

Dr. Doyce Nunis: There was no walk.

Alive!: There was no walk?

Dr. Doyce Nunis: No. The settlers, the 44 pobladores, with their children, came into Los Angeles in the weeks preceding the formal settlement date. They had arrived in the vicinity of Mission San Gabriel in three different overland parties from Baja California. Also, several cases of smallpox broke out amongst them en route.

Alive!: On their way up here?

Dr. Doyce Nunis: On their way up here. The Spaniards understood the use of quarantine. They really did. They understood it because it was something that came out of Venice in the 13th century. Any ship that came up the Adriatic that had disease on board could not land at Venice. They had to fly a yellow flag and anchor so many miles off the coast for 40 days. They were quarantined for 40 days, and a yellow flag was a sign of quarantine. Nobody could go on the ship, nobody could get off the ship.

Alive!: And we still use yellow for biohazards, don’t we?

Dr. Doyce Nunis: That’s right. It comes from that time. So the Spaniards understood the importance of quarantine when it came to infectious disease. However, nobody knew what caused infectious diseases.

Alive!: But the Spaniards understood that.

Dr. Doyce Nunis: They understood quarantine. There was no case of smallpox in

1911: City of Los Angeles: Stores Dept. is founded (see also Supplies Dept., General Services Dept.)
1913: City of Los Angeles: Municipal Market Dept. is founded
1914: World War I begins

1914: City of Los Angeles: Bureau of Budget and Efficiency is founded (splits into Chief Legislative Analyst and Chief Administrative Officer in 1951)

1914: City of Los Angeles: Social Services Dept. is founded (later transferred to the LAPD)
1916: City of Los Angeles: Supplies Dept. is formed (merges into General Services)

1915: City of Los Angeles: Port of Los Angeles Dept. is formed (formerly Harbor Dept.)
1921: City of Los Angeles: Fire and Police Pensions is founded.

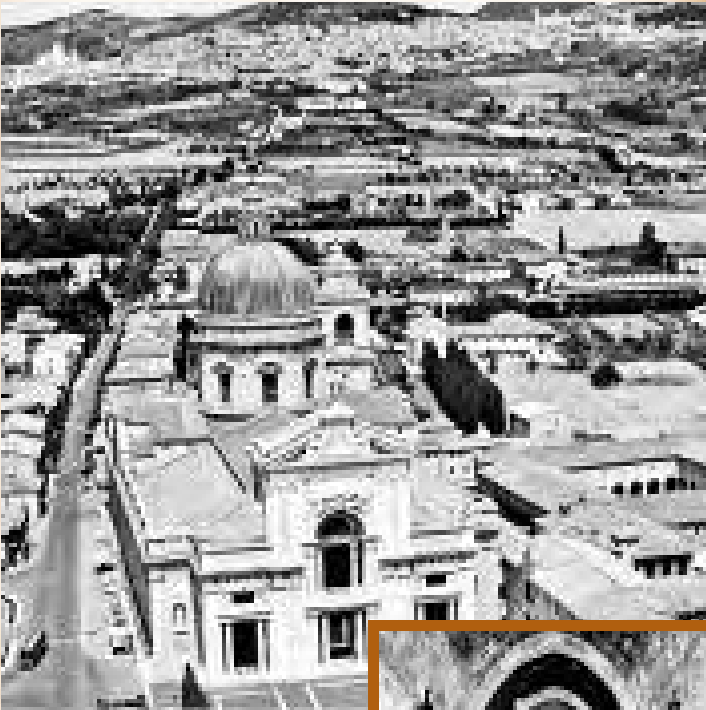
1925: City of Los Angeles: Controller’s Office is founded (see also Auditor)
1925: City of Los Angeles: Municipal Arts Dept. is founded; becomes Cultural Affairs Dept. in 1980

1925: City of Los Angeles: Public Utilities and Transportation Dept. formed (becomes Transportation)
1925: City of Los Angeles: Municipal Courts Dept. founded

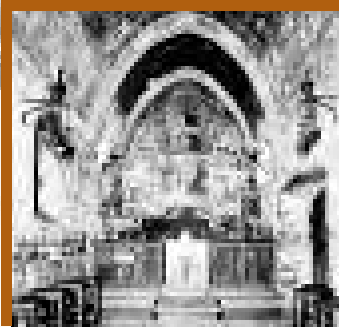


What is the Porciúncula, Anyway?

It's part of the original official name of the pueblo. But what is it?



The major Basilica in Assisi, the Basilica Santa Maria degli Angeli, which houses the original Porciúncula chapel of St. Francis inside. Photo courtesy the Franciscans.



The interior of the Porciúncula chapel. Photo courtesy the Franciscans.

When the first explorers – the expedition led by Gaspar de Portolá – first saw the river and valley, the group's diarist, Fray Juan Crespi, named it in honor of Nuestra Señora de los Angeles de la Porciúncula.

What is la Porciúncula, anyway? And why the angels?

Crespi was a Franciscan friar, a part of the same religious order that founded the California missions, of which Los Angeles was not a part. The day when he stood somewhere near Elysian Park and overlooked the Los Angeles River and Valley was Aug. 2, 1769, the religious feast day of Our Lady of the Angels of the Porciúncula, a very important day for the Franciscans. So he named the new area after the feast day.

Porciúncula means "the little portion" and was the name given to a very important chapel to the founder of the Franciscans, St. Francis of Assisi.

From the Website of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles:

Early in his life about 1212, St. Francis of Assisi was given a small,

ruined chapel by the Benedictines for his repair and eventual use near Assisi, Italy, where he later died. It was on a very small piece of property, a small portion—a 'porziuncola' in Italian. Later on, this place of worship became a center of pilgrimage, devotion and repentance. A fresco was painted on the wall behind the altar depicting the Blessed Virgin Mary surrounded by angels. Thus the chapel, now surrounded and sheltered by a monumental Papal Basilica [the Basilica Santa Maria degli Angeli], took the name: 'Saint Mary of the Angels at the Little Portion.' So Los Angeles received its name based on this ancient site."

The name of the major church that has surrounded and sheltered the Porciúncula for centuries is named Our Lady of the Angels. Both this church and the City of Los Angeles are named for this feast day.

And now you know!



Spanish California until 1836, and that was under Mexican rule when an American brought it into Monterey.

Alive! They were quarantined where?

Dr. Doyce Nunis: They were quarantined in the vicinity of Mission San Gabriel. They could not come into the Mission San Gabriel.

During the summer of 1781, the settlers began to trickle in to Los Angeles. All the settlers were there by September 4. That's the date when de Neve decided to found the pueblo because the populace was there.

There was no Mass said. The governor was not present. There were no trumpets. There were no flags unfurled. There was nothing. Just these soldiers who formally established the pueblo. The settlers were not put in possession of their land until five years later.

People trickled in. There was no march down from San Gabriel with flags flying and trumpets sounding and incense burning, you know.

Alive! Is that your favorite myth?

Dr. Doyce Nunis: It's one of my favorite ones. It sounds so romantic. How people conjured this up, I don't know.

NOT A MISSION

Alive! Some people think that Los Angles was one of the missions, but in fact, this was a town established under civil authority.

Dr. Doyce Nunis: The Plaza Church [La Placita, near Olvera Street] has an arch on the north side of the church: "Old Mission La Nuestra Señora de Los Angeles, founded Sept. 4, 1781." It was never a mission. It was a parish church. It was the first parish church of Los Angeles, and they didn't start building the edifice until around 1816. And then, as it says in the local annals, a big flood that year forced the settlers to "move to higher ground."

Alive! The higher ground is what we now know as around Olvera Street.

Dr. Doyce Nunis: Yes. In 1816, they moved to higher [ground] and the new church was started.

THE ORIGINAL PUEBLO

Alive! So, another myth relates to where the original pueblo was founded. Olvera Street is not where Los Angeles was founded. It was founded in the valley below the bluff.

Dr. Doyce Nunis: The original pueblo was founded below the bluff somewhere to the north of today's plaza. It's impossible to pin this site down precisely. If you go down to Chinatown and drive North Broadway ... start at the Plaza and go straight north. Once you get just a bit beyond Chinatown you will notice you're on an escarpment and there's a big flat plain there below you. The original site was somewhere down there.

Alive! It's a floodplain.

Dr. Doyce Nunis: Yes. The Spaniards understood water better than you know, because they had the Roman tradition, and from the Romans they learned how to build aqueducts. They brought this important knowledge with them to the New World. So how do you irrigate? No pumps, no gasoline. Well, wind. But where's the wind in the valley in Los Angeles? Only when the Santa Anas come, but you've got to have something more reliable, not seasonal.

But they learned one thing. They learned gravity flow, and gravity flow is very simple. It's as historic as anything. Wherever a river bends – and the Los Angeles River bends right there at North Broadway – it picks up speed. So, you dig a trench at the place where the river is the swiftest, and water flows by natural gravity. All you need is a sluice gate. Not a dam, a simple device so you can close the irrigation ditch when you don't need water, open it when you need water.

Secondly, wherever you have gravity flow, it means also the water's aerated. It's important to get oxygen into water because that helps to purify it. And thirdly, you've got to have it where it's gravity flow because you don't have the equipment to dig numerous trenches. [They built] a primitive ditch, and they called it Madre Zanja, "Mother Ditch."

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A bird's-eye drawing of the Plaza and pueblo in 1853.

1925: City of Los Angeles: City Planning Dept. is founded

1925: City of Los Angeles: DWP is formed (see also Public Works, Bureau of Aqueduct)

1927: Charles Lindbergh flies nonstop across Atlantic Ocean

1927: City of Los Angeles: Airport Dept. founded (later Los Angeles World Airports)

1928: LA City Hall was built

1928: The City Employees Club is founded

1929: Stock market crashes

1929: City of Los Angeles: Dept. of Forestry is founded; exists until 1930 (see also Rec and Parks)

1931: City of Los Angeles: Street Traffic Engineering Dept. is formed (becomes Street Traffic in 1953)

1937: City of Los Angeles: City Employees Retirement System (LACERS) is founded

1938: City of Los Angeles: Housing Authority is founded, becomes Housing Dept. in 1990

1941: Japan attacks Pearl Harbor; U.S. enters World War II

1949: City of Los Angeles: Chief Legislative Analyst department is formed

1950: U.S. involvement in Korean War begins



ALIVE! INTERVIEW:



Part of an Expanding World

Library Historian Glenna Dunning talks about Los Angeles as Spain and England raced to colonize the New World.

LIBRARY — Glenna Dunning, History Librarian in the History and Genealogy Department, sat down in the Central Library with Club CEO John Hawkins to discuss how the pueblo was formed out of a race between the world's two superpowers at the time, Spain and England.

Alive!: Can you give us a broad picture of the world in 1781?

Glenna Dunning: I can. In the late 1700s, England and Spain were the two world powers, and they were jockeying for influence all around the world. They were setting up colonies as much as they could. Spain had been the leading empire since the late 1400s, and England had the American colonies. There was a conflict between England and Spain and that probably went back 200 years. You've heard of the Armada, when Spain was trying to extend its influence into Europe and England in particular, and that was fought off. Spain had quite a bit of influence in Europe through the Holy Roman Empire and a lot of dynasty marriages. But by the 1700s it was starting to dissipate; it was starting to unravel a little bit. They were still hanging on, and they viewed England as a particular threat to their territories. During the American Revolution, Spain was an ally of the American colonies. A lot of people don't realize that.

Alive!: I didn't know that.

Glenna Dunning: And they even had Spanish soldiers who invaded Florida to kick out the British. After the American

Revolution, Spain held onto Florida. Spain was an ally of the American colonies, particularly because they wanted to make sure that the English were kicked out.

Alive!: Was it kind of like the space race of the 1950s and '60s with the United States and Russia?

Glenna Dunning: Yes, it definitely was.

Alive!: How did the Spanish get to California? Did they have to go all the way around the tip of South America?

Glenna Dunning: They were already in Mexico, which at that time was called New Spain. So most of the administrative power, military power and financial influence was here in [the New World]. The people who came, the *pobledores*, the people who founded Los Angeles, walked all the way up from Baja California.

PROTECTING THEIR TURF

Glenna Dunning: Now, after the Revolutionary War, Spain thought, "Well, now this is great and dandy and we're all safe and we've got Florida," but England was looking for the Northwest Passage for trade purposes. They never really found it, but they thought there was a way through.

And the Russians were becoming dominant. They had part of Alaska under their belt for trade purposes and for trapping of furs. And so

the Russians were interested in getting a toe-hold in what is now Oregon and Washington and the northern part of California. You've probably have heard of Fort Ross?

Alive!: Yes.

Glenna Dunning: Fort Ross was a Russian colony. They were viewed as a threat to Spain.

Now, California was the furthest edge of a pretty far-flung empire from Spain, and they just sort of ignored it. But with the perceived threat from England and Russia, they thought, "Okay, we better start colonizing this area and setting it up as ours so people know it's ours and we can protect it." So in the 1700s, that's when the Spanish started building missions with a three-pronged approach.

They would build missions, to help colonize not only the native Indians but also develop farms and farming and some sort of administrative control. Then they developed presidios, which were forts – there were three of them, San Diego, Santa Barbara and Monterey. And they also developed pueblos, which were sanctioned by the King of Spain, who was Charles III, or Carlos III. Because all the land was presumably his, he would give the land to settlers if they would stay for several years.

The first pueblo was San Jose in 1777, and the second pueblo was Los Angeles in 1781. Now, the governor of the Californias, which was Baja California and Alta California, was Filipe de Neve. We actually have a branch library named after him.

Filipe de Neve, with an expedition, had gone up and down what we call Alta California, which is now our state of California. And on the way back towards Baja California, he saw



Glenna Dunning, Library Historian

that this area was a very broad, grassy land area with available water, which was the Los Angeles River. He thought, "Well, this is an ideal place for a new pueblo. We've got San Jose established; we need another one in the south to anchor the San Gabriel Mission, which is about 11 miles away. I'll just remember this area." It was about 1777, and then he went back to wherever he was going, probably Baja California.

Later on, he did remember it. So he encouraged settlers to come up to what is now Los Angeles, and they arranged to have some settlers come here, promising them some land to own if they would stay. They had to stay five years.

Alive!: How remote was Los Angeles at the time?

Glenna Dunning: It was a very long way from everything. It took several months [to get here] ... it was a thousand-mile trek for the settlers to come from Baja California to walk all the way to Los Angeles. They left in early 1781; they arrived in July at the San Gabriel Mission, and they were quarantined there for a while.

It was a very remote place, even after they had settlers. There was very little trade except amongst themselves. They might go to San Gabriel Mission, but there was very little contact with the outside world. The first ship that actually came to visit was called the Otter, and it arrived in 1796. It was the first American trading ship. The Spanish had a rule that no outsiders could trade. They wanted to control what they had. So any other kind of trading ship was not supposed to land.

Alive!: Where would it have landed?

Glenna Dunning: It probably would've landed in San Pedro. Later on in what we now call Dana Point. They [traded with the outside world], anyway, because they were just starved for goods.



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

1951: City of Los Angeles: Chief Administrative Officer dept. is formed (formerly Bureau of Budget and Efficiency)

1953: City of Los Angeles: Dept. of Street Traffic is formed; exists until 1978

1963: President John Kennedy is assassinated

1965: U.S. involvement in Vietnam War officially begins

1966: City of Los Angeles: Human Relations Commission is founded

1966: City of Los Angeles: ITA is founded (formerly Data Services Bureau and the Dept. of Information Services)

1966: City of Los Angeles: Zoo is founded (formerly with Rec and Parks)

1967: City of Los Angeles: Personnel Dept. is founded (formerly Civil Service Dept.)

1969: Neil Armstrong becomes first person to walk on the moon

1971: City of Los Angeles: Convention Center is founded, formerly Municipal Auditorium

1972: City of Los Angeles: Employee Relations Board founded

1974: City of Los Angeles: El Pueblo del Los Angeles Historic Monument is founded (formerly El Pueblo de Los Angeles State Historic Park)

SETTLING IN

Alive!: So what happened next?

Glenna Dunning: Well, in 1781 they made this trek. De Neve said, “I want settlers up there; I want to establish a second pueblo.” They arranged to get people, ultimately 44 settlers.

Alive!: It's not very many.

Glenna Dunning: It's not very many, but they knew that they had to come all this way up there and it was going into the unknown.

Alive!: Maybe that's all they could get!

Glenna Dunning: That's probably all who would volunteer, yes. They had 44 settlers and four soldiers to protect them. They had different ways of thinking in those days. There were 11 men, 11 women, 22 children and four soldiers. One of the soldiers was Feliz, who when he retired was given a land grant, a Mexican rancho, which became Griffith Park ultimately. Los Feliz Boulevard was named after that family. People think it was named for “happiness” but it was actually the Feliz family.

Alive!: Well, that answers that question that's been bugging me.

Glenna Dunning: Another thing that you may or may not know is the majority of our settlers were not Spanish, they were not Castillian Spanish. They were black or Indians or they were mestizos. Two were Caucasian/Spanish. The majority of our first settlers were black or Indian or a mix.

Alive!: Multiethnic from the start.

Glenna Dunning: Absolutely were. A lot of people don't realize that, either.

Alive!: Do you think the Founding 44 gets enough recognition?

Glenna Dunning: Not at all. I don't think a lot of people even realize that the Founding 44 were not all Spaniards. I think part of the problem is, we went through a period where all of this was very romanticized. People would romanticize the Spanish period, and they thought everyone was Castillian, and all the women wore mantillas and all the men were gallant and dashing, when actually these people were farmers. They were selected because they were farmers, and they were mixed race or they were Negro or they were Indian. They were honorable people; they were brave people because they were willing to come a thousand miles into an area they knew nothing about.

Alive!: With their kids.

Glenna Dunning: With their kids. Maybe they felt they had nothing to lose, but they were pretty brave about it, and they came up here.

A TOWN FORMS

Glenna Dunning: In 1781, I mean basically they just started building. They built these little grass and stick huts, you know, because that's all they had to get started, and then they started building adobe.

The pueblo originally was based on European-style towns, which was based around a plaza. On three sides of the plaza would be the adobe homes. On the fourth side, which was open, they had community buildings: granaries, maybe the guard houses, something like that. This is how the plaza started. Because it was Spanish territory, it was still owned by the

crown. The king said, “You can have this land; each person gets four plots of land, two plots that you can grow, that you can cultivate; and two plots that you don't.” I assume that was for the grazing of animals.

The pueblo would get 85 square miles of country around it for community – plots, grazing or crops, however you wanted to handle that. The crown also offered all of the settlers clothing, implements, animals, crops and seeds to get them started. If they could hang in there for five years, which most of them did, then they owned their own land.

In 1849 there was a first survey of Los Angeles, the Ord survey. It was by Lt. Edward Ord, a military man from Monterey. He said at that time that the pueblo had about a hundred adobe houses and a church and three or four broad streets. It hadn't grown very much.

Alive!: Did they have a government?

Glenna Dunning: One of the first mayors of Los Angeles was one of the Indians that came up from Mexico. His name was José Vanegas. In 1788, they decided to establish their own government in the city. He was an Indio, an Indian, as a first mayor. He was one of the first settlers.

And when they were first settling the pueblo, they found that three of the settlers were not pulling their own weight, so they kicked them out.

Alive!: Of the 44?

Glenna Dunning: Right.

Alive!: Voted off the island.

Glenna Dunning: Voted off the island, yes. They just said they just weren't pulling their weight; they were a detriment to the whole pueblo.

LA AND THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

Alive!: The Revolutionary War in America was going on, on the other part of the continent. Was there any awareness in Los Angeles? Do we have any indication that the Patriots in New England were even aware of what was going on, on the West Coast?

Glenna Dunning: They were aware of each other, because the people in Los Angeles at the time took up a total contribution of 10 pesos that went to support the Spanish soldiers that were going to fight against the English.

Alive!: They took up a collection?

Glenna Dunning: They took up a collection, and they sent all of 10 pesos.

Alive!: Was there an awareness from the East Coast to the West?

Glenna Dunning: Not so much. For one thing, the Americans and the English weren't sure how far the continent was, obviously, and that really wasn't absolutely certain in anybody's mind until the Lewis and Clark Expedition, although they did of course have people sail around and come up this side right here, which is the Western side. They would come around the tip of South America and sail up here. They had an idea how far away it was, but in terms of the actual expanse of the continent, I don't think they really understood that.

Alive!: Were the colonies aware that Spain was establishing strong footholds in the West?

– See “Expanding World,” page 28

History of LA Trivia

How well do you know your City? Take this trivia quiz and find out!

In honor of the City's 225th birthday, we have put together a history quiz to see how much you know about Los Angeles history. The answers are on page 28. Larry Williams, Contract Administration, Public Works, who contributes the monthly “Did You Know?” feature to Hynda Rudd's History Comes Alive! column, created this trivia quiz for our special edition. As always, thanks, Larry!

1. The City of Los Angeles was founded on September 4, 1781. Who ordered the City to be founded?
a) The Governor of California
b) The King of Mexico
c) Hernando Cortez
d) Carlos III, the king of Spain

2. The year of 1812 is memorable for school children as the year of “The War of 1812.” What historic event occurred in Los Angeles during this same year?
a) The first City Hall is build
b) The first Catholic cathedral is established
c) The Los Angeles Times begins to publish
d) The first-ever Los Angeles City Council is established

3. On Dec. 30, 1840, the first freeway in the Western United States opens. It is six miles long. What is this freeway known as today?
a) The Harbor Freeway
b) The Golden State Freeway
c) The Century Freeway
d) The Pasadena Freeway

4. America's first census in 1790 determined that the population of the United States was 3,929,625. What was the population of Los Angeles at that time?
a) 3,951,223
b) 120,000
c) 2,348
d) 139

5. On July 4, 1847, a Fourth of July celebration took place at Fort Moore. Fort Moore was located where the L.A. Unified School District recently had its headquarters. There is currently a large memorial on Hill Street commemorating this occasion. What was unusual about this celebration?
a) Few people could attend because everyone was busy discovering gold in Northern California
b) All forms of fireworks were then legal
c) They celebrated by eating Chinese food
d) California was not actually a part of the United States

6. On July 14, 1990, the Long Beach Blue line began operations. This was the first of the Los Angeles area mass transit train lines. This rail line followed much of the same path as the last Red Car Line to operate in Los Angeles. How long had Los Angeles gone without a commuter rail line?
a) 88 years
b) 65 years
c) 44 years
d) 29 years
7. In 1923, the Hollywood sign is built with its 45-foot-tall letters. The sign originally said HOLLYWOODLAND. Why was this sign built?
a) To promote the first movie-oriented theme park
b) To promote the opening of a major blockbuster movie
c) To persuade major movie studios to locate in Hollywood
d) To promote a residential development

8. On March 20, 1915, the San Fernando Valley voted to become a part of the City of Los Angeles. What percent of the residents voted in favor of this annexation?
a) 22 percent
b) 51 percent
c) 67 percent
d) 96 percent

9. On April 20, 1930, Olvera Street officially reopens. It offers Mexican American vendors an opportunity to sell traditional wares and to make the street a place to “preserve and present the customs and trades of early California.” Who was Olvera?
a) The first Mayor of Los Angeles
b) The founder of the Los Angeles Aqueduct
c) The 15th President of Mexico
d) The first Los Angeles County Judge

10. Those who attend the Los Angeles City Council meetings typically pass under a beautiful rotunda that covers the west lobby. What unusual distinction does this rotunda hold?
a) It is an exact replica of the rotunda in the United States Capitol
b) It was the motivation to restore City Hall
c) You can hear a person whispering from any point of that third floor west lobby
d) It was voted “best place to lie in state” by the Downtown News.
- Bonus Question

11. LA's Union Station opened May 3, 1939. What was unusual about Union Station?
a) Los Angeles was very late in building its main train station because the Union Pacific, the Southern Pacific and the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe couldn't agree to work together
b) There was no Amtrak or Metrolink service
c) They had to move Chinatown to build it.
d) All of the above

See page 28 for answers to History LA Trivia.

1975: City of Los Angeles: Commission on the Status of Women is formed

1977: City of Los Angeles: Community Development Dept. is founded

1979: City of Los Angeles: General Services is founded

1979: City of Los Angeles: Transportation is formed

1980: City of Los Angeles: Cultural Affairs Dept. is founded (formerly Municipal Arts Dept.)

1983: City of Los Angeles: Dept. of Aging is created (formerly was with CDD)

1986: City of Los Angeles: Project Restore is founded

1990: City of Los Angeles: Environmental Affairs Dept. is founded

1990: City of Los Angeles: Housing Dept. is founded

1991: City of Los Angeles: City Ethics Commission is founded

1991: The first Persian Gulf War

1995: City of Los Angeles: Commission for Children, Youth and Their Families is founded

1996: City of Los Angeles: Quality and Productivity Commission is founded

1998: City of Los Angeles: Dept. on Disability is founded

1999: City of Los Angeles: Neighborhood Empowerment Dept. is founded

2000: City of Los Angeles: Emergency Preparedness Dept. is founded

2000: City of Los Angeles: Office of Finance is founded



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EARLY DEMOCRACY

Dr. Doyce Nunis: There was more democracy in Hispanic Los Angeles than many recognize. For example, there were term limits.

Alive!: They had term limits?

Dr. Doyce Nunis: And voting qualifications. Not literacy, but you had to be a certain age.

Alive!: Land ownership?

Dr. Doyce Nunis: No. But a resident of the community for such and such a period of time. That requirement varied from time to time.

Alive!: And male only?

Dr. Doyce Nunis: Definitely. Male only. All the voting was public and there was a fine if you didn't vote. The elections were always held in the open plaza. Everybody knew who was voting for whom. No secret ballots.

They really had a very good system of embryonic democracy, and that's important. I've always believed that you can't go around giving democracy to people. People have to learn how to do it, and you learn it by doing it.

THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

Dr. Doyce Nunis: In 1783, the local officials collected a tax to support the Spaniards who were fighting with the United States in the American Revolution.

[Fr. Junipero] Serra wrote a funny letter at that time. He said, "I realize these are infidels," meaning, the American revolutionaries were infidels, because they don't belong to the Catholic Church. He said, "But this is the command of our King and we must do it." I've forgotten how much was collected, but it was in-kind, not real money, which simply was not in use in the Spanish period.

Alive!: So Serra was annoyed by the decree to offer prayers, but what did the general populace feel?

Dr. Doyce Nunis: Nothing. They wouldn't even know what it was all about. They were illiterate. What difference would it have made to them? They were not interested in world affairs. They were consumed only with bread-and-butter issues, living today, dying tomorrow.

THE PAST, AND THE FUTURE

Alive!: How well should our City government know about the history?

Dr. Doyce Nunis: Well, you know what Lenin said. The only thing I ever agreed with Lenin on: "People without a past have no future."

Alive!: Do you think that there's any difference in Los Angeles 225 years later, because it was founded as a civic community as opposed to other major cities that were founded by religious persons?

Dr. Doyce Nunis: Yes. Los Angeles was secular to begin with. It was founded by civil

authority. Catholicism was a religion, but the church had no role in it. It was all a civil affair, and so that's important. Secondly, the pueblo had a cosmopolitan people. You must not forget that, because these were people from three different continents: Europe, Africa and North America. Look at the first census of 1836 of Los Angeles. There are groups of foreigners here from all over the world. Go look at the census of 1844. It's there. Look at the census of 1852. It's all there. And the census of 1850. Los Angeles from 1781 to the present has always had a cosmopolitan populace.

I would say this as a rule: From the very beginning of Los Angeles, one-fourth of the population has always been of other ethnicities. Almost consistently. Even as a young city, when we became an American city, there were foreign-language newspapers and ethnic organizations.

It's part of our community; it's part of our history.

Alive!: Thanks, Dr. Nunis.

Dr. Doyce Nunis: You're welcome.

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Glenna Dunning: I think they were, and I think that they were a little concerned about it. They became more concerned about it as Russia started to come down into the Pacific Coast, and the Monroe Doctrine in the 1820s said we've got to go out there and make this ours. But that wasn't until later, not until the United States became more of a country and had a better view of what they were after.

MEXICO TAKES OVER

Alive!: When did the Spanish control end?

Glenna Dunning: About 1822. That's when Mexico became independent and all this territory here, which had been Spanish, became Mexico territory and California was a Mexican colony.

Alive!: How valuable was Alta California to Mexico?

Glenna Dunning: Not terribly. Very early on in the 1500s, they thought there were the seven cities of gold, Cibola, and they sent out expeditions to find out what was north of New Spain. They wandered around in the southwest, looking for cities made out of gold, because they had heard these rumors from Indians, probably who were trying to get the Spaniards away from them and move elsewhere. They thought there was a lot of gold there, and what they often found were cities that they thought were gold that turned out to be Indian pueblos. These pueblos were made out of adobe and maybe the sun was setting against them and they looked like sparkling gold.

Alive!: Shimmering.

Glenna Dunning: They never really found what they were looking for. They found the Grand Canyon, which they thought was an impossible ditch and would never be valuable, and it was a real problem for them to get around it. But as far as California was concerned, there was really no reason for them to settle it other than keeping the English and Russians away, sort of a buffer zone really.

Alive!: Of course they did find gold eventually.

Glenna Dunning: They did, but that was during the American period.

Alive!: And actually just a couple years before California became a state, right?

Glenna Dunning: Right.

Now Spain was pretty much out of the picture by 1820, but at this time it was still hanging on. It had been an empire for over 300 years.

It was still a very isolated area and it would continue to be isolated well into the 1820s, when Americans started to make the first overland trips. Even though Americans were not supposed to be in California at the time, the populace received them and kept them at Mission San Gabriel so that they could recover from their ordeal. The Americans who were received at Mission San Gabriel and protected from Spanish authorities were fur trapper Jedediah Smith and his company.

BECOMING AMERICAN

Alive!: When joining the United States [a protectorate in 1848, statehood in 1850], was that a popular move? Did they want to join the United States?

Glenna Dunning: Oh, very much so. When they joined Mexico, they started to see, well, this administration isn't working too well for us because it's too remote. More and more Americans were coming into the area, not because of necessarily the gold rush but because of the land and all kinds of opportunities.

Alive!: They needed a government that cared about their land.

Glenna Dunning: They needed a government that cared. They felt pretty much isolated. They felt abandoned and forgotten, especially during the Mexican War period, there was hardly anything here. Pio Pico was the last governor; he was a Mexican governor. He came down to Los Angeles. Los Angeles was the capital of California and of course that's when Los Angeles was invaded in 1847, I think.

Alive!: By U.S. forces?

Glenna Dunning: By the U.S. The Los Angeles population didn't put up a fuss. They just didn't care much about the Mexican government, so they weren't concerned about the Americans. They just said, "Whatever."

So the Americans came in, but then the Americans were unusually harsh, and then the population said, "We don't like this either, so we're kicking you out." But then a few months later, the Americans came back and recaptured Los Angeles. A month later, with the capitulation of Cahuenga, they surrendered and California sort of said, "Okay, we'll just go along with the United States." Then the Treaty of Guadeloupe Hidalgo came later when all the territory officially became part of the United States. Before, Los Angeles in 1847 was when they basically said, "We don't care to be with Mexico anymore."

So, the Americans were starting to come into Los Angeles. They were starting to have influence. They were taking over from the Mexican government, they had all this land, and they had an empty treasury. So they said, "Well, let's sell off some of this land." People are starting to come through here now on the way to the gold fields, but some of them stayed to settle the area.

TRAILBLAZERS FROM THE START

Alive!: How would you best explain it to our readers how old we really are?

Glenna Dunning: The City itself was a very small, backward settlement for a long, long time. It really didn't take off. When it became an American territory in 1840s, there were only 1,600 people here, maybe not all in town but in the surrounding ranchos.

Alive!: That's not very many.

Glenna Dunning: It's not very many when you consider that most of them lived outside of the town on their ranches. They might've had a second home in the pueblo, but 1,600 people is not very many. It really never took off until maybe the 1870s or 1880s people started coming in more and more. There were a lot of real estate people, saying, "We've got all this land, come in, come in. But L.A. was not considered terribly important for the longest period of time, maybe the first hundred years of its life. It was just a small little town, very backwards in San Francisco's eyes, that's for sure.

Alive!: Does it appear on the first maps after it was an American territory?

Glenna Dunning: It is on the map because there was a pueblo here, and it was the capital of California from 1845 through 1847. It was in Los Angeles because Pio Pico, the last Mexican governor, lived here.

But it was founded as the second pueblo. It was meant to help anchor California against outside influences, and also to grow grain for Mexico City and for the area and to help support the mission. But it was not part of the mission. It never really looked like Olvera Street. There were very few trees if any, and it was dusty. American visitors who came in and wrote about it said they were disappointed by it.

Alive!: But the real story is more human and more real rather than that.

Glenna Dunning: It's more real because it was based on some very brave people who made an incredibly long trek.

Alive!: Thanks!

Glenna Dunning: Sure.

History of LA Trivia Answers

(from page 27)

All answers are "d."

How did you do? See your score below. (You have three days to protest your score, after which the Civil Service Commission will consider your score as final.)

1-2 correct: A complete rookie. Repeat after me: "El Pueblo de la Reina de Los Angeles Sobre el Rio de la Porciuncula"

3-5 correct: Okay, but you need to spend a day at Olvera Street

6-8 correct: Competent. You should file for the next City Archivist test.

9-10 correct: Congratulations! You are an LA City history expert! Please contact your union about negotiating a bonus for City History Expertise.

For Further Reading Our historians and CEO have recommended books for your further reading. Here you are:

Suellen Cheng, Curator,
El Pueblo Historic Monument recommends:
Only on Olvera Street
By Dr. William Estrada
Available at the Olvera Street Visitor's Center.

Glenna Dunning, History Librarian,
Los Angeles Public Library recommends:
El Pueblo: The Historic Heart of Los Angeles
By Jean Bruce Poole and Tevvy Ball
Available at the Olvera Street Visitor's Center.

Dr. Doyce Nunis Jr., Distinguished Emeritus Professor, USC recommends:
The Founding Documents of Los Angeles: A Bilingual Edition Edited by Dr. Nunis
Available through the Historical Society of Southern California

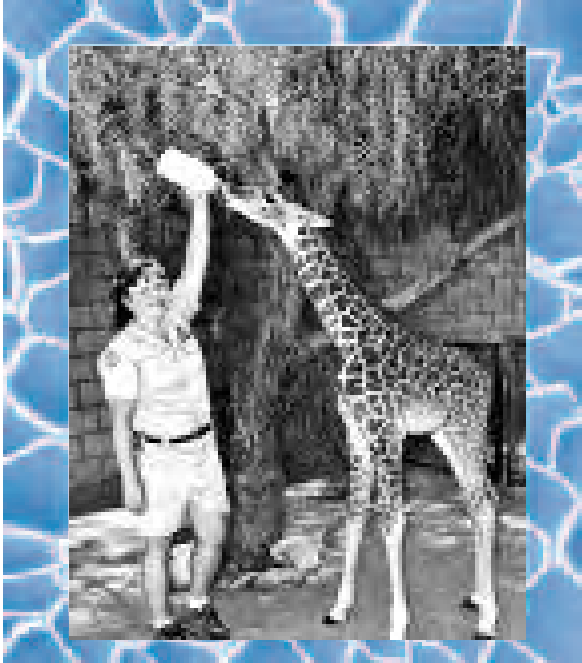
John Hawkins, CEO, The Club recommends:
Men to Match My Mountains
By Irving Stone
Available through most good bookstores.

Los Angeles Views of the Past and Present
By George Ross Jezek and Marc Wanamaker
Available through the Club store.

Tall Order



■ Baby giraffe makes his debut.



ZOO— On Aug. 17, the Los Angeles Zoo welcomed the birth of its second Masai giraffe born this year. The young giraffe made his press debut Sept. 1 in the Zoo's nursery, where it is being hand-raised by Zoo staff. The young giraffe will be on display every day between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The newborn's mother, Asali, has delivered 12 of the 23 giraffe calves born at the Los Angeles Zoo. Her calves have had to be hand-raised in the Children's Zoo nursery.

Asali's latest offspring, a currently unnamed male born six-feet-four-inches tall and 158 pounds, currently receives five, 7.5 quart bottle feedings a day and has already grown four inches

since his birth. Within three months the giraffe calf will move into the giraffe exhibit that is currently home to an adult

male, two adult females and a four-month-old giraffe born April 4, being raised on exhibit by his mother, Neema.

Naming opportunities for this baby giraffe are available through the Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association. For more information please contact GLAZA at (323) 644-4781.

The Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens is located in Griffith Park at the junction of the Ventura (134) and Golden State (5) freeways. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 2 to 12. The Zoo is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. For general information, call (323) 644-4200 or visit the Website at www.lazoo.org.

Running Into a Happy Ending

■ Public Safety employees reunite with LA Marathon runner whose life they saved.

Story by Felix Hernandez, Public Relations, LA Convention Center; Photo courtesy Convention Center

GENERAL SERVICES — On Aug. 24, several Office of Public Safety officers were reunited with the man whose life they saved during the LA Marathon in March.

On March 19, Luis Pagan, 80, attempted to run his 19th Los Angeles Marathon. Luis was running the marathon route past the Los Angeles Convention Center when he suddenly veered off course and collapsed on the Convention Center grounds. A construction worker on the roof noticed Luis collapse and activated the Convention Center's intelligent emergency system. At the LA Convention Center, all officers are trained in both CPR and the use of a Philips HeartStart defibrillator, of which there are 30 installed throughout the facility.

LA Convention Center Security Officers activated the chain of survival by calling emergency medical services. Convention Center Security immediately reached Luis with the defibrillator and applied the pads. The defibrillator advised one shock and Luis came back to life.

Luis came from Puerto Rico to Los Angeles in 1948. He has been a City janitor for 33 years and currently works at a local police station. "I'm born again. Every morning I run five miles, and then I work nine hours every night. I personally want to thank the security officers who saved my life."

The Convention Center and LAFD, which manages the City's public access defibrillation program, reunited Luis with the Convention Center Security team Aug. 24. Councilmember Jan Perry, LAFD Chief William Bamattre, Medical Director Dr. Eckstein, Philips Medical Systems and the American Heart Association were all present at the press conference.

"I have no plans to slow down or retire," Luis says. "I feel healthier when I run and work, it's what keeps me going."

The Office of Public Safety officers that helped save Luis Pagan's life were:

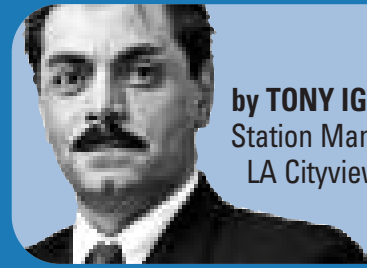
- Cuacthemoc Llanes
- Vadym Vasylenko
- Vito Maciel
- Ross Quintana
- Kalid ABD Rahman

Congratulations to all!



Luis Pagan, cardiac arrest survivor, joins in applauding the Office of Public Safety Officers who helped save his life.

Tuned In



by TONY IGHANI
Station Manager,
LA Cityview 35



More Awards, New Shows

The accolades for LA Cityview 35 continue with the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA), which recognized the station with five programming awards at its 26th annual conference in Orlando, Fla. NATOA is a national organization comprised of telecommunication industry professionals from local municipalities to various industry representatives. NATOA's annual programming award gives peer recognition to local programming produced by government access channels. This nationally prestigious award received more than 2000 entries from across the country, and any win is a significant accomplishment. This year, LA Cityview won first place in two categories: LA Roundtable, hosted by Dave Bryan, won top honors in the Talk Show/Interview category; and Transportation's Laws of Physics won for best promotional video campaign. The City Council meeting coverage won third place, and two other programs received honorable mention. LA Cityview 35 congratulates all staff and production team members, talents, and department partners for their outstanding achievements.

October Highlights:

Aging in LA

Aging in LA's host Paul Petersen sensitively navigates thought-provoking issues relating to seniors today, exploring concerns that our loved ones and we are likely to experience at one time or another in our lifetimes. This month's topics range from healthy aging through art and pet therapy to redefining retirement and the value seniors bring to our workforce.

At Your Library: Community Centers

Within the walls of the Central Library and those of its 71 branches are housed more than six million books, and state-of-the-art technology that provides free and easy access to information and an opportunity for life-long learning. In this new show, you will visit these dynamic community centers and become more familiar with the many services, programs and amenities they offer.

Our Neighborhood: Council District 12

This month, LA CityView 35 proudly launches Our Neighborhood, a new series hosted by City Councilman Greig Smith. In this premiere episode, Angelenos will be given an up-close look at the landmarks, popular eateries and historic/cultural monuments that make Council District 12 a unique community and a treasure within the city of Los Angeles. Be sure to watch this debut for a wealth of information and the reasons why the residents of Chatsworth love the quiet, down-home feeling, history and scenery of their community.

Disability Forum

Three new installments of Disability Forum will air on CityView Channel 35 beginning in October. The first show addresses accessibility modifications to the newly renovated Griffith Observatory, which will reopen in November. Dr. Edwin Krupp, longtime Director of the Observatory, and the manager overseeing the project, Linda Barth, will discuss what has been done to make this previously inaccessible City landmark fully accessible to persons with disabilities.

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



LA Cityview 35 is the City of Los Angeles' Emmy-award winning government channel. Managed and operated by City employees, LA Cityview 35 serves Los Angeles by bringing government closer to their homes. With innovative and timely programming, citizens now can have an active voice in what happens in their local government.

**Contact Tony with your questions:
channel35@cityemployeesclub.com**

See you on LA Cityview 35!

History Comes Alive!

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



Tales From the City Archives

Watts Joins the City

■ **Once an independent city whose growth was energized by the railroads, Watts joined the City of Los Angeles in 1926.**

Within the historical record collections found in the Los Angeles City Archives is a group of former municipality records that are now communities within the City of Los Angeles. These former cities are Eagle Rock, Hollywood, San Pedro, Tujunga, Venice, Watts and Wilmington. This article will focus on the history and records from the former City of Watts.

In 1983, a student intern, Mary Ellen James-Ray from the Public History Department of California State Dominguez Hills, received the assignment to create a formalized collection from the records of the City of Watts. Her responsibility was to process these records according to archival traditions to be indexed, boxed and placed in the City Archives. The following is the history of Watts and an overview of its records collection through the compilation of Ms. James-Ray.

The History of the City of Watts: 1907-26

In the mid 1800s, the Abilas, a Mexican family, settled on land about eight miles south of Los Angeles. They called their ranch *Tajauta* (Spanish for "low bluffs"). Until the turn of the century, only a very few other pioneers joined the Abilas family; they purchased large tracts of the territory.

In 1902, the Pacific Electric Railroad Company made several surveys for an electric rail line between Los Angeles and Long

Beach. The railway office then began negotiating for land right-of-way. Anticipating the railroad would be of financial benefit to them, and fearing the line would be constructed over another survey, the Tajauta citizens living along the right-of-way donated much of the 300-foot right-of-way to the Pacific Electric Railway. One of the more generous donors of land was an Anglo, Charles H. Watts of Pasadena, a landowner and civic leader. When the railway line was completed, the railroad conductor began calling the stop "Watts." Incidentally, early in the 20th century, the Watts family also purchased a large tract of land northeast of Watts, eventually called Eagle Rock.

The citizens of Watts boasted that they had the only four-track electrical line that ran between Los Angeles, Long Beach, San Pedro, Newport, Huntington Beach, Balboa and Santa Ana. It was also a junction point with Gardena, Redondo and Torrance lines. Watts was the center through which the population of all the above-mentioned areas passed through to reach Los Angeles.

With the construction of the railroad, the early ranches were divided into smaller plots as the value of the property increased. Eventually the residents of Watts included Germans, Irish, Mexicans, blacks, Greeks, Scottish, Italians, Japanese, Jewish and American Indian settlers. Watts became an incorporated city in 1907. The Mexican American community developed because of the railroad workers building the Pacific Electric Railway. Many blacks moved to the area later because men were Pullman car porters and waiters, as well as working on other railroad work.

Watts continued to grow and mature. It had one voting district in 1907, and by 1926, when it consolidated with the City of Los Angeles, there were eight voting districts. In 1907, the population of Watts was 1,400. This area was

basically a farming and working-class community at about 103rd street. This was definitely a multi-ethnic community. By 1910, there were 1,922 residents. By the beginning of World War I, many citizens were employed in the large sugar beet fields. During the Prohibition era of the 1920s, Watts was known to be a shelter for bootleggers.

Mudtown was a known district of Watts. Southern blacks excluded from other communities in the Los Angeles area due to racial covenants and segregation found a home in this region. A young Ralph Bunche, an American statesman and diplomat, and former Mayor Tom Bradley grew up in that area. Famed author Arna Wendell Bontemps, who lived in Mudtown, wrote a novel in 1966, *Anyplace But Here*, depicting life in a Los Angeles ghetto.

Why did Watts join the City? There are at least two possible – and very different – reasons. The first

suggests that, prior to 1926, the proud citizens of Watts decided on the idea because the educational and health facilities were inadequate for the increasing population. Along with that, there were needs to improve streets, lighting, flooding problems and a need for a sewage system – all to be assessed to the homeowners.

The other possible reason comes from the authors, Dr. Leonard and Dale Pitt, in their book, *Los Angeles A to Z*, that states, "By 1926, African Americans seemed poised to dominate the Watts government ... To undercut African American voter strength, the Ku Klux Klan moved to annex the independent city to Los Angeles." A letter dated Feb. 26, 1926, from the Watts Chamber of Commerce found in the City Archives might allude to this by stating, "A political clique, actuated solely by selfish desires, is now at work instigating, manipulating, conniving to railroad this community into annexation." While no names or organizations were given about the group, one has to wonder what this means. Only further research will tell.

On April 2, 1926, a special election in Watts was held to vote on consolidation. It passed, 1226 to 601. Watts officially became annexed into the City of Los Angeles as Annexation number 68, Ordinance number 54687 (New Series) on May 29, 1926.

Watts Records in the Los Angeles City Archives

The City of Watts records were processed according to archival tradition and the City's Records Management Ordinance. The nineteen-year history of records of the municipality consists of six bound books of minutes of the City Council from the first meeting held on May 28, 1907; resolutions; contracts, bond and licenses; ordinances; and audits. There are four acid-free Hollinger boxes housing unbound records as well.

The focus of much of the information in the records revolved around the political battle over "saloons" or "no saloons" in the area. Such records are found relating to petitions, resolutions and letters discussing the pros and cons of opening of pool halls, permits for liquor stores, the consumption of alcohol, the establishing of social halls and licenses to gamble and operate slot machines. And of course there were also records relating to the common everyday issues of street improvements and a sewage disposal system.

The City of Watts had an all-encompassing city government, and the Watts records in the City Archives reflect that. The records include affidavits of publication; animal regulation; assessments; audits; bonds; building and

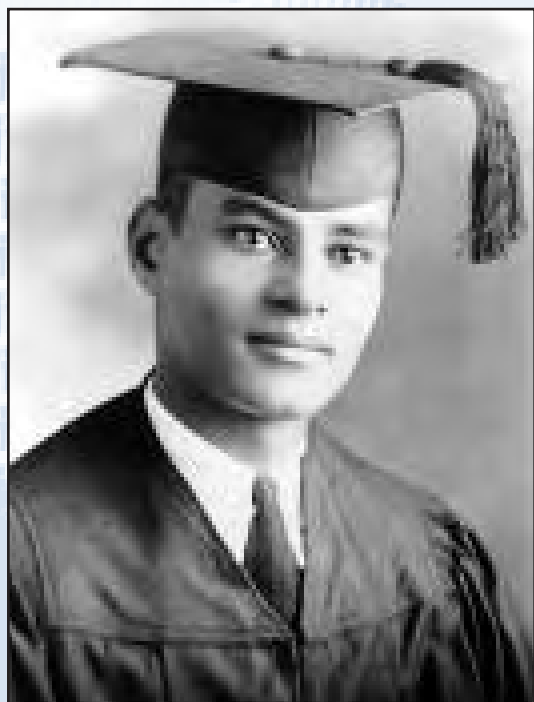
safety; city attorney office; city clerk office; city contracts/agreements and bids; city engineer office; city schools; elections; fire department; health/sanitation; licenses; ordinances/resolutions/public notices; organizations; permits; personnel; planning, develop-



A young Tom Bradley, who grew up in Watts. He would later be mayor of Los Angeles.

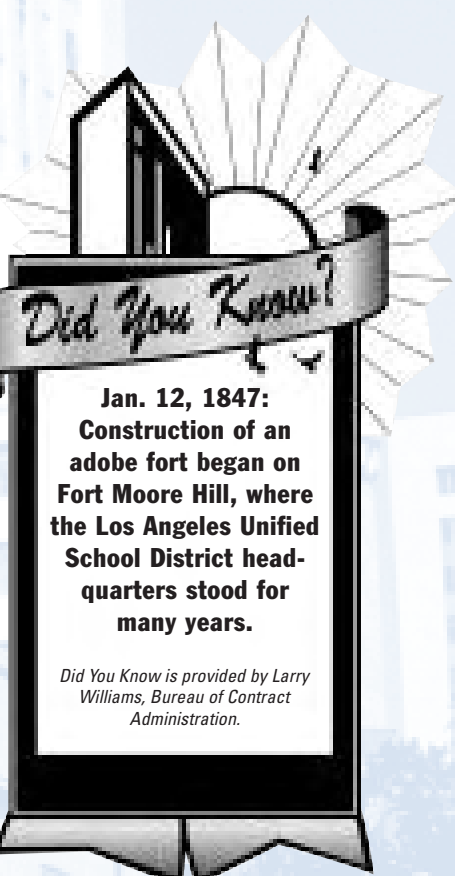
ment and growth; police; public library; public nuisances; public utilities; public works; Pacific Electric Railroad; revenues/receipts; streets; street lighting; subdivision of land tracts; transportation; trees; board of trustees; veterans; water; and World War I.

The official records of the City of Watts can be found in the City Archives, Space 320, Piper Technical Center. The telephone number is (213) 485-3512. The e-mail address is jay.jones@lacity.org. Please ask for Jay Jones or Michael Holland. Also, ask to see Mary Ellen James-Ray's catalog of the City of Watts holdings found in the City repository.



American statesman and diplomat Ralph J. Bunche, in his UCLA graduation picture, 1927. A Watts native, he won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1950. Bunche Hall on the UCLA campus is named after him.

Photos courtesy Security Pacific Collection, Los Angeles Public Library Photo Archives, Carolyn Cole, Director



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Good luck, and have fun!



Getting Healthy at LAX

■ LAX hosts Health and Safety Expo.

Story by Liz Montes, Club Counselor
Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

AIRPORTS — The LAX 2006 Health and Safety Expo took place Aug. 24 at the Terminal 3 Parking Lot.

Hundreds of exhibitors filled the empty parking lot, distributing free literature and samples to hundreds of Airports employees. Free screenings were also available including blood sugar, bone density, skin sun damage, blood pressure and free massages.

The Club participated in the event by providing Club and insurance information to Airports employees.



From left: Monique Bell, Club Member; Rosalind Spears-Nash; Renee McMullen; Linda Brown, Club Representative; and Marilyn Payne



From left: Cecilia Cano, Landscape, Club Member; Maria Ramos, Recycling; and Rosa Rodriguez, Recycling, Club Member.



Julie Casey, Deferred Compensation, models the Club "City Girl" shirt with Spike from the Long Beach Ice Dogs



From left: Val Vasquez, Window Cleaning, Club Member; Patrick Lucas, Window Cleaning, Club Member; and Fidel Avila, Club Member.



From left: Tommy Robinson and Ira Patterson.



From left: Ana Altamirano, Terminal 6; Jose Prado, Warehouse, Club Member; Al Gomez, Club Member; and Edith Orozco, Terminal 4.



From left: David Ha; Colon Fabre, Club Member; Kenneth Choa; and Imeld Rufino.



Phyllis Hayes, Club Member (right), and Philip Castillo.



From left: Monique Bell and Susie Gutierrez.



Front, from left: Deborah Lewis, Club Member; Cherrie Berkley, Club Member; and Rhonda Gipson, Club Member. Back: Samuel Bacon, Club Member, and David Nelson, Club Member.

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Autumn Safety Tips



By Jimmy Hill,
Fire Marshal, LAFD

The U.S. Fire Administration's formal release of an official report highlights the fact that nationwide, on an annual basis, candles are responsible for an estimated 23,600 residential structure fires and cause 1,525 civilian injuries, 165 fatalities and \$390 million in direct property loss.

Fall Safety Hazard Hunt

Here are some tips for identifying safety hazards:

- Clean your rain gutter and make sure it is properly attached to the eaves.
- Check and clean your chimney and install a spark arrestor.
- Rake dead leaves and trees branches. Put them in an approved recyclable container.
- Check your security bar release latches to make sure they work.
- Check window screens to make sure they work properly.
- Keep candles away from combustible materials.
- Place candles on a stable, heat-resistant surface.

In case of power outages:

- Never use candles as a night light.
- Flashlights are safer sources of light than candles.
- Have a portable radio with extra batteries.
- 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 three feet from combustibles. (In many cities, kerosene heaters are illegal to use.)
- Check and replace electrical cords if they are frayed or worn out.
- Check dryer vents and clean out the lint trap.

Halloween Safety

Keep these safety tips in mind:

- Make sure that children always trick or treat with an adult.
- Only flame-retardant materials should be used for costumes.
- A mask can obstruct your view. Use facial make-up instead.
- Never stand next to a lighted pumpkin.
- Know "stop, drop, and roll."
- Make sure you only go to homes that are well lit.
- Make sure you do not put candles in an unstable location.
- Do not put any decorations near flammable materials.
- Keep candles out of reach of children and pets.
- Never allow children to light candles.

— Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery. Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, October 29. We fall back one hour to Standard Time.

— When you change your clock, change your smoke alarm battery. Test your smoke alarm monthly to make sure it works.

— Make sure everyone knows what the smoke alarm sounds like. Have a family fire exit drill and a meeting place outside the home. Do not forget to include your pets.

For more information, contact your local fire station or go to:
www.lafd.org

Sanitation Career Development Grads

■ Sanitation graduates its third class from its Career Development Training Program.

Photo by Lauren Skinner, Public Works

PUBLIC WORKS — The Board of Public Works recently presented certificates of recognition to

the third class of employees to complete the Bureau of Sanitation Solid Resources Collection Division's Career Development Training Program.

Intended to encourage career advancement among drivers and other personnel, this program trained 12 employees in preparation for potential opportunities.

Members of the Board praised the class for taking it upon themselves to become more quali-

fied candidates for promotion.

The graduates included Emanuel Madison, Raul Reynoso, Eric Burl, Danny Arevalo, David Owens, Vincent Rosborough, Michael Antwine, Vance Roque, Javier Salgado, Art Sanchez, Timothy Spears and Bobby Usery.

Congratulations to the graduates!



From left: Bureau of Sanitation Assistant Director Enrique Zaldivar; Board of Public Works President Cynthia M. Ruiz; Refuse Collection Truck Operators Emanuel Madison, Raul Reynoso, Eric Burl, Danny Arevalo and David Owens; Refuse Collection Supervisor Ray Cruz; Refuse Collection Truck Operator Vincent Rosborough; and Solid Resources Manager I Salvador Miranda. Other graduates from the third class who were not pictured include Michael Antwine, Vance Roque, Javier Salgado, Art Sanchez, Timothy Spears and Bobby Usery

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Newsbrief

TOASTMASTERS

How would you spend \$1 million if you win it from the Lotto? Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters Club hosted a Table Topics contest to find out.

Seven Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters Club members gave a 1.5-minute response to this question without prior preparation. Bureau of Engineering's Environmental Specialist II Maria Martin hosted the annual impromptu speech contest, held at the Public Works Building Sept. 6.

Two winning Pioneer Toastmasters contestants were to face the Toastmasters International Table Topics Area Contest contestants at the end of September.

Club President **Ivan Gerson,**



Management Analyst II of the Bureau of Engineering, entertained a dozen audiences telling how he would humorously spend it all on himself, cutting out his son for whom he has paid all his life's education, and divorcing his wife, who will soon be promoted to a higher salary than himself.



Mechanical Engineering Associate I **Sharat Batra** of Bureau of Engineering's Architectural Division said he would trust half of that million with Lady Luck and trust his financial adviser to invest the other \$500,000. Being young, living at home, and having few financial obligations, Sharat plans to use the winnings from Vegas to buy his parents modest gifts: a Toyota Camry for his father and a Honda Accord for his mom.

Ivan won First Place, while Sharat was runner up.

Guests are always welcome. For further information regarding Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters Club, contact Ivan Gerson at (213) 485-1169 or Yvonne Liu at (213) 978-1766.



13 Honored for Bravery

Medal of Valor

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is awarded to officers who distinguish themselves by conspicuous bravery or heroism above and beyond the normal demands of police service. To be awarded the Medal of Valor, an officer would have performed an act displaying extreme courage while consciously facing imminent peril.

The medal was awarded by the Board of Police Commissioners and was presented by the Chief of Police in the name of the Department at the annual Medal of Valor awards ceremony. The award consists of a medal, ribbon and citation. The Medal of Valor was first presented in 1925, and since 1959, the awards ceremonies have been under the sponsorship of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce.

Medals of Valor were not awarded in 2004 and 2005.

The Club sincerely congratulates those honored at the ceremony for their true dedication to service. Their individual stories follow.

Officer Osvaldo Delgadillo



In the early morning hours of Dec. 13, Officer Osvaldo Delgadillo of Rampart Area and his partner responded to a radio call of a dispute between a landlord and tenant. Not long after the officers arrived at the multi-story apartment complex, a frightened man fled the building screaming, "Fire, fire!"

Without hesitation, the two officers took action, requesting the fire department and additional police units before entering the building. As Officer Delgadillo and his partner entered the structure, smoke and toxic fumes inundated them. Angry flames ravaged the first-floor hallway, but Officer Delgadillo and his partner remained calm and fearless, making their way into the burning complex.

Recognizing that most of the residents were asleep, Officer Delgadillo in his partner acted quickly, setting off the building's fire alarm system to alert and evacuate tenants. As tenants began filing out of their units, bewilderment promptly became fear. Officer Delgadillo and his partner remained composed, despite their difficulty in breathing. Both officers assured the evacuees and directed them out of the building to safety.

As other officers arrived on the scene, Officer Delgadillo and his partner continued their evacuation, unrelenting in their lifesaving efforts.

As a result of their actions, Officer Delgadillo and his partner were taken to a nearby hospital where they were treated for smoke inhalation. Arson investigators conducting interviews after the fire found the tenants extremely grateful for the selfless actions of Officer Delgadillo and other the responding officers.

Without Officer Delgadillo's valiant, defensive measures, some of the building's most susceptible tenants, elderly and handicapped residents, might have succumbed to smoke inhalation, according to the Fire Department.

Officer Delgadillo's heroism, tenacity, and composure under pressure embody the finest traditions of the Los Angeles Police Department. For his outstanding bravery and courageous actions, the Medal of Valor is awarded to Officer Osvaldo Delgadillo.

Officer Laurissa Hulsebus



In the early morning hours of Dec. 13, Rampart Area Officer Laurissa Hulsebus and her partner responded to a call for assistance at an apartment fire.

When Officer Hulsebus and her partner arrived, two other officers were already on the scene, evacuating tenants as angry flames ravaged the first floor of the 60-unit building. Immediately,

Officer Hulsebus and her partner got to work. The four officers briefly conferred and quickly devised an evacuation plan.

While the other officers searched the smoke-filled hallways to evacuate tenants on the first and second floors, Officer Hulsebus remained by the exit door. Officer Hulsebus held the self-locking door and directed fearful residents to safety, as they filed out of the smoke-filled hallways. Additionally, Officer Hulsebus escorted a wheelchair-bound woman to safety, after a fellow officer helped the elderly woman descend the stairway from her second-floor unit.

Despite the intense build-up of smoke, the responding officers continued to assist the residents out of the building. The thick smoke forced the officers to repeatedly retreat outside of the building for air. The officers however, continued their rescue efforts until the fire department arrived on scene.

Throughout the duration of the ordeal, Officer Hulsebus remained composed, saving many lives. Arson investigators conducting interviews after the fire found the tenants extremely grateful for the selfless actions of Officer Hulsebus and the other responding officers.

Without Officer Hulsebus' valiant, defensive measures, some of the building's most susceptible tenants, elderly and handicapped residents, might have succumbed to smoke inhalation, according to the Fire Department.

Officer Hulsebus' heroism and composure under pressure embody the finest traditions of the Los Angeles Police Department. For her outstanding bravery and courageous actions, the Medal of Valor is awarded to Officer Laurissa Hulsebus.

Officer Mark Mireles



On the evening of Jan. 5, 2006, Officer Mark Mireles of West Valley Area and his partner responded to an attempted suicide radio call. Arriving at the scene, they were informed by Los Angeles City Fire personnel that a distraught woman was preparing to jump off a sixth-floor balcony. Officer Mireles and his partner rushed up the stairs as a firefighter on the

ground tried to dissuade the woman from jumping.

The woman, a psychiatric patient who had just left a therapy session in the building, had made her way to the sixth-floor balcony. The distraught woman had removed her bra and tied one end of it to the balcony railing and looped the other end around her neck as a noose.

When Officer Mireles and his partner located the woman, she was lying on her back, under the railing with her body partially hanging over the edge of the balcony. Immediately upon seeing the officers, the woman yelled, "You can't stop me," as she simultaneously attempted to roll over the edge.

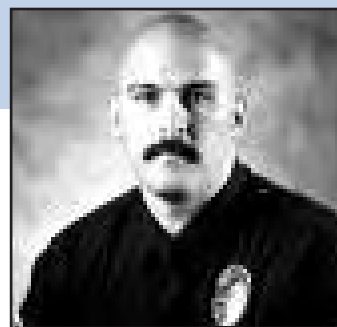
Officer Mireles instinctively dove on her leg and held on. As she violently struggled to release herself from his grip, Officer Mireles' hand began to slip. He readjusted his hold to her upper torso, and held on tight, while the 200-pound woman struggled and yelled. "I want to kill myself." As the struggle continued, Officer Mireles could feel that the weight of the woman was pulling both of them over the edge. Officer Mireles yelled to his partner, who instantly leapt onto Officer Mireles' leg and held on.

Although slowing the descent, soon all three were being pulled over the edge of the balcony. Officer Mireles kicked up his leg, and hooked it around the balcony's metal railing, but his leg started to slip. Without regard for their own safety, both officers were determined to hold on, and in a matter of seconds, Officer Mireles was dangling over the edge with the suicidal woman, with his partner inching over the edge behind them.

A responding firefighter emerged onto the balcony and grabbed Officer Mireles by the belt, pulling both of the officers and the woman back from the edge. On the landing, the suicidal woman was finally subdued.

Officer Mireles is commended for bravery, tenacity, and selflessness in his efforts to save the life of the woman. For his outstanding courage and valiant actions, in the highest traditions of the Los Angeles Police Department, the Medal of Valor is awarded to Officer Mark Mireles.

Officer Christopher Vasquez



On the evening of May 14, 2005, Northeast Area Officer Christopher Vasquez and his partner were working the Gang Enforcement Detail when they responded to radio call of a "possible Assault with a Deadly Weapon." Upon arriving, a supervising sergeant, who had arrived at the

scene earlier, had already begun investigating and planned to downgrade the Gang officers' response. It was then that Officer Vasquez and his partner were alerted to a house fire just down the street.

Officer Vasquez and his partner rushed to the location of the fire. The rear of the home was fully engulfed in flames and smoke billowed out of the open windows. Surrounding the yard was a thick haze of smoke and several small explosions could be heard from within the house.

As Officer Vasquez and his partner moved toward the fiery structure, they heard a woman's cry for help from within the darkened residence. Both officers, realizing the potential for the loss of life, quickly jumped over the chain-link fence that enclosed the property, and approached the front door.

Finding the door locked, Officer Vasquez's partner kicked it open. As thick, black smoke surged out, Officer Vasquez and his partner stepped into the doorway to discover a 92-year-old woman, disoriented and gasping for air. The two officers quickly escorted the woman out of her burning home, toward the front yard. Realizing the woman could not scale the padlocked perimeter fence, Officer Vasquez jumped the fence and his partner passed the elderly woman over to him where she was escorted to a safe location to receive medical attention.

Officer Vasquez is commended for his bravery, and decisive and immediate actions that saved a human life. For his courage and selfless actions, the Los Angeles Police Department's Medal of Valor is awarded to Officer Christopher Vasquez.

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Officer Matthew Cundiff



On the night of Nov. 27, 2004, Officer Matthew Cundiff, assigned to the 77th Street Area Gang Enforcement Detail, responded with other gang officers to a rave party to assist in dispersing the illegal event. Typically this type of gathering draws large groups of teenagers and young adults, and also attracts gang members.

Upon arrival, the supervising sergeant established containment around the building and shut down the party. A previous rave party in Central Area ended with a double homicide, with the suspect remaining at large. Consequently, Officer Cundiff and other gang enforcement officers were positioned at the front of the structure to monitor the attendees exiting the building, with the possibility of identifying the double homicide suspect from the previous rave party.

Inside the building, a crowd of approximately 150 realized that the party was being shut down. Suddenly, a fight erupted on the dance floor where a young male produced a handgun and then pistol-whipped another male repeatedly while partygoers watched. As the victim tried to escape, the suspect fired the handgun at nearly point-blank range, striking the victim in the upper torso. As the crowd quickly dispersed, the suspect chased down a second victim, shot him in the stomach, and stood over him holding his gun against the victim's head.

Officer Cundiff and another officer quickly moved into the building. Officer Cundiff took the left side of the building and the other officer took the right to locate the armed suspect. Almost immediately, the lights went out and both officers were confronted not only with darkness, but also with a crowd of hysterical partygoers trying to escape.

Unknown to Officer Cundiff, the other officer approached the suspect and was shot. Despite his wounds, the officer managed to follow and shoot the suspect, killing him.

Upon exiting the building, the wounded officer was met by Officer Cundiff. Officer Cundiff, who is also a trained Emergency Medical Technician, administered first aid to the wounded officer. Because a throng of partygoers still lingered outside the building, Officer Cundiff and another officer transported the wounded officer a block away to allow the ambulance easier access.

Officer Cundiff is commended for his outstanding courage in the pursuit of an extremely violent suspect, and for his life-saving efforts in coming to the aid of a fellow officer. For his selflessness and bravery, and in the highest traditions of the Los Angeles Police Department, the Medal of Valor is awarded to Officer Matthew Cundiff.

Officer Edwin Marron



On the evening of Jan. 5, Officer Edwin Marron of West Valley Area and his partner responded to an "Attempted Suicide" radio call. Arriving at the scene, they were informed by Los Angeles City Fire personnel that a distraught woman was preparing to jump off a sixth-floor balcony. Officer Marron and his partner rushed up the stairs as a fire-

fighter on the ground tried to dissuade the woman from jumping.

The woman, a psychiatric patient who had just left a therapy session in the building, had made her way to the sixth-floor balcony. The distraught woman had removed her bra and tied one end of it to the balcony railing and then looped the other end around her neck as a noose.

When Officer Marron and his partner located the woman, she was lying on her back, under the railing with her body partially hanging over the edge of the balcony. Immediately upon seeing the officers, the woman yelled, "You can't stop me," as she simultaneously attempted to roll over the edge.

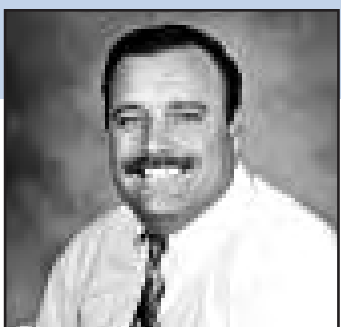
Officer Marron's partner instinctively dove on her leg and held on. As she violently struggled to release herself from his grip, the officer's hand began to slip. He readjusted his hold to her upper torso, and held on tight, while the 200-pound woman struggled and yelled, "I want to kill myself." As the struggle continued, Officer Marron's partner was being pulled over the edge along with the suicidal woman. As his partner called to him, Officer Marron instantly leapt onto his partner's leg and held on, attempting to pull both of them to safety.

Although slowing the descent, soon all three were being pulled over the edge of the balcony. Without regard for their own safety, both officers were determined to hold on, and in a matter of seconds, Officer Marron's partner was dangling over the edge with the suicidal woman, and Officer Marron inched over the edge behind them.

A responding firefighter emerged onto the balcony and grabbed Officer Marron's partner by the belt, pulling both of the officers and the woman back from the edge. On the landing, the suicidal woman was finally subdued.

Officer Marron is commended for bravery, tenacity, and selflessness in his efforts to save the life of the woman. For his outstanding courage and valiant actions, in the highest traditions of the Los Angeles Police Department, the Medal of Valor is awarded to Officer Edwin Marron.

Detective Richard Record



On the afternoon of Feb. 20, 2004, Newton Patrol Officer Ricardo Lizarraga and his partner made contact with a woman in the area near Western and Vernon Avenues. The apparently distraught woman requested that the officers accompany her to her upstairs apartment where her boyfriend had barricaded himself and

refused to leave. Upon entering the residence, the officers quickly realized that the barricaded suspect was erratic and posed a serious threat. As the officers exited the apartment, the suspect fired several shots, one hitting Officer Lizarraga in the back. Although critically injured, Officer Lizarraga ran down the stairs and escaped the building.

Exiting the building, the armed suspect again shot at Officer Lizarraga from the second floor landing, this time striking him on his side. Despite his injuries, Lizarraga fired two shots at the suspect, who then quickly retreated into the apartment.

Detective Richard Record of Southwest Area was the first officer to respond to the call for help placed by Lizarraga's partner. Detective Record immediately determined the severity of the situation. If the armed suspect had not fled the scene, and was in fact still in the apartment, the suspect would have a clear shot at the wounded officer.

Without hesitation, and disregarding his own personal safety, Detective Record rushed to the downed officer's aid. With his own life now in danger, Detective Record, in the potential line of fire, swiftly dragged his fellow officer to safety. Had it not been for Detective Record's selflessness and courage, the wounded officer would have remained vulnerable to the possibility of additional gunfire.

Despite the valiant efforts of Detective Record, Officer Lizarraga was taken to Cedars Sinai Medical Center, where he died as a result of his injuries.

It was later learned that the suspect fled the residence through a rear alley. Although it cannot be determined, it is very likely that the suspect was still in the apartment at the time that Detective Record courageously rushed to the aid of his comrade. A subsequent investigation concluded that the suspect, a reputed gang member, had fired eight rounds at the officers from a semi-automatic handgun.

Detective Record's courage, bravery, and presence of mind in a critical life and death situation epitomize the ideals of the Los Angeles Police Department. For his selflessness, valiant actions, and commitment to his fellow officers as well as to members of the community, the Los Angeles Police Department's Medal of Valor is awarded to Detective Richard Record.

Officer Carlos Ocegueda



In the early morning hours of Dec. 13, Officer Carlos Ocegueda of Rampart Area and his partner responded to a radio call of a dispute between a landlord and tenant. Not long after the officers arrived at the multi-story apartment complex, a frightened man fled the building screaming, "Fire, fire!"

Without hesitation, the two officers took action, requesting the fire department and additional police units before entering the building. As Officer Ocegueda and his partner entered the structure, smoke and toxic fumes inundated them. Angry flames ravaged the first-floor hallway, but Officer Ocegueda and his partner remained calm and fearless, making their way into the burning complex.

Recognizing that most of the residents were asleep, Officer Ocegueda and his partner acted quickly, setting off the building's fire alarm system to alert and evacuate tenants. As tenants began filing out of their units, bewilderment promptly became fear. Officer Ocegueda and his partner remained composed, despite their difficulty in breathing. Both officers assured the evacuees and directed them out of the building to safety.

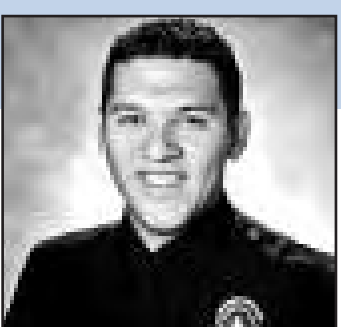
As other officers arrived on the scene, Officer Ocegueda and his partner continued their evacuation, unrelenting in their lifesaving efforts.

As a result of their actions, Officer Ocegueda and his partner were transported to a nearby hospital where they were treated for smoke inhalation. Arson investigators conducting interviews after the fire found the tenants extremely grateful for the selfless actions of Officer Ocegueda and the other responding officers.

Without Officer Ocegueda's valiant, defensive measures, some of the building's most susceptible tenants, elderly and handicapped residents, might have succumbed to smoke inhalation, according to the Fire Department.

Officer Ocegueda's heroism, tenacity, and composure under pressure embody the finest traditions of the Los Angeles Police Department. For his outstanding bravery and courageous actions, the Medal of Valor is awarded to Officer Carlos Ocegueda.

Officer Ralph Camarillo



In the early morning hours of Dec. 13, Rampart Area Officer Ralph Camarillo and his partner responded to a call for assistance at an apartment fire.

When Officer Camarillo and his partner arrived, two other officers were already on the scene, evacuating tenants as angry flames ravaged the first floor of the 60-unit building. Immediately,

Officer Camarillo and his partner got to work. The four officers briefly conferred and quickly devised an evacuation plan.

While his partner remained near an exit door to direct tenants to safety, Officer Camarillo joined the other two officers in searching the smoke-filled hallway and evacuating bewildered residents. As Officer Camarillo assisted with the evacuation, he encountered a man who needed help with his wheelchair-bound wife. Officer Camarillo entered the apartment where the frightened woman remained helpless. Without regard for his personal safety, Officer Camarillo hoisted the woman on his shoulders and carried her out to safety.

Despite the intense buildup of smoke, the responding officers continued to assist the residents out of the building. The thick smoke forced the officers to repeatedly retreat outside of the building for air. The officers however, continued their rescue efforts until the fire department arrived on scene.

As a result of their actions, Officer Camarillo and other responding officers were transported to a nearby hospital where they were treated for smoke inhalation. Arson investigators conducting interviews after the fire found the tenants extremely grateful for the selfless actions of Officer Camarillo and the other responding officers.

Without Officer Camarillo's valiant, defensive measures, some of the building's most susceptible tenants, elderly and handicapped residents, might have succumbed to smoke inhalation, according to the Fire Department.

Officer Camarillo's heroism and composure under pressure embody the finest traditions of the Los Angeles Police Department. For his outstanding bravery and courageous actions, the Medal of Valor is awarded to Officer Ralph Camarillo.

Officer Abel Munoz



In the early morning hours of Dec. 13, Rampart Area Officer Abel Munoz and his partner responded to a call for assistance at an apartment fire.

When Officer Munoz and his partner arrived, other officers were already on the scene, evacuating tenants as angry flames ravaged the first floor of the 60-unit building. Immediately,

Officer Munoz and his partner began instantly to assist.

Fearlessly, Officer Munoz made his way to the second floor. As he searched the floor, warning the residents of the fire below, he came across a man unable to get his wheelchair-bound mother to safety. Disregarding the stressful and dangerous nature of the situation, Officer Munoz rolled the elderly woman to the nearest stairwell and assisted her down a flight of stairs. He then helped the woman back into her wheelchair. At the bottom of the stairwell, another officer took charge, escorting the woman to safety.

Despite the intense build-up of smoke, the responding officers continued to assist the residents out of the building. The thick smoke forced the officers to repeatedly retreat outside of the building for air. The officers, however, continued their rescue efforts until the fire department arrived on scene.

Throughout the duration of the ordeal, Officer Munoz remained composed, saving many lives. Arson investigators conducting interviews after the fire found the tenants extremely grateful for the selfless actions of Officer Munoz and the other responding officers.

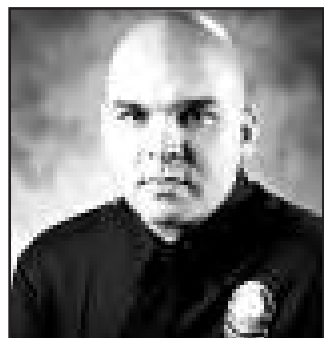
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Officer Munoz's heroism and composure under pressure embody the finest traditions of the Los Angeles Police Department. For his outstanding bravery and courageous actions, the Medal of Valor is awarded to Officer Abel Munoz.



13 Honored for Bravery...continued

Officer Carlos Figueroa



On the evening of May 14, 2005, Northeast Area Officer Carlos Figueroa and his partner were working the Gang Enforcement Detail when they responded to a radio call of a "possible Assault with a Deadly Weapon."

Upon arriving, a supervising sergeant, who had arrived at the scene earlier, had already begun investigating and planned to downgrade the Gang officers' response. It was then that Officer Figueroa and his partner were alerted to a house fire just down the street.

Officer Figueroa and his partner rushed to the location of the fire. The rear of the home was fully engulfed in flames and smoke billowed out of the open windows. Surrounding the yard was a thick haze of smoke and several small explosions could be heard from within the house.

As Officer Figueroa and his partner moved toward the fiery structure, they heard a woman's cry for help from within the darkened residence. Both officers, realizing the potential for the loss of life, quickly jumped over the chain-link fence that enclosed the property, and approached the front door.

Finding the door locked, Officer Figueroa kicked it open. As thick, black smoke surged out, Officer Figueroa and his partner stepped into the doorway to discover a 92-year-old woman, disoriented and gasping for air. The two officers quickly escorted the woman out of her burning home, toward the front yard. Realizing the woman could not scale the padlocked perimeter fence, Officer Figueroa's partner jumped the fence and Officer Figueroa passed the elderly woman over to him where she was escorted to a safe location to receive medical attention.

Officer Figueroa is commended for his bravery, and decisive and immediate actions that saved a human life. For his courage and selfless actions, the Los Angeles Police Department's Medal of Valor is awarded to Officer Carlos Figueroa.

Officer Mario Cardona



On the night of Nov. 27, 2004, Officer Mario Cardona, assigned to the 77th Street Area Gang Enforcement Detail, responded with other gang officers to a rave party to assist in dispersing the illegal event. Typically this type of gathering draws large groups of teenagers and young adults, and also attracts gang members.

Upon arrival, the supervising sergeant established containment around the building and shut down the party. A previous rave party in Central Area ended with a double homicide, with the suspect remaining at large. Consequently, Officer Cardona and other gang enforcement officers were positioned at the front of the structure to monitor the attendees exiting the building, with the possibility of identifying the double homicide suspect from the previous rave party.

From his location, Officer Cardona could see into the building once the lights came on. As the crowd of approximately 150 realized the party was being shut down, a fight erupted on the dance floor. Officer Cardona observed a young male produce a handgun and pistol-whip another male repeatedly while partygoers watched. As the victim tried to escape, the suspect fired the handgun at nearly point-blank range, striking the victim in the upper torso. As the crowd quickly dispersed, the suspect chased down a second victim, shot him in the stomach, and stood over him holding his gun against the victim's head.

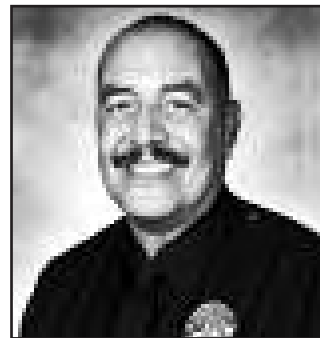
Officer Cardona and another officer quickly moved into the building. Officer Cardona took the right side of the building and the other officer took the left, in order to locate the armed suspect. Almost immediately, the lights went out. Officer Cardona waded through a frantic crowd to the spot where he had last seen the gunman. When Officer Cardona was less than five feet from the suspect, the gunman turned and fired a shot at Officer Cardona. The bullet traveled under his ballistic vest and entered his abdominal wall.

To reduce the risk of injuring innocent bystanders, Officer Cardona did not return fire. The wounded officer ran toward the assailant, reaching him before he could shoot again. With the suspect at arm's reach, Officer Cardona grabbed the suspect's right shoulder, pulled him close, and fired three shots. The mortally wounded assailant fell to the ground. Officer Cardona remained above the suspect until another officer took over.

Exiting the building, Officer Cardona was met by two other officers who administered first aid. A throng of partygoers still lingered outside the building, so the two officers transported Officer Cardona a block away to allow the ambulance easier access.

Officer Cardona is commended for his outstanding courage, tenacity, and persistence in protecting the lives of many caught in a deadly situation. For his selflessness and bravery, and in the highest traditions of the Los Angeles Police Department, the Medal of Valor is awarded to Officer Mario Cardona.

Sergeant Hector Feliciano



On the morning of Nov. 9, 2004, a 19-year-old man walked into the Mexican Consulate, grabbed a female employee and placed what looked like a semi-automatic pistol to the back of her head. Shouting in Spanish, the suspect ordered everyone to leave the building. He then ordered the hostage, who was seven weeks pregnant, to call 9-1-1.

The hostage told the 9-1-1 operator that she was being held at the Mexican Consulate when the suspect grabbed the phone and stated that he wanted news media there in 15 minutes.

Sergeant Hector Feliciano of Rampart Area and his partner were among the first on the scene. With more than 200 people running out of the building and gathering outside, Sergeant Feliciano directed three other responding officers to evacuate the crowd from the consulate grounds. Sergeant Feliciano then relocated to a security guard booth adjacent to the parking lot.

Inside the consulate, the suspect shifted nervously, moving from the north to the east window, peering down hallways and stairwells. Inside the guard booth, Sergeant Feliciano, accompanied by other officers, utilized the building's security cameras to try and locate the suspect inside the consulate facility.

Sergeant Feliciano then heard someone shout, "There he is," as the suspect walked out of the building with his left arm around the hostage's neck and his right arm appearing to hold her at gunpoint. The assailant walked across the parking lot, shielding his body with the hostage. Threatening to kill the captive woman if police did not put away their guns and leave, the man continued past the guard booth, despite Sergeant Feliciano's orders to drop the weapon and release the hostage.

Aware that the situation could escalate at any moment, Sergeant Feliciano watched the suspect closely. He could see the man held a dark object that was pointed at the back of the hostage. Sergeant Feliciano and the other officers left the guard booth and followed the assailant, again ordering him to put down the weapon and release the woman.

Suddenly, the suspect stopped just short of reaching a nearby crowd. Fearful that he would merge into the crowd and take additional hostages, one of the officers stepped away from his position of cover to distract the assailant. As the officer walked across the street, the assailant turned his body, giving Sergeant Feliciano an unobstructed view.

Now positioned 15 feet from the suspect, Sergeant Feliciano aimed and fired one .45 caliber round, striking the suspect in the head. As the man fell to the ground, the other officer grabbed the hostage and rushed her to safety. Sergeant Feliciano and other responding officers moved forward and handcuffed the wounded suspect.

Sergeant Hector Feliciano is commended for his bravery and tactical expertise. His actions ended a potentially tragic situation, preventing the loss of life of the hostage, and possible injury to innocent bystanders. For his courageous and persistent efforts, and in the highest traditions of the Los Angeles Police Department, the Medal of Valor is awarded to Sergeant Hector Feliciano.

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■ LAPD Communications throws a blood drive.

Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Communications and Marketing

LAPD — The LAPD Communications Division in West Hills held a blood drive Aug. 15 at the Communications Center.

As part of their commitment to the community, officers and Police Service Representatives took time to give blood to ease possible blood shortages, which occur especially during the summer months. Thirty-five City employees participated in the blood drive.

The bloodmobile was used for this blood drive.

Special thanks to Lt. Ludwig and Sandy Hilbarger of the Providence Blood Donor Center for their assistance



From left: Sandy Hibarger, Blood Donor Center Recruitment Coordinator, and Elise Rodriguez, Sr. Police Representative, 12 years.



Clayton Simmons, Police Service Representative, 2 years.



Sandy Pennie, Sr. Police Service Representative, 17 years, Club Member.



From left: Shauntae Williams, Police Service Representative II, 4 years.



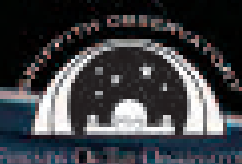
From left: Robin Nash, Police Service Representative II, 2.5 years, Club Member; Lt. Ludwig, 28 years; and Alisia Bealey, Police Service Representative 3, 9.5 year. All are Club Members.



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"This is a photo taken at Venice beach. Aside from what the picture might invoke, it's just a man tossing a Frisbee (which is outside of the picture and a boy trying to catch it in the middle). The man's silhouette against the backdrop of the ocean makes it seem ominous."

— **Ondrea Tye, Planning.**

John's comments: Just plain eerie....it almost looks like it's a frame out of a real weird music video. I like it! Nice work, Ondrea. This is the kind of shot that can never be duplicated.

"The chicharones, complete with hot sauce, measuring 3 feet by 1.5 feet, was the biggest pig skin I have ever seen. The vendor in the background said this one side of the pig was fried in a made-to-order cauldron using four gallons of oil. The photo was taken Dec. 13, 2004 (the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe) around the corner from the Basilica in Mexico City, Mexico."

— **Gina Enrile-Caguiat, Engineering, Public Works.**



John's comments: I've never

had a pig's ear, nor am I rushing to the Farmer's Market to get one, either. But when you see the guy on the left, you realize how large this thing is. What I like most about this picture is the earthy feeling I get from the rough stone sidewalk, the painted building sections, the worn-out deposit box and the bucket of hot sauce. I feel as though I can just walk right into this picture, prop my back against the wall and finally finish Don Quixote!



"I took this picture of jellyfish at the Monterey Bay Aquarium."

—**James Francis, Retired.**

John's comments: Jellyfish are some of the coolest things to watch. In fact, there's a real nice exhibit at the Aquarium of the Pacific (fyi: we sell discount tickets to it). I've tried on numerous occasions to get pictures of them but was never successful. James, you did good with this shot. You really captured the carefree flowing behavior of these very strange fish. (Or whatever you call them! Are they fish? Animals? What exactly are jellyfish? Help! Email me with the proper definition and I'll send you two free tickets to the Aquarium of the Pacific.)

"These pictures were taken on a Trip to Tikal in Guatemala, the scenery is as beautiful as pictured."

— **Lourdes Zaldivar, LAPD**

John's comments: Yes, Lourdes, the scenery is beautiful, and what strikes me the most is the lush greenery and the rich blue sky contrasted by the puffy yet ominous clouds. I also really like the perspective with which you took this picture. It shows just how prominently this pyramid juts out of the jungle. Nice work; hope you had fun on your trip!



Runners Up:

Michael Zepeda, James Washington, Diane Johnson, Bob Hill (DWP), Cecille Pelayo Consebido (Management Analyst II, Sanitation, Public Works), James Francis (Retired), and Jennifer Smith, City Attorney.

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!*
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Carnival Time at Hyperion

■ Hyperion hosts its first carnival fundraiser.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor
Photos by Angel Gomez,
Member Services Manager

PUBLIC WORKS — Sanitation's Hyperion Treatment Plant hosted its first fundraiser carnival Aug. 17. The event raised funds for the Hyperion Employee Association's holiday celebration.

Approximately 180 employees attended.

There were lots of games with prizes to enjoy, including a ball toss, a ring toss, manager dunks, manager pie throwing, bingo and a dominos tournament. City vendors offered displays and giveaways.

Attendees enjoyed beef hot dogs or chicken links with chips and soda. Snacks included popcorn, cotton candy, snow cones and nachos.

The Club thanks Mihran Sarkisian, Sanitation Wastewater Manager III, Club Member, and Keela Gordon for their assistance.



From left: Kirk Johnson, Club Member; Dennis Flinn; Clayton Hoppes, Club Member; and James A. Santiago, Club Member



Domino tournament excitement.



From left: Jeffrey T. Davis, Club Member; Luis Figueroa, Club Member; and Michael Mack.



On the left: Mei Ong and Heo Kwan. On the right: Michael Walker, Club Member; and Maurice Buckner.



Bingo time!



Ted Piper moves on to the dunk tank.



From left: Loretta Arnold, Club Member; Sescillie Berry, HEA Treasurer, Club Member; and Kathleen Caughin, HTP Admin.



Emorette Hinton, Purchasing, Club Member, looks like a winner with her bingo card.



Mihran Sarkisian, Sanitation Wastewater Manager III, Club Member, takes a pie to the face, thanks to Ted Piper.



The Hyperion Employees Association Carnival Committee



Keela Gordon, Personnel Records Supervisor, takes a moment to enjoy her nachos.



Standing: Vicki Hill and Danny Ly. Seated: Mike Yu.



Efrain Gonzalez, Club Member, cheers while he happily sits in the dunk tank.

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Michelle on the Move

EVENTS 411

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Michelle Scares Up Cauldron of Halloween Fun

Welcome back to Events 411!
Guess what? It's that wonderful time of year – my favorite time of year. It's Halloween!
Yes, it's time to get out your costumes, decorations and candy, and make appointments for future dentist visits, because Halloween is coming and it's coming quick. Even though this year, Halloween takes place on a Tuesday, it's still going to be an awesome time because there are so many things to do. Just look at the Events 411 column this month – it's humongous – and the crazy thing is these are just a few events. So if you haven't made any plans yet, let's see if we can find something fun for you to do.

First off, the daddy of all amusement haunts is back – Knott's Scary Farm. That's right – when sunset hits, the friendly Peanuts characters Snoopy and the gang disappear and the ghouls, witches, and monsters of Halloween come out to greet you. The Ticket Guy managed to grab some great discounts on this very cool and very scary attraction. If you have yet to experience Knott's Scary Farm, you definitely need to do so. However, be warned, it's not for the chicken or the squeamish or party-poopers, for that matter. It's pretty scary, but what would Oct. 31 be without scary?

Speaking of scary, there are tons of great haunted houses throughout the City. I didn't know how many there were until I started my research. I've listed some great Websites below for further Halloween information, so be sure to check these out. Unfortunately I have yet to attend one of these haunts, so if you have a great experience, be sure to share with me. An even better idea would be to send in a photo of you at one of these events or even in your Halloween costume. If you do, I'll make sure we publish it in the December issue.

If you're looking for something fun and safe for the kids, Rec and Parks sponsors several Halloween events throughout their parks. I managed to list only a few, so be sure to check out their Website or your local park for any event information.

Well that's it from me. I thank you for taking the time to read Events 411, and I wish you a wonderful safe and scary Halloween! See ya around the City!

If you know of any events occurring in the Los Angeles or have any opinions or suggestions on the events listed, please send them in: michelleonthemove@cityemployeesclub.com

For more information about events around Los Angeles, visit these websites:

- www.culturela.org
- www.experientela.com
- www.la.com
- www.laparks.org
- www.losangelesalmanac.com
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- www.whatsonwhen.com
- http://beaches.co.la.ca.us

For more Halloween information, check these links out:

- www.hollywoodgothique.com
- www.hauntedhouse.com
- www.hauntworld.com
- www.alleycatscratch.com/halloween/
- www.laparks.org

Know of any great City events?
Let me know!

I'll be happy to include your event in my monthly column. Make sure to include dates, times, locations, costs (if any) and contact information.
Email me at:
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October HALLOWEEN Festivals:

Annual Fall Harvest Festival at Underwood Family Farms

Games, a corn maze, contests, pumpkins and more!
Date(s): Thru Oct. 31
Time: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Site: 3370 Sunset Valley Rd., Moorpark
Cost: \$7.50/weekend, \$3/Mon-Fri, free/kids (under 2)
More info: (805) 529-3690 or www.underwoodfamilyfarms.com

Halloween Harvest Festival at Pierce College

There will be food, entertainment, kid's activities, animals, a hayride, pumpkins, a haunted trail, two haunted houses, and a seven-acre corn maze! Spooky!
Date(s): Through Oct. 31
Time: 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. (Sun – Thurs)
10 a.m. – 12 a.m. (Fri - Sat)
Site: 6201 Winnetka Ave., Woodland Hills
Cost: \$12 - \$25
More info: (818) 999-6300 or www.halloweenharvestfestival.com

Mr. Bones Pumpkin Patch

"...kicking off the fun...with Mr. Bones and the Halloween giants, the Jumpin' Pumpkin, straw maze, pony rides, a petting zoo and face-painting." (Website)
Date(s): Oct. 7 - 31
Time: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Site: 702 N. Doheny Dr., West Hollywood
Cost: Free
More info: (310) 276-9827 or www.mrbonespumpkinpatch.com

2006 ScreamFest Horror Film and Screenplay Competition

Want to see new scary movies from independent filmmakers as well as some of the classic scary movies of our time? See Website for movie listings.
Date(s): Oct. 13 - 22
Time: 7 p.m. - midnight
Site: Mann's Chinese Theatre, Hollywood
Cost: \$10/general admission
More info: (310) 358-3273 or www.screamfestla.com

Here Comes Halloween at the Symphony of the Glen

"Enjoy a concert of 'double, double, toil and trouble' - sca-a-a-ary music to get you in the mood for the 'boo!' season." (Website) Don't forget your picnic basket!
Date(s): Oct. 15
Time: 4:30 p.m. pre-concert activity
6 p.m. Witch's Brew Concert
Site: Griffith Park, Historical Old Zoo Picnic Area
Cost: Free
More info: (213) 955-6976 or www.symphonyintheglen.org

TRICK-OR-TREAT

12th Annual Kidspace Pumpkin Festival

"The festival will feature a costume parade, live stage performances, rides, games, crafts, opportunity drawings, and much more." (Website)
Date(s): Oct. 21-22
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. (Sat)
9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Sun)
Site: 480 N. Arroyo Blvd., Pasadena
Cost: Free to attend
More info: (626) 449-9144 or www.kidspacemuseum.org

Calabasas Pumpkin Festival at Juan Bautista De Anza Park

"...pumpkins, craft vendors, a classic car show, kids carnival games, inflatable rides, live stage entertainment, plenty of eats and treats, a beer garden, and more!"
Date(s): Oct. 22
Time: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Site: 3701 Lost Hills Rd., Calabasas
Cost: Free
More info: (818) 222-5680 or www.calabasaspumpkinfestival.com

Fall Festival at the Farmer's Market

Enjoy live country music, a pumpkin patch and lots of pumpkin carving, crafts and gardening demonstrations.
Date(s): Oct. 23 and 24
Time: Sat: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Sun: 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Site: 6333 West Third St., Los Angeles
Cost: Free
More info: (323) 933-9211 or www.farmersmarketla.com

Anaheim Spooktacular Halloween Parade and Fall Festival

"...costume contests, live entertainment, a craft fair, fabulous food, fun rides, game booths, a parade and much more." (Website)
Date: Oct. 27 - 29
Time: 5 p.m. – 11 p.m. (Fri)
7 a.m. – 11 p.m. (Sat)
5 – 7 p.m. (Sat – Parade)
Noon – 10 p.m. (Sun)
Site: Downtown Anaheim
Cost: Free
More info: www.anaheim.net

Seventh Annual Dia de los Muertos at the Hollywood Cemetery

A festival of the dead...live musical and dance performances, a procession, spectacular altars, Mexican cuisine, 20-foot walking skeletons, torch-lit paths and more.
Date(s): Oct. 28
Time: 4 – 11 p.m.
Site: Hollywood Forever Cemetery
6000 Santa Monica Blvd., Hollywood
Cost: Free
More info: (323) 447-0999 or www.ladayofthedeath.com

Pumpkin Junction at Descanso Gardens

"....Descanso transforms into a pumpkin patch with a bumper-crop delivery of pumpkins! Special events and moments on both Saturday and Sunday." (Website)
Date(s): Oct. 28 - 29
Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Site: 1418 Descanso Dr., La Cañada
Cost: \$7/adults, \$5/senior and students, \$2/children (5 -12), free/children under 5
More info: (818) 949-4200 or www.descansogardens.org

Boo at the Zoo

"The entire Zoo is transformed into themed areas for trick-or-treaters delight with fun performers, treats, crafts, music and creepy crawlers for a not-so-scary weekend for all." (Website)
Date(s): Oct. 28 - 29
Time: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Site: Los Angeles Zoo
5333 Zoo Dr., Los Angeles
Cost: \$7/adult, \$4/child (discount prices at Club Headquarters)
More info: (323) 644-4200 or www.lazoo.org
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Bow Wow Wow Ween in Brentwood

"...frighteningly fun afternoon filled with dog costumes, vendor booths and doggie costume competition judged by a celebrity panel." (Website)
Date(s): Oct. 29
Time/cost: TBA
Site: Barrington Dog Park, 333 S. Barrington
More info: www.muchlove.org

Howl'oween Parade and Pet Adoption Fair in Belmont Shore

"This 12-block sidewalk parade takes place on Second Street between Park and Nieto Avenues and lasts about an hour. More than 550 dogs walked last year..."
Date(s): Oct. 29
Time: 11 a.m. (vendors and pet adoption)
2:30 p.m. (parade)
Site: Livingston Park (Livingston Drive and Park Avenue)
Cost: Free to attend, \$10/dog participant
More info: www.haunteddogs.org/howloween

West Hollywood Halloween Carnival

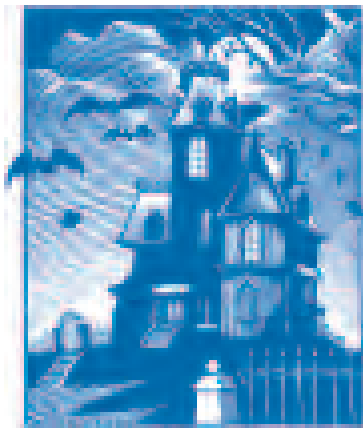
Bring along your friends (not intended for kids) and enjoy one of the biggest Halloween carnivals in the world.
Date(s): Oct. 31
Time: From 6 p.m.
Site: Santa Monica Boulevard between La Cienega and Doheny Drive, West Hollywood
Cost: Free
More info: www.visitwesthollywood.com

Professional HAUNTED HOUSES / ATTRACTIONS:

Looking for a haunted house to attend near your area? Here are just a few (in alphabetical order):

Grimmstone Cemetery in Van Nuys

If you're in the neighborhood during trick-or-treating, make sure to visit this cool yet scary cemetery.
Date(s): TBA
Time: From Sunset
Site: 6706 Blewett Ave., Van Nuys
Cost: Free
More info: www.grimmstonecemetery.com



Haunts USA and Fall Festival in Northridge

"...three screaming walk-through attractions: Nightmare Factory, Extreme Madness, and Zombierville. In addition, a fall Festival that includes live entertainment, food and games and more!" (Website)
Date(s): Oct. 12 -15, 19 – 22, 26 – 31
Time: 7 – 10 p.m. (Thur and Sun)
7 – 11 p.m. (Fri and Sat)
7 – midnight (Oct. 30 and 31)
Site: 19450 Plummer St., Northridge
Cost: \$10/one haunt, \$15/ two haunts, \$18/three haunts, \$25/VIP speed pass, free/fall festival
More info: (323) 2SCREAM or www.hauntsusa.com

Haunted Hike: The Phantom Pirates of the Black Falcon

Come and enjoy a small yet spooky trek to a very haunted house underneath the night sky. Not for children under six. Children 6-12 must be accompanied by an adult.
Date(s): Oct. 20 - 31
Time: 7 – 9:30 p.m.
Site: Stough Canyon Nature Center
2300 Walnut Ave. Burbank
Cost: \$5
More info: (818) 238-5440 or www.burbank.com/nature/nature.shtml

Knott's Halloween Haunt

Knott's Berry Farm transforms itself every night into a scary experience filled with cool mazes and awesome shows. The Club has some great discounts for you so make sure you buy them from us.
Date(s): Through Oct. 31
Time: Sun, Wed, Thur: 7 p.m. – 1 a.m.
Fri – Sat: 7 p.m. – 2 a.m.
Oct. 31: 7 p.m. – 1 a.m.
Site: Knott's Berry Farm
Buena Park
Cost: \$44 - \$49
\$26 - \$32 (Club Prices – call for specific date price)
More info: (714) 220-5000 or www.knotts.com

Old Town Haunt – Pasadena's Biggest and Scariest Haunted House

Enjoy a scary tour through the catacombs of Old Town Pasadena. There is also a special children's matinee.
Date(s): Oct. 6-8, 13-15, 20-22, 25-31
Time: 7 – 10 p.m. (Sun – Thurs)
7 p.m. – midnight (Fri and Sat)
Noon – 4 p.m. (children's matinee, Sat and Sun)
4 – 6 p.m. (children's matinee special on Halloween)
Site: 20 N. Raymond at Colorado
Cost: \$12.50, \$18.50/VIP, \$7/child - matinee
More info: www.oldtownhaunt.com

Seaside Haunt in Ventura

"... themed after a true story that involved a lighthouse operator named Peter Blacksmith...he was either insane or had some strange vendetta against a sea captain... and did not know which vessel to destroy..." (Website)
Date(s): Oct. 1, 6-8, 13 – 15, 20 – 22, 24-31
Time: Oct. 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29 (children's less scary matinee)
7 p.m. – midnight (Fri. and Sat.)
7 – 10 p.m. (Sunday and weeknights)
Noon – 4 p.m. (children's less scary matinee)
Site: Seaside Park, 10 Harbor Blvd., Ventura
Cost: \$12.50/general, \$16.50-\$18.50/VIP, \$7.50/children's matinee
More info: www.seasidehaunt.com

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Date(s): Fri – Sun: Sept. 29th – Oct. 31st
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Sun & Sat: Oct. 7 – 29, 31 children's matinee shows
Children's matinee shows: Noon – 4 p.m.
Mega Scary Session: 7 p.m. – midnight (Fri. and Sat.)
Mega Scary Session: 7 – 10 p.m. (Sun. – Thurs.)
Site: 19401 Parthenia St., Northridge (cross street is Tampa)
Cost: \$13 (Club Discount VIP ticket)
\$8.50/children's matinee
More info: (818) 888-8570 or www.spookyhouse.com

Universal Studios Halloween Horror Nights

"...find yourself in the middle of a living horror film filled with haunted walk-through attractions, roaming scare-actors, nightmare-inducing rides, shows and attractions, plus live music by 'The Mutator.'" (Website)
Date(s): Oct. 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28, 31
Time: 7 a.m. – midnight (13, 14, 20, 31)
7 a.m. – 2 a.m. (21, 27, 28)
Site: Universal Studios, Hollywood
Cost: \$47 ("Stay and Scream" – all-day pass) Club Price
\$33 (night event only), Club Price
More info: www.halloweenhorror nights.com

Whitecliff Road Haunted Manor in Thousand Oaks

Come for a "graveyard and pet cemetery, animatronics, SFX sounds and lighting and lots of fog" (Website)
Date(s): Oct. 29-31
Time: TBA
Site: 1077 Whitecliff Rd.
Cost: TBA
More info: (818) 681-3750 or www.vannoordhaunt.org

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Great Team at the Counters

■ **Public Works honors Engineering Counter Staff for great service.**

PUBLIC WORKS — On Aug. 18, the Board of Public Works and the Public Works Task force for Employee Achievement and Morale (PW TEAM) honored members of the Bureau of Engineering Land Development public counter staff for their outstanding service, dedication and continuous hard work despite an increase in workload

Recipient of the Outstanding Supervisor award was Joseph Gnade, Civil Engineer and the public counter team's supervisor. The Outstanding Team award was presented to Jackie Calvin, Principal Clerk; Michelle Jones, Clerk; Morris Warner, Improvement Bond Coordinator II; and Feliciano Reyes, Office Engineering Technician III.

The Land Development Group public counter responds to requests and processes and approves final subdivision maps and improvement bonds for owners, subdividers and private engineers. The public counter staff members deal with numerous phone calls and walk-in customer inquiries. They manage to stay professional and tripled their pro-

ductivity rates over the last few years while adopting a new computer tracking system.

Deputy City Engineer Clark Robins, who oversees the operations of the Bureau of Engineering Land Development Group says, "The housing boom in the City explains the increased need for the services of the Land Development group public counter. Adaptive reuse and condominium developments require a subdivision map to proceed with their building. Having a dedicated and knowledgeable public counter staff is key to assisting developers with their needs effectively and without delay."

The PW TEAM recognizes teamwork, stimulates team building throughout Public Works and recognizes effective performance by department employees, supervisors and teams by presenting recognition awards. Award recipients are selected from nominations submitted to the task force. All Public Works employees are encouraged to nominate potential candidates.

For more information about the Land Development group, please call (213) 977-7095. For questions about Public Works and PW TEAM, call the Public Affairs Office at (213) 978-0333, e-mail: pao@lacity.org, or visit the web site at www.lacity.org/DPW/dpwhome.htm.



Staff members of the Bureau of Engineering Land Development Team public counter celebrate after being honored by the Board of Public Works and the Public Works Task force for Employee Achievement and Morale (PW TEAM) for their outstanding service and increased productivity over the last few years. From left: Outstanding Supervisor awardee Joseph Gnade and Outstanding Team members Jackie Calvin, Feliciano Reyes, Michelle Jones and Morris Warner.

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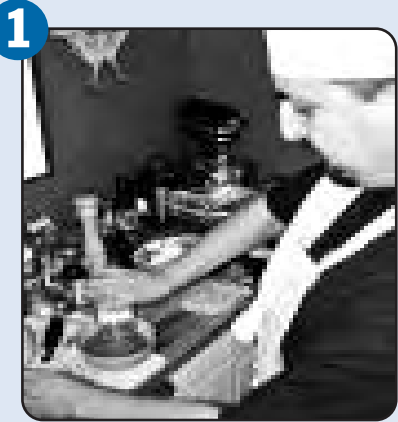


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Fish Tacos: Swimmingly Good

DIRECTIONS:



Begin preparation for green salsa. Wash, dry, peel and then dice cucumber and jicama. Place tamatillo salsa, green chile sauce, diced cucumber and jicama in large bowl and mix.



Cut fish into strips, check for bones and remove bones with kitchen pliers, if you find any.



Season fish with sea salt and pepper.



Add olive oil to sauté pan and place fish into pan on medium heat.



Keep on eye on the fish so that it does not burn, and turn over once a golden color develops.



Chop cabbage.

If you've ever had the good fortune to visit San Diego and have had one of the famous fish tacos – you'd know why they'd like to have you believe that they invented it. There are dozens, if not hundreds, of tacos shops around town, and many of them have fish tacos on their menus.

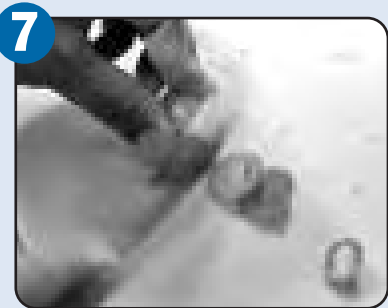
It is believed that the fish taco has its origins in Baja California. It would make sense because the fish economy is among the biggest over there. The recipe is quite simple – tortillas, salsa, a little cabbage and fish. You could use cod or sea bass or even freshwater fish like catfish, but the marriage of flavor and texture with mahi mahi is my favorite.

To account for hunger and the ease of cooking these recipes, I've put together a quick and easy green salsa with a twist. I've added diced cucumber, jicama and a jolt of green chile sauce. This is great stuff for dips, too! An elegant version of this same taco recipe uses Mexican crema. Just drizzle some over each taco and you'll be knocking on the door to heaven – well, almost. You should be able to find Mexican crema in the dairy section of most supermarkets. I used it a few issues ago with my Mexican lasagna recipe.



Rudy's Fish Tacos

- INGREDIENTS (Servings: 3 fish tacos):
 - 1 pound fish (I like mahi mahi)
 - 1 tablespoon olive oil
 - Sea salt
 - Pepper
 - 1 lime
 - 1 cup of shredded green cabbage
 - 1 scallion (or half of a red onion), diced
 - 1 can of green tomatillo salsa (green salsa)
- 2 tablespoons green chile sauce
 - 1/4 cups cucumber, diced
 - 1/4 cups jicama , diced
 - 6 corn tortillas (or 3 flour tortillas)
 - (Servings: 3 fish tacos)



Add red onion or scallion, if you want.



Each taco requires two corn tortillas. Use another pan on medium heat to warm them up. Into the two corn tortillas, place a strip of the cooked fish, green salsa, cabbage and freshly squeezed lime juice.



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Snakes on a Plane
Rated R
My Score: 3.5 (out of 5)

If you have ophidiophobia (fear of snakes) and aviophobia (fear of flying), then you will want to avoid this movie! I expected this movie to be cheesy just by the title. It is, but that is what makes this movie both funny and frightening. The plot is simple; a witness under protective custody is being targeted. In addition, a crate full of poisonous snakes is set to go off with a timed explosion over the Pacific, releasing an assortment of venomous slithering snakes. When the serpents attack, all havoc breaks loose. It is the stuff of nightmares! These aggressive creatures attack everyone in sight, striking various body parts, not to mention one passenger being swallowed whole by a python. It is the kind of movie a 13-year-old boy would write. Samuel L. Jackson leads the terrorized cast.

What can I say, it was gross and fun. Next time you fly, you might want to check under your seat first.

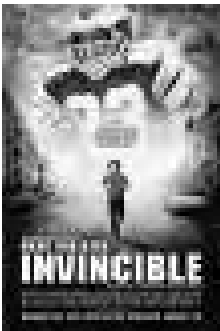
– Dan Basilgo, LAPD

Monster House *Rated PG*
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

What to do when the house across the street has a mind of its own? That's the dilemma DJ faces in this freaky animated movie. The animation is quite clever and the main three children's characters are so believable that it feels like a live-action film. I found this movie scarier than I thought it

would be, especially for kids. The girl sitting in the front of me was so scared that she sat on her dad's lap the entire movie. The story takes a weird twist when you find out the reason for the evildoings of the Monster House. It's as creepy as a David Lynch movie. Keep the kids indoors, it might be too scary.

– Dan Basilgo, LAPD



Invincible *Rated PG*
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This was a great movie. I think even if you don't like football, you will like this movie. The movie is based on how an ordinary guy, Vince Papali (Mark Walberg), who worked as a bartender and part-time schoolteacher. Just when everything in his life was going bad, he tried out and made the Philadelphia Eagles professional football team at the age of 31. Walberg really got pumped up for this movie (nice biceps). The movie is very inspirational and shows that anything is possible. Go see it and take the kids; it's a Disney movie.

– Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

The Wicker Man *Rated PG*
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This movie definitely was interesting. The only thing I had heard about the movie was that it had an unusual ending. Well, I can't tell you the ending because that will spoil the movie. Nicolas Cage plays a police officer (that is not why I liked the movie). He assists an old girlfriend with her missing daughter. The girlfriend lives on a private

island in Washington and this is where it gets weird. The island has mostly women and the men don't talk. I definitely recommend this movie if you like a good mystery.

– Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

Barnyard *Rated PG*
My Score: 5 (out of 5)



I really liked the movie Barnyard because there were some funny parts. One part that I liked was when a furry character was break dancing. Another funny part was when all the animals were having a party. There were several other funny parts, but you have to wait till you see this outrageous movie.

– Devyn Cordero, 9, son of Catherine Cordero LAPD

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

I thought this movie was funny. The fat rat was shaking when he sang his songs and Otis the cow was cool on the surfboard. The dad in the movie was responsible, and he was trying to teach his son to be like him. It has a good ending and it teaches everyone a lesson.

– Christopher Cordero, 6, son of Catherine Cordero, LAPD

DVD Reviews

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

This action thriller follows a desperate mother searching for her missing six-year-old daughter aboard a huge airliner bound from Berlin to New York. Jodie Foster plays the distraught heroine who must convince crew and passengers alike that she really has a missing child on board at the risk of looking like a crazy delusional woman. The action is pretty standard and I thought there could be more thrills. However, it will keep you entertained. Sean Bean plays the skeptical pilot and Peter Saars as the air marshal.

– Dan Basilgo, LAPD

A History of Violence *Rated R*
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This is an engrossing take of a small-town man (Viggo Mortenson) who foils a holdup in his diner. The sudden hero status he receives in the media brings him to the attention of big-city mobsters, who claim he has a past history of violence with

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them. This is a great story, although there are several violent scenes. Mortenson and Maria Bello, as the confused wife, are excellent in their multilayered roles, as are Ed Harris and William Hurt as humorous and dangerous villains.

– Dan Basilgo, LAPD

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Theater Review

Curtains
Musical
Abmanson Theatre
(Ended Sept. 9)
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This is a wonderful musical mystery. The musical numbers are fantastic and the overall story is very entertaining.

The show is about the lead actress in a musical who is murdered after opening night. Enter Lt. Cioffi (David Hyde Pierce, from TV's Frasier) to solve the crime. Mr. Hyde Pierce is superb in his role, in fact the entire cast is just superb. I would definitely see this one again. I highly, highly recommend this one for musical theatre lovers.

If the show goes on tour and you get a chance to see it, go! (The musical has moved to Broadway and is looking for a theatre to occupy at the moment.—Ed.)

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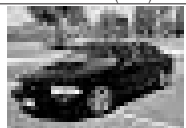
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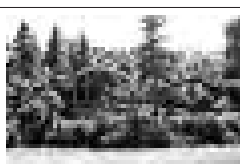
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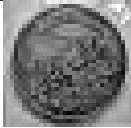
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Discount Tickets	Retail Price	Club Price	Quantity	Total
Theatre Tickets **				
AMC - RESTRICTED TICKETS	\$10.00	\$5.50 x	= \$	
AMC - GOOD ANY TIME	\$10.00	\$7.00 x	= \$	
Small Popcorn	\$3.25	\$2.25 x	= \$	
Small Drink	\$3.25	\$2.25 x	= \$	
Krikorian Theatres - GOOD ANYTIME	\$9.50	\$6.00 x	= \$	
Regal/Edwards Cinema/United Artists RESTRICTED TICKETS	\$10.00	\$6.00 x	= \$	
Regal/Edwards Cinema/United Artists GOOD ANY TIME	\$10.00	\$7.00x	= \$	
Imax at Exposition Park - Adult	\$8.25	\$5.25 x	= \$	
Imax at Exposition Park - Child	\$4.75	\$4.00 x	= \$	
Cinemark Theatres - Restricted Tickets	\$9.50	\$5.50 x	= \$	
Cinemark Theatres - GOOD ANYTIME	\$9.50	\$6.50 x	= \$	
Loews Cineplex /Magic Johnson (Restricted)	\$8.50	\$5.50 x	= \$	
Loews Cineplex /Magic Johnson (Good Anytime)	\$8.50	\$7.00 x	= \$	
Loews Cineplex Odeon - No Restrictions! <i>Valid only at Universal Citywalk</i>	\$8.50	\$6.00 x	= \$	
Laemmle Theaters - GOOD ANY TIME	\$9.50	\$6.00 x	= \$	
Mann Theaters - Restricted (Mon-Thurs)	\$10.00	\$5.75 x	= \$	
Mann Theaters - GOOD ANY TIME	\$10.00	\$7.00 x	= \$	
Pacific Walk/Drive In (Restricted)	\$10.00	\$5.50 x	= \$	
Pacific Theatres Gift Book Includes: <i>2 admissions, 2 medium drinks, 1 large popcorn</i>	\$40.00	\$25.00 x	= \$	
The Bridge Cinemas (Restricted)	\$11.00	\$9.00 x	= \$	

Theme Parks / Attractions **

Theme Parks / Attractions **		Retail Price	Club Price	Quantity	Total
Adventure City	Adult/Child	\$12.95	\$8.25	x	= \$
Aquarium of the Pacific	Adult	\$19.95	\$15.95	x	= \$
Good through 12/31/06	- Child 3-11	\$11.95	\$9.95	x	= \$
Boomer's Family Fun Centers - All day Pass		\$20.00	\$14.00	x	= \$
California Adventure	- Adult	\$59.00	\$49.00	x	= \$
Good through 12/14/06	- Child 3-9	\$49.00	\$44.00	x	= \$
Catalina Island Express (Round Trip)	- Adult	\$57.50	\$45.00	x	= \$
Through 12/31/06	- Child	\$44.50	\$37.00	x	= \$
Not valid 5/26-5/29, 6/30-7/4, 9/1-9/4	- Adult	\$24.00	\$18.40	x	= \$
Catalina Sightseeing	- Child	\$15.00	\$9.20	x	= \$
Choice of 2 tours: Avalon Scenic, Casino, Daytime Glass Bottom Boat or Sea Rocks Cruise. Seasonal. Through 12/31/06. Ticket not valid 5/26-5/29, 6/30-7/4, 9/1-9/4. Black out dates apply.	- Adult	\$59.00	\$49.00	x	= \$
Disneyland	- Child 3-9	\$49.00	\$44.00	x	= \$
Good through 12/14/06	- Adult	\$79.00	\$62.00	x	= \$
Disneyland 1-Day Park Hopper	- Child 3-9	\$69.00	\$57.00	x	= \$
Expires 12/14/06.	- Adult	\$349.00	\$329.00	x	= \$
Access to both parks on the same day.	- Child 3-9	\$229.00	\$209.00	x	= \$
Disneyland/California Adventure Premium	Valid 1 year from date of activation. No blackout dates.	\$149.00	\$141.55	x	= \$
Annual Passport w/parking	Valid 1 year from date of activation. Valid 315 days.	\$119.00	\$113.05	x	= \$
Disneyland/California Adventure	Valid 1 year from date of activation. Valid 175 days.	\$45.00	\$23.95	x	= \$
Deluxe Annual Passport	Valid 1 year from date of activation. Valid 315 days.	\$32.00	\$14.95	x	= \$
Disneyland/California Adventure	Valid 1 year from date of activation. Valid 175 days.	\$115.00	\$80.00	x	= \$
Annual Passport (SoCal)	Valid 1 year from date of activation. Valid 220 days.	\$60.00	\$60.00	x	= \$
Disneyland/California Adventure	Valid 1 year from date of activation. Valid 175 days.		Call for Details		
Knott's Berry Farm	- Adult	\$57.00	\$31.95	x	= \$
Expires 12/31/06	- Child 3-11	\$44.00	\$31.95	x	= \$
Knott's Berry Farm Annual Pass	- Adult	\$15.00	\$9.00	x	= \$
- Child 3-11	- Child 6-12	\$10.00	\$5.00	x	= \$
Knott's Scary Farm	Prices Vary by Date	\$10.00	\$7.00	x	= \$
Legoland	- Adult	\$7.00	\$4.00	x	= \$
Through 1/31/07	- Child 3-11	\$59.99	\$27.00	x	= \$
Lion King Pantages Theater (Mezzanine Right)	- Adult	\$29.99	\$15.00	x	= \$
Lion King Pantages Theater (Orchestra)	- Child (Under 48")	\$47.95	\$39.65	x	= \$
Los Angeles County Fair	- Adult	\$33.95	\$29.40	x	= \$
- Child 6-12	- Adult/Child	\$20.95	\$16.50	x	= \$
Los Angeles Zoo	- Adult		\$9.00	x	= \$
Through 12/31/06	- Child 4-12				
Magic Mountain	- Adult				
- Child (Under 48")	- Adult				
Medieval Times	- Adult				
- Child 12 and under	- Adult/Child				
Mulligan's All Day Pass	- Adult/Child				
Nightmare Before Christmas -	- Adult/Child				
at the El Capitan Theater in 3D only	- Adult/Child				
Pirates Dinner Adventure	- Adult				
- Child	- Adult/Child				
Ripley's Believe It or Not	- Adult				
Buena Park Location	- Child 4-11				
San Diego Zoo	- Adult				
Good through 3/31/07	- Child 3-11				
Sea World San Diego	- Adult				
Valid 5/1-12/31/06	- Child 3-9				
(2nd Day Free! 2nd visit must be before 12/31/06)	- Adult				
Universal Studios	- Adult				
Good through 1/31/07	- Child (under 48")				
Universal Studios - Annual Pass	- Adult/Child				
Valid 1 year from date of activation	- Adult/Child				
Universal Studios -	- Adult/Child				
Front of the Line Pass	Valid thru 1/31/07				
Wild Animal Park	- Adult				
Good through 3/31/07	- Child 3-11				

Merchandise

Hats

Merchandise		Retail Price	Club Price	Quantity	Total
Hats					
CITY SEAL Hat (with seal only)					
☐ Orange			\$10.00 x		= \$
☐ Black		SOLD OUT!	\$10.00 x		= \$
☐ Dark Blue			\$10.00 x		= \$
CITY SEAL Hat (with "Los Angeles")					
☐ Orange		SOLD OUT!	\$10.00 x		= \$
☐ Black			\$10.00 x		= \$
CLUB LOGO Hat					
☐ Dark Blue			\$7.00 x		= \$
☐ Khaki			\$7.00 x		= \$

City Seal Watches

Mens Silver Color, Leather Band, Model #1161-XSB		\$64.97 x	= \$
Mens Full Color Seal, Black Band Model #1245		\$36.00 x	= \$
Mens Gold Color Pendant, Model #1673		\$76.54 x	= \$
Ladies Full Color Seal, Black Band, Model #2245		\$36.00 x	= \$

Books

Los Angeles, Views of the Past & Present	\$25.00 x	= \$
Orange County, Views of the Past & Present	\$25.00 x	= \$
Hollywood, Views of the Past & Present	\$25.00 x	= \$

Gift Certificates

Golf 'n Stuff	\$26.50	\$11.50 x	= \$
See's Candies Gift Certificate (1 lb.)	\$14.25	\$9.83 x	= \$
Mulligan's Family Fun Center \$15 Gift Certificate	\$15.00	\$10.00 x	= \$

City Seal Window Decal

Full color, 3" diameter		\$2.00 x	= \$
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T-shirts

Order on line at www.cityemployeesclub.com or call the Ticket Guy at (888) 777-1744

SUB TOTAL

Shipping & Handling			
Tickets: Standard Mail*	\$2.25 x	1	= \$
Tickets: Certified Mail	\$3.50 x	1	= \$
Hats	\$2.25 for 1 to 3; \$1.25 for each above 3		= \$
Watches	\$3.00 for 1 or 2; \$2.00 for each above 2		= \$
Book	\$5.50 x		= \$
Overnight Shipping	\$20.00 x		= \$
Available only to orders shipped to a California address. No P.O. Boxes.			
Tax	8.25%		
Only applicable to merchandise			

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TOTAL (please include shipping) \$

****Please be aware that black-out dates and restrictions may apply to the use of discounted tickets.**

To Order:

BY MAIL: <i>Complete the order form below and mail to:</i> Ticket Guy City Employees Club of Los Angeles 350 S. Figueroa St., Ste. 700 Los Angeles, CA 90071	BY PHONE: (888) 777-1744 BY FAX: (213) 620-0398 BY WEB SITE: Go to www.cityemployeesclub.com and click on <u>Club Discounts</u>.
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Member Information

Member's name			
Home Street Address			
City		State	Zip
Home Phone		Work Phone	
Club Member Number			

Payment Method

☐ Check or Money Order enclosed (please paper clip to order form)
Make checks payable to **City Employees Club of Los Angeles**

☐ Credit Card
Please charge \$ _____ (enter total from above form) to my credit card.

☐ MasterCard ☒ VISA CVV Code:* *Last 3 digits on back of card,
after account number.

No. Exp. /

Cardholder Name _____

Cardholder Signature _____



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- ALL TICKETS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY. PRICES MAY CHANGE.
- DO NOT SEND CASH – ALL SALES ARE FINAL – NO REFUNDS.
- All checks and credit cards have to be issued by the member. Third party checks and credit cards will not be accepted.
- When visiting Club offices, only the first 15-minutes of parking will be validated. The CLUB strongly encourages that members phone in orders before visiting our office.
- Orders will be processed as soon as received.
- Tickets must be mailed to your home address.
- City Employees Club of Los Angeles cannot be held responsible for money or tickets lost in the mail.
- For your convenience, the Club accepts VISA or MasterCard.
- **Maximum 12 tickets per event/ theatre/attraction per order.**
- Allow 3 to 7 days for delivery.

Club Store

OFFICIAL CLUB MERCHANDISE & DISCOUNT TICKETS

City Seal Watches

These watches have been meticulously crafted using only high-quality quartz movements in hypoallergenic casings.



Mens Silver Color, Embossed City Seal, Leather Band
MODEL: #1161-XSB
PRICE: \$64.97



Ladies Full Color City Seal, Black Band
MODEL: #2245
PRICE: \$36.00



Mens Gold Color, Embossed City Seal
MODEL: #1673
PRICE: \$76.54

City Seal Window Decal

Size: 3" Diameter
Price: \$2 Each

Durable full color printing on clear plastic with long lasting adhesive.



Historical Books

Club Discount Price.....\$25 (\$32.95 Retail)

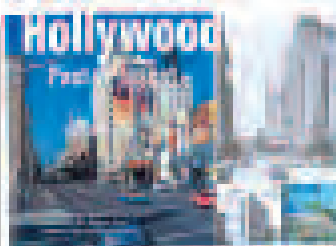
An excellent review of what these areas looked like in their humble beginnings compared to the present day. Photographs by the world famous George Ross Jezek.



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City Seal and Club Logo Hats

High quality embroidered ball caps!



City Seal: \$10.00 each



City Seal and City of Los Angeles script: \$10.00 each



City Employees Club of Los Angeles logo: 7.00 each

Khaki

Dark Blue

SOLD OUT!

Black

Orange

Dark Blue

SOLD OUT!

Black

Orange

DWP T-shirts

Unisex T-shirts

Sizes: S M L XL XXL

Member Price: \$12 per shirt*

White

Black

Navy Blue

*Non-Member Price: \$20 per shirt
*Plus tax and shipping

City of Los Angeles T-shirts

Unisex T-shirts

Sizes: S M L XL XXL

Long Sleeve T-shirts also available in Navy Blue and Black at \$15 per shirt.

Available Colors:

White

Navy Blue

Light Pink

Leaf Green

Black

Maroon

Blue Dusk

Orange

Olive

Indigo Blue

Back

Front

Member Price: \$12 per shirt*

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To get your T-shirts:

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(800) 464-0452
www.cityemployeesclub.com

See... your Club Counselor when they are in your office

Call... the Ticket Guy Hotline: (888) 777-1744

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MAIL

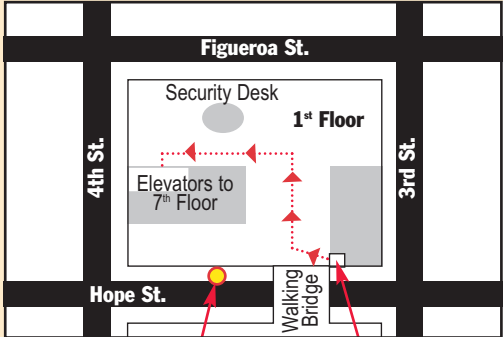
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City Employees Club of Los Angeles
350 S. Figueroa St., Ste. 700
Los Angeles, CA 90071

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350 South Figueroa St. Suite 700

Take the Dash "A" Route and get off at the World Trade Center stop. Take the outside elevator to the 1st floor. Go west into the building and then make a left. Take the main elevators to the 7th floor.



For Dash routes, go to: www.ladottransit.com/dash/routes

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\$12

per shirt*

Non-Member Price:

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City Girl "Retro" T-shirt

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Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**



Hot Pink

Heather Gray



Violet



Black



Fire Engine Red



Key Lime



Caribbean
Blue



White



Hot Pink

City Girl "Classic" T-shirts

Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**



Hot Pink

Key Lime



Violet



Black



Cherry



Heather Gray



Caribbean
Blue



White



Hot Pink