

Alive!

Color of DWP Light Festival: Especially Green

■ Dept.'s annual Light Festival in Griffith Park, which opens Nov. 20, goes environmentally friendly with LED lights, and biking and walking opportunities.

DWP — It was always green (and red), but now the annual DWP Holiday Light Festival in Griffith Park is going really green — as in environmentally friendly.



The popular annual Light Festival begins with a preview bike event Nov. 19, and "walking only" test

week through Nov. 25. The festival opens to vehicles Monday, Nov. 26.

"The DWP received a number of inquiries from neighborhood councils and community groups to see if the festival could become more environmentally friendly and walking only," according to DWP spokeswoman Kim Hughes. "The DWP worked with the councils and groups in exploring options, and we are very proud to have put together a great strategy."

The festival again will be run on site by Anita Wright, Club Member, the first woman in the department's history to manage the event on site.

See the story inside on page 38.

Power [TO THE] People

Alive! visits the DWP power plants and transfer stations and the men and women who staff them, following the electricity from generation into the grid. Here's where the power for your lights, computers and televisions starts. Included: an interview with DWP power chief Enrique Martinez on the department's green efforts, among other topics.

Turn to the special section, beginning on page 10.

Club Insurance Check Refund Totals \$700,000

■ Club to give back \$700,000 total to holders of Club Life Insurance. Do you have Club Life Insurance?

CLUB HEADQUARTERS — The Club will be returning approximately \$700,000 in refunds to more than 8,500 holders of the Club's Life Insurance product.

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Members pay premiums each month. At the end of the year, money that is not paid in the administration of the claims is returned. This year, that totals approximately \$700,000.

"That's among the largest amounts we have returned in our 79-year history," said Brian Trent, the Club's Chief Financial Officer. "Club Life Insurance promises to be there for those in need; that's our highest priority. But, after that, we love giving back anything we don't need."

Read the story on page 7 for details on the check disbursement, and how you can be eligible for next year's Club Life Insurance refund.



Joe Rosenthal, Electrical Station Operator, 21 years of service, at the McCullough Switching Station.

Mostafa Haji, Plant Engineer, 18 years of service, at the Harbor Generating Station.



Roy Snyder, Chief of Operations, Adelanto Converter Station.

Alex Gima, Environmental Coordinator, 28 years of service, at the Haynes Generating Station.

Alive! staff photos by Angel Gomez and John Burnes



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CORRECTIONS

In last month's *Alive!*, we ran one caption with the wrong photo, and one photo with the wrong caption. *Alive!* regrets the errors.

Cooking With the Club

In *Cooking With the Club*, the first instructional photo was incorrect. Here's the correct photo, with the correct caption.



Step 1: Wash your hands, the shrimp (after they have defrosted in the fridge), your utensils, your cutting board, and anything else that comes in contact with your preparation area. Place your shrimp in a large bowl.



"This picture was taken from inside a small temple looking out onto the main temple, at the infamous Angkor Wat complex in Cambodia. I don't think that I could ever put into words exactly what it is that I felt at this precise moment. No words could ever serve justice to such a feeling."

— Neil Rivas, son of Robert Rivas, DWP.

John's comments: These types of pictures are not easy to take. They usually become radically overexposed because of the darkness where the camera is. Nice work, Neil. You have a good eye for that "classic" shot.

Picture Perfect

In *Picture Perfect*, one winning photo carried the wrong caption. Here is the winner, with the correct caption text:

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** A Message From the CEO **

Here's Where the Power Comes From

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

You flick on a light. You switch on your laptop. You settle into your favorite sofa, ready to watch an interesting program on **Tony Ighani's LA Cityview 35**.

It all just happens, automatically. *Flick* ... and there it is.

Ever wonder where that power comes from? Wonder no more – we've devoted 18 pages of this month's *Alive!* to answer that question. We all might take our power for granted, but the good employees at the DWP take pride in thinking about that every day.

There is nothing simple about power generation and transmission. The truth is, it's a huge network of interconnecting cables, monstrous turbines and ridiculously tall transmission towers. It is really complex.

For this November issue, *Alive!* photographers roamed the Southwest to snap photos of most of the main facilities ... and some of the great people who work at them. They make the power and then bring it to you, and they take those jobs seriously.



DWP Power Chief Enrique Martinez talks about the power system with John Hawkins.

Special thanks go to **Enrique Martinez**, Chief of the Power Side; **MaryAnne Pierson**, who helped us produce this great feature; and all the folks we thank in the feature, which begins on page 10. We hope you enjoy it.

In other news ... a huge high-five goes to **Rita Robinson**, Club Board Member, who has been appointed the new General Manager at Transportation. She's the best, and well deserving.

And let's don't forget about the refund checks. The Club is proud to be able to bring you this benefit. Club Life Insurance is all about being there when you need it. Having said that, though, it's great when we can return money to our policyholders, too. How do you get this refund? Purchase a Club life insurance policy. Read the stories on pages 7 and 60.

November is when eyes and hearts turn to the holidays. It's one of my favorite times of the year, and I know it's special to our Club Members, too — you guys host really fun holiday parties every year. So many, in fact, that we simply can't get to all of them. Let us know when your party is, for sure, and we'll see if we can cover it. But don't be shy about sending us your photos. That way, we know it will get covered. See the instructions on page 35.

And now, one final word about Thanksgiving. Some people like roasting their turkey, some like deep-frying it, some like it sliced on sandwiches, etc. But you know what I've found that makes the turkey taste best? It's when you say thanks first, thanks for all your blessings. It makes the turkey taste so much better!

Okay, that's it from me for this month. See you in December!

JOHN

(jhawkins@cityemployeesclub.com)

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The Word on the Street



**Cecilia Talbot,
Claims Administrator**

Your service is "very good! Everyone I dealt with was very kind and took care of my needs. I loved the book (The Fall of Freddie the Leaf). I gave it to my youngest daughter, who has a four-and-a-half year-old son."

— Donna Summers,
September 2007

"Cecilia, thank you very much for your understanding and support during my difficult time of illness. You have been most kind."

— Farooq Mohammad,
August 2007

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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Total claims paid back to Club Members this year, so far: \$3,601,993

Claims paid:

Life insurance claims paid this month: \$63,435

Longterm care claims paid this month: \$21,106

Life insurance claims paid this year: \$2,310,482

Longterm care claims paid this year: \$176,473

Longterm disability claims paid this month: \$80,094

Cancer insurance claims paid this month: \$50,000

Longterm disability claims paid this year: \$1,054,674

Cancer insurance claims paid this year: \$275,000



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LETTERS To the Editor

Tell us what you think! talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

LETTER OF THE MONTH

'Alive Around World' Shows Club Members Leading Fun Lives

I am very impressed to see all the City employees taking *Alive!* with them on vacation. I'm going on vacation soon and would like to have my picture put in *Alive!*, too. What do I need to do? Thank you very much for your help.

— Sal Benrilquo

*Hi Sal: We are really proud of our "Alive Around the World" feature, which Club Members have really embraced. Have you checked out the locations where Club Members take Alive? India ... China ... Ireland ... Australia ... Iraq ... Mexico ... Egypt ... the Caribbean, and on and on! We're holding out for Antarctica, the North Pole, Easter Island, etc. When we started this feature, we thought we might get a few fun photos from California, but Club Members have done us proud. It really reflects how really, well, alive our members are. So keep 'em coming! Oh, right, you asked a question. Getting your vacation photo into "Alive Around the World" is easy: Take your latest copy of *Alive!* with you. And then, when you come upon a really interesting location – it can be famous, but doesn't have to be*



stand in front of it (daylight usually is best), and have someone take your photo. Hold the paper pretty high on your chest, and stand closer to the camera than to the landmark. That way, we get to see your face, and that's important. Also, make sure your camera's setting is for high-resolution (big) pictures. Then email the digital photo to us, telling us your name and department, and writing a quick recap of what's in the picture. That's it! Email it to "talkback@cityemployeesclub.com" You can also mail a paper photo to the address on page two. — Ed.

Revised Page 2 Chart Shows How Smart Club Insurance Is

Holy Insurance Claims Paid, Batman! The Club seems to be helping its members when they need it most (just finished reading page two). It's good to know that employees like me can count on the Club in case I have to use my insurance, like my disability insurance. When the Club says it pays when you buy insurance through the Club, they're not kidding!

— Linda Gomez, Rec and Parks

Office Depot Benefit Shows Club Membership Pays Off

Okay, okay, okay. I went to Office Depot. I bought about \$125.33 worth of stuff. I swiped my credit card at the cash register that I linked with the Club/Office Depot discount, and it was unbelievable. The cashier said, "Your new total is \$80.26." Wow! Thanks Club! What a great benefit!

— Brian Christopher, DWP

International Friends Story Shows That City's a Good Place to Work

The story on the International Friends on page 26 [September *Alive!*] was refreshing. I love food and I wish I had known about it so I could have tried the food they had there. It sounded like it was all yummy! I noticed that everyone in the photos had big smiles and great plates of food, people like Claudia Rojo, Ripsime Ter-Galstyan and Paola Valencia. Life at the City is good, really good. I love it! I think every department should take the example of Contract Administration and have their own international food luncheons. Keep up the good work, Contract Ad!

— Henry Mora, Transportation

Where Is Hynda? This Club Member Missed Her Column

I missed Hynda Rudd's column in the last issue of *Alive!*

I'm a faithful fan of hers and look forward to it each month.

Thank you!

— Terry Aguilar, Club Member

Hi Terry: As you'll see when you read Hynda's column, History Comes Alive!, this month, she was a very busy person last month. We are all glad to have her back! — Ed.

QUESTION of the Month

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

What food will you not be eating for Thanksgiving?

"I have to work, so I will not be eating any turkey."

— Won Davis, LAX, Airfield Operations



"I'm eating everything on the table!"

— Gary Ramirez, Maintenance Laborer, 4 years of service



"Believe it or not, I'm having everything except for turkey!"

— Jacqueline Ingram, Custodian, 13 years of service



"Cranberry sauce is something I'll be doing without."

— Vincent Sawyer, Custodian, 9 years of service



"I'm leaving anything that has the word beans alone."

— Armida Mendoza, Custodian, 1.5 years of service



"Just like Armida, I will not be eating beans!"

— Fernando Alday, Maintenance Laborer, 7 years of service



"I love turkey, but I can't stand pies!"

— Robert Garcia, Maintenance Laborer, 7 years of service



"Sometimes a fish dish appears on the Thanksgiving Day table and it's wrong."

— Donald Garibay, Senior Storekeeper, 33 years of service



"I'm part of the 'Ban Cranberry Sauce' group."

— Thomas Hoffman, Communications Electrician, 4 years of service



"Are you kidding me? Every Thanksgiving dish tastes good to me."

— Michael Estrada, Gardner, 17 years of service



Hansen Dam Triathlon

■ Aquatics Center hosts triathlon, in which City departments compete.

REC AND PARKS — On Aug. 19, the Hansen Dam Aquatics Center hosted its annual triathlon. The contest included a 500-yard open-water swim, an 11-mile bike course and a three-mile trail run.

As part of the event, City Departments were encouraged to face off against each other.

City Employees included:

L.A. City Aquatics Division (Hansen Dam and Cabrillo Beach):

- Asam Tawdy
- Edwin Realegeno
- Gareth Burk
- Robert Arreola
- Rick Peña
- Welby Cham
- Joshua Foster
- Benjamin Kingsbury
- Mark Steele
- Leonardo Sandoval
- Jeff Hart
- Joel Torres

LAPD, Foothill Division:

- Larry Martinez

LAPD Explorers:

- Humberto Ambriz
- Oscar Flores
- Evangelina Garcia
- Jose Guerrero
- Dave Perez
- Jose Berrios

Congratulations to all participants. And thanks to Zack Millett, Hansen Dam Aquatic Center, for his assistance.



Jeff Hart (center), Mark Steele (to the immediate right of Hart) and Edwin Realgeno (far right, goggles on his forehead) get ready to take part in the Hansen Dam Triathlon. They participated as part of the Rec and Parks Aquatics Division.



Jeff Hart completes the Hansen Dam Triathlon. He participated as part of the Rec and Parks Aquatics Division.



Jeff Hart (center), Edwin Realgeno (behind Hart) and Mark Steele (right) begin the Hansen Dam Triathlon. They participated as part of the Rec and Parks Aquatics Division.



The tradeoff from Rick Peña (cyclist) to Joel Torres (runner). They participated as part of the Rec and Parks Aquatics Division.



Joel Torres begins the run portion of the Hansen Dam Triathlon. He participated as part of the Rec and Parks Aquatics Division.



Joel Torres finishes the Hansen Dam Triathlon. He participated as part of the Rec and Parks Aquatic Division.




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Vas Celebrates India

■ Club Member Vas Singh leads a celebration of the 60th anniversary of India's independence.



PUBLIC WORKS — Vas Singh, Senior Clerk Typist, Contract Administration/Public Works; Treasurer of the India Association of Los Angeles; and Club Member, helped organize the celebration of the 60th anniversary of India Independence Day Aug. 28 at Pierce College in Woodland Hills. Thousands turned out to the event, which featured entertainment from local performers as well as a variety of booths.

Councilmember and Club Member Grieg Smith attended, sporting a colorful turban. Councilman Dennis Zine sent a certificate from his office. Congressman Brad Sherman was the chief guest, and Sheriff Lee Baca was also in attendance.

There were about 28 cultural presentations and about 70 stalls, selling varieties of Indian goods from apparel, jewelry and delicious spicy Indian foods bris-

ling with visitors, eager to have their bites. Congratulations on a great event, Vas!





Tips for Safe Holiday Fun

By Jimmy Hill; Fire Marshal, LAFD

The holidays are a great time ... but here are some safety tips to make sure they are exciting for all the right reasons!

When you change your clock, change your smoke alarm battery. On Nov. 4, we will once again move our clocks back an hour. Take the time to change your smoke alarm battery at the same time. It's a good habit.

Make sure everyone in your family knows what a smoke alarm sound like, regardless of their age. The best way is to get everyone together to test the alarm. If you have anyone in your house with a special need, make sure they can either get out or call for help on their own.

Holiday Cooking

Burning propane fuel plus hot oil is dangerous. Please be careful when deep frying turkeys. Many people have been burned because the fryer can tip over easily. The fryer sides, lid and pot handles can get dangerously hot. Turkey fryers usually are not UL-approved.

- Never walk away from your stove while cooking because a child could get hurt.
- Know how to call 9-1-1.
- If you have a grease fire on your stove, never use water.
- Use a fireplace screen whenever you are going to have a fire in the fireplace.
- Make sure you have an approved spark arrester on your chimney. Have your chimney checked and cleaned by a certified person.
- Make sure your rain gutter has been cleaned out. Make sure all leaves are disposed of correctly.
- Make sure all windows, screens, and any security device that is in place are working properly



Holiday Travel

If you are going to be traveling during the holiday season, remember to be prepared:

- Know all your escape routes and show them to your family.
- Decide where you and your family should meet outside if you have to evacuate or if you get separated.
- Make sure you only stay at hotels that have smoke alarms and a fire plan in place.
- Always have a flashlight, whistle and a good working (and charged) cell phone with you.
- Never take an elevator during a fire or earthquake. Always use the stairs.



In the fourth quarter of 2006 (the holiday season) in the City, we had 12 fires and 807 medical incidents every day. Let's start this holiday season the right way and the best way -- let's be fire safe.

For more information, contact your local Fire Station, or go to: www.lafd.org

Brian, your Club CFO says...

Life is good with another **BIG Refund Check**



Refund Checks On Their Way

■ The Club announces life insurance refunds of approximately \$700,000. Are you eligible?

CLUB HEADQUARTERS — Here come the refund checks ... right on time for your holiday needs!

The Board of Directors has approved a Club Life Insurance refund of approximately \$700,000 to be distributed back to the eligible Club members.

The Club continues its tradition of rewarding Club Life Insurance policyholders with a return of unused premiums (total premiums collected less paid claims and expenses). The 2007 refund will be the Club's 76th refund.

"This is another great example of how the Club works for its members," said Brian Trent, the Club's Chief Financial Officer. "Club Life Insurance is all about being there when our Members are in need. That's our first priority. And we are happy to return that portion of the premiums that are not needed."

Who is eligible? Anyone who had Life, Spouse Life, Dependent Life, Retiree Life or Retiree Spouse Life

Insurance in force for the month of July 2007 is eligible for a refund.

The actual amount Members receive will be determined as a percentage of the total premiums paid by an individual for the period of August 2006 through July 2007. However, those who dropped their insurance coverage prior to July 31, 2007, are not eligible for any refund.

Checks will be distributed at your worksite and mailed to active members in early December. Anyone who has recently changed departments should notify the Club so their check does not get lost in the distribution process.

Retiree member checks will be mailed in early December.

Are you not eligible for a refund check, but would like to be? It's so simple. Purchase any Life plan from the Club, and you're eligible. Insure your family's future and receive a little reward each year for living!

See pag 61 for an application. Talk to your Club Counselor, or call the Club at (800) 464-0452.



Life's Important Moments

Share your moments!

Did you get married? Have a baby? (Yea!) Get a promotion? (Hooray!) Retire? (Ahhhh.) We want to hear from you. Share your news with the world! Send all notices and 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:

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| <p>Airports
Curtis Adams
Jennifer Arbid
Chena Carroll
Hector Cortez
DAndre Ford
Ida Keys
Hortencia Ledesma
Marvin Mims
Gerald Morgan
Basilio Quiroz
Ann Ross
Federico Sandoval
Earl Shelton
Christina Shipman
Frank Silva
Gerard Smith
DeLanna Studie
Monica Vaughn</p> <p>Animal Services
Jonathan Angelo
Jose Salas</p> <p>Building and Services
Andrew Ko
Robert Gold</p> <p>Status of Women
Julie Heifetz</p> <p>Community Development
Karen Banks
Dionne Brandon
Gregory Burks
Charlene Chan
Adama Franklin
Medy Mamaril
Paragele</p> <p>ITA
Thomas Martinez</p> <p>Fire
Ralph Enderle
Kimi Kawashima
John Lefeber
Hector Quintanilla
Paolo Sasso
Harold Scott</p> | <p>Harbor
Luis Alcala Jr.
Brandyn Anderson
Antonio Flores
Sylvia Gordon
Zenaida Koerber
Mathew Koerber
Arturo Ortega
James Sullivan
Adria Williams</p> <p>General Services
Kelly Gray
Fern Gray
Jay Inkthovang
Clifford McKenzie
Linda Taren
Kyle Yonamine</p> <p>Housing
Trino Alejo
Anna Berberian
Maria Estrada
Marisol Romero
Gus Vindell</p> <p>Convention Center
Karlo Sabio
Maria Vergara</p> <p>Police
Maytza Alvarado
Rod Betancourt
Steven Ching
Iris Dawson
Alicia Diaz
Catherine Hernandez
Elander Hill
Elbert Hughes Jr.
LaRhonda Humphrey
Nancy Juarez
Dana Lee
Javier Martinez
Rosalia Mendoza
John Meneses
Trina Moreno
Aljandro Nava
Yvette Perrodin
Carmen Quintanar
Rachel Smith</p> | <p>Alison Soto
John Soto
Patricia Taylor
Catherine Taylor
Denna Thompson
Elias Tirado
Hanh Tran
Anne Veal
Laura Villegas
Michelle Yracheta</p> <p>Public Works
Bureau of Engineering
Vernon Tabirara</p> <p>Sanitation
Jose Alonso
Jorge Alvarado
Alex Angel
Bryan Brooks
Craig Cox
Chermaine Fontenette
Gregory Fontenette
Joe Guzman
David Hunter
Chae Jackson
Elizabeth Mata
Ruben Morales
Eric Perryman
Lester Quintana
Marvin Ray
Steven Turner
Rhonda Wright</p> <p>Street Maintenance
Sonya Cromwell
Wanda West</p> <p>Rec and Parks
Ryan Alex
David Bland
Hisani Brewer
Ashley Carr
Maria Carranza
Terrance Coulter
Cheny Dominguez
Jose Duenes
Bretishia Eglard</p> | <p>David Elvira
Wendy Escobar
Diana Esparza
Stephanie Flores
Darnell Franks
Feltus Frost
Maria Gutierrez
Sebastian Lopez
Melissa Mendoza
Tiana Moore
Karen Nolasco
Crystal Regalado
Sarah Samantilla
Dreonna Taylor
Ardea Thomas
Yolanda Torres
Ashlee Tyler
Billy Zapata</p> <p>Transportation
Ivy Beverly
Ed Jurado
Zeletta Thomas</p> <p>Finance
Danilo Dionisio</p> <p>Zoo
Tobiann Dyke
Kristina Patchis</p> <p>DWP
Vicente Aguilar
José Beristain
Dora Briseno
James Caldaronello
Michael Chan
Joseph Childress
Dean Elliott
Brian Hauser
Thurman Jones
John Koppelman</p> <p>Retired
Agnes Hill
Mervyn Meyer
Sylvia Powell</p> <p>Other
Michael Alvarez
Catalina Martinez</p> |
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Retirements

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| <p>Karl Andrews
DWP</p> <p>Dennis Angier
DWP</p> <p>Rex Atwell
DWP</p> <p>Cynthia Battiste
Data Entry Operator
ITA, 36</p> <p>Sandra Brown
Clerk Typist
Library, 23</p> <p>Robert Brymer Sr.
DWP</p> <p>Robert Carlson
DWP</p> <p>Susana Castellanos*
DWP</p> <p>Nancy Cummings
Sr. Librarian
Library, 23</p> <p>David Custer
DWP</p> <p>Elwood Daniels
DWP</p> <p>Maurice Doucette
DWP</p> <p>Joyce Evans
Sr. Police Service
Rep LAPD, 24</p> | <p>Lawrence Fadden
DWP</p> <p>Reginald Fisk*
DWP</p> <p>Norman Floyd*
DWP</p> <p>Laurence Gillis
DWP</p> <p>Bruce Hamer*
DWP</p> <p>Donald Jackson
Equip. Operator
Public Works, 24</p> <p>Marjorie James
DWP</p> <p>Richard Kaku
DWP</p> <p>William Landa
City Planning Associate
Planning, 37</p> <p>Robert Landon*
DWP</p> <p>Judy Litowitz
DWP</p> <p>Gerard Lollie*
DWP</p> <p>Victor Marrero
Storekeeper
LAPD, 20</p> | <p>Thomas McGinn
Management Analyst
Transportation, 31</p> <p>Richard Navarro*
DWP</p> <p>Wilford Neal
Maintenance and Construction Helper
Public Works, 18</p> <p>Marge O'Brien
Council Aide
Council, 12</p> <p>Evelyn Pace
DWP</p> <p>Alejandro Preciado
DWP</p> <p>Justin Rible
Golf Starter
Rec and Parks, 16</p> <p>Swarn Seth
Off. Engr. Tech.
Public Works, 24</p> <p>Mark Sidlinger
DWP</p> <p>David Thomas
Info. and Control Sys.,
Public Works, 12</p> | <p>Vaughn Thomas
Council Aide
Council, 11</p> <p>Joseph Vara
Electrical Equip. Tester
Building and Safety, 23</p> <p>Trinidad Velasquez*
DWP</p> <p>Krishna Verma*
DWP</p> <p>Gloria Vite-Ontiveros*
DWP</p> <p>Ramona Voge
Ch. Clerk Police
LAPD, 25</p> <p>James Wallace
Traffic Officer
Transportation, 18</p> <p>Beverly Warren*
DWP</p> <p>Jack Williams*
DWP</p> <p>Charles Willoughby
DWP</p> <p>Hisamizu Zempo*
DWP</p> |
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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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| <p>Active</p> <p>Finas Cook
Transportation, 5</p> <p>Mark Foley
Public Works, 26</p> <p>Roberto Hart
Public Works, 26</p> <p>Phillip Wickey*
DWP, 20</p> <p>Retired</p> <p>Frank Alvarado
DWP, 25</p> <p>Exonia Batterman
Library, 13</p> <p>Kenneth Brock
DWP, 26</p> <p>Joseph Burch
DWP, 25</p> <p>Frank Chiarolla
Public Works, 29</p> <p>Freddie Dupard
Public Works, 28</p> <p>Robert Fasana
DWP, 38</p> | <p>Betty Fletcher
DWP, 40</p> <p>Ramon Fraszquez
DWP, 31</p> <p>Zella Gardner
LAPD, 38</p> <p>John Gibbs
DWP, 26</p> <p>Vardon Goble
Public Works, 32</p> <p>Lewis Green
DWP, 27</p> <p>Jack Griffith
DWP, 36</p> <p>Thomas Harris
Airports, 29</p> <p>Walter Hayes
Public Works, 11</p> <p>Wanda Henderson
Airports, 24</p> <p>Edward Hereford
DWP, 29</p> <p>John Hernandez
DWP, 35</p> <p>Christine Hubbard
DWP, 17</p> | <p>Henry Kruposki
Harbor, 27</p> <p>Margaret Laird
DWP, 35</p> <p>David Manago
Public Works, 31</p> <p>Booker Matthews
Transportation, 8</p> <p>George Matthews
City Clerk, 26</p> <p>Charles Mills
DWP, 31</p> <p>Henry Monsimer
DWP, 19</p> <p>Ernest Morales
Public Works, 15</p> <p>Margaret Murphy
DWP, 35</p> <p>William Nishimura
Airports, 9</p> <p>James Parr
Public Works, 31</p> <p>Marcello Pene
DWP, 41</p> <p>John Pozega
DWP, 18</p> | <p>Brian Reilly
DWP, 31</p> <p>Elizabeth Revell
Harbor, 36</p> <p>Eddie Ross
DWP, 26</p> <p>Tadao Sakuda
DWP, 21</p> <p>William Schultz
DWP, 21</p> <p>Martin Sinning
Public Works, 28</p> <p>Leonard Slyuter
DWP, 30</p> <p>R.E. Stuckhoff
DWP, 37</p> <p>Idell Sydney
Library, 26</p> <p>Mercedes Tate
DWP, 20</p> <p>Joe Valenzuela
Public Works, 34</p> <p>Charlie Waggoner
DWP, 37</p> <p>Dudley Warnock
DWP, 31</p> |
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Weddings

Alive! is delighted to publish wedding photos of Club members. Have a photo of a recent wedding? Send it in to *Alive!* Weddings, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071.

Promotions

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Special Achievements

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

Quinceañera

Juno Galvan and Leonor Garcia, both DWP employees and Club Members.



Susie Morales, niece of Juno Galvan and Leonor Garcia, who both work for the DWP and are Club Members. The celebration took place in El Paso, Tex.; the family gathered from California, Texas and Mexico.



Alive! is delighted to publish photos of Club members quinceañera. Have a photo of a recent quinceañera? Send it in to *Alive!* Quinceañera, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071.



From left: Katelynne Calderon, Sunland, Calif.; Dianita Perez, Chihuahua, Mexico; Susie Morales, El Paso, Tex. (who was honored); an unidentified family friend; and Christy Morales, El Paso.



Births



Mary Jane Manalo, born July 16. She's the granddaughter of Manny and Puri Manalo, both retired from Public Works, Bureau of Engineering. She is being held by her sister, Marley Manalo.



Lauren L'na Stanton, born March 19. Parents are RCTO Scotty Stanton, Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation, and Tonia Stanton.

Alive! is delighted to publish photos of Club members newborn babies. Have a photo of a recent newborn? Send it in to *Alive!* Births, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071.

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Insurance Products

From the Club

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



Term Life (from \$10K to \$300K)

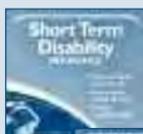
Safeguard your loved ones! Life insurance is a great way to protect them. Purchasing term life insurance also makes you eligible for the Club's famous refund check...whatever we don't spend in claims and overhead, we return to the policyholders. Smart...well managed...and service-oriented.

Spouse Life Insurance

Include your spouse with Club Term Life Insurance.

Long Term Disability Insurance

Protect yourself from career-ending traumas.



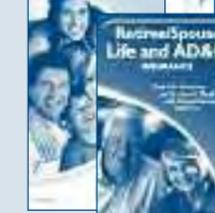
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Ensure an income stream until you can get back on your feet.



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Manage your future health-care costs with this Club package.



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



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Use the power of the Club to protect yourself against the financial downfall of accidental death or dismemberment.

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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.



Arlene Herrero



Liz Montes



Howard Pompel

**DWP EMPLOYEES
AT WORK**

Power

Power Facts: DWP Power Service facts at a glance

Power Sources (for fiscal year 2004-05)

Coal:	52 percent
Natural Gas:	26 percent
Large Hydroelectric:	6 percent
Nuclear:	11 percent
Renewables:	5 percent

Electrical Capacity

Total Generating Capacity:	7,200 megawatts
Los Angeles Peak Demand:	6,165 megawatts

Electricity Usage (annual)

Residential:	7,055,990 megawatt-hours (31 percent)
Commercial:	13,223,405 megawatt-hours (58 percent)
Industrial:	2,447,499 megawatt-hours (10 percent)
Other:	138,103 megawatt-hours (1 percent)

Other Power Facts

Total Power Poles:	290,000
Miles of Transmission Lines:	3,643
Miles of Overhead Distribution Lines in L.A. Area:	7,268
Miles of Underground Distribution Lines in L.A. Area:	6,115
Total Street Lights in L.A.:	258,000

Measurement Guide

Watt:	Unit of measurement of electrical power
Kilowatt-hour:	1,000 watts of power at work for one hour, or a 100-watt light bulb operating for 10 hours
Megawatt-hour:	1,000 kilowatt-hours
Gigawatt-hour:	One million kilowatt-hours

Thanks

Alive! wishes to thank the following DWP employees, without whom we couldn't have produced this feature:

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[TO] People

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Last February, *Alive!* focused on the water that supplies the City by following the DWP's Los Angeles Aqueduct from Lee Vining to Sylmar.

And now comes part two, as *Alive!* looks at the DWP's equally critical power side, visiting the department's staffed power generation and transfer stations from Boulder City to Long Beach.

Come along and meet some of the people along the City's electricity grid who generate and bring you the service that powers your life.



Valley Generating Station photo courtesy DWP

Power
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People

The Alive! Interview

Energy Now and in the Future

■ **Alive!** interviews Enrique Martinez, Chief Operating Officer, Power System, for the Department of Water and Power, about how the department generates the power you use, its emergency situations, and its green future.

DWP — On Sept. 7, *Alive!* CEO John Hawkins interviewed the head of the DWP Power System, Enrique Martinez, about the heat wave the City had just endured, the broad view of the power system, and department's efforts at green power generation.

Alive!: Thanks so much for meeting with Alive!

ENRIQUE MARTINEZ: Sure.

Alive!: One of the most important things is to give the reader a broad overview of the power system. I think a lot of people have misconceptions about where we get our power. Where does it come from?

ENRIQUE: Okay. Well, first of all, we measure the capacity of the system, the size of the system, by megawatts. A megawatt is a million watts of power. The Department of Water and Power has more than 7,000 megawatts of its full capacity, which means two things: one, we are one of the largest utility in the nation based on that indicator; and two, we are the largest municipality in the United States.

We also have 1.4 million meters on the power system, which represent the individual homes, residences and apartments that we serve at all times with that full capacity. That's about 10 percent of the full capacity of the State of California. Our transmission

lines are throughout the West. They are not just in the City and the state. They are out of state, too.

Alive!: And you own those lines.

ENRIQUE: We own those lines.

Alive!: But maybe not the source.

ENRIQUE: In most cases we own the source, and also we own the transmission. And then, of course, we own the distribution within the City of Los Angeles. So we are considered a vertically integrated utility. That means we own generation. We own transmission. We own distribution, and we serve the customers directly. So that, in the big picture, is what the Department does and has at present.

Coal Power

Alive!: Please give us a broad overview of where all this energy and electricity comes from.

ENRIQUE: Sure. A good quantity of the power comes from out of state. We invested many, many millions of dollars, billions of dollars, with out-of-state facilities. One comes out of Utah, where we are part of the Intermountain Power Project. We also own Navajo, which is near Page, Ariz. It is a facility on the Navajo Reservation.

Alive!: Intermountain is a generating facility?

ENRIQUE: It is a generating facility. It has two large coal units up there. 47 percent of the energy that we provide for the City today comes from coal generation.

Alive!: Where does the coal come from?

ENRIQUE: Mines. In Utah, we buy from mines.

Alive!: And Navajo is coal.

ENRIQUE: Correct.

So we have those facilities. And we still own part of Mojave, in Laughlin, Nev. And that is a coal ownership. The plant is shut down since the

end of 2005, and the owners are trying to figure out what to do. There are three other owners along with us.

Natural Gas Power

ENRIQUE: So then we go to natural gas. In the L.A. basin, we own four natural gas facilities. They are Haynes, near Seal Beach and Long Beach; the Harbor Generating Station, by the Port of Los Angeles; Scattergood, next to Hyperion Treatment Plant; and the Valley Generating Station, in Sun Valley. So those four provide our gas-fired generation.

Alive!: Where does the natural gas come from?

ENRIQUE: We buy natural gas on the spot market. Also, we have bought a position in reserves in Wyoming, where the Department has bought actual gas fields.

Alive!: Really.

ENRIQUE: And we are moving gas. It is being produced from Wyoming all the way down to Los Angeles using pipelines. It is withdrawn from the field in Wyoming, in Pinedale. It goes through a process to make it pipeline-quality before it is injected into what they call the Kern River Pipeline. Kern River Pipeline runs all the way from Wyoming to the California border. And then at the California border, it gets transported to the Southern California gas company system. And then from the gas system it comes to our plants.

Alive!: Wow.

ENRIQUE: So we bring gas as far as Wyoming. We can bring it from as far as Texas.

The pipes are mostly underground.

Also, we buy gas from the market. We have short contracts with producers. Then we manage it. Install it. And then use it for our system.

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ABOUT Enrique Martinez
Chief Operating Officer, Power System
Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

Enrique Martinez has worked for the DWP since 1998. He held the position of Director of Generation until his appointment in April 2000 to Assistant General Manager - Power Services. His responsibilities included generation, transmission, energy procurement, wholesale marketing, fiber optics and distribution. In June 2002, he was appointed

Assistant General Manager of Power Generation, which included planning, construction, and operation of the major generation and transmission facilities including energy procurement and wholesale marketing. In September 2003, he was appointed Chief Operating Officer - Power System, and is responsible for all power assets, environmental affairs, regulatory affairs and economic development programs.



Where does the power come from?

C Owens Valley Gorge Generating Stations

The DWP generates, converts and transmits its power from stations throughout the Southwest. This *Alive!* special section highlights the stations that are owned and staffed by the DWP. You can use this map as your guide - each station has a letter that corresponds to photos and information about that station in the following pages. (The portion of the map inside the red frame is magnified.)

A Hoover Dam

Fresno

Las Vegas

Boulder City

Arizona

Tulare

Inyo

Bakersfield

Kern

B Adelanto Converter Station

Los Angeles

K Castaic Pumped Storage Power Station

Ventura

J San Francisquito Generating Plants

I Sylmar Converter Station

H Valley Generating Station

Los Angeles

G John Ferraro Building

D Scattergood Generating Station

F Harbor Generating Station

E Haynes Generating Station

Rancho Palos Verdes

Minnetonka Beach

Newport Beach

Riverside

Imperial

San Diego

San Diego

Mexico

He has been in the utility business for 29 years. He launched his career as an entry-level engineer with Southern California Edison (SCE). During his 16-year period at SCE, he advanced through various technical and management positions and reached the level of Manager of Hydro Generation. He left SCE in 1992 to assume the leadership of the Tennessee Valley Authority Hydro Generation Organization as Vice President in the Power Group. He later assumed responsibility for the Fossil Generation Organization until he left the company in 1998.

He has a Bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from California State University, Fullerton, and is a graduate of the executive program from the University of Virginia Darden School of Business. ■

Power [to the] People

The Alive! Interview

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Water Power

Alive!: So there is coal, natural gas and hydroelectric, too.

ENRIQUE: Right. Yes. In terms of hydroelectric, the biggest component is our allocation from Hoover Dam. Many years ago, the Department was one of the first investors to make building the dam possible.

Alive!: We invested in that?

ENRIQUE: Yes. We had a compound where employees lived in Boulder City during construction and up to 1983. We had Department personnel who lived in Boulder and worked at Hoover Dam, operating our units. Following 1983, the [Federal] Bureau of Reclamation took ownership back basically, because we had a 50-year-license when Hoover Dam was built. So they took the option to take it back, and now the dam is operated by the federal government. Most of the facilities were sold at that point. The homes and everything we had back there were also sold to the employees in most cases. Many of the employees stayed with the Bureau of Reclamation.

Alive!: So they switched jobs?

ENRIQUE: Basically, yes. But we retained the allocation of the power coming out of Hoover Dam. And it is about 380 megawatts coming out of there.

Alive!: And there are other hydroelectric plants, too, right?

ENRIQUE: Right. We also have hydroelectric along the LA Aqueduct, all the way from Owens Valley. There are power plants all the way down. Everything is driving flow. There are no pumping stations to get the water down from the Owens Valley. They built small power plants to provide power for [aqueduct] construction. After the construction, they stayed to provide power. So we have hydro facilities there, the Upper Gorge, the Middle Gorge and the Control Gorge. And we have power plants down farther, too. There is a large plant in the San Francisquito Canyon. That is at the confluence of a lot of water coming through the Aqueduct. There is a lot of water there, so they put a large power plant there.

Alive!: But Hoover Dam is the biggest?

ENRIQUE: That is the biggest.

Alive!: And the most recognizable?

ENRIQUE: Right.

Alive!: What about Castaic?

ENRIQUE: Castaic is the pump storage. It is hydro, but a little different type of hydro.

Alive!: Explain that...

ENRIQUE: Well, during the day, water is released from the Upper Reservoir, which is Pyramid Lake. It comes down to Castaic and generates power. In the evening, when the demand goes down in the City for power, we reverse the pumps. We pump the water back up and store it for the following day. It's kind of like a recycling process. We don't necessarily get more kilowatt-hours out of it. But you bring in the kilowatt-hours to [generate] more expensive power when you need it. And because you

can put that energy into the system so quickly, it becomes a very good way to meet the peak demand. We use surplus power in the evening to pump the water back up, and then [generate] more expensive power during the day.

Alive!: And there is only one of those?

ENRIQUE: One in the Department, yes. It generates 1600 megawatts, which is a large facility. And it's used pretty much every day. We have to work with the Department of Water Resources. They schedule the water that has to be released into the L.A. area. They have to maintain the pumping at Evanston, coming over the Grapevine.

Alive!: Sounds complicated...

ENRIQUE: It is, yes. There is always concern in the scheduling process between the water system, the California Water Resources, and us, to make those schedules come about.

Nuclear Power

Alive!: How about nuclear power? Doesn't something like 11 percent of our power come from nuclear sources?

ENRIQUE: About 10 percent, yes.

Alive!: Does that come from San Onofre?

ENRIQUE: No, no. That comes out of Palo Verde, 50 miles west of Phoenix. We own 10 percent of capacity at Palo Verde, 10 percent of the nuclear plant.

Palo Verde has six owners: us, Southern California Edison, Salt River Project in Arizona, Arizona Public Service, El Paso Electric, and Tucson.

Alive!: Do we literally get electricity from that plant?

ENRIQUE: Yes. It comes from the switchyard for the power plant. We have a transmission line connected to its switchyard that brings the power all the way to Palm Springs. And then from there it goes to Victorville, and from Victorville it's distributed across the City.

Green Power

Alive!: And finally, renewable energy.

ENRIQUE: We have an internal goal, directed by the board and the mayor, to achieve 20 percent of our retail sales from eligible renewable energy by 2010. So we are aggressively pursuing large quantities of renewable energy. We are going to buy some; we are going to build some. And then we are going to have somebody else build them and we will buy it.

Alive!: What are you building?

ENRIQUE: We will be building a 120-megawatt wind farm. We have the turbines. We just completed a land negotiation for the leases of the land where it is going to go in.

Alive!: Where?

ENRIQUE: Tehachapi. Actually, it will be north of Mojave on 395, on the way to Bishop, about 14 miles north of the town of Mojave.



Alive!: And that is property we already own?

ENRIQUE: No, it's privately owned, but we negotiated long-term leases with the owners for the site and use the facility. We are also pursuing purchasing additional land around that area. The wind potential is pretty good in that area. We have transmission lines there, so we are trying to find a way to increase the capacity for that region there so we can bring more of that power to the City.

Alive!: So what would be, 10 years from now, the most popular form of renewable energy?

ENRIQUE: Well, I think it will be wind primarily. But we are also going to bring other technology into the picture. We are definitely pursuing geothermal. We are working with the Imperial Irrigation District in the Salton Sea area, for co-development of geothermal down there. The Department has purchased some land with geothermal potential in the Imperial Valley, which we plan to develop as well.

Alive!: Geothermal means heat in the earth.

ENRIQUE: In the earth. Correct.

Alive!: How do you create energy?

ENRIQUE: You drill wells into the earth, and you collect that heat, or what we call plasma. It depends on the type. But you bring heat from the earth and you process it through a heat exchanger, where you then make the exchange in the full system to make steam inside the turbine. Then you get this power.

Alive!: So it is hot enough to make steam?

ENRIQUE: Oh, yes. Yes.

Alive!: Like a nuclear reactor without the radiation.

ENRIQUE: Correct. The fields are somewhere in the neighborhood of 340 to 380 degrees. So it is not what we call superheated, but it is hot enough to generate and get enough energy out of that source so we can run turbines. What makes it clean is that there are no emissions. Once the steam has expanded, it is re-injected back into the earth so that the cycle continues to feed itself.

Alive!: What about photovoltaic?

ENRIQUE: The Department has a very aggressive plan for adding photovoltaic. It is a long process because every installation is so small.

The way that we are using to try to get people to invest money into photovoltaic is by providing rebates. But the rebates unfortunately are not large enough to offset the cost of the investment. And then, because our rates are so low and the payback period is so long, that it kind of works against itself. We just adjusted and submitted to the board for consideration a revision of the rate of the rebate structure, to make it more attractive.

Green Challenges

Alive!: What prevents us from doing building photovoltaic cells in the desert?

ENRIQUE: Cost. It is very expensive. The most efficient way to collect solar power is called a concentrated solar system. Concentrated solar means fields and fields of troughs of mirrors that are concave with a conductor, or some kind of a pipeline through the center of the conductor. The parabolic mirror tracks the sun from the morning to the evening, and then reflect it into one single point at the apex of the parabolic dish. That is where the heat is concentrated, and the heat transfer occurs at that point. The fluid runs through that pipe, all the way back to a heat exchanger. That is where the steam is created and then runs a turbine. We have been looking at that type of [system], but more cost effective, more controllable. You are limited to smaller quantities because it takes a lot of area to produce one kilowatt of energy.

Alive!: And it is DC to AC.

ENRIQUE: DC to AC. You have the conversion issue. You have other problems, so it is very inefficient.

Alive!: You have to convert it to AC to transmit it.

ENRIQUE: Yes. In that conversion, you lose energy. And so by the time you add all these things, possibly solar is much more effective and efficient than is photovoltaic.

Alive!: Does DWP own any [photovoltaic] projects?

ENRIQUE: No. About three projects have been proposed. We are evaluating those right now actively and probably we will see one, maybe two in the next 10 years.

Alive!: The people who work on this, are they DWP employees? Is there a renewable energy division?

ENRIQUE: We are starting that. Up to now, we do not own renewables. Our first major installation on renewables will be the wind farm. And we are looking right now at staffing and looking at the profile of the kind of work that they have to perform. We are finding that one of the physical requirements of these jobs is that employees will have to climb 300 feet up in the air and perform work at those elevations.

Alive!: Three hundred feet.

ENRIQUE: Three hundred feet in the air. That is where the turbines are.

Alive!: On the wind farm?

ENRIQUE: The wind farms, yes. The actual turbines will be sitting 300 feet up in the air. It is pretty mountainous where we are going to be installing our turbines. Palm Springs is fairly flat. We have identified that our people will have to climb up daily and then also be able to safely rappel over the side and come down in an emergency. They would be harnessed and all

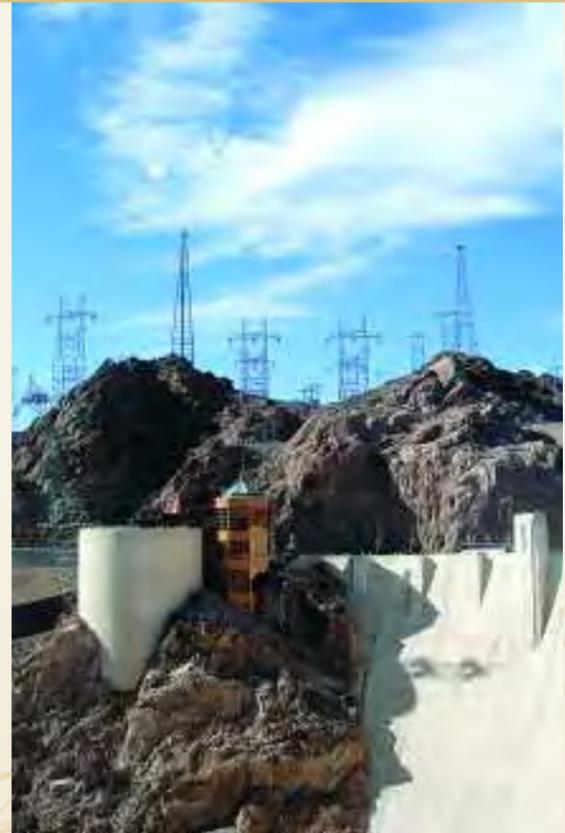
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Hoover Dam

Marketplace Transfer Station and McCullough Switching Station

Location:	Boulder City, Nev.
Hoover Dam operational:	1936
Type of power (generated):	Hydroelectric
Type of power (transferred):	Hydroelectric, coal
Purpose:	Convert power from DC to AC for long-distance transmission; transfer power from Hoover Dam, the Utah generating stations and Edison to where needed, including the City of Los Angeles
Generating capacity (Hoover Dam):	491 megawatts (DWP portion)



Power is generated at the bottom of Hoover Dam (the top of the dam is at right) and transferred over the cliffs via power lines to the McCullough Switching Station and the Marketplace Transfer Station.

A Hoover Dam

Marketplace Transfer Station

At the controls at McCullough is Bob Wasdorp, Electrical Station Operator, 32 years.



Performing a remote terminal upgrade at Marketplace are, from left: Mike Able, Electrical Mechanic; Al Derlighter, Electrical Mechanic Supervisor; Walter Johnson, Electrical Mechanic, Alfredo Cardenas, Electrical Craft Helper; and Vic Aceves, Electrical Mechanic.



Richard "Mack" De Motte, Electrical Mechanic, 6 years of service.



Danny Jurn, Equipment Operator, 27 years.

We thought this photo was of a DWP plant, but it's actually an Edison plant. So we'll need to use another photo.

McCullough Switching Station



Joe Rosenthal, Electrical Station Operator, 21 years of service, at the McCullough Switching Station.



The McCullough Switching Station, south of Boulder City, gathers power from a number of sources and sends it where it's needed. Inset: Larry Jurn, Electrical Mechanic, is in the "bucket," installing a new transformer.

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that, of course. It is one thing doing it on the ground level. It is another thing doing that at that level.

Alive!: Do you think we are at an advantage as opposed to other municipalities or power users in the United States in that we have wind, heat and many sunny days? Whereas, maybe back East or in the Midwest there might not be as much of that?

ENRIQUE: That is true. The resources here on the West Coast are more plentiful. They facilitate that type of technology. If you go to other places it is more difficult to develop them because it just impedes itself. They do not have the weather and terrain to be able to make that happen. So, yes, I think there is a lot of potential to tap.

I think our biggest challenge is that we are moving from what we did in the past, from very large, large projects, to a whole bunch of little ones. They have to be built. They have to be maintained. They are going to have to be commissioned and permitted. And then, of course, transmission lines have to be built. When you are working on a large project, there is a lot of focus and concentration, and a lot of resources pour in. But once it is done, it is done, and it is pretty predictable. When you start multiplying that in a number of different foreign projects, your risk level goes up.

Alive!: Right. Eighty turbines instead of one.

ENRIQUE: Yes. Or one large boiler. So, yes, it becomes a little more challenging and more labor-intensive to maintain a new system. But the trade-off, of course, is that they are cleaner. They are very clean. It does help the atmospheric conditions. It addresses the global warming problem. It addresses a number of other issues of technology development. And, ultimately, over time, these may be the beginning of a nexus of new technology that will be evolving, because the issue of combustion in general, whether it be automobiles or diesel engines or power plants or cement plants ... it is becoming more and more of a challenge to keep combustion as the mainstream way we produce any kind of energy for anybody in this country. There has to be some departure, some way to find alternatives. And it is not going to be cheap. This is one of the issues. It is not going to be a cheap way to go, but ultimately for the long-term issues of the economy and of the citizens and humans, something has to change.

And I am really concerned. This last two years we have had some unusual weather. We have been talking in the Department about how we

used to predict pretty much where [energy demand was] going to be, and how the weather was going to behave, and make our plans somewhat systematically. We have so much history as to how patterns develop. And right now we are in a really strange pattern that we cannot predict one way or the other which way it is going to go.

Alive!: But it's gone out the window?

ENRIQUE: That has kind of gone out the window, yes. Last year, there was so much demand driven by a long duration of [high] temperature that tasks our system. The demand was driven to levels we did not anticipate until 2011 or 2012. We are going back to the drawing board right now and try to figure out, okay, what have we got to do? We cannot be in a position where the City is jeopardized and they cannot have reliable power. Having customers [lose power] or days upon days without energy and hot days, is just not sustainable and it is not something that the City wants to have. The Department, frankly, doesn't want to explain why customers are without service for long durations.

Selling Power

Alive!: Does anyone buy power from us?

ENRIQUE: Yes. We sell surplus power to the market when it is not needed by us. We will make it available when it is surplus, but if we need it we always call it back because we make sure that the City is served first.

Alive!: Can buyers be a municipality? Can it be another corporation?

ENRIQUE: Yes. It could be a utility. It could be an out-of-state utility. It could be a marketer. Our issue is not necessarily who we sell it to. Our issue is to make sure that the financing is viable, that they can pay us when we sell that power because we do not want to extend credit to companies that do not have a lot of credit.

So, yes, we do sell surplus energy. It is not a big component of our business, but it is one. We also buy from the system. Sometimes the market is such that there is a lot of excess power. Maybe it was anticipated to be real hot, but it never got real hot. And all of a sudden you are flooded with a lot of energy out there. When that happens, we can go into the market and say, well, we will buy that excess energy. And then we will use it at Castaic for pumping, or we will shut down one of our fossil units to displace that energy.

Alive!: Fossil meaning?

ENRIQUE: Gas or coal.

Alive!: Fossil fuels.

ENRIQUE: Yes. We manage that. There is an active management system of all the infrastructure, all the options, both internal and external. And then also we look at the best way to shape the portfolio going forward to bring us the most reliability and the lowest cost to the consumer.

Coming Back to California

Alive!: You worked for Southern California Edison for how many years?

ENRIQUE: Sixteen.

Alive!: Sixteen years. And then -- I am not expert in your field, but it would seem to me you went to the best, which is then the Tennessee Valley Authority.

ENRIQUE: Right. Six years there.

Alive!: To me that would be the crowning achievement. So how do you go from the Tennessee Valley Authority -- the best, and maybe the top -- back to LA?

ENRIQUE: When I came back to California, it was right at deregulation. There were new models being implemented in California that were really kind of out of the box. Nobody had done it. Everyone was trying to figure out how this whole new system was going to work and it was a great period of experimentation in the power industry. I was intrigued by how these things are going to work in California. Back in Tennessee, we had a model that was very robust. It had been proven. It had been shot at many, many times, and the model -- public and private partnership -- worked well. I would not say it was on automatic mode, but in essence there were not a lot of variances you could actually go into and perform.

Well, here in California, it was just the opposite. So when the opportunity came about to come out here and come back to L.A. and be in the middle of this great experiment that was going on, I took it. I grew quickly in three years, just being in on the ground floor of this great experiment in California. I never would have been exposed to that or would have been really had an opportunity to learn. I started not only to understand but manage a system in this very turbulent world. Still today I am still learning more, and it gave me a good foundation to deal with how to protect the Department going forward and stay out of these morasses that happened in earlier times, to not repeat it. That's our challenge right now with term limits. Legislators now are novice in what they come into. They are trying to make decisions or pass laws on issues that they have no history and no background, and that becomes a challenging element. We have to become more of an instructor teaching and explaining why certain things will not work.

Big Responsibilities

Alive!: Do you ever think about the responsibility that you have? Is it a duty? Is it an honor, a responsibility? The happiness and the lives of so many people are based upon what you do. Do you ever think about that awesome responsibility you have?



ENRIQUE: Well, yes, at times. Sometimes the reality hits you, like it did this last weekend when we had extreme weather. And you get reports of the number of outages and the people who are affected. You roll the crews out. You call people out. Trying to manage my staff and all of the ins and outs of what needs to happen physically to restart power and get people served. To me, that is when it really hits me -- the size and the magnitude of the system that I am responsible for. But also how good the staff is in responding. I was really proud of the guys through this last outage. The hot weather came faster than we thought. The crews started getting ready for it. And as things continued to change throughout the day, they kept adjusting systems, whether it be at the distribution level or generation or transmission, or going to the market, to make sure everything came together without a step missing in the process. We did not stumble. We did not fall.

Things kept running, and then the third day hit, and obviously the pressure got worse. And we had to make some calls -- what do we have to do to get the power systems back up again to the customers? We had a long weekend [Labor Day], so that made it more difficult.

All in all, to me, it is a challenge. I do not think about it too much until these events happen. And that is when the tire meets the road.

Alive!: It becomes personal to you.

ENRIQUE: Yes. It's a reflection of the customers' confidence in the Department. And that reflects all the way from the General Manager to every employee in the Department. I was reading in the paper where customers were glad to see the crews. It was almost like a cowboy was riding out to the rescue, and the guys feel proud about that. They really do. There is a lot of pride. That is when they shine the best, when things are going bad.

It becomes very personal to all of us. As professionals and individuals, we pride ourselves in managing the system and doing it well.

Alive!: What makes you happy about the job?

ENRIQUE: The challenge. It is so diverse. The system is large enough, and so diverse, that we find different type of challenges every day, whether it be administrative, legislative, strategic or operational. For me personally, the diversity of issues that come up and the opportunities that I have to participate in day to day, keeps the job very exciting. That's number one.

And number two, it is never boring. There is always something to deal with. And my job is broad enough that I can talk about technical items down to the detail on relay systems and small transformers. And then deal with policy issues. And with global warming and strategies on how to invest additional funds or monies in projects that will change the whole nature of the Department. The broad range of issues and opportunities that I have is what keeps this job pretty exciting for me.

Alive!: Thank you for your time today.

ENRIQUE: You're welcome. ■

Enrique Martinez, Chief Operating Officer, Power System, DWP, explains a point to Club CEO John Hawkins.



THE FACTS

Adelanto Converter Station

Location:	Adelanto
The southern terminus of the Intermountain Power Project (Utah).	
Operational:	1986.
Purpose:	Convert power from DC (sent from the coal-burning generators in Utah) to AC; and transfer that power to DWP stations in Victorville, Boulder City and the Valley.



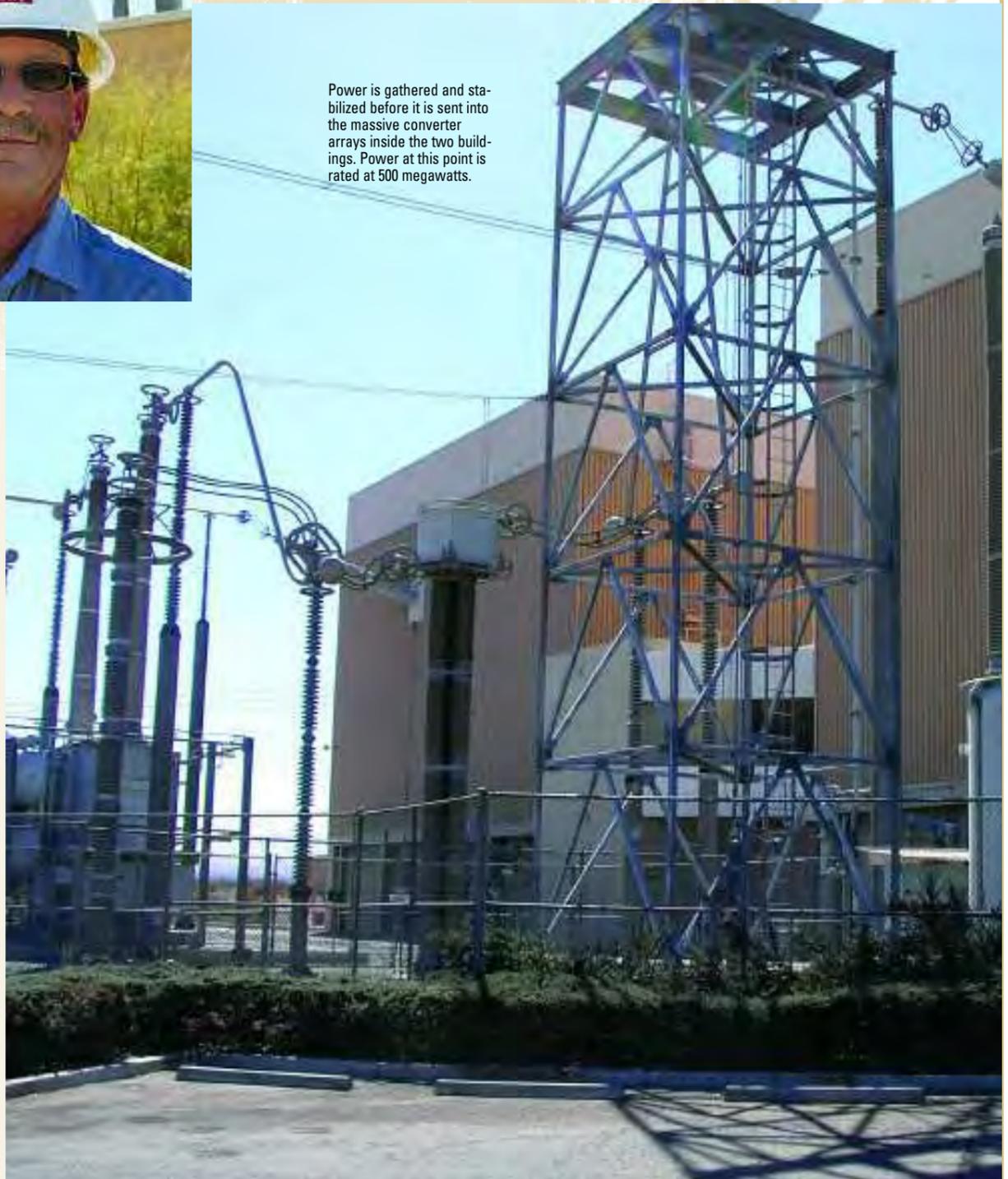
The Adelanto Converter Station in Adelanto, near Victorville. A microwave tower soars above it.

B Adelanto Converter Station



Roy Snyder, Chief of Operations, Adelanto Converter Station.

Power is gathered and stabilized before it is sent into the massive converter arrays inside the two buildings. Power at this point is rated at 500 megawatts.



At the controls in Adelanto, from left: Donald Rowland, Second Operator, 25 years of service, and John Clark, First Operator, 25 years of service.



Sandra Crassweller, Sr. Storekeeper, 18 years of service.

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Owens Valley Gorge Generating Stations

Control Gorge just north of Bishop controls all three Gorge stations and is the only one that is permanently staffed.



THE FACTS

Owens Valley Gorge Generating Stations:

- Upper Gorge
- Middle Gorge
- Control [Lower] Gorge

Location:	North of Bishop, Calif.
Operational:	1952 and thereafter. (Three much smaller power plants were built in the Owens Valley in 1908 and 1909 to power the construction of the first Los Angeles Aqueduct.)
Type of power:	Hydroelectric
Generating capacity:	110 megawatts

Control [Lower] Gorge



Power is collected from all three Gorge stations, sent through these transformers and transferred to Los Angeles. These transformers are almost brand new.

Water from the Los Angeles Aqueduct enters the Control Gorge Station via this penstock and valve. Standing next to it is Jeff Husted, Chief Electric Plant Operator.



At the control panel at Control Gorge are, from left: Forrest Bell, Electric Station Operator; Jeff Husted, Chief Electric Plant Operator; and Mike Robertson, Electric Station Operator.

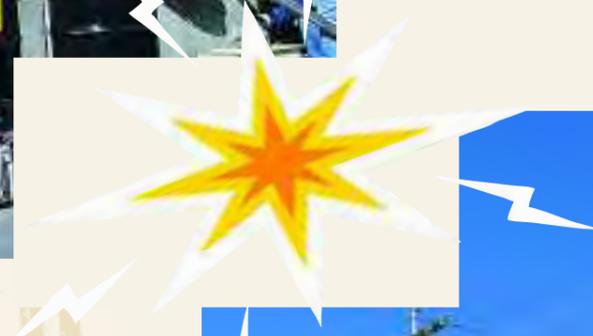


Installing a new transformer at Upper Gorge is Will Johnson, Electrical Mechanic, 1 year.



Upper Gorge

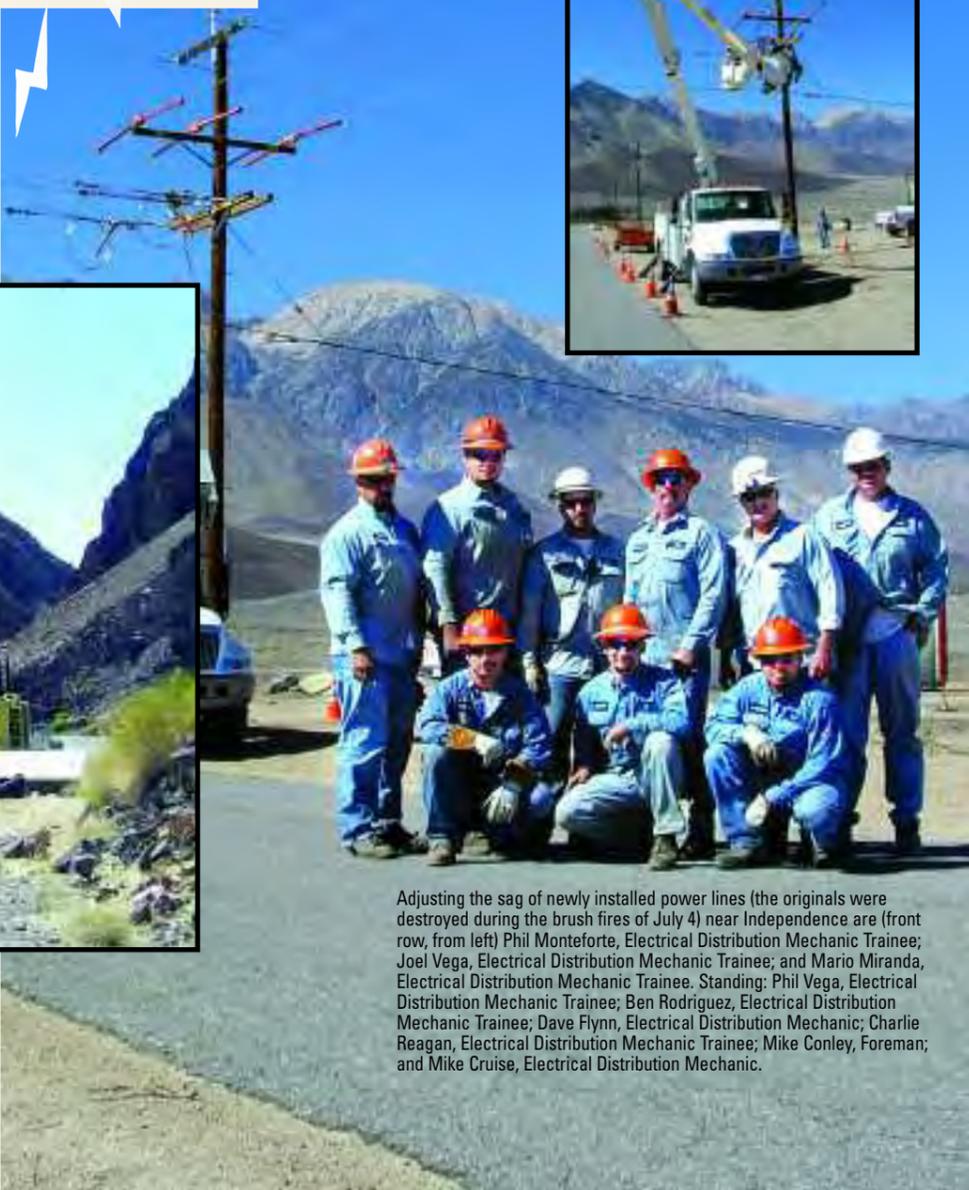
An Energy Dissipation Structure (EDS) was installed at Upper Gorge in the early 1990s to take some water from the Los Angeles Aqueduct as it came down the gorge from Crowley Lake and re-water the Owens River Gorge (above).



Middle Gorge



Middle Gorge Generating Station is not staffed.



Adjusting the sag of newly installed power lines (the originals were destroyed during the brush fires of July 4) near Independence are (front row, from left) Phil Monteforte, Electrical Distribution Mechanic Trainee; Joel Vega, Electrical Distribution Mechanic Trainee; and Mario Miranda, Electrical Distribution Mechanic Trainee. Standing: Phil Vega, Electrical Distribution Mechanic Trainee; Ben Rodriguez, Electrical Distribution Mechanic Trainee; Dave Flynn, Electrical Distribution Mechanic; Charlie Reagan, Electrical Distribution Mechanic Trainee; Mike Conley, Foreman; and Mike Cruise, Electrical Distribution Mechanic.

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Scattergood Generating Station

Dave Tsosie,
Scattergood operator.

THE FACTS

Scattergood Generating Station

Location:	Playa del Rey
Operational:	1959
Type of power:	Natural gas
Generating capacity:	813 megawatts



Dave Tsosie stands in front of filtering unit.



Control room
for the
generating
station.



Another control room for the generating station.



Alex Gima, Environmental Coordinator, 28 years of service.

FACTS

Haynes Generating Station

Location:	Long Beach
Operational:	1963, re-powered in 2005
Type of power:	Natural gas
Generating capacity:	1565 megawatts

E Haynes Generating Station




View from top of Haynes Generating Station.



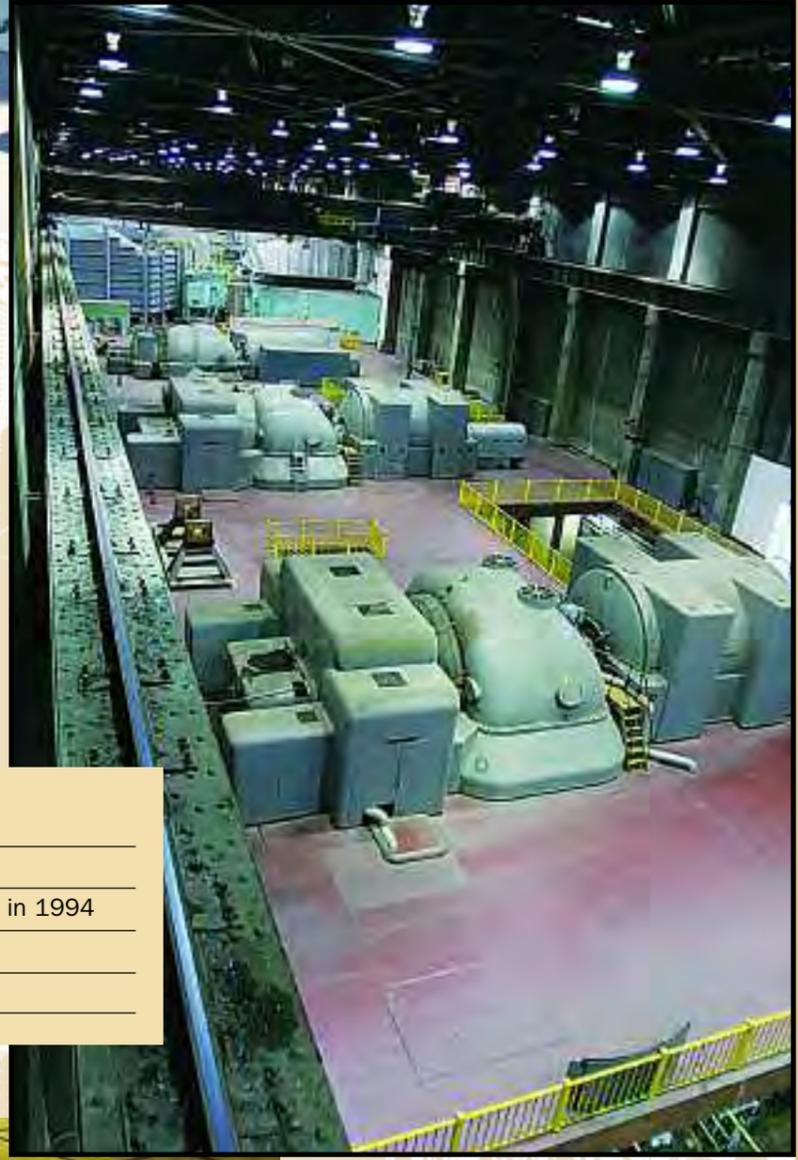
Generating Station landscape from the front of the plant.

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Mostafa Haji, Plant Engineer, 18 years of service, at the Harbor Generating Station.



Harbor Generating Station



FACTS

Harbor Generating Station	
Location:	Wilmington
Operational:	1962, re-powered in 1994
Type of power:	Natural gas
Generating capacity:	466 megawatts

The Operator Control Room.



Inside the station.



Mostafa Haji, Plant Engineer, 18 years of service, at the Harbor Generating Station.

Fuel Cell Power Plant



FACTS	John Ferraro Building Fuel Cell Power Plant
	Location: Downtown Los Angeles
	Operational: 2003
	Fact: The world's largest, most efficient commercial design fuel cell power plant. Produces nearly zero emissions and pollutants.
	Type of power: Hydrogen
Generating capacity: 250 kilowatts	



The fuel cell at the John Ferraro Office Building.

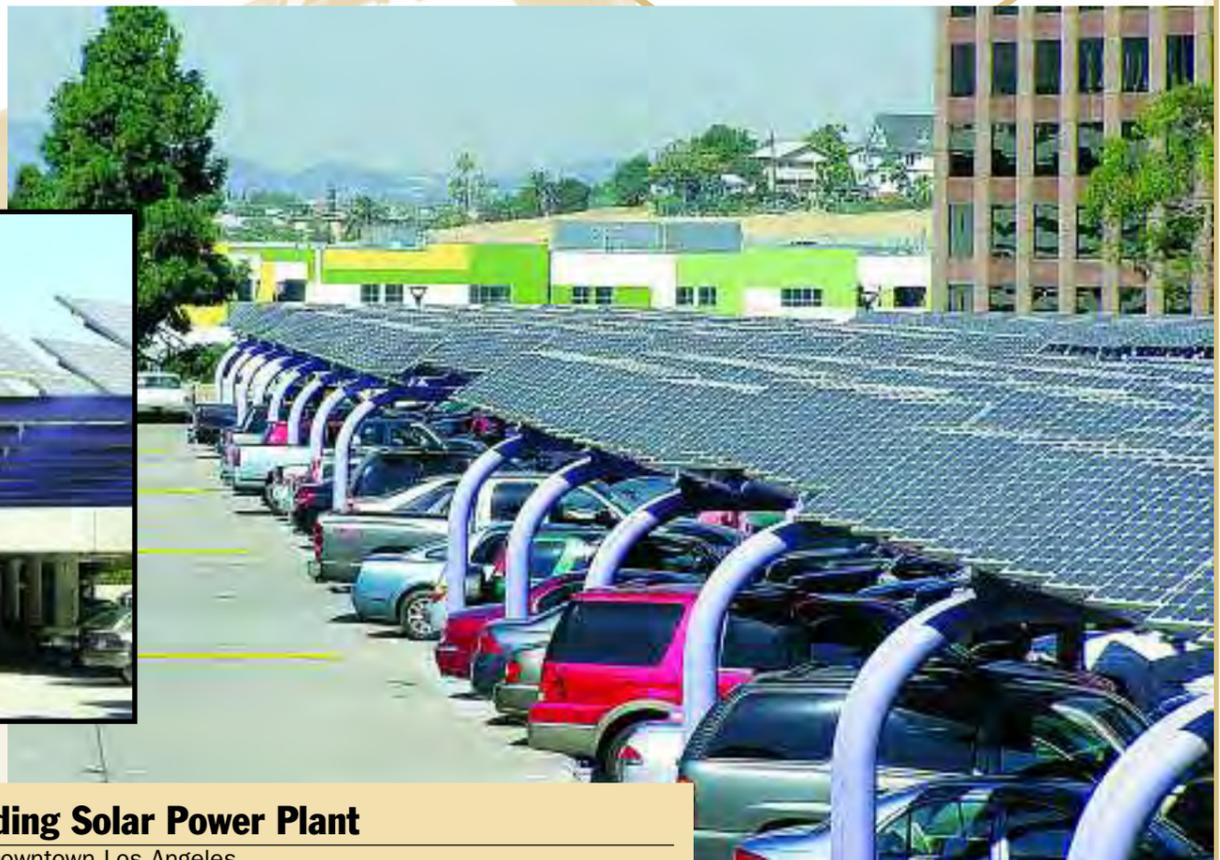


John Ferraro Building

Solar Power Plant



Solar arrays at the John Ferraro Office Building.

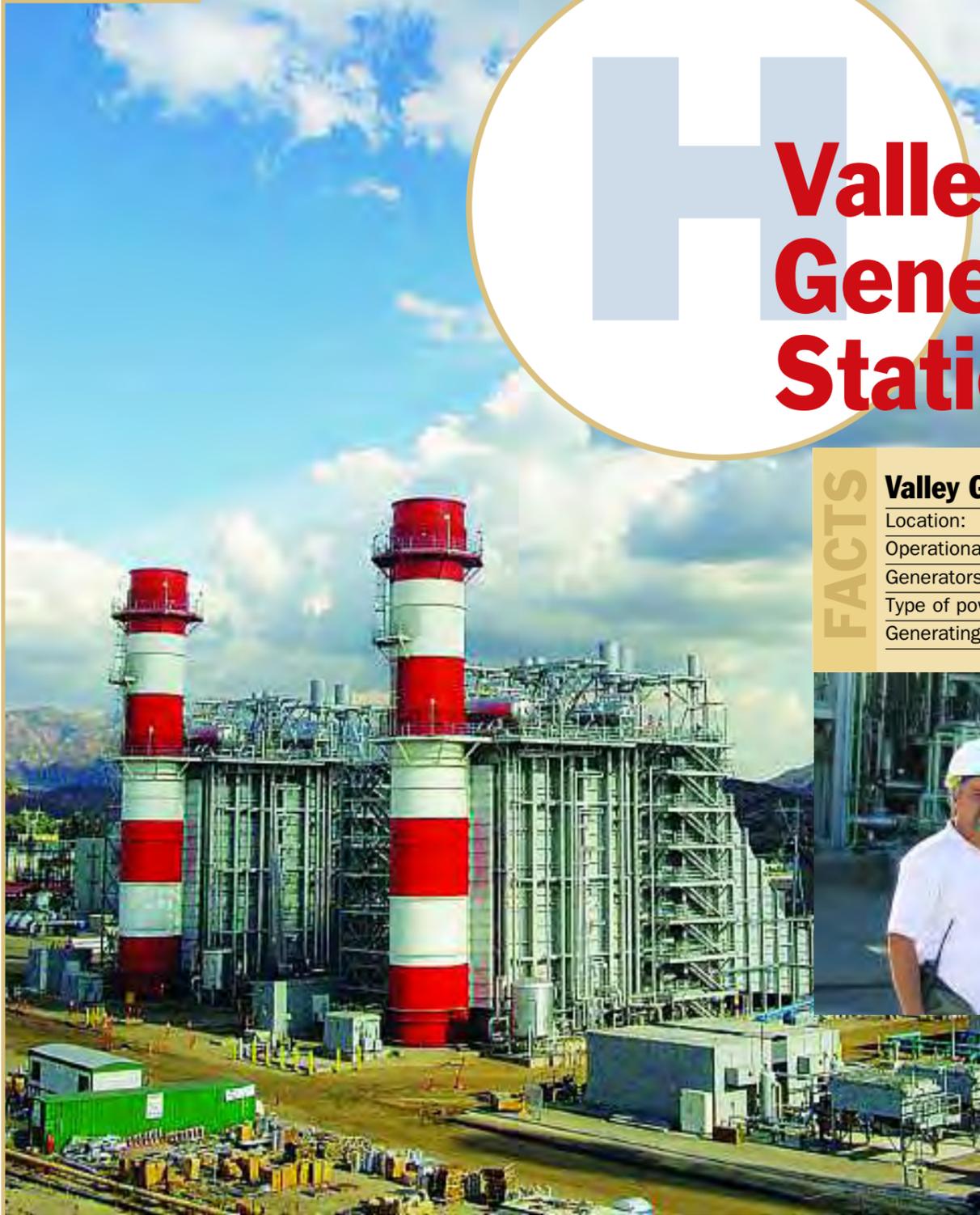


FACTS	John Ferraro Building Solar Power Plant
	Location: Downtown Los Angeles
	Operational: 1999
	Type of power: Solar
	Generating capacity: 150 kilowatts
Purpose: Built as a pilot project to encourage use of solar arrays. Provides about five percent of the DWP headquarters' energy needs.	

The other set of solar arrays that the city operates is at the Convention Center.

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Valley Generating Station



FACTS

Valley Generating Station	
Location:	Sun Valley
Operational:	1956, re-powered in 1999
Generators replaced:	2004
Type of power:	Natural gas
Generating capacity:	533 megawatts



From left: Lee Beatty, Safety and Training, 29 years of service; Jeffrey Reid, 3 years with the DWP; and Joseph Jiwatrakan, 1.5 years of service.



Jeffrey Reid and Joseph Jiwatrakan make a routine inspection.

Photo courtesy of DWP.



Carl Kinsey, Assistant Control Operator, 28 years of service.

The smoke stacks have long been recognized as a point of reference in Sun Valley.





From left: Chris Darden, Electrical Station Operator (ESO), 27 years of service; Leo Mangbas, Electrical Station Operator (ESO), 20 years of service; Jaime Marquez, Electrical Station Operator (ESO), 14 years of service; Paul West, Electrical Station Operator (ESO), 17 years of service; Elida Leal, Electrical Station Operator (ESO), 21 years of service; Anthony Juarez, Training and Safety Instructor; and Jeff Lams, Engineer, 21 years of service.



Smoothing reactors work like a resistor and limit current.



State of the art equipment converts DC to AC current and vice-a-versa.



The conversion capacity of this station is 3100 megawatts.



The Sylmar converter station has stood the test of earthquakes over the decades.



DC filters have to be cleaned every other year since the electricity collects dust onto the surface of equipment.

Sylmar Converter Station

THE FACTS

Sylmar Converter Station

Location:	Sylmar
Operational:	(Sylmar A) 1970, damaged in 1972 earthquake. Rebuilt immediately thereafter. (Sylmar B:) 1985. Both damaged following the 1993 earthquake.
Rededicated:	2005.
Purpose:	Convert power at the end of the multi-state Pacific DC Intertie power grid.
Conversion capacity:	3,100 megawatts
Fact:	The world's most powerful converter station.

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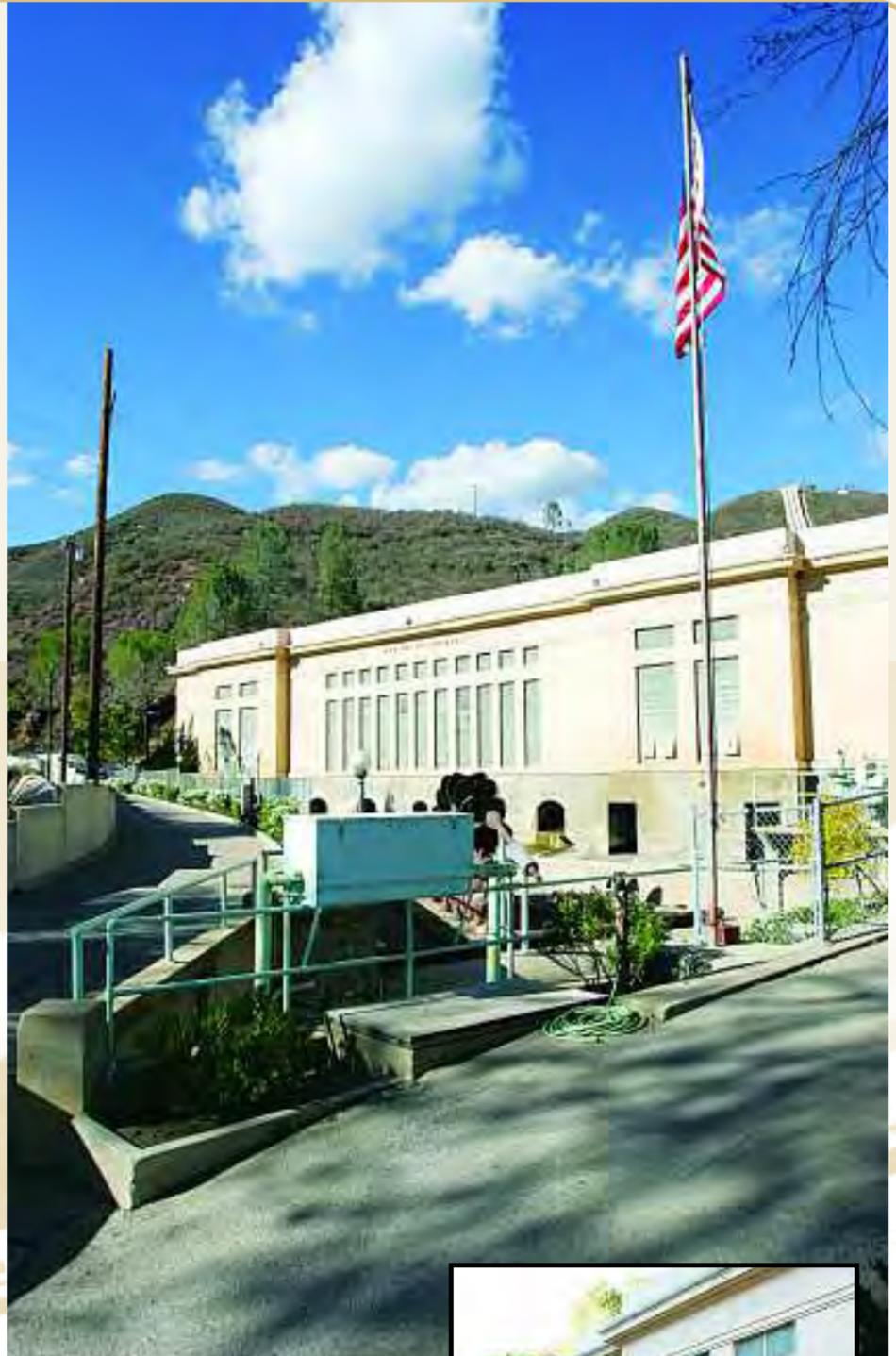
From left: William Youngquist, Electric Station Operator, 25 years of service; and Richard Jimenez, Electric Station Operator, 29 years of service.



Henry Hopkinson, Control Room Operator, 37 years.



William Youngquist shows original artwork.



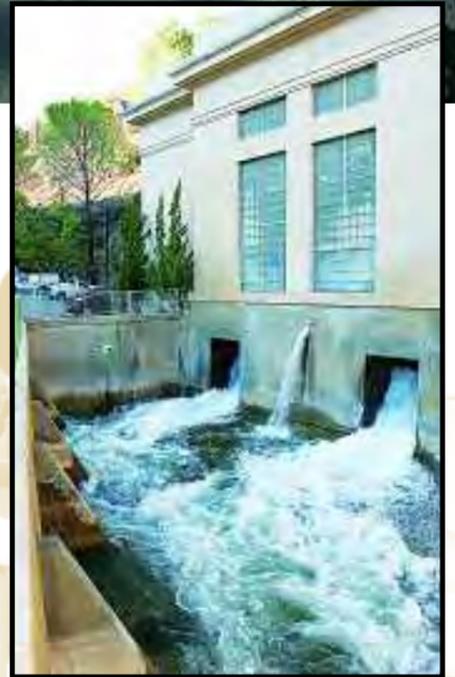
William next to original waterline.



View of waterline.

View of powerplant.

San Francisquito Generating Plants 1 and 2



Running water.



THE FACTS

San Francisquito Generating Plants 1 and 2

Location:	Saugus
Operational:	1917 (Plant 1, rebuilt after the 1971 Sylmar earthquake); 1920 (Plant 2, rebuilt immediately after the 1928 failure of the St. Francis Dam destroyed it). Re-powered early 1980s (Plant 1), 2006 (Plant 2)
Type of power:	Hydroelectric
Generating capacity:	75 megawatts (Plant 1), 42 megawatts (Plant 2)
Fact:	Plant 1 generated the first power produced by the DWP for the City's direct use.

FACTS

Castaic Pumped Storage Power Station

Location:	Castaic
Operational:	1973, re-powered 2005
Type of power:	Hydroelectric
Dual purpose:	Generate electricity during the day; and pump the water back up the hill at night, when power is less needed (and cheaper), to generate more electricity the following day.
Generating capacity:	1,175 megawatts

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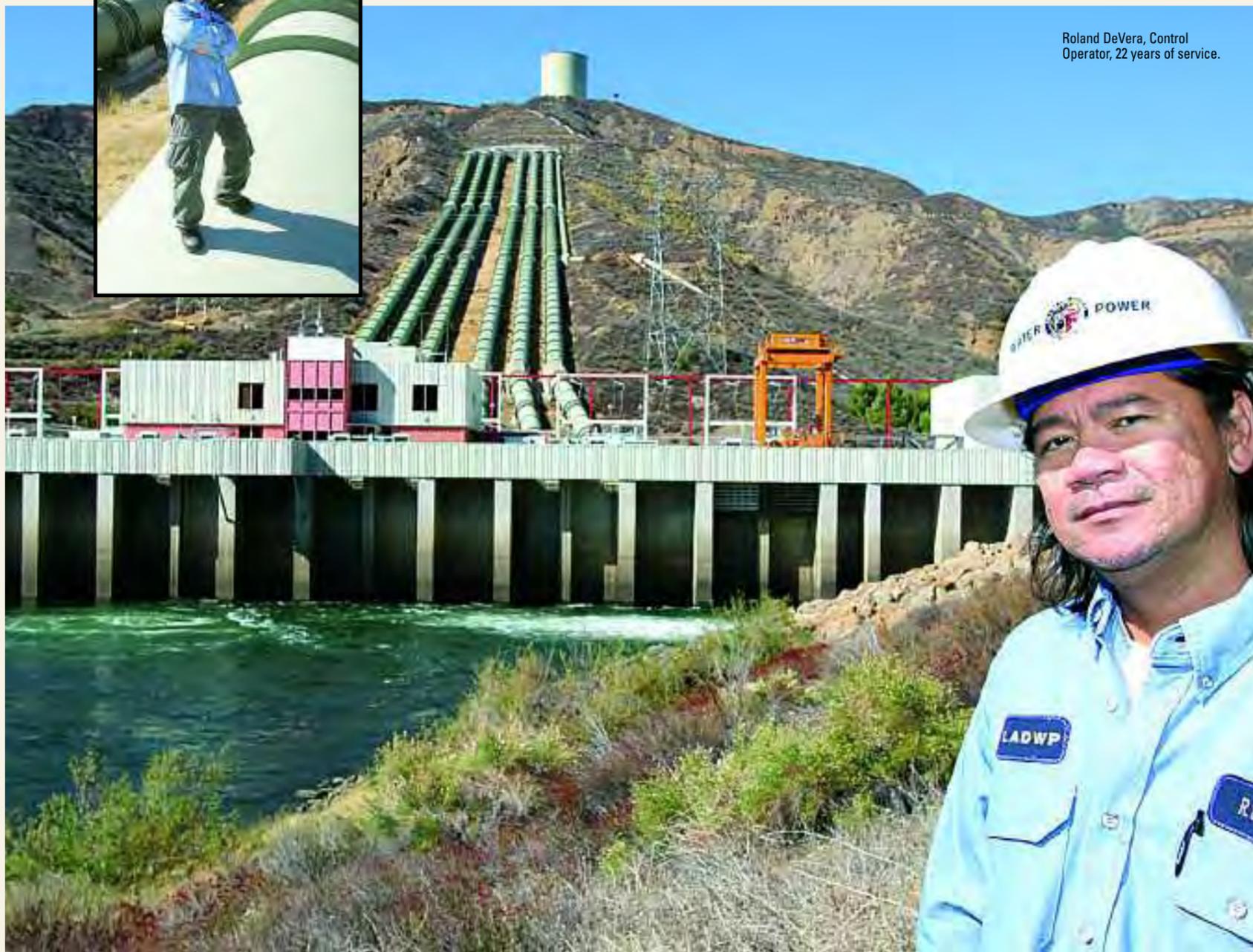
Castaic Pumped Storage Power Station



DWP employees repair powerplant equipment.



Roland DeVera, Control Operator, 22 years of service.



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Contact him: (800) 678-4145 Ext. 703
or via E-mail:
postmaster@rlacei.com

Change of Address?

If you change your address, notify Helen Salgado, Membership Chair, at (800) 678-4145 Ext. 713, or write to her at 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 (800) 678-4145 Ext. 709.

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 6: Christmas Party at the Grace E. Simons Lodge in Elysian Park, 11:30 a.m.

Please call one of the RLACEI officers for reservations for each event.

RLACEI:

Is Combining Two Funds a Good Thing?



By Phil Skarin,
RLACEI Publicity Chair

President Ed Harding reports:



Ed Harding

RLACEI President Ed Harding reports: "I wish to thank all those who voted to retain our incumbent directors for another two-year term on the Executive Board.

They have all done a great job in the past, and I am looking forward to working with them in the future.

"The Mayor and Controller met Oct. 1 with representatives of LACERS and Fire & Police Pensions to discuss the pros and cons of combining the investment activities of both pension systems.

See Ken Spiker's report to the right for more details.

Keith Richman is again sponsoring a bill to eliminate pension systems as we have today. He is circulating petitions to have employees contribute to 401k or other similar programs and stop pension systems like ours. Do not sign these petitions.

See you at our Christmas Party Dec. 6. Americo Garza has again hired Chris & Pitts to feed us, and hired some great entertainment. We will be raffling off about 40 door prizes. Be sure to call to reserve your lunch.

Legislative Update:



Ken Spiker

Ken Spiker, our elected Commissioner to the LACERS Board of Directors, reports that the Mayor and City Controller's offices are currently studying an independent fiduciary audit recommending combining the investment functions of the Los Angeles Fire and Police Pensions System (LAFPP) and the Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System (LACERS), creating a new Department of Pension Investments (not to include the DWP).

A new Board would consist of nine members, five appointed by the Mayor and two representatives from each of the existing systems. (There is no mention of a retired representative). There would be no change to the benefit structure for the members.

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Here's a quick analysis of the proposed merger:

Upside:

- Provides reduced investment and operational expenses.
- Increases efficiencies by avoiding current duplication of the following areas:
 - Custodian bank
 - Consultants
 - Investment managers
 - Legal counsel
 - Technology
 - Office space
 - Asset allocation studies.
- Benefits members, City employees and taxpayers.
- Widens the base of membership and more balanced investment portfolio without changing the benefits members enjoy.

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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 (800) 678-4145 Ext. 707.

Contact LACERS

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



The Best Years

ADVENTURES with HAL!



Hoover Dam.



By Hal Danowitz,
Secretary, RLACEI

Retiree Hotlines

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

City Employees Retirement System: (213) 473-7200

RLACEI Retirement Counselors and Retiree Helplines: (800) 678-4145

• Edward Harding	Ext. 703
• Phil Skarin	Ext. 709
• Robert Wilkinson	Ext. 704
• Jerry Bardwell	Ext. 706
• Harold Danowitz	Ext. 707
• Jack Mathews	Ext. 712
• Helen Salgado (membership)	Ext. 713
• Americo Garza	Ext. 710
• Neil Ricci	Ext. 714

DWP Retirement Plan Office: (213) 367-1722

RLACEI:

Officers for 2007

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

Committee Chairpersons for 2007

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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, Nominating
Phil Skarin, Parliamentary

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Neil Ricci



Starting at Hoover, Ending With LOVE

■ Hal and his family visit Hoover Dam and Las Vegas.

The last part of my summer trip with my grandkids (Maddie, Isabelle and Coco) was stopping at our home in Las Vegas for a few days.

We left Williams, Ariz., on a Wednesday morning for the 240-mile drive to Las Vegas along Interstate 40 until we reached Kingman, Ariz., where we changed to US93. The highway crosses over Hoover Dam, and I wanted to stop and take the kids on a tour.

Since 9/11, the security on the dam has been greatly increased, and prior to reaching the dam you must stop at a security checkpoint. We must have looked okay because they waved us on through.

Hoover Dam was completed in 1935 and at 726 feet high is one of the highest concrete dams ever constructed. The dam's completion created Lake Mead, the largest man-made lake in the United States. A few years ago they built a new visitors center and parking structure on the Nevada side, but I decided to park (\$7) on the Arizona side,

which let the kids walk across the dam from Arizona to Nevada. This was the week before Labor Day, but there was no line. After we paid our tour entrance fee (\$11 for adults, \$9 for seniors and \$6 for kids 7 to 16), we took the 45-minute tour. After we watched a movie on the dam's construction, we took an evaluator down 500 feet to view the generators that provide power for much of Los Angeles and the rest of the southwest. After the tour, I walked back to the car and picked up everyone on the Nevada side.

We stopped in Boulder City to have lunch at the Coffee Cup Café (512 Nevada Highway). A few months ago I saw a program on the Food Channel about the best breakfast places, and this was one of them. My wife, Evelyn, and I drove out on our last trip to Las Vegas and enjoyed the breakfast.



Coco, Isabelle and Maddie enjoy their trip to Arizona and Nevada.

The lunch with the kids was also very good.

On the way into town, we dropped my son-in-law, J.P., off at McCarran Airport in Las Vegas to catch his flight home. My daughter, Michelle, and the girls would fly home Friday, and then Evelyn was flying in Friday to spend the rest of the Labor Day weekend in Vegas with me.

We spent the rest of the afternoon in the pool and took in a movie that evening.

The next day we took the kids to the Las Vegas Mini Prix (1401 N. Rainbow Blvd.), which has lots of rides and arcade games. The kids love the go-kart road course, which Maddie was able to enjoy by herself, and Michelle and I each took one of the other girls with us. Isabelle and Coco showed their driving skills on the "kiddie karts." After they ran out of ride tickets, we spent the rest of the time playing video games.

On Friday morning, we visited the Spring Preserve (www.springspreserve.org), once home to ancient Indian tribes and the resting



Isabelle at the Spring Preserves.

place for Spanish explorers. It now tells the history of the Las Vegas Valley and showcases methods to maintain the lifestyle in the desert. The preserve is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and until 10 p.m., Friday through Sunday. Admission is \$18.75 for adults, \$10.75 for those 5 to 17 years old, and \$17.05 for seniors. The girls found the Ori*Gen experience interesting. There were a large number of interactive galleries that told the stories about the development of the Las Vegas area. If you want to learn about the how and why Las Vegas became Las Vegas, it is well worth the visit.

In the late afternoon, I put the girls and Michelle on a plane for Los Angeles and picked up Evelyn at the airport.

We get to our house in Las Vegas a number of times each year. The following are recommendations for a couple of restaurants we have been to and the one show we saw recently on the Las Vegas Strip.

On this trip, Evelyn wanted to eat at Bouchon [(702) 414-6200] in the Venetian. The restaurant is owned by Thomas Keller, who owns the French Laundry Restaurant in Napa, Calif. We have been trying to eat at the French Laundry for years and have never been able get

ADVENTURES with HAL!



Coco drives her "kid-die kart."



Maddie drives her go-kart.



Maddie at the Spring Preserves.



The Coffee Cup Café in Boulder City.

a reservation. When I made the reservation for Bouchon (using Opentable.com), I told them it was Evelyn's birthday. When we got to the restaurant, we were seated on time and the waiter congratulated Evelyn on her birthday. We had dinner, and I must say that the food was great. After we finished dinner, I waited for them to bring the normal cake with a candle for Evelyn's birthday. We were surprised when they brought four different desserts to the table and then they brought four more desserts. In all, they gave us every dessert on the menu. Then the pastry chef came to our table to see if we liked them. It was a great experience, and even without the desserts I would go to the restaurant

again.

The next night we had dinner at Nora's Wine Bar (1031 S. Rampart, [702] 367-4636). The food was great and served family style. As the name implies, the restaurant has a lot of wine, with more than 60 different varieties that you can order by the glass. It was another great experience, and I would eat there again.

For the past couple of years I have been looking for a good barbecue restaurant in Las Vegas, and I finally found one: T.C.'s Rib Crib (8470 W. Desert Inn Rd., [702] 451-7427) is great. It is well worth the drive from the strip.

We don't normally go to the Strip to see a show, but we had heard good reviews about LOVE, the Cirque du Soleil production (at the Mirage) that celebrates the music of the Beatles, so we decided to brave the Strip. LOVE is one of the best shows we've seen on the Strip. If you can only see one show while in Vegas, this is the one to see.

Vegas still is a great place to visit, and if you stay away from the gambling tables, it can be easy on your wallet.

RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

Ben and Bette Pratt celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary June 5. They celebrate each year by going to Maui.

Nick and Liliana Buckroff will celebrate their 24th wedding anniversary Nov. 25. Nick had been the Director of the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center.

Cliff Albright lost his wife of 64 years, Mildred, Sept. 15, due to heart problems. Give him a cheer-up call at (951) 244-0611.

Sylva Natalie Manoosian writes, "Since my 'retirement' from the Library Dept. in April, 1999, I've been volunteering as a consultant to libraries in Armenia and in the Armenia Patriarchate of Jerusalem. At 70, I am also a doctoral student at UCLA." Give her a call at (323) 974-5676.

Shirley Fisher, Hanford, writes: "I enjoy reading the 'Report to Members.' Your articles are very enlightening. Keep up the good work."

The following members all express thanks to the RLACEI officers for all the work they do for retirees: **Ivan Forbes, Dennis Vander Hook, Catherine Weber and Angelo Ruscito.**

Hynda Rudd, former records management officer, with the help of three dozen historians and scholars, has compiled a 1,000 page book titled, "The Development of Los Angeles City Government – An Institutional History 1850-2000."

Jim Shields passed away Sept. 23 in Mesa, Ariz. Jim and his wife, Linda, moved to Mesa in 2001 following Jim's retirement in March after 30 years of City service as a Programmer Analyst for ITA. In addition to his wife, Jim is survived by his daughters, Lynda and Lori; his son, Vance; his brothers, Chuck and Hal; and his grandchildren, Alexandra, Spencer, Cameron and Lleyton. Jim attended Pepperdine University on a tennis scholarship and continued to play tennis weekly throughout his life. He was also very passionate about arches. Jim enjoyed hiking through the national parks and canyon lands of Utah and Arizona in search of undiscovered arches and natural bridges. He was an active member of the National Arches and Bridges Society.

The LACERS Office is at 360 E. Second St., Second Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Phone: (213) 473-7200 or (800) 779-8328. Call them with questions about your health plans, retirement checks or tax withholding.

If you move, notify **Membership Chair Helen Salgado** at 8372 Arnett Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92647. If you need a new green membership card, send her a S.A.S.E.

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

Visit www.rlacei.com to find out the latest retirement news.

If you have news about yourself or other retirees, send it to Phil Skarin at 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411.

You're Invited!

RLACEI Holiday Party in December

The RLACEI's annual Christmas Party and Installation of Officers is scheduled for noon Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Grace E. Simons Lodge. The Lodge is at 1025 Elysian Park Dr., near Dodger Stadium. There will be a light lunch (sandwiches, salad and drinks), entertainment and valuable door prizes. You must make reservations at least a week ahead. Guests welcome. Call one of the officers on the Retirees Helplines. Free taxi service can take you from the parking lot to the lodge.



RLACEI Holiday Party

**Thursday,
Dec. 6, 12 noon**

**Grace E. Simons Lodge
1025 Elysian Park Drive
(near Dodger Stadium)**

LACERS Employee of the Quarter

■ Debra Fleming named Employee of the Quarter for Spring 2007.

LACERS — The Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System (LACERS) has named Debra Fleming as its Employee of the Quarter for Spring 2007.

Fleming, a Management Assistant, worked for LACERS for two years in the Member Communications Unit. Recognized as a team player, Fleming was recognized for her hard work and dedication. Her duties include developing, organizing and presenting retirement seminars; serving as editor for the LACERS newsletters; and assisting with other publications produced by the organization.

Employees nominate their co-workers for Employee of the Quarter based on their notable contributions over and above the scope of normal duties. Senior staff members vote on the nominees and the winning Employee of the Quarter is announced and recognized at a staff luncheon. LACERS General Manager, Robert Aguillo Jr., presented Debra Fleming with a commemorative desk plaque and a \$200 savings bond.



Debra Fleming.

Congratulations, Debra!

LACERS Welcomes the World

■ Retirement System welcomes delegations from Japan and Russia.

LACERS — The Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System (LACERS) hosted two international delegations of pension officials in early September at LACERS headquarters building in downtown Los Angeles. The first seven-member delegation from Japan was welcomed Sept. 10, followed by the five-member Russian delegation Sept. 14.

As a premier pension plan, LACERS is frequently sought out by international officials as an example of a successful defined benefit plan.

Tom Moutes, LACERS Assistant General Manager, and Li Hsi, Administrative Services Division Manager, welcomed both delegations and presented a comprehensive look at how LACERS administers its retirement plan.

Moutes and Hsi responded to questions from the participants relating to investments, risk aversion, and union negotiations. Of particular interest to the visitors was the relationship between government plan sponsors and private pension funds as well as how the City Charter and State Constitution protect the funding of pension benefits.

LACERS is responsible for the administration of the City's pension plan to more than 29,000 active employees and 15,000 retirees and beneficiaries. LACERS has \$11.1 billion in assets.



LACERS recently welcomed a best-practices delegation from Japan.

Delegates from Russia present a souvenir of their visit to Tom Moutes, LACERS Assistant General Manager.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

A Sense of Peace

*Someone did something to you
that caused hurt and anger.
You couldn't be forgiving at the time,
so you allowed resentment to fester.
This can damage your quality of life.*

*Forgiveness can reduce stress and anger,
and allow you to move forward and be more creative.*

*It's about coming to peace internally.
Forgiveness is not giving up or giving in.
Forgiveness leads to strength and empowerment
and will give you a sense of peace.*

— Phil Skarin

RLACEI's Toll-Free Number

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

The number is: (800) 678-4145

Call the Helpline to reach the officers of RLACEI. For information on problems, activities, meetings or membership, call the helpline.

Each officer's extension is listed.

Edward Harding x703	Jack Matthews x712	Americo Garza x710
Harold Danowitz x707	Robert Wilkinson x704	Neil Ricci x714
Phil Skarin x709	Jerry Bardwell x706	Helen Salgado x713

Legislative Update

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- Boards will be more focused on their respective missions.
- Current interested parties will keep their stake in the management of the investments by having representatives on the new Board.
- New fund (more than \$25 billion) will improve the rank to approximately number 50 of all U.S. plans, which may improve our ability to negotiate better terms and/or improve access to investment opportunities.
- Creates possibility for greater diversity with investments.
- May make it difficult to attract Board members to participate on the current Board and maintain quorums due to the greater emphasis on disability cases.
- Could create disenfranchisement of elected pension representatives on investment matters. Also, a Board that considers both investments and benefits has trustees and staff who can see the impact of decisions on the members they serve.
- The two systems have different funded ratios that should be considered when developing investment strategies, including asset allocation.

Downside:

- If it's not broken, don't fix it.
- Adds another layer of administration as the new "department" would still need administrative support in the areas of:
 - Accounting
 - Personnel administration
 - Board support (travel, agendas, etc.)
 - Information technology support
 - These may reduce or eliminate proposed savings.
- Both Departments also function similarly with regard to benefits administration and support functions. If there are efficiencies in merging investments, wouldn't there be greater efficiencies in merging the two departments entirely? Also, if this is such a great idea, why isn't DWP's retirement plan included?
- Could produce negative reaction from employee groups, fearing that the City is going after their pension funds to make political investments; could pit elected officials against unions in a Citywide election.
- Could weaken Fire and Police position in the Defined Benefit vs. Defined Contribution debate.

As of this writing, the LACERS fund is at a healthy \$11.8 billion. Why can't the mayor and City Council give the survivors of the City's 15,000 retirees an increase in our burial expense, from \$2,500 to \$5,000?

It will cost the fund only \$1 million a year. Cast overnight investments make that much in one day. Most other government retirees already have this benefit or more.

Payments to LACERS Fund:

In accordance with the City contribution rate adopted by the Board for Fiscal Year 2007-08, LACERS received the following amounts from City sources:

- Harbor: \$11,586,593, received July 3
- Airports: \$46,954,914, received July 9
- Controller's Office: \$338,914,033, received July 18

The City received a \$15,328,277 discount by paying LACERS early in the fiscal year. LACERS, therefore, has investment opportunities of the total \$397,455,540 rather than waiting for partial payments throughout the year.

Thanksgiving

*Thanksgiving . . .
reminds us of the importance of family.*

*Thanksgiving
reminds us of the importance of friends.*

*Thanksgiving
reminds us that working hands have dignity.*

*Thanksgiving
reminds us to be grateful for our blessings.*

*Thanksgiving
reminds us we are all part of the human family.*

*Thanksgiving
reminds us how grateful we are for you.*

Happy Thanksgiving. From the Club.



City Employees Club of Los Angeles
Celebrating the lives of City Employees.

**Participating Department of Water & Power Employees and
The Sundowners Motorcycle Club**

Welcome all City Employee Bikers and Friends

Fourth Annual Christmas Toy Run

Sunday, Dec. 2



- To Benefit the Children of Los Angeles Harbor UCLA Medical Center
- Bring a new unwrapped toy to the starting location of your choice.
- One bike and rider will be chosen to go inside the children's ward for viewing and pictures by those children who cannot leave the ward.
- Those children who are able will be allowed to come outside to greet the riders.
- Raffle Prizes and 50/50 Drawing
- In case you are unable to ride if it rains, please take your toys to your starting location.

Location #1 Downtown Los Angeles: Catch 21 Restaurant parking lot at 441. S. Central Ave. Arrival time: 8:30 a.m. Leaving at 10:30 a.m. for LA Harbor Medical Center in Torrance.

Location #2 Canyon Country: Park & Ride at San Fernando Road exit, east of the 14 Freeway. Arrival time: 8 a.m. Leaving at 8:30 a.m. for starting location #1 to meet group.

Location #3 Mission Hills: Millie's Restaurant parking lot, 10318 Sepulveda Blvd. Arrival time: 8 a.m. Leaving at 8:30 a.m. for starting location #1 to meet group.

After the ride we will go to San Pedro Ports O'Call at Sixth and Pacific.

Remember: The children are counting on us.
The toys will be delivered rain or shine.

**Have any questions?
Call Cheryl Power, DWP: (818) 771-4835 or (818) 822-5369**

Police Property Officers Graduation

■ LAPD hosts badge ceremony for new Property Officers.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

POLICE DEPT. — The LAPD celebrated the graduation of six Property Officers with a badge ceremony Sept. 11 at the Metropolitan Dispatcher Conference Room.

Welcome remarks were by Steven B. Johnson, Commanding Officer of Property Division. Assistant Chief Sharon Papa addressed the attendees.

The administration of the oath and the presentation of badges were performed by Police Administrator Sue Gordon, Commanding Officer of Personnel Division. Closing remarks

were delivered by Police Administrator Rhonda Sims-Lewis, Commanding Officer, Administrative and Technical Services Bureau.

Additional guests included Police Administrator Nancy Gennusa, Assistant Commanding Officer, Administrative and Technical Services Bureau; and Peter A. Di Carlo, Police Administrator.

The graduates were:

- Redentor Abcede, Club Member;
- Frank Bolio;
- Michelle De Anda, Club Member;
- Ryan Farhand, Club Member;
- Wilma Richardson; and
- Annette Robinson, Club Member.

Congratulations to the new Police Property Officers! And thanks to Cordelia Williams for her assistance.



The graduation class.



Frank Bolio, Property Officer.



Closing remarks were delivered by Police Administrator Rhonda Sims-Lewis, Commanding Officer, Administrative and Technical Services Bureau.



Assistant Chief Sharon Papa, Club Member addresses the officers about their job ahead.

Congratulations, GRADUATES



Police Administrator Nancy Gennusa, Assistant Commanding Officer, Administrative and Technical Services Bureau, and former Property Officer, gave a word of advice: "Enjoy the job; it is very challenging."



Police Administrator Sue Gordon, Commanding Officer, Personnel Division, administers the oath.



Welcome remarks were delivered by Steven B. Johnson, Commanding Officer, Property Division.



Redentor Abcede, Property Officer, Club Member.



Ryan Farhand, Property Officer, Club Member, and his wife, Monique (right), with Ryan's friend, Ron Brown.



Wilma Richardson, Property Officer.



Annette Robinson, Property Officer, Club Member, with her mother, Stephanie Ruiz-Gonzalez.



Michelle De Anda, Property Officer, Club Member.

Police Boosters Golf Tournament

■ LAPD Central City Police Boosters hosts 10th annual golf tournament.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Marketing and Communications

POLICE DEPT. — The Central City Police Boosters held its 10th annual golf tournament Sept. 26 at the Montebello Country Club.

The Central City Police Boosters have been proud supporters of the men and women at the Central Community Police Station for more than 35 years. The organization has focused its support on the crime prevention and youth programs administered by the Los Angeles Police Department, Central Area, Community Relations Office.

This golf tournament is one of the major fundraising events of the year to gather the money necessary to fund these important programs.

Congratulations to the Police Boosters for another excellent golf tournament, and thanks to Officer Marie Kardiban for her assistance.



From left: Tony Gonzalez, LAPD, 17 years of service; David Loera, LAPD 17 years of service; Gary Campanella; and Scott Donelson.



From left: Robert Fuentes; Elba, country club staff member; Nina, country club staff member; Willie Carter, LAPD, 26 years of service; and Cecilio Nuñez.



From left: Mark Allen, LAPD, 17.5 years of service; Gina Chovan, LAPD, 14 years of service; and Leonard Ramirez, LAPD, 16 years of service.



From left: Matt Kardiban; George Myamoto, LAPD, Retired, 37 years of service; David Ige; and Russ Strohm, Retired, LAPD, 22 years of service.



From left: Yuji Yoshida; Chris Hallett; Henry Quan, Retired LAPD, 30 years of service; and Bill Ward, Retired LAPD, 30 years of service.



From left: Jim Spishak, Greg Johnson and Kevin Schmitz.



From left: Catherine Soto, Volunteer; Officer Marie Kardiban, LAPD, 17 years of service; and Daisy Barajas, Secretary



From left: Officer Maloney, LAPD, 28 years of service; Officer Yamamoto, LAPD, 20 years of service; Officer Walker, LAPD, 19 years of service; and John Moreno.



From left: Dick Drew; Julian Woolly; David Garrison, Booster Treasurer; and James McHale.



From left: Steven Roland, Brea Police Department, Retired; Louis Bouglarides; and Martin Fellbaum.



From left: Bob Bandurraga, Retired, City of Cypress; Tom Chiarenza, Retired, LAPD, 26 years of service; and Don Goldsberry; Ken Welty, LAPD, 29-plus years of service.



From left: Tom Hyde, Boosters vice president; Victor Hazan; and Mark Hazan.



From left: Bob Nelson, LAPD, 26 years of service; Peter Lee, LAPD 12 years of service; and Albert Gonzalez, Retired, LAPD, 45 years of service.



From left: Curt Mohl; Marc Needleman; and Dennis Needleman, LAPD Volunteer.



From left: Jim Rubert, Retired, LAPD, 35 years of service; and Emmett Badar, LAPD, Central, 36 years of service.

Holidays at Banning

■ **Banning Residence Museum offers games, candlelight this Christmas.**

REC AND PARKS — Banning Resident Museum, a Rec and Parks facility operated in cooperation with Friends of Banning Museum, is offering special events and holiday-themed opportunities this Christmas season.

The Banning Residence Museum is at 401 East M. St. in Wilmington.



Banning Residence Museum offers visitors a Victorian Christmas experience.

Exhibition

"Educational Amusements: American Games of the Victorian and Edwardian Era"

Banning Residence Museum Exhibition Gallery, now through Jan. 6

For thousands of years the world's cultures have used games as a way to entertain and educate. Serving as mirrors of daily life and culture, games instructed players about important social values and rules. Games were often recycled over the centuries with different societies modifying them to fit their needs. The Victorian Era saw an explosion of board games due to increased leisure time and advances in manufacturing. Victorian board games are beautifully-crafted, colorful artifacts indicative of a complex age that promoted values of industry, honesty, responsibility, and perseverance.

This exhibition will include games from the late 19th and early 20th century including board games, card games and word games. The oldest game on display dates from 1843 and is believed to be one of the first board games made in America, *Mansion of Happiness*, manufactured by W. & S.B. Ives.

The Banning Residence Museum is proud to host this beautiful collection of antique games on loan from Geraldine Knatz, who has served the community as a long time volunteer for the Friends of Banning Museum and through her current activities as Director of the Port of Los Angeles.

Holiday Preview

• **Norris Museum Shop at the Banning Residence Museum**

• **Sat. and Sun., Nov. 3 – 4, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Be the first to shop at the Norris Museum Shop this holiday season. The holiday season is upon us and the museum is prepared with this year's dazzling array of treasures. During this very special weekend the Norris Museum Shop will offer spectacular gift items, ornaments and seasonal décor. For further information please call the Norris Museum Shop, (310) 548-2000.

Victorian Christmas Luncheon

• **Fri., Nov. 30, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Banning Residence Museum**

Members and guests will enjoy a festive luncheon and a program featuring *Los Cancioneros Ensemble Singers*. Faye Schwartz will discuss the history of holiday songs and carols while *Los Cancioneros Ensemble Singers* will perform samples of everything from traditional Christmas carols to contemporary American holiday songs. Sing along to your favorites or just enjoy the sounds of this fantastic group and experience the holiday spirit at the Banning Residence Museum. A preview tour of the Museum in all its holiday glory be offered and the Norris Museum Shop will be open for your shopping pleasure. Reservations are required. Please call (310) 548-2005 for prices and reservation information.

Victorian Christmas

• **Sat. and Sun., Dec. 1 and 2, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

• **Banning Residence Museum, 401 East M Street, Wilmington, CA 90744.**

• **Free; Sponsored by Valero Energy Corporation**

The community is invited to welcome in the holiday season with the annual and festive Victorian Christmas celebration. Much research has been done to ensure that the Museum will reflect realism in decor and display a re-creation of a Victorian Christmas. In addition to tours of the Museum, you will enjoy free transport on a horse-drawn trolley between the Museum and Drum Barracks Civil War Museum as well as specially planned old-fashioned activities. Visit the Stage Coach Barn for Victorian-Style crafts, enjoy strolling Victorian Entertainment and complimentary cookies and hot cider and a visit from jolly St. Nick! Lunch will be available for purchase in the sunken patio. Save time to browse through our Norris Museum Shop, which will be filled with gifts, ornaments and holiday decor.

Please call the Banning Residence Museum for further information about the event at (310) 548-7777.

Candlelight Tours

• **Sat. and Sun., Dec. 8 and 9, from 6 to 8 p.m.**

• **Banning Residence Museum**

• **Members admission is \$25; non-member admission is \$35. Children under 12 are free and must be accompanied by an adult.**

Join us for this very special evening event, including a guided Living History tour through the Museum, holiday refreshments, shopping and entertainment presented by the Palos Verdes Peninsula High School Varsity Voices. This extra special glimpse at our Victorian Christmas display is a chance to see the Museum in candlelit elegance and holiday spirit. Reservations are required for this event. For further information or to make a reservation please contact the Museum at (310) 548-2005.

After-Christmas Sale

• **Norris Museum Shop at the Banning Residence Museum**

• **Wed., Dec. 26, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Shop to your heart's content! Join us for the annual after-Christmas sale in the Norris Museum Shop. The sale continues through Jan. 3.

It's Party Pix Time

Hey Club Members:

Alive! wants to print pictures of your holiday office party!

1. Take the photos yourself, and send them in as soon as you can.

Digital photos are always best. And make sure you give us a description of the party: when it was, where it was, and if something significant happened, let us know that, too.

If there are just a few photos, then send them to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com. But if there are a lot, then it's best to burn them onto a CD and deliver (or mail) the CD to the Club. The address is on the inside front cover. Make sure the photos are as high resolution as you can make them.

2. Let us know when your holiday party is, and we'll try to send a photographer.

Please note:

There are more City holiday parties than we can cover, but we will try. That's why it's best to send in your own photos. If you want us to cover your party, talk to your Counselor (Liz Montes or Arlene Herrero) or write to Robert Larios, Club Director of Marketing and Communications, at rlarios@cityemployeesclub.com. We'll do our best to get to as many as we can, but we can't guarantee it. But let us know.



See you at the party!



West Valley Reunion

■ Active and retired Officers come back to celebrate 50 years of the LAPD West Valley area.



Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

POLICE DEPT. — Active and Retired Officers and civilian employees came back to celebrate 50 years of the LAPD's West Valley Area. The celebration took place Sept. 28 at West Valley.

Many officers who had retired came to celebrate. Some came as far as Idaho (Retired Officer George Thomas) and San Diego (Retired Commander Walt Mitchell). Councilman Dennis Zine, a former Police Officer, was in attendance.

Thanks to Sgt. Fentress, Club Member, for assisting *Alive!* in producing this article.

Welcoming all to the event.



Left Area Capt. John Sherman and Patrol Capt. Phillip Trotter, pictured with past West Valley Commanding Officers.



From left: Det. Cliff Ruff; West Valley Area Capt. John Sherman; Councilman Dennis Zine, Club Member; and Sgt. Fentress, Club Member.



From left: Retired Commander Walt Mitchell and his wife, Cindy, Retired Secretary.



Cooking up some burgers is Dwayne Buckley, Volunteer, American Legion 826.



From left: Det. Larry Skiba and Gretchen Zavala, P3.



From left: Diane Zeier, guest; Glen Sherman, Retired Lieutenant and father of West Valley Area Capt. John Sherman.



From left: Pete Vanderburgh, Retired Sr. Lead Officer; Capt. Phillip Trotter, Commanding Officer, West Valley Patrol.



From left: Ron O'Haver, who started the PALS program back in the 1970s; and George Thomas, Retired P2.



A good crowd!



Lt. Steve Sambar.



From left: Les Nolte, Retired P3; and Doug Burgis, Retired Detective II.



From left: Sgt. Fentress, Club Member; and Jeannette Capaldi, Reserved Officer.



Jim Booth, Sr. CSA II, Club Member.



From left: Chuck Melvin, Retired Det. III; and Janet Zumstein, Sr. Lead Officer.



Det. III Glen McConnell holding up the mugs that were available for purchase.



Sgt. Fentress welcomes everyone.



Area Capt. John Sherman shares the challenges that the station has overcome.

DOWNTOWN CHILLS OUT

■ **Downtown on Ice returns Nov. 15 for the holidays. Concert series included.**

RREC AND PARKS — 'Tis the season for a yuletide glide as the Southland's largest holiday outdoor ice skating rink, L.A. Kings Downtown on Ice, celebrates its tenth season at Pershing Square,

(532 S. Olive St.). Downtown on Ice is scheduled to be open every day from Nov. 15 through Jan. 21, a week longer than last year.

Admission is only \$6 per skating session with \$2 skate rental, thanks to sponsorship from Rec and Parks, the Los Angeles Kings, and Councilmember Jan Perry (Ninth District).

Traditionally, thousands of people have enjoyed skating under the sun and stars in the heart of Los Angeles at what has been hailed as the Rockefeller Center of the West. Bedecked in full holiday splendor, the vast outdoor oasis is framed by towering skyscrapers and stunning historical landmarks. Adding to the holiday spirit, ongoing festivities include a free concert series, free youth hockey clinics, a free Winter Festival (Dec. 7 - 9), a weekend Kids Zone interactive entertainment, and more.

Centrally located, the facility is easily accessible by car, bus or rail. A partnership with Metro and Metrolink allows riders to receive a \$1 skating session discount by showing a coupon available on all mass transit lines. The convenient stop at Pershing Square Station makes getting there easy. Underground discount parking is available with validation.

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DWP Holiday Light Festival Goes Green

■ **The popular annual festival of lights in Griffith Park made a number of changes to be environmentally friendly, including adding LED lights, and biking and walking opportunities.**

DWP — The twinkle in Griffith Park that signals the start of the Christmas season in the City, is now more earth-friendly.

The DWP has made a number of changes to make its popular Holiday Light Festival better for the environment. The changes include:

- using energy-saving LED lights instead of the previous incandescent bulbs;
- making the first week of the festival exclusive to bikers and walkers

— energy-conservation tips throughout the event.

“The DWP received a number of inquiries from neighborhood councils and community groups to see if the festival could become more environmentally friendly and walking only,” according to DWP spokeswoman Kim Hughes. “The DWP worked with the councils and groups in exploring options, and we are very proud to have put together a great strategy.”

The festival begins with a “Bike Night” preview Nov. 19, and a traditional opening event in conjunction with L.A.’s BEST Nov. 20.

“We have greatly appreciated all of the input and suggestions the community has shared with us regarding the festival,” Kim Hughes said. “We will evaluate our test pilot in the hope that it will be expanded. We will continue to seek ways to demonstrate our commitment to a green future.”

An attraction at a previous DWP Holiday Light Festival.



DWP 2007 Holiday Light Festival: “Going Green”

“Walking Only” Test Pilot Program: Nov. 21-25

The DWP has designated the first five public days of the festival for walking only. From Nov. 21 to 25 from 5 to 10 p.m., the festival will be “walking only.” Guests will be asked to park in parking lots at the L.A. Zoo and near the Griffith Park Merry-Go-Round. The DWP also will be using the parking lot near the train ride and pony rides, as well as the associated overflow lot.

over standard conventional light bulbs. Once installed, the department will measure the energy reduction and advise the public on the specific energy savings.

Tips and Energy Conservation Message

Energy conservation messaging, including energy and water-saving tips, will be included in the 2007 Holiday Light Festival Program. The customized program is distributed to all light festival attendees. In addition, it is available at City libraries, Rec and Parks facilities and other locations throughout the City.



Environmental Stewardship

In addition to making the change and initiating the walking plan, the DWP is taking a number of additional steps to make the festival more environmentally conscious. Some of those efforts include:

LED Light Bulbs

The DWP is supporting environmental responsibility by converting all of the light bulbs in the one-mile Holiday Light Festival to LED technology. This will save two-thirds the amount of energy needed

Bike Night:

Mon., Nov. 19 (bicycles and pedestrians)
As another way to demonstrate a commitment to a green L.A., the DWP will again host a “bicycle only” night as part of the 2007 Holiday Light Festival Mon., Nov. 19. This will be a preview night. The street will be completely closed off from 6 to 8 p.m.

Information: www.ladwp.com

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 4. I will remain in contact with my candidate and mentor them through the process.

(Note: Incentives are processed automatically. Recruiters receive \$500 upon candidate's Agreement and an additional \$500 after graduation from the Police Academy for regular Police Officers. The entire \$1000 is paid upon graduation for Reserve Police Officers.)

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

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John's Picture Perfect Contest



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Winner for November



"This was taken in Vernazza, Italy. It was taken through the opening in the thick walls of the old lookout tower. I liked how the rugged bricks created their own border of the spectacular view outside."

-- Patrick Tomcheck, Airports

John's comments: These are always such difficult shots to capture, Patrick; you did good! By the way, for those of you that don't know, Vernazza has no car traffic (a road leads into a parking lot on the edge of the town) and remains one of the truest fishing villages on the Italian Riviera.



Winner for November



"This 'Gates of the Valley' shot is popular with tourists visiting Yosemite. You can see El Capitan, Sentinel Dome, Cathedral and Half Dome in the distance."

-- Carlos and Leticia Aranda, DWP

John's comments: Well, I haven't been to Yosemite in quite some time, but I hope it still looks as beautiful as this photo does. From the sky, to El Capitan, to the trees to the grass to the water, you've captured it all. Great shot, Carlos and Leticia!

For November, we have four winners!

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



Winner for November



"This is Pee Wee, and he's looking very dapper in his glasses and bandana. We were camping and he just loves it!"

-- John R. Sanchez

John's comments: Dapper, indeed! He almost looks a little like a miniature "Dog the Bounty Hunter." Thanks, John, for sharing this with us!



Winner for November



"Cooning the bells -- This tower is 135 feet tall. Cooning the bells means climbing down the insulators to the wire, then you put a spacing cart on. The spans are a quarter-mile long."

-- Ron Angst, DWP

John's comments: A perfect entry for this issue, Ron! It's truly amazing to see what it takes to get power to Los Angeles. These are true City Heroes!

RULES:

- The contest is open to all Club members in good standing. Non-members are welcome to submit, but only Club members are eligible to win the monthly prize.
- If your photograph does not win, you are welcome to re-submit.
- Winners are chosen by Club staff. All decisions will be final.
- You must certify (if asked) that you indeed took the picture. No ringers!
- Photos can be submitted either on paper or digitally. Please don't send both.
- If you want your print photo returned, please write your name, address and phone number on the back of your photo.
- Photos can be of any subject matter: vacation, portraits, families, landscapes, still lifes, pets, etc. Subject matter must be appropriate for *Alive!*
- Paper prints can be mailed to: Picture Perfect Contest, *Alive!*, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071
- Digital photos optimally should be between 100K and 2 megabytes in size and may be e-mailed to: pictureperfect@cityemployeesclub.com
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Donate Your Toys

■ As part of this Club holiday tradition, you can donate toys to the less fortunate.

THE CLUB — As part of the Club Angels program, the annual Club Toy Drive, in conjunction with the Central City Police Boosters toy drive, is ready to reflect your generosity and give to those in need.

Collections run through Dec. 7 at Club Headquarters or through your Club Counselor. Club Members are asked to contribute an unwrapped toy to the cause.

The drive benefits the LAPD Central City Police Boosters. In the past, some of the toys were distributed to City Employees in hardship, too.

This is the fifth year that the Club has participated in the Central City Police Boosters holiday toy drive, and each year the drive collects more toys. More than 95 toys were collected last year. With your help, the Club hopes to collect even more.

The Club thanks you in advance for your generosity.



Last year's toy drive distributed more than 95 toys to families in need.



Back row, from left: Assistant Chief William Thompson; Airport Police Officers Tia Moore, Dineen Villasana and Brandon Carr; Acting Chief Brian A. Walker; Officers Edwin Palacios, Desmond Jones and Cheryl Dickson; and Assistant Chiefs George Centeno and Erroll Southers. Front row: Officers Larry Middlesworth and Faramarz Farnia.

New Airport Police Officers

■ Eight Airport Police recruits graduate from the LAPD Academy.

Story by Officer Belinda Nettles, Airport Police; Photos by Officer Shawn Smith, Airport Police

AIRPORTS — Eight new Airport Police recruits are joining the ranks of the Los Angeles Airport Police following their graduation from the Los Angeles Police Department Academy at Elysian Park Sept. 14.

The new officers are Tia Moore, Dineen Villasana, Brandon Carr, Edwin Palacios, Desmond Jones, Cheryl Dickson, Larry Middlesworth and Faramarz Farnia, representing Academy Class 307.

Airport Police Acting Chief Brian A. Walker attended the graduation exercises, along with Assistant Chiefs William Thompson, Erroll Southers, George Centeno, Frank Fabrega and a host of other Airport Police personnel.

All the officers excelled in the academy as high achievers, and Officer Farnia was the proud recipient of the "Human Relations" award in his academy class.

The new officers were sworn in by Acting Chief Walker after the graduation ceremony. Congratulations to the new officers!



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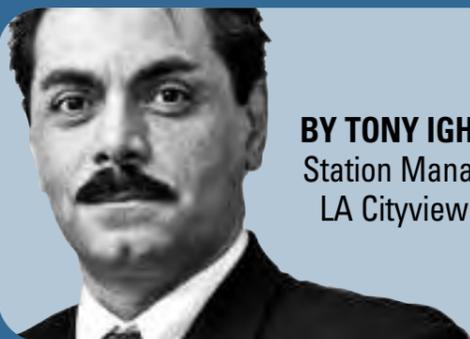
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BY TONY IGHANI
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LA Cityview 35



Newsbrief

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CABRILLO

Two October events at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium include a Fall Sea Fair and a Sea Scare party for Halloween.

The richness and diversity of the sea combined with fun-in-the-sun games and hometown spirit can all be found at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium's Autumn Sea Fair Sunday, Oct. 21, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The uniqueness of this Fair is not only its "splashiness," but the tender, loving care with which each activity is designed and created with the community in mind.

Among the highlighted events are complimentary face-painting, 25-cent carnival-style games, a giant origami demonstration, and a puppet show. Adventurous pirates of all ages can participate in the Great Buried Treasure Hunt and over two dozen ocean-related organizations will be present to share information. Also, be sure to experience Harold Greene playing some jazz favorites; the Japanese Drum group Kokoro Taiko and Geoff Agisim singing his Sea Chanteys.

The Autumn Sea Fair is co-sponsored by The Port of Los Angeles and the Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. This annual event is free to the public. Free parking and shuttle service is available at 22nd and Miner Streets, limited parking at Cabrillo Beach is \$1 per hour. Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is located at 3720 Stephen M. White Drive, San Pedro, and is a facility of the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. For further information or a calendar of events call Cabrillo Marine Aquarium at (310) 548-7562 or visit our website at www.cabrilloaq.org.

And, for Halloween, it's coming back: Cabrillo Marine Aquarium's second annual Halloween event, "Sea Scare 2007," washing ashore Saturday Oct. 27, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium will once again be transformed into an underwater world of chills, thrills and gills in its annual nighttime, Halloween event that is fun for the whole family. Come in costume and join in the masquerade of spooks and ghouls, trick-or-treat throughout the aquarium at five different themed treat stations and walk along the docks of the all new "Port Town" scare zone, an Old English fishing village that was once plagued by marauding pirates and now abandoned . . . or is it?

Visit the Aquarium's Aquatic Nursery for a special treasure hunt, scary sea creature feeding demonstrations and chilling cryogenic demonstrations. Stop by the Exploration Center for some treats, participate in bioluminescence crafts and learn about other creepy sea creatures. Visit the Marine Research Library for some ghostly stories in the "Mermaids Lair". Plus don't forget to enter the costume contest for your chance to win some spook-tacular prizes.

Older members of the family will appreciate the Aquarium's all new haunted house, "Nightmare," a haunting journey through one child's horrifying dream. Kids of all ages can participate in activities at the Craft Corner such as mask making, spooky cookie decorating, and coloring tables. Plus, visit the "Voodoo Village" for fortune telling and games of chance, and then dance the night away in the "Sea Scare Party Zone" sponsored by Movin' 93.9 fm.

Apparitional activities, creepy crafts, dreadful demonstrations, and eerie entertainment all await you at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium's "Sea Scare 2007." Admission is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children and seniors. FRIENDS members are free with special early entry at 5:30 p.m.

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is at 3720 Stephen M. White Dr. in San Pedro and is a Rec and Parks facility. For more information, costume guidelines, or how to volunteer for Sea Scare 2007 please call (310) 548-7562 or visit our website at www.cabrilloaq.org.

Channel 35 Programs: Who Decides What's Made?

Every month, new programs are premiered on Channel 35 that include gavel-to-gavel coverage of City Council meetings and other critical public meetings and an array of original content produced for City departments and elected officials.

Have you ever wondered how original programs get produced by Channel 35? It starts with the Municipal Access Policy Board, or MAPB for short. This volunteer three-member board is the body responsible for making programming decisions every quarter when they convene and review various project requests, submitted to Channel 35 from City departments and elected officials. The MAPB also is authorized to initiate programming through ITA, which manages LA Cityview 35.

The MAPB strives to create programming that represents all City entities and helps increase the diversity of all voices. The MAPB also is responsible to advise the Council on policy issues affecting Channel 35. The MAPB is chaired by long-time member Tracy Westen, and co-chaired by John Lippman and member Andrew Glazier.

We congratulate the MAPB for its guidance, leadership and more than a decade of award-winning programming they helped to produce.

Programming Highlights in November:

Aging in LA

New episodes of "Aging in LA" make their *LA Cityview 35* debut this month:

Seniors of all walks of life, all ages, all ethnicities and genders need access to services. In *Aging Gay*, we will look at the challenges facing gay and lesbian seniors in accessing services and breaking down barriers to fulfilling their needs for social services and support. We will also discuss AB 2920, new legislation aimed directly at assisting GLBT communities.

Some have alleged that state conservatorships in California have not satisfied the true reasons for which they were created. Instead, it is said, they have facilitated financial deceit and abuse of the elderly without consent or care. In *State Conservatorships: Helpful of Harmful?*, we'll take a look at the history of conservatorships and the new legislation.

Experts at the Keck School of Medicine at USC investigate the scientific aspects of diabetes and take their information to communities and families. In *Diabetes*, we will discuss insulin functions in humans, the causes of diabetes and what predisposes certain children to obesity and diabetes.

White House Conference on Aging Resolution Update will discuss the resolutions from the 2006 Conference and where we are in completing them. Guests: Marvin Schachter and Doreen Moore.

Disability Forum

On the next series of *Disability Forum* programs, host Mitch Pomerantz will cover a wide range of timely and useful topics.

The first show will explore the California Telephone Access Program, which provides accessible telecommunications equipment to individuals with disabilities. The second program will address the role played by the State Department of Rehabilitation in the employment of people with disabilities. With an unemployment rate exceeding 70 percent, the disability community has, by far, the highest rate of unemployment of any minority group. The third program will focus on the City's ongoing war against HIV/AIDS and the long-term testing initiative under way throughout the City. The final program will take a look at the Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities, an entity that works to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities throughout the County.

The Great Eighth

Join Councilmember Bernard C. Parks and Gail Choice for new editions of *The Great Eighth*, a comprehensive look at one of the City's most colorful and diverse districts.

The Eighth District is experiencing tremendous commercial and community growth. Once primarily considered a predominately African-American community, the Eighth District is developing into a more diverse area. This reflects a national trend, which identifies urban areas as the new "hotspot" to buy homes due to the rising cost of real estate.

Leimert Park Village remains the cradle of African-American expression. We'll visit with Eso Won Books to learn about their move to the area, the challenges they face and what they will be bringing to the area.

Beautification and identification efforts are continually under way, spearheaded by community members interested in a safe and well-developed community.

Finally we'll get personal with Councilmember Bernard Parks and present a special look at his life and the woman at his side. Bobbie Parks joins the show to discuss her philanthropic organization and her life with our Eighth District Councilman.

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



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See you on
LA Cityview 35!



From left: Ana Chavez and Greg Rosicky.



From left: Latina Smith and Mary Aquino.



From left: Adria Ybarra and Pouria Abbassi.



Convention Center Honors Employees

■ Convention Center hosts a luncheon for team spirit and to honor good employee performance

Story by Liz Montes, Club Counselor, and Luis Aguilar, Convention Center. Photos by Liz Montes

CONVENTION CENTER — The Los Angeles Convention Center hosted an employee appreciation luncheon Aug. 29. Employees from various departments within the Convention Center were recognized for their outstanding performance.

The luncheon provided the opportunity for the 200 employees to meet with each other.

The luncheon was a big success for the department. Congratulations for an excellent event!



From left: Rick Wineman and Duane Gornicki.



From left: Greg Lissow and Tom Wendling.



From left: Jose Orozco and Greg Rosicky.



From left: Agnes Ko and Donna Jean Irving.



From left: Raquel Velazquez and Mary Aquino.



From left: Leslie Vernon and Monica Shelton.



Alyssa Rosen accepts her certificate.



From left: Karlo Sabio and Yolanda Stephens.



From left: Adria Ybarra and Pouria Abbassi.



From left: Ging Ampil and Mary Aquino.



From left: Robbie Bridges and Henry de la Rosa.



From left: Greg Lissow and Pat Rigali.

LAX Benefit Fair

■ Airport hosts benefit fair for employees.

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

AIRPORTS — Los Angeles World Airports Human Resources Division hosted its annual Benefits Fair Oct. 3 in the LAX Construction and Maintenance parking lot.

Airport employees had the opportunity to meet with representatives from various organizations to review their benefits. Everyone in attendance was given a free lunch and free gifts from LAX Human Resources Division.

Congratulations to the organizers for an excellent fair!



Tom Bradley Terminal day shift custodian staff.



Devon Deming, Rideshare Supervisor, passes out free rideshare information to Airports employees.



Henry Victor, Deferred Compensation; and Trinell Lawson, Club Member.



From left: Robert Stewart, Maint. Laborer, Club Member; and Mary Anne Van Remmen.



From left: Elder Castro, Security Officer; and John Foster, Security Officer.



From left: Joe Vijendra, AC Shop Supervisor, Club Member; and Manuel Cheng.

Newsbrief



From left: Rosa Benavides, Michael Espinosa and Virginia Valencia in front of the 16-foot by 40-foot mural, "Home is Little Tokyo," at the southwest corner of First Street and Central Avenue in Little Tokyo. The mural, which represents the culmination of work by almost 500 people, received a Community Beautification Grant in 2004 and 2005.

CITY BEAUTIFICATION

More than 350 people took part in the workshops to receive information on preparing beautification project proposals overall. On Sept. 24, the City Board of Public Works Office of Community Beautification conducted the last of 15 Citywide workshops in the Echo Park area of Los Angeles to show the public how to receive a matching grant of up to \$10,000, available through the City's competitive Community Beautification Grant program.

With a 41 percent increase in workshop attendees from last year and a record 64 attendees at the Van Nuys workshop, Grant Manager Michael Espinosa, Rosa Benavides, Virginia Valencia, and Robin Woo were extremely pleased at the great interest and turnout from the public. The workshops were conducted in Palms/Rancho Park, Highland Park, North Hollywood, Tarzana, Los Feliz, Van Nuys, Pacoima, Manchester Square, Southeast Los Angeles, South Los Angeles, Venice, North Hills, El Sereno, Harbor City, and Echo Park. This year the grant expects to receive more than 200 applications and fund 90 projects.

Since 1998, more than 780 community beautification projects have been completed throughout the City. The scope and extent of the projects have ranged from mosaic and murals, public works of art, learning gardens on school campuses, tree plantings along highway medians, hiking trail restorations, new playground equipment, park benches and flower plantings along walkways.



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LAFD Graduation

■ Fire Dept. graduates 42 new firefighters.

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

FIRE DEPT. — Forty-two recruits became Firefighters when they graduated Sept. 27 from the LAFD Fire Academy at the Valley Recruit Training Academy.

Friends and family attended the ceremony to congratulate the new firefighters, who went through weeks of intense training. Fire Chief Douglas L. Barry presented each new firefighter with their badge.



Fire Chief Douglas Barry

The Club congratulates the new Firefighters!



Firefighter Jeremie Bellendir.



Firefighter Derek Walker.



Firefighter Chris Lavalle.



Firefighter Brian Rankin.



Firefighter John Davis.



Firefighter Brian Smith.



Firefighter Fernando Linares.



Firefighter Michael Hyland.



Firefighter Marc Fiamengo.



Firefighter Lawrence Kim.



Firefighter Brandon Kroner.



Firefighter Travis Foellmer.



Firefighter Daniel Liberto.



Firefighter Brandon Ball.



Firefighter Jan-Erik Swartz.



Firefighter Mark Mann.



Firefighter Chris Gibboney.



Firefighter Dennis Legaspi.



Firefighter Andrew Begg.



Firefighter Gordon Reilly.



Firefighter Ian Soriano



Firefighter Armando Gabaldon.



Firefighter Derard Buckner.



Firefighter Caleb Caro.



Firefighter Kurt Corral.



Firefighter Trevor Insley.



Firefighter Daniel Barrera.



Firefighter Towner Douglas



Firefighter Andrew Vilchis.



Firefighter Shaun Gath.



Firefighter Edward Gonzalez.



Firefighter Brandon Bower.



Firefighter Warren Quach



Firefighter Matt Nunez.



Firefighter Matthew Jordan.



Firefighter Matthew Craig.



Firefighter Joshua Pickard.



Firefighter Sage Pelot.



Firefighter Scott Kwasigroch.

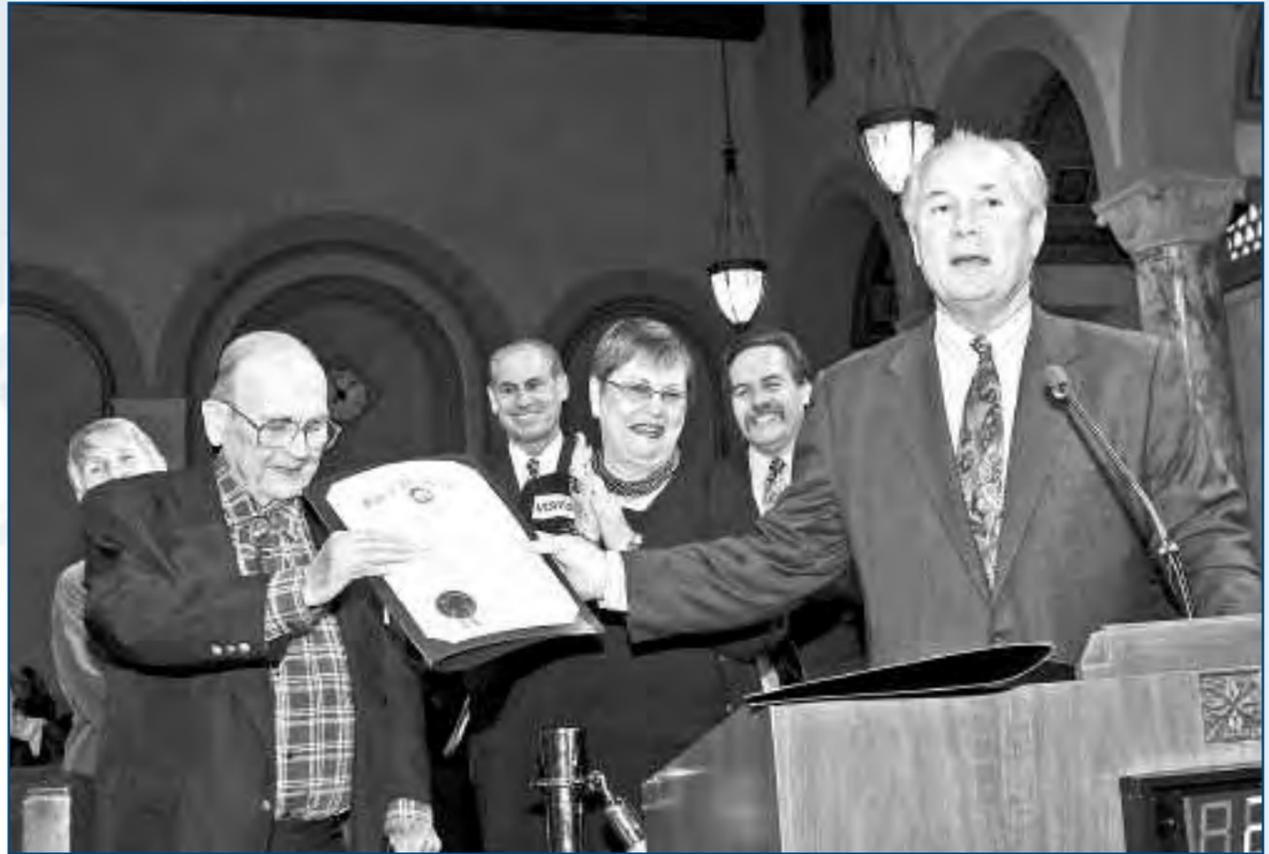


Firefighter Hugo Tadeo.

History Comes Alive!

Tales From the City Archives

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



Councilman and Club Member Tom LaBonge (right), announces and delivers the book project to the City Council Sept. 26, and presented a Council proclamation to city historian Dr. Doyce B. Nunis Jr. (left) and Alive! columnist and Retired City Archivist Hynda Rudd (center).

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■ **Two-volume book, produced by Hynda Rudd, is a landmark for City history.**

On Sept. 26, the Los Angeles City Historical Society presented the City Council its very own history, in book form, from 1850-2000. This presentation was ably and adroitly accomplished by the Honorable Tom LaBonge, the Councilmember of the 4th District. This great nine-year endeavor ended up in the form of a two-volume, 1,000

page history, *The Development of Los Angeles City Government: An Institutional Memory, 1850-2000*.

The presentation of a two-volume set was made by Tom LaBonge, Fourth District Councilman and Club Member.

One thousand sets of the book were printed, and 400 of them have either been sold already or given to institutions of higher learning as part of the funding from the John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation. The remainder of the books is being sold through Loyola Marymount

University. Please see the contact information at the end of the article.

The interest in this two-volume City history, a one-of-a-kind in this country, has even drawn inquiries from Europe.

This book is an anthology with 32 pre-eminent scholar-authors and 26 chapters, and includes a prologue, epilogue, appendices and index.

On the facing page, you'll find the table of contents, just so you can see the depth and breadth of our City government history in this book.



1889 Fort Street City Hall

In 1889, a much needed city hall was built that would serve the City's present and future needs. The Romanesque revival structure was constructed of red sandstone, steel and wood, with a tower that extended well above the downtown skyline. The location on Fort Street between Second and Third Streets was to showcase the building and emphasize its importance. The Mayor's office and the Council chamber were on the second floor of the tower section.

The City, having spent more than \$300,000 for construction was able to provide space in the building for almost every municipal department, including the City's library. The Fort Street city hall remained in existence until 1929. In 1890, Fort Street was renamed Broadway.

The two-volume book produced by Hynda Rudd contains history that was made at every L.A. City Hall, including this one.

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PROLOGUE: By Dr. Doyce B. Nunis, Jr. Retired University of Southern California Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History and Retired Editor for 42 years of the *Southern California Quarterly*, the publication of the Historical Society of Southern California wrote "Los Angeles, 1781-1850." This incredibly well written historical journey covers the Spanish and Mexican rule of Los Angeles prior to its becoming a city by the Act of Incorporation from the State of California Legislature in 1850.

**PART I:
CITY GOVERNMENT:
ORGANIZATION AND CORE FUNCTIONS**

Los Angeles became a city on March 18, 1850, by the State's Act of Incorporation, but annual reports don't start really until required by the 1878 State Charter, which also required department heads to be responsible for tracking money received and spent for their programs. Law and order is provided by City



The two-volume set, *The Development of Los Angeles City Government: An Institutional History, 1850-2000*.

Attorneys, City Prosecutors and the Court system, which in the formative years was under the jurisdiction of the mayor. A more physical form of citizen protection came from what would become the City Fire and Police Departments. The Fire Department became a reality in 1872, as a volunteer organization by virtue of an ordinance. The Police Department, through many bumpy episodes over the years, and soon to be one of the leading police departments in the nation, began as a one-man operation with a City Marshal in 1850.

**PART II:
CITY GOVERNMENT:
INFRASTRUCTURE AND LAND USE**

While early Los Angeles was maturing, other aspects of life consisted of day-to-day living experiences. Water, the central necessity of life was, and continues to be, a primary issue of survival. By some accounts, Los Angeles was considered the most incredible city in the world because its source of water for human and animal consumption was almost nil. But L.A. had a destiny to fulfill. The history of drinking water concerned City fathers dating back to the Spanish and Mexican periods. The first Water Overseer was appointed in 1853. Water of another nature became important to our City through the Port of Los Angeles. The Harbor was granted to our City by the federal government, with provisions and Charter amendments in 1909, the same year the Board of Commissioners was established.

Other aspects of our developing City were the need of public works for municipal improvements. The first Board of Public Works included five members of Council, the Mayor and the City Clerk as secretary; this was in 1872. City planning was also a great necessity in the beginning. So was housing — our City grew by leaps and bounds for many reasons. The City Redevelopment Agency was a late starter back in 1948. Its responsibility was to "reverse vicious cycles of urban deterioration and disinvestments." And finally, transportation truly opened up the West.

**PART III:
CITY GOVERNMENT: SOCIAL WELFARE**

This section is devoted to government services that were dedicated to the needs of citizens. Public health in the early years of citydom revolved around sanitary measures and health menaces. In the early 1860s there was a smallpox epidemic. Was there a physician in the new City to care for the ill? By 1868, there was a doctor in the area appointed the first Health Officer. The following year, a Board of Health was organized to send the ill to a City hospital. Public education in Los Angeles became a reality in 1853, when the Common (City) Council passed an ordinance creating a Board of Education.

Recreation and parks was another facet needed in the life of Los Angelenos. In the 1880s, lands were finally designated for parks. The 1889 Charter mandated a commission to work with the Parks Department.

The Public Library became a reality in March 1878, a milestone in providing the City with a marked cultural advancement. And the Municipal Arts Department was established in 1927, bringing City government further cultural appeal for its constituents.

**PART IV:
THE CITY IN CONTEXT**

Aspects of City life evolves out of the beast itself, not always its government. These are things that any town, city or community becomes dependent upon such as the environment, who lives or works there, and the community itself. The patterns in this section refer to three such examples. The first looks at spacial (relating to space) and demographic evaluations from day one in 1850 through today. The second looks at neighborhoods and community empowerment in this enormous City.

**PART V:
BEYOND CITY HALL: EXTERNAL INFLUENCES:**

City government today is often dependent upon resources beyond its borders, for example, the joint power agreements with Los Angeles County and the State of California. Los Angeles, the one-horse town in the beginning, emerged in the latter part of the 20th century and well into the 21st as a world-wide competitor basically because of our powerful infrastructure of transportation, namely ports, planes, rail systems and freeways.

EPILOGUE: Dr. Raphael J. Sonenshein Professor of Political Science, the State University of California, Fullerton, Executive Director of the City of Los Angeles Appointed Charter Reform Commission and Executive Director of the Neighborhood Council Review Commission, gives a brilliant summation of our City government process from the past into the 21st century.

For those of you interested in furthering your knowledge about *The Development of Los Angeles City Government: An Institutional History, 1850-2000*, ask for it from your local library, or it can be purchased through Loyola Marymount University. Please contact:

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Automatic coverage is extended to you only if all of the vehicles that you own are insured under the same policy! This makes logical sense, as you can't expect the insurance company to know whether or not you are going to insure your new vehicle.

Let's say that you are the registered owner of three cars, but one is used by your child at college, so you insure that vehicle under a separate policy. Even though all of your vehicles are insured, you aren't insuring them all under the same policy. So, when you buy a new car, or even if you trade in one of your existing cars for a new car, the insurance company does not have to provide you automatic coverage on the new car.

Or, what if you like to fix up classic cars? You might have one that is not operational, so you aren't insuring it. Or maybe you have a classic car insured under a separate antique auto policy. Again, you are not insuring all the cars you own on your main insurance policy, so the insurance company does not have to give you any automatic coverage.

Another concern are the listed drivers on your policy. If you have someone covered on your policy as a driver, that doesn't mean that automatic coverage extends to them. For example, you may have a boyfriend or a girlfriend who lives with you, and you are both insured under the same policy. But the automatic coverage applies only to the owner of the insurance policy and their immediate relatives that live in the house. So, when your boyfriend trades in his car for a new one, if the policy is in your name, then he doesn't get automatic coverage.

Very commonly, this applies to recreational vehicles. If you own an RV and insure it separately on an RV policy, that is still considered a vehicle. So again, you are not insuring all your vehicles on the same policy, so you don't get automatic coverage on any new vehicle you purchase on this policy.

There are other factors and other circumstances that commonly remove the automatic coverage from your policy, too.

Bottom line: Make every effort to contact your agent as soon as you purchase a new vehicle. You can fax us the purchase agreement at (877) 901-5522, or call us and give us the information over the phone. Many times people are covered automatically by their policies, but there are many times when they are not. Be safe, and let us know as soon as you get the new car, so we can make sure that you are properly covered.

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Richard Retires

Richard Sanchez retires from Building and Safety after 38 years of City service.

BUILDING AND SAFETY — A retirement party was held July 31 for Richard Sanchez, Assistant Deputy Superintendent of Building II, Building and Safety, after 38 years of City service.

The party was held at the New Otani Hotel downtown.

Host of the party was Grace Harper, Building and Safety. Primary speakers were Councilwoman Jan Perry, who presented the

Council scroll; former Building and Safety General Manager Art Johnson; and retired L.A. Sheriff Commander and retired USMC Lt. Col. Tom Vetter. Richard, a retired United States Marine Corps Warrant Officer, was treated to a Marine Corps Color Guard, which presented the Colors.

Congratulations!

Richard!



Retiree Richard Sanchez (left) celebrates with Los Angeles County CEO (and former City CAO) Bill Fujioka (right) and his wife, Darlene.



Elliott Adelman, former Building and Safety employee who originally hired Richard Sanchez.



From left: Councilwoman Jan Perry; Kathy Godfrey, Jan Perry's Chief of Staff; and Retiree Richard Sanchez and his wife,



Retiree Richard Sanchez (left) and Retired L.A. Sheriff Commander and USMC Col. Tom Vetter.



Former Building and Safety Principal Inspector Al Garcia (left) presents a drawn portrait to Retiree Richard Sanchez.



Councilwoman Jan Perry presents Retiree Richard Sanchez with his Council scroll.



Retired L.A. Sheriff Commander and USMC Col. Tom Vetter.



Former Building and Safety General Manager Art Johnson.



Kathy Godfrey, Chief of Staff for Councilwoman Jan Perry, gives her remarks.



The event was hosted by Grace Harper, Bureau Chief, Building and Safety.



Retiree Richard Sanchez (right) with Sgt. Major Rudy Obad, retired.



Jim Bangham, Treasurer of the Municipal Inspectors Association (MCIA), presents Richard Sanchez's retirement badge.



The Marine Corps Color Guard adds pomp and circumstance to the event. The color guard is being deployed to Iraq next year.



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Dr. Feng,
 Just a brief note in appreciation for the cosmetic dentistry you did so beautifully throughout the last month. I came to you quite by accident and couldn't have been happier with the great care you gave me. Thank you for your gentle business and brilliant ability in your profession.
 Sincerely, Wendy Elliott Hyland

Dr. Feng, the new front teeth look absolutely outstanding!!! I love them!!!! I don't know how you got them to be so nice but I'm so glad you did—you should feel really good about what you've done for my teeth. I can't wait to get the front bottom teeth done! And as always, thank you for being sensitive to my needs by making sure I'm comfortable before starting treatment. Not only do the teeth look great but they feel great also... you're the absolute best, Dr. Feng.
 Sincerely, Stan Weinstein

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Port Police Honored for Anti-Theft Efforts

■ 16 Officers recognized for their efforts against vehicle theft.



HARBOR — Sixteen Port Police employees were honored recently for their efforts at thwarting auto theft and stolen vehicle recovery. The Los Angeles Port Police were critical to the search and recovery of more than 100 stolen vehicles.



Sixteen Port Police staff were honored recently for their efforts against vehicle theft, by the Board of Harbor Commissioners.

Recently, the Port Police were involved in a multi-jurisdictional operation -- Task Force for Regional Auto Theft Prevention (T.R.A.P.), resulting in the apprehension of several suspects in a stolen vehicle chop shop, recovering stolen vehicles and stolen auto parts. Those employees were commended by the LA Board of Harbor Commissioners for their hard work and dedication to combat auto theft.

The honorees were:

- Lt. Titus Smith
- Sgt. James Webb
- Det. Sgt. Ken Huerta
- Det. Michael Belo
- Senior Lead Officer Michael Canlas
- Senior Lead Officer Alex Castillo
- Senior Lead Officer Dan Dayton
- Senior Lead Officer Dong Lee

- Senior Lead Officer Ryan Mullany
- Senior Lead Officer Ian Schunke
- Senior Lead Officer William Yocham
- Officer Fernando Martinez
- Officer Derek Pitman
- Officer Mark Velasquez
- Dispatcher Lachelle Washington
- Dispatcher Tamara Washington

Good job, and congratulations!

Newsbrief



GORILLAS IN OUR MIDST

The Los Angeles Zoo will unveil its newest exhibit Nov. 8 with the opening of Campo Gorilla Reserve. The state-of-the-art natural habitat will be home to six western lowland gorillas and is designed as a replica of their native African environment. Zoo visitors will walk along a forested pathway for close-up views of gorillas living among waterfalls, lush plants and trees in two habitats-one for a family group of gorillas led by a silverback and the other for a pair of bachelors.

Campo Gorilla Reserve is the first major exhibit to open at the L.A.Zoo in more than two years and marks the return of the Zoo's gorillas after a four-year absence. The three-quarter-acre Campo Gorilla Reserve is the final phase of the Great Ape Forest, a trio of naturalistic exhibits for chimpanzees, orangutans and gorillas. The Great Ape Forest includes the Chimpanzees of Mahale Mountains, the Red Ape Rain Forest and the Campo Gorilla Reserve and will distinguish the Los Angeles Zoo as one of only a handful of zoos to house three species of great apes.

The L.A. Zoo and Botanical Gardens is in Griffith Park at the junction of the Ventura (134) and Golden State (5) Freeways. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 2 to 12. For information, call (323) 644-4200 or visit the L. A. Zoo website at www.lazoo.org.

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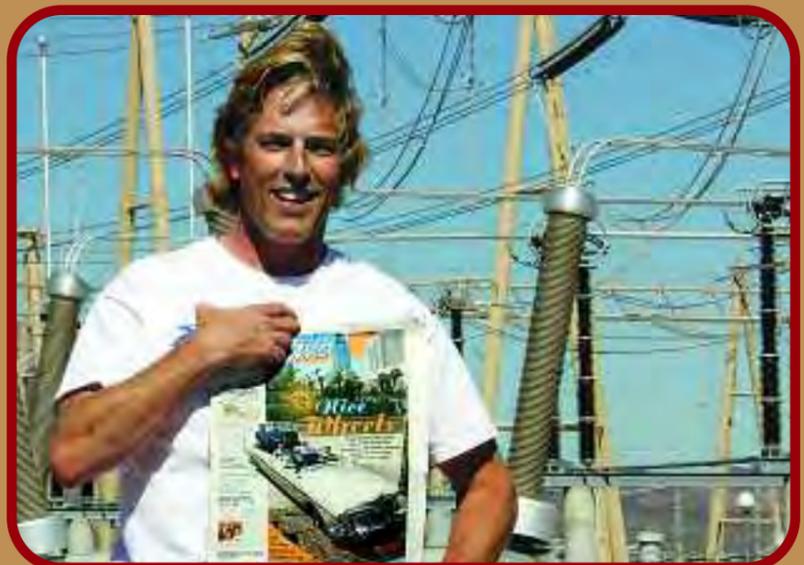
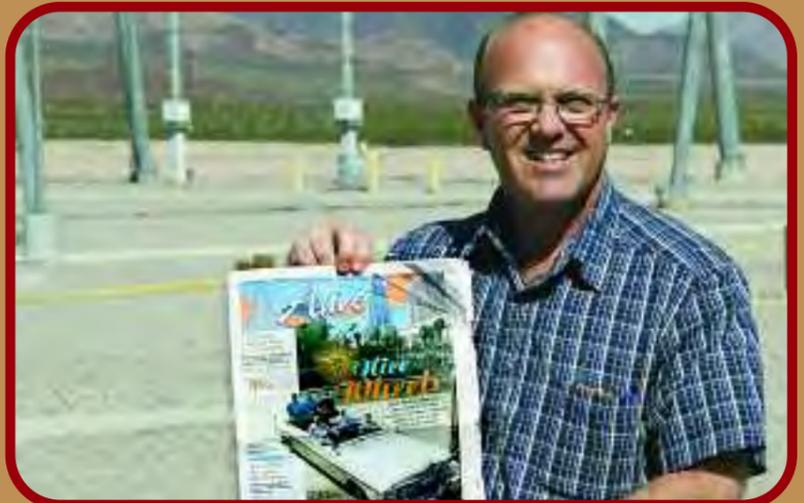


Noah Hawkins, son of Club CEO John Hawkins, proudly displays his copy of Alive! in a parking lot on ... Mars!
(Well, okay, it's actually outside the Alien Fresh Jerky store in Baker, Calif. - Ed.)

- Noah Hawkins, son of Club CEO John Hawkins

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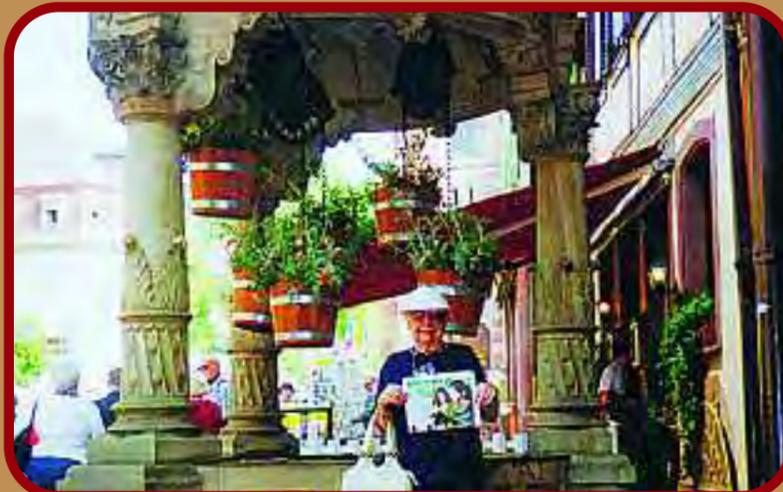
Boulder City



Taken on Alive!'s recent road trip to Boulder City, Nev., are DWP employees **Al Derlighter** (top photo) and **Joe Rosenthal** (above).

3

Germany



Wilma Rebbe, Retired, visited Germany.

4

Managua, Nicaragua



"I visited an orphanage in Managua, Nicaragua. Food donations were made possible by Ron Lona and Alex Lopez, Central District, DWP. The children in the photos are part of the orphanage and helped to unload the food donations"

- Alex Lopez, DWP

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Kona, Hawaii



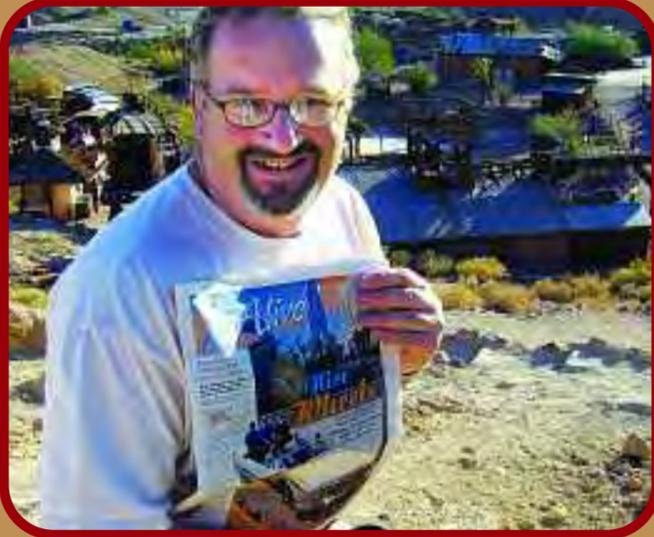
"Cynthia Terada, Rec and Parks and Club Member, and I recently went to Kona, Hawaii, for a seven-day vacation. It was beautiful, and the views were just breathtaking. These pictures were taken from a balcony overlooking the Pacific Ocean. And yes, we remembered to take our Alive! with us."

- Alicia Marquez, Housing, Club Rep

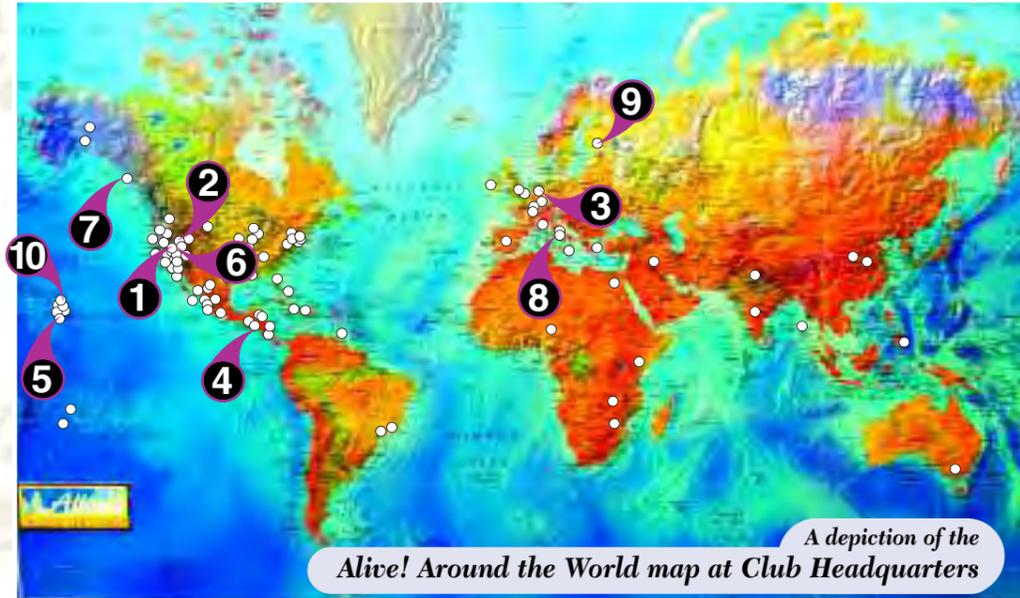
Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



6 Calico



Alive! editor **John Burnes** in the former ghost town (and current tourist attraction) of Calico, Calif., near Baker.



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

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7 Ketchikan



"This picture is from a cruise Ron and I took to Alaska. We saw beautiful humpback whales, eagles and wild seals and otters swimming in the ocean. On our stop pictured here in Ketchikan, we shipped home a case of wild Alaskan salmon to enjoy later with friends and family. Alaska was truly spectacular!"

Jean Sarfaty, LAPD

8 Ischia, Italy



"This photo was taken on our trip to Ischia, Italy, in July for the Feast of St. Anne. Ischia is one of the sister cities to Los Angeles. My lady friend was born on Ischia (an island in the Bay of Naples, close to the Isle of Capri) and lived about 100 yards from this castle until she came to America when she was eight years old. This castle used to be her playground."

- Steve Hanger, Harbor

9 Helsinki, Finland



Pablo Ninofranco, a retired Harbor Dept. employee, and wife, Josie, took this picture when they were in Helsinki, Finland, as part of their Scandinavian Cruise.

10 Diamond Head



"Aloha! This is from the observation platform at the top of Hawaii's Diamond Head Crater, right
- Alejandro Ruiz, ITA

Police Picnic

Police Protective League hosts annual picnic.

Story and photos by Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

POLICE DEPT. — On Sept. 22, the Los Angeles Police Protective League had its annual picnic at the Los Angeles Police Academy. The rain almost ruined the beautiful event that was planned. Everyone had a good time once the rain stopped.

There was plenty of food, hamburgers, hot dogs, chili, beans, watermelon, potato salad and cookies. Also offered were popcorn, cotton candy (my favorite) and snow cones. My daughter, Sydney loved the animal petting zoo, and Det. Mike Burnditt's daughter, Caitlin, loved the reptile petting section. They had games for the kids and lots of stuffed animals for prizes.

The picnic was a success, and thanks go to the league for having it at the academy.



Retired LAPD Det. Mike Small and his two grandchildren, Iris and Rio. Watch out for that Hazmat suit behind you!



Det. I Pat Arrue (Metro Division) plays with his new toy. His mother is glad she gave him all those video games to play.



Sydney Young tries to catch her next meal.



Sydney Young gets a surprise lick from the goat.



Det. III Mike Burnditt (Devonshire) and his daughter, Caitlin.



Steve Hanson tries to steal the AFLAC duck at, of all places, at the Police Academy.



Sgt. Ann Pickering (Van Nuys) wears these glasses on patrol.



Det. III Kim Harris (North Hollywood) and her daughter, Kailyn.



The Ferris wheel was a popular activity all day.



Det. I Scott Young's (North Hollywood) daughter, Sydney, wants to know where the food is.



Welcome to the picnic.

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"Happy Holidays From Us."
3. Tell us who is in the photo, and what office you represent.
4. Send everything to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

We'll run as many as we can in the January issue, along with the office party photo.

Deadline for submission: Dec. 15



Congratulations

Rita Robinson Is New GM of Transportation



■ Club Board Member named to top job.

TRANSPORTATION — Rita Robinson — a 30-year City veteran known for her effective and aggressive leadership, and a City Employees Club Board Member — was named General Manager of Transportation.

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa announced the leadership change Sept. 28. The previous General Manager, Gloria Jeff, took the position in March 2006.

Robinson will take command of the City's third largest department and will be responsible for the development and implementation of traffic reduction programs and solutions in Los Angeles.

"Rita Robinson is an effective and aggressive leader who is the right person to tackle one of the City's toughest challenges, reducing traffic gridlock," Mayor Villaraigosa said. "In her more than 30 years of public service, Rita has demonstrated exceptional leadership in handling major projects

and bringing them in on-time and on-budget."

Robinson was named director of the City's Bureau of Sanitation in January 2004, where she brought leadership to an agency that provides Los Angeles with some of the most fundamental City services. The Bureau of Sanitation has more than 2,800 employees, a budget of \$240 million and oversees trash collection, recycling, wastewater and sewage treatment.

Robinson modernized the Bureau of Sanitation making it more effective, efficient and environmentally friendly. Under Robinson's leadership, the Bureau of Sanitation can be credited with:

- Expanding recycling services to over a half million residents in Los Angeles bringing the city's recycling rate to 62 percent - the highest of any large city in the nation.
- Increasing the number of clean fuel trash-collection trucks by 20 percent, which in one year alone (2006), has reduced the emission of greenhouse gases by 40 percent.
- Decreasing sewage spills by 53 percent, to 207 a year from 444.
- Implemented the nation's first project to produce green energy from a renewable bio-resource. When fully operational, the TIRE project will produce approximately 3,500 kilowatts of renewable energy.
- Expanding restaurant food-waste collection from 10 to 150 restaurants, which now recycles approximately 8,000 tons of food-waste per year.
- Increased the City's Wastewater Revenue Bond Rating to the highest rating, allowing more taxpayer dollars to go programs instead of interest payments.

The City Employees Club congratulates Rita on her achievement.

Congratulations

About Rita Robinson

Rita L. Robinson was appointed Interim General Manager of Transportation in September. She brings more than 30 years of government expertise to help find solutions to the traffic challenges that face the nation's second-largest city.

Ms. Robinson is responsible for the day-to-day operations of more than 2000 employees whose mission is to provide for the safe and optimal mobility of people and goods throughout the City to support economic activity and desirable quality of life. With the Transportation team, other transportation agencies and community partnerships, she will succeed in meeting the Department's mission.

Her main focus is to support initiatives that will result in congestion relief, short- and long-range local/regional transportation planning and acquisition of funding to implement those projects. Other improvements planned include expansion and upgrade of the Automated Traffic Surveillance and Control system (ATSAC), installation of additional traffic intersection signals, increasing vehicle turning lanes and left-turn signals, installation of more visible, modern signage, and the construction of new speed humps.

Before her appointment, Ms. Robinson directed the Public Works Bureau of Sanitation, which has 3,000 employees and the mission to protect public health and the environment through legal, efficient and effective collection, treatment, reuse and disposal of liquid and solid wastes.

As Director of the Bureau of Sanitation, Ms. Robinson managed a budget of \$260 million in both General Fund and Special Funds.

Prior to becoming the Bureau of Sanitation's Director in January 2004, Ms. Robinson served as interim General Manager of Housing for one year and as interim General Manager of Transportation for six months.

As Interim General Manager of Housing, Ms. Robinson directed a staff of approximately 500 employees responsible for housing production, rehabilitation, and preservation. The Department also administers the City's Rent Stabilization Ordinance and Code Enforcement Program. Ms. Robinson's major accomplishments as Interim General Manager included the development of the implementation plan for the use of the \$100 million Affordable Housing Trust Fund approved by the Mayor and City Council for additional housing opportunities within the City.

While serving as Interim General Manager of Transportation, Ms. Robinson directed a staff of 1,500 full-time and 500 part-time professional, engineering, field and clerical employees responsible for the development of programs and implementation of solutions to meet the ground transportation needs of the traveling public, as well as everyday commerce.

Ms. Robinson, a longtime resident of Southern California and a 1975 graduate of Scripps College in Claremont, is a 30-year City employee and has served in a number of capacities in Los Angeles City government, including the Office of the City Administrative Officer, Rec and Parks, and Community Development.

She is also a Board Member for the City Employees Club of Los Angeles. The Club was founded in 1928 to provide employee insurance benefits and is now a membership organization. It now offers discounted tickets, officially licensed city merchandise, and other benefits and services.



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Ivan Jackson, USMC, is stationed at Camp Lejeune, Jacksonville, N.C. "Your family is proud of you! Oooh-rah!" His uncle is Gonzalo Guerrero, Convention Center.

If you have a family member in the military and would like to honor them in *Alive!*, please send in a photo and include their name, their branch of military service, where they're stationed, your City department, and any other information about them that you would like to include, to:

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LUNCHTIME CONCERTS
 Tuesday / Thursday
 Selected Holiday Weekdays
 Nov. 15 - Jan. 21 (12-2:00pm)

FREEZE ZONE
 Fri. Nights Nov. - Jan. (8-10pm)

YOUTH PROGRAMMING
 Sat. Nov. - Jan. (1-3pm)

SWING CONCERTS
 Sun. Nov. - Jan. (2-4pm)

WINTER HOLIDAY FESTIVAL
 Dec. 7, 8, 9,
 Free Entertainment, Tree Decorating,
 Make and Take Children's Crafts
 Fri. Teen Night (7-10pm)
 Sat./Sun. (11am-7pm)

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Angel's Be Alive!



Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager



The L.A. Bikeway grand view.



Crossing the bridge.

Los Angeles River

■ Angel goes on another biking adventure, this time along the L.A. River.

Photos by Alive! Staff

Hello again! This month's Be Alive! – my second bike trail in a row -- is only 3.2 miles long, and it's an adventure to say the least: trees and water to the left and freeways and cars to the right. Our short trip begins at the Riverside Drive exit off of the I-5. I exited the freeway, made a right turn and parked at a small park. The cross streets are Garden and Sonora.

Before you start any trip, take a moment and look at the signs. Important: The bike path is open from 5:30 a.m. until 10:30 p.m. And remember to bring plenty of water and snacks on any trip. Oh, and bring a friend. Be Alive and Be Safe!

I started my adventure at about 12:30 p.m., and it was a gorgeous day. As I traveled south through the river bikeway, I felt relaxed and began to just enjoy the natural beauty of everything I could see. There were tall green trees, sparkling running water, and beautiful birds feeding and flying all around. This is definitely another hidden treasure in Los Angeles.

I usually have someone with me on all these adventures for safety and of course to take the pictures, so as we traveled the path we came across some old water lids that release water into the river. Well, these lids were the shape of a cat and (I was told) you could see them from the freeway years ago. They are still there; just hidden by the freeway wall.

Then, we came across a few of your fellow City employees, Street Lighting, to be exact. They were repairing a large section of lights that had been vandalized, so we stopped and took this picture on our adventure.

To the Street Lighting crew, we say, thank you for all your hard work. If you know or see these great guys, give them a high five for an outstanding job!

After my brief visit, I had only about a mile to go. Within a few more minutes, I was at the Baum Bicycle Bridge over Los Feliz Boulevard. You can see this bridge from the freeway; I love the architectural design (circles) on the bridge. I stopped and took a look around. Beautiful!

You can continue the bike path, but 3.2 miles was a good for me. So, I turned around and started back for the home stretch. By the way, there are other ways to enter the bike path — one is across from Griffith Park, and I'm sure you know or can find a few more.

My adventure lasted only about an hour and a half, but it was amazing. Thank you, Los Angeles River Bikeway, for a wonderful time. Maybe next time I will bike a few more miles.

Be Safe and Be Alive!



L.A. Bikeway entrance near Griffith Park



During my bike ride, I encountered a crew from Public Works/Street Lighting along the way. From left: myself (Angel Gomez); Robert Schellinger, Asst. Elect., 14 years of service; David Rios, Asst. Elect., 5 years of service; Frank Gaffney, Welder, 2.5 years of service; G. Lee, Asst. Elect., 15 years of service; and Jack Pettigrew, Elect., 15 years of service.

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Lids that look like cats.

November Events

12th DWP Holiday Light Festival

The DWP's annual Holiday Light Festival "goes green" this year, with walking and biking opportunities, energy-saving LED lights, and other features.

- Bike Night (opening night): Nov. 19.
- "Walking Only" Test Pilot Program: Nov. 21-25
- Open to regular vehicles Nov. 26 through Dec. 28
- 5 - 10 p.m. nightly
- In Griffith Park, along Crystal Springs Drive
- Information: (323) 913-4688 ext 9 or www.dwplightfestival.com

Downtown on Ice

Downtown's holiday event returns to Pershing Square Nov. 15 through Jan. 21.

- Hours: Mon. - Thurs.: Noon to 9 p.m.; Fri. - Sun.: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Extended holiday hours: Dec. 14 - Jan. 6 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Call for special hours Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Eve and Day.
- Open every day and all holidays.
- Admission: \$6 per session. Skate rental: \$2. Group and party rates available.
- Information: (888) LA-PARKS (527-2757), or www.laparks.org

Hollywood's Santa Parade

The old Hollywood Christmas parade might be dead, but the City has started a brand new one!

- Sunday, Nov. 25, at 5 p.m.
- Route starts at Hollywood Boulevard and Orange Drive, and runs east on Hollywood, south on Vine Street to Sunset Boulevard, and west on Sunset back to Orange.
- General viewing is free.
- Grandstand tickets are available at a discounted rate of \$25 each (regular price \$35 each) or via the toll free number (866) PARADE1 (identify yourself as a Club Member).
- Information: (866) PARADE1, or www.hollywoodsantaparade.com

Fight for Life to Beat Cancer

The Club is an official sponsor of this annual event - a boxing match, this year between the LAPD and the Sheriff's Office. Proceeds go to the City of Hope for cancer research and treatment.

- 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30
- Los Angeles Sports Arena, 3939 S. Figueroa St.
- Tickets available through the Club store, the Los Angeles Sports Arena ([213]-747-7111), the Sheriff's Relief Foundation ([562]-946-7081) or the Los Angeles Police Protective League ([213]-251-4554)
- Information: www.cityofhope.org/fight4life

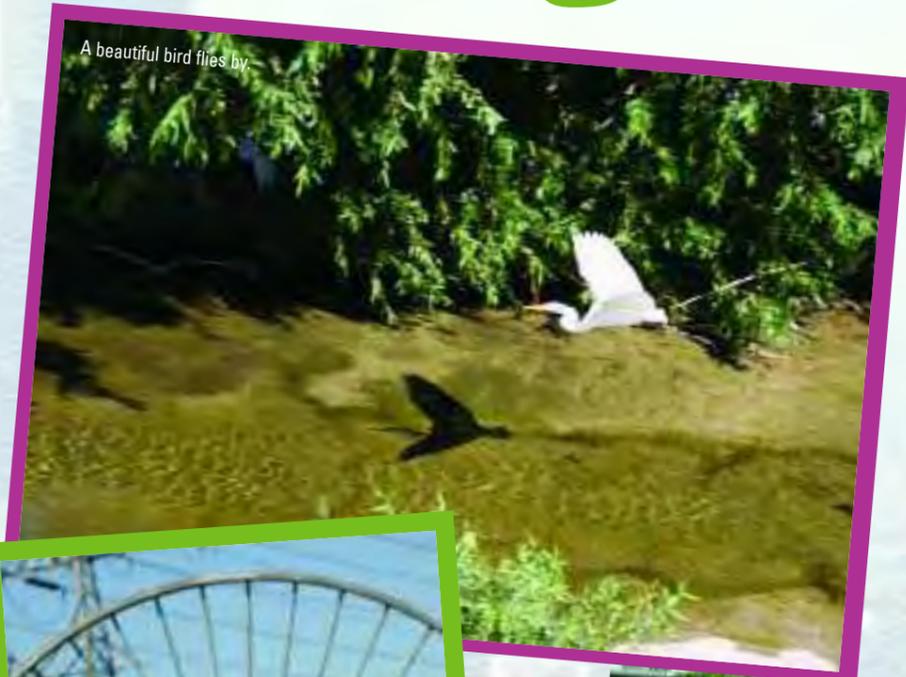
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- 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 17th.
- Free parking.
- Purchase your tickets through the Club Store. See contact information on the second to last page of this issue.
- Visit cityemployeesclub.com

Bikeway



A beautiful bird flies by.



The Baum Bridge.



Bikeway hours of operation.

Directions:

Here are directions to one entrance to the Los Angeles Bikeway: From the I-5, take the Riverside Drive exit. Make a right turn (east) off the freeway exit, and park at the small park. The cross streets are Garden and Sonora.



Life insurance:

How Much Is Enough?

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

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

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

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

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

Getting the coverage you need

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

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

What to look for in a plan

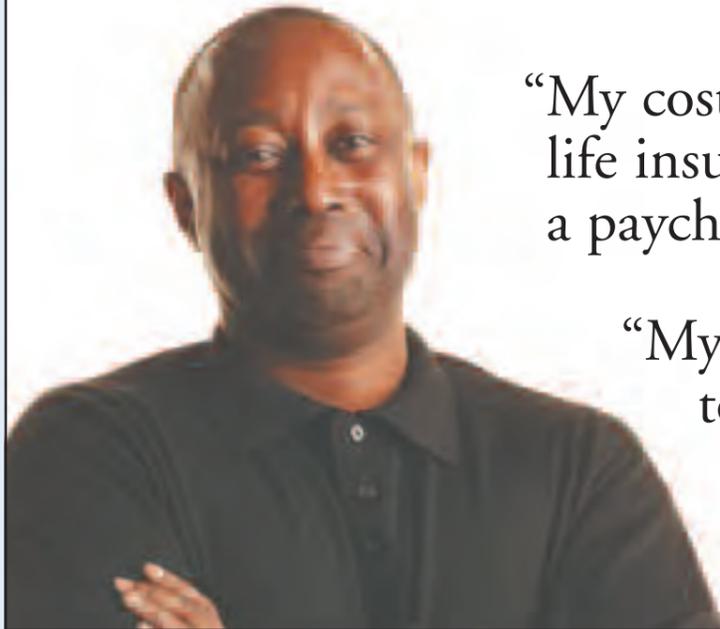
When evaluating term life insurance plans, here are some things to consider:

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

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

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

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

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35-39	3.75	7.50	15.00
40-44	5.25	10.50	21.00
45-49	7.75	15.50	31.00
50-54	12.75	25.50	51.00
55-59	21.50	43.00	86.00
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Note: Club membership is automatic when you apply for coverage. As a member, you have access to discounts and savings on movies, theme parks, shopping and more for a payroll deduction of only \$4.50 per month (active employee) or \$2.50 per month (retired). By signing the Payroll Deduction Authorization (at right) you authorize these monthly deductions. Membership fees may change from time to time.

Summary of plan details

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

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

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

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

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

Cut out the application, fold and mail it to:

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



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

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

STEP 1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Choose the plan and indicate the benefit amount desired:

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

STEP 4. DESIGNATE YOUR BENEFICIARIES

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

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

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

AUTHORIZATION AND DECLARATION OF EACH PERSON GIVING A STATEMENT OF INSURABILITY

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

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

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

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

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

NEW POLICYHOLDERS: Club membership fees will be automatically deducted.

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

STEP 6. COMPLETE AND SIGN THE PAYROLL DEDUCTION AUTHORIZATION.

Payroll Deduction Authorization

Social Security #: _____ Name: _____ Department: _____

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

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

Sign Here

X

City/DWP Employee _____ Date _____

Federal Law P.L. 93-579 Section 7
RE: FEDERAL PRIVACY ACT AND USE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS
 This law requires you be informed, when asked for your Social Security Number, that it must be provided for use in employment, personnel and payroll processes: Authority for requiring this information is based upon provision of the City's payroll and personnel candidate processing system operational prior to January 1, 1975 and applicable Federal Law.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Code _____ Deduction _____

ClubFest 2007

ClubFest Sells Out

■ More than 1,500 Club Members enjoy a beautiful ClubFest day.

CLUB HEADQUARTERS — Sold out more than a week before the actual day, ClubFest 2007 was another big hit.

More than 1,500 Club Members and their families and friends gathered Oct. 7 at Calamigos Ranch in the hills above Malibu for sun, fun, rides, booths, a raffle, great live party music and, for the first time, ribs, which proved even more popular than Club officials predicted.

"Every year is great, but this might have been the best ClubFest yet," said John Hawkins, Club CEO. "There were a lot of great people there, although we made sure to stop selling tickets before it got too crowded. The food was good, and I had a lot of fun!"

Those of you who tried to get tickets but were too late, the Club apologizes but reminds you to buy your tickets a little earlier next year.

Thanks to the ClubFest team, especially Robert Larios, Director of Marketing and Communications, and Navin Cotton, a.k.a. the Ticket Guy, for their hard work to make ClubFest 2007 the best one yet.

See everyone next year!

ClubFest 2007 photos by Summy Lam, Club Tech Guru; Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager; Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor, Robert Larios, Director of Marketing and Communications; and John Burnes, Alive! editor.



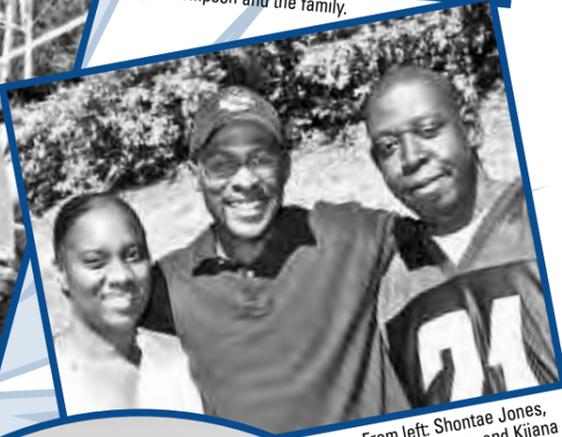
Dwayne Ellis.



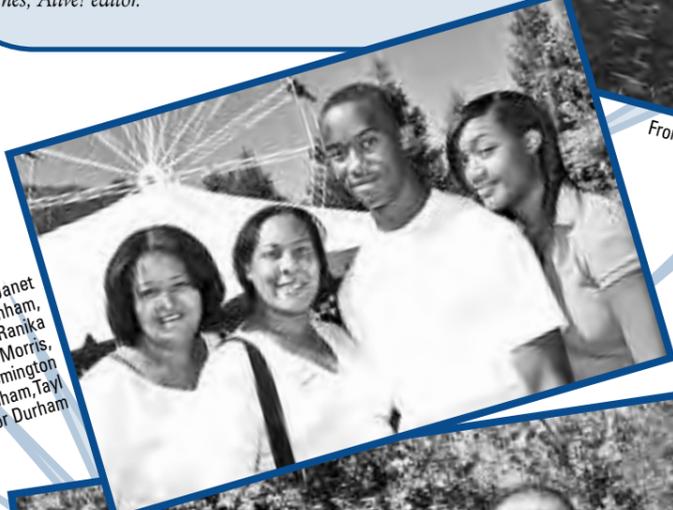
Leigh Thompson and the family.



From left: Suz, John, Jimmy and James.



From left: Shontae Jones, Thurman Jones and Kijana Wallace.



Janet Dunham, Ranika Morris, Remington Dunham, Tay or Durham



From left: Rick, Pat and Max Sterner, with Michelle and Jack Lucas.



From left: Debra Nunez, Christina Kusch, Kenny Estrada, Susan Everett and Isaiah Everett.



From left: Club Staffer Arlene Herrero and her new friend.



From left: Becky, Marla and Club Staffer Howard Pompel.

Fun! Fun! Fun!

From left: Martin Chavez, Harbor, with Regina, Joseph, Sarina and Cochise.



From left: Chef Larios' nephew, Oscar Meza, and son, Robby Jr., wait for the festivities to start.



From left: Kimberly Smith, DWP, 9 years of service; and India Parks, DWP, 10 years of service.



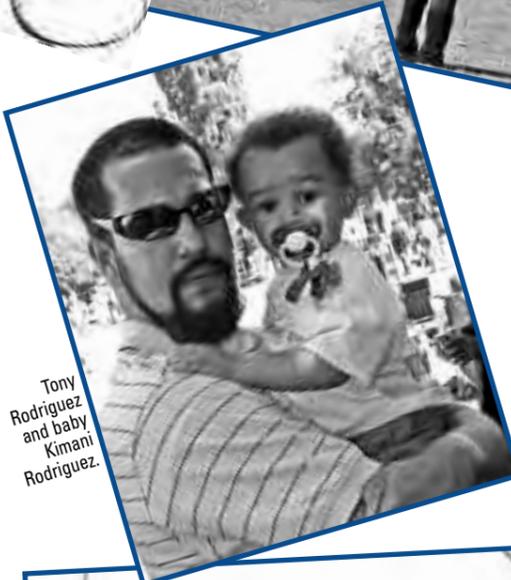
From left: Alan and Julio Ramos.



From left: Miles LeBlanc and Rhea Madison, Harbor, 2 years of service.



From left: Jennifer Lee, ITA, 5 years of service, with her husband, John.



Tony Rodriguez and baby Kimani Rodriguez.



From left: Vanessa Ruiz; Alejandro Ruiz, ITA, 8 years of service; Silvia Ruiz, baby Matthew Mendoza; Veronica Mendoza; and Alejandro Ruiz III.

From left: Federico Ramirez, Harbor Department, 5 years of service; Suszan Smoth; and James Smith, Harbor Department, 30 years of service.



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Let's have fun!



From left: Club staffer Cecilia Talbot and her better half.



Ken Lam and Family, ITA, 16 years



Sydney Orellana-Martinez, riding a pony.



The Screaming Race!



Club CEO John Hawkins (left with Vas and Narinder Singh. Vas works for Public Works/Contract Administration.



A First-Person Report

■ Club Member Yvonne Liu reports on her first ClubFest.

Story by Yvonne Liu, Office of Finance



Yvonne Liu and her son, Benjamin.

CLUB HEADQUARTERS—On Sunday, Oct. 7, my family and I went to check out the ClubFest festivities for the first time.

The ranch itself is beautiful: There are soft, pasture-like lawns and many shady trees for children to explore. Event organizers planned for clearly marked booths for food and activities, plenty of clean picnic tables and dining tables and easy parking. The weather was perfectly warm enough for getting wet on waterslides and water balloon battles, but not unbearable if you were standing under the sun dancing to the live music provided by The Latin Gents, Jamnesia and Bad Boyz & Company.

My husband, sons, Benjamin, and Oliver, 9 months; my mother; and my sister and her two children, Nikita, 11, and Ananda, 6, accompanied me to the Fest. All the children, including the baby, were seasoned festival participants and they all gave ClubFest 2007 their thumbs up.

My mom was impressed with the customer service: the cooking, parking and cleaning staff. She was also impressed by the quality of the entertainers, especially the rodeo clown, the puppeteer and the face painters. As a mom, I was thrilled that one low-price ticket covered live bands, all-you-want-to-eat barbecue lunch, Popsicles and drinks, rides, games for children and raffles for adults. No wonder many of the guests are returning guests.

Rewanda Mason-McGee, DWP, with 35 years of City service, has not missed one ClubFest in the last seven years. She said, "I come with my best friend, and we bring all the grandchildren and we have a great time! Every time. I love the food, the entertainment and chatting with my friends and family."

Juan Camales, son of Jose Camales, DWP, came with nearly a dozen family members. His sons, Kevin, 10, and Gabriel, 5, both enjoyed the game *Scream and Run*, where each contestant must run as far as they can scream without stopping. Gabriel and his father also participated in the *Balloon Waddle*, where they had to complete a relay race carrying a balloon, like a penguin carrying an egg. Juan, who had recently taken his family to Knott's Berry Farm, said, "Coming [to ClubFest] is much safer. It is a beautiful location, and [the activities] get the kids moving."

While I was waiting in line with Benjamin for face painting, he spotted the puppet show 10 yards away and took off to join the other children seated on the floor. He was enjoying the friendly and lifelike puppet emu, rabbit, and dog so much that I saw him waving goodbye to them. Where else can you bring your family to an event like this and safely have your small children run about?

In fact, kids are one of the most important reasons to come to ClubFest. First-timer Ken Lam of ITA and Jeanie Lam of Public Works/Bureau of Engineering said that's why they brought their four children. Their older children's favorites were the Ferris wheel and the waterslides.

David Muraoka, LAPD and Club Board Member, wouldn't miss ClubFest any year. This year he brought his grandchildren. With 33 years of City service behind him, David said, "It's a pleasure for me to see the kids have a great time. It's truly heartwarming to see the members and their families enjoy themselves. [ClubFest] is all for the kids."

Benjamin's favorites were the cow-juggling clown, the pony ride and the tractor-pulled hayride. Oliver was happiest clapping and bouncing to the music. While Nikita said the ribs were the best, Ananda liked the winged dragon that he had painted on his cheek. Nikita also said the site passed her test for easy wheelchair accessibility. By the look of their happy faces, I'm very sure we'll be coming back, too.

When asked what he enjoys the most about ClubFest, Club CEO John Hawkins said, "Seeing more and more City Employees taking advantage of the only picnic in the City that brings all departments together, whether it's Fire, Sanitation, General Services or Airports."

"It's just a fun-filled day with nonstop fun, food and wonderful music," he added.



David Patron and family, Sanitation, 6 years.



ClubFest 2007

It's Time to Play!



Diana Medina (Club Rep), Public Works – Accountant, 34.5 years.



Delia Mayorga, Library - Clerk Typist, 10 year.



Chel Tinsley and Family, Airports, 8 years



Mark Jackson, Courtney, Brandon, Harbor Dept, 3 years



Alicia Marques (Club Rep), DWP-CSR, 25 years



Sandra Smith, LAX Airports – Police Officer, 40 years



Armando Lopez and Family, Animal Services, 1 year

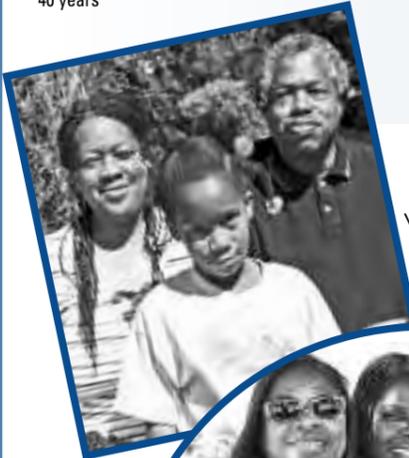


Howard Pompel and his grandson Travis, Club In-House Counselor

We Had a Great Time!



Regner Globus, Chairperson, Club Board.



Virginia Young, Sonya Manning, James Hines – Airports



Rita Scott, Inez Forrest



Deborah Hill and family, DWP – CRC



Art Meza with son in law, Saul Campos, LA Animal Services, 8 years



David Murakai and Family, Club Board Member



Dwayne Ellis and Family, DWP – Harbor, Cement Finisher, 20 years



Elvira Dunkle, Don Ackerley and Family, Housing Dept., 7 years

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On You Mark, Get Set...Have Fun!

ClubFest 2007



Time to Eat!





From left: Tridell Whitfield, DOT, 10 years of service, with his son, Shane Borland.



Kiah and Christina Kusch.

From left: Natalie, Alex, Karla and Edwin Realegeno.



Let's Party!



Maurice LaCourt and Family, Sanitation, 15 years



Lois Starks and Henry.



Ray Garcia, DWP - Senior Electrical Dispatcher, 31 years



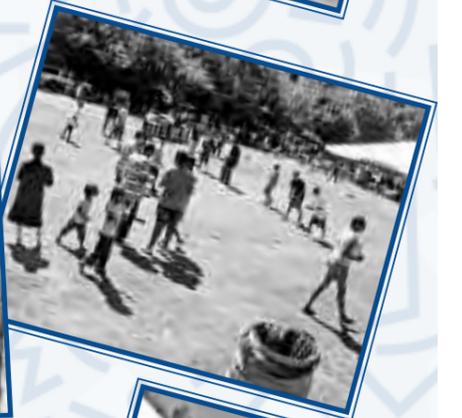
From left: Sabrina Peters, Transportation, 7 years of service; and Stanley Barr, Transportation, 2 years of service.



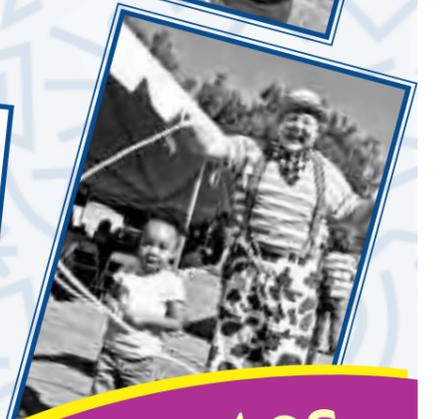
Cecilia and Joanne.



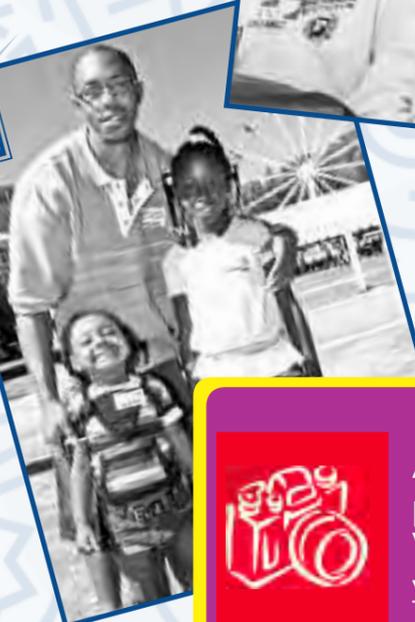
From left: Edwin Verela; Tony Murillo; and Juan Salazar, GSD, 2 years of service.



Jolanda Norris and Jeanene Barnett



From left: Stanley, Lai, Lah and Imunique.



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Harbor Gardner Crew, Div. 137, standing in front of the Health Fair sign



Ladies at the check-in table, from left: Kathy Merovsky, Risk Management; Jennifer Reyes, Asst. Risk Management; and Marie Gutierrez, Risk Insurance Assistan

First Harbor Health Fair

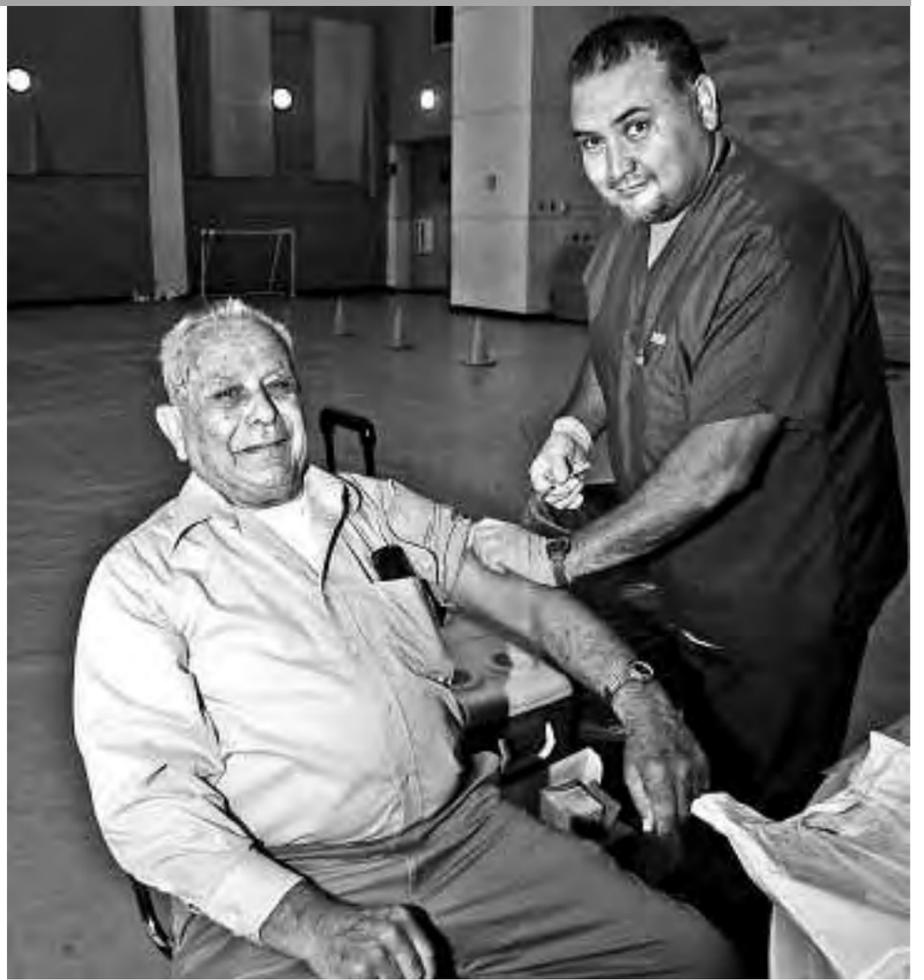
■ Harbor hosts its first health fair.

Story and photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

HARBOR — More than 500 employees attended the Harbor's first health fair, held Sept. 25 at the Harbor Boys and Girls Club.

The four-hour event helped to raise awareness of, and increase, employees' healthy lifestyles.

Thanks to the Port of Los Angeles Risk Management Team for putting together a great and organized event. And special thanks to Chrizelle Quevedo and Jennifer B. Reyes for their invitation.



From left: Tony Lauro gets a flu shot, with Robert Larios, Club Director of Marketing and Communications.



William Davis gives blood.



The Health Fair crowd in the Harbor Boys and Girls Club gymnasium.



Club Raffle winner James Sullivan, Welder, Club Member, with Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor.



From left: Kenneth Henderson, Street Maintenance Worker II; Leo Cabrera, Equipment Operator; and John Humphery, Equipment Operator.



Tim Hogan (center), winner of the Club raffle, with Norma Angulo, Club Partner, and Rosa Calderon, Club Partner.



Employees give blood.



Harbor employees played basketball for prizes.

Haven House

Helping battered women and their children on their way towards a life free of violence.

We need your help to help save lives. You can help in so many ways – cash donations, clothing, food, volunteering. Every little bit helps more than you'll know. Every donation is greatly appreciated – no matter how much. Contact us today at 626.564.8880 to find out how you can help.

For more information on how to donate, please visit our website at www.havenhousela.org or call us at (626) 564-8880.

If you or someone you know needs help, call us now at our **24-Hour Hotline – 1-323-681-2626.**

Haven House is the oldest shelter of its kind in the United States, founded in 1964 to shelter families of violent alcoholics.

Our services include counseling services for women and children in residence and counseling for community clients who are not residents of the shelter.

- Emergency shelter, food and clothing
- Bilingual counseling services for both adults and children
- Assistance with finding permanent housing
- Assistance with finding employment
- Court and social services advocacy
- Assistance with getting welfare
- Legal assistance (TRO's etc.)
- Medical Services



ENTERTAINMENT Reviews by Fellow Club Members

Your Reviews

You can be a reviewer! Have you just seen a great movie or DVD? Read a great book? Been to a great play or musical? Write a brief review. It's easy! See the instruction box.



100 Words or Fewer

Here's how to submit your review. *Alive!* accepts entertainment reviews of 100 words or fewer. We might not print them all, especially if we receive multiple reviews for the same movie or DVD. Follow these rules:

- For movies: Make sure the movie is still in theatres. For DVDs and books, make sure they are generally available. For theatre shows: try to submit your review before the show closes.
- Keep all reviews to 100 words or fewer, but try to write more than one or two sentences.
- Your own comments are more important than a long plot summary.
- Give us your score on a scale of 1 to 5. Use this format: *My Score: X (out of 5)*.
- Make sure you give us your name and City department (or retired).
- Submit your review to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com
- *Alive!* will send you a small but appropriate "thank you" if we publish your review.
- Have fun!

MOVIE REVIEWS

The Brave One



Rated R
My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Jodie Foster plays a radio host in New York City, who, along with her fiancé (Naveen Andrews from TV's *Lost*) are brutally attacked while taking a walk. Sadly her fiancé dies, and she is unable to move on. Originally purchasing a gun for her safety, she begins to take late night walks and when she comes across some bad guys, she blows them away!

Jodie as always turns in a brilliant performance, and Terrence Howard was excellent as the NYPD detective searching for the vigilante killer. I would wait for the rental on this one.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Jodie Foster stars as Erica Bain, who tries to adjust to life after being beaten almost to death as her boyfriend was while they were taking their dog out for a walk. Instead of going to therapy as most people would, Erica tries to cope in another way.

This movie is dark and very violent, especially the first violent scene. Not at all for children! The movie also makes you think. I would recommend this for adults who like a good drama, topped off with violence in their movies.

— Debbie Winger, DWP

Stardust

Rated PG-13
My Score: 4 (out of 5)



Twinkle twinkle little star, how I wonder what you are. Wonder no more: Clare Danes stars as Yvaine, literally a fallen star (not the Britney Spears kind) who unwittingly plummets to earth and assumes human form. Once word of her arrival gets out, a variety of characters seeks to possess her for a variety of reasons, some for love, others for power, beauty and immortality.

This is an uneven yet enjoyable movie. There are dark moments, but they are offset by a wry sense of humor. Danes shines as the star, and Charlie Cox is well cast as the young hero with a destiny. Michelle Pfeiffer is perfectly sinister as an evil witch, and Robert DeNiro is odd and endearing as a cross-dressing pirate. Fun cameos by Peter O'Toole, Rupert Everett, Ricky Gervais and a bratty Sienna Miller all add to the shenanigans. This is a "love conquers all" movie, wrapped up in a fun mystical package.

— Dan Basiglio, LAPD

The Bourne Ultimatum

Rated PG-13
My Score: 4 (out of 5)



Third film in a trilogy of Jason Bourne's quest to find out who he is after being brain-washed in a government experiment. The action sequences and story are all first rate. Matt Damon portrays the tormented Bourne with utmost delicacy, teetering on the line of humanity and heroics without becoming a cartoon. Joan Allen and David Strathairn, supposedly on the same side of the law, add solid support to Bourne's internal and external struggle.

My only complaint is the jerky camera movements that attempt to add edge but at times are only distracting. Julia Stiles, Albert Finney and Scott Glenn co-star. I suggest watching the first two "Bourne" DVDs to bring you up to speed!

— Dan Basiglio, LAPD

The Heartbreak Kid

Rated R
My Score: 3 (out of 5)



This is a somewhat raunchy comedy starring Ben Stiller as Eddie and Malin Akerman as his wife, Lila. The story is mostly based on their honeymoon in Cabo San Lucas. There, Eddie realizes he made a huge mistake rushing into that mar-

riage but meets and falls in love with another vacationing woman, Miranda (Michelle Monaghan).

This movie was ridiculously predictable and the humor was old. If you seen *There's Something About Mary* and *Along Came Polly*, you'll recognize the similarities and the same situations. However, I enjoyed Jerry Stiller as Doc, Eddie's father. All his scenes were hilarious as were the bedroom scenes of Eddie and Lila. Carlos Mencia also had a role as a raunchy hotel employee.

— Chuck Beas, DWP

The Kingdom

Rated R
My Score: 3.5 (out of 5)



A horrific terrorist attack takes place in Saudi Arabia, killing hundreds of Americans and Saudis. Against the wishes of the U.S. Government, an elite FBI team moves in to investigate the murders. At first the team is kept under tight control and not allowed to move around the Saudi Kingdom freely. So the movie does drag a bit in the beginning. Once they gain access to more clues, the action takes off.

Jaimie Foxx, Jennifer Garner and Chris Cooper are all fine as the elite team. But it is the surprise performances of Jason Bateman and Ashraf Barhom as a Saudi counterpart that bring a real sense of life to the film.

There's not really much of a script here, but it does provide an ending that will leave you unsatisfied with the current state of affairs in the world today, and rightly so.

— Dan Basiglio, LAPD

DVD Reviews

Big Fat Liar (2002)

Rated PG
My Score: 4 (out of 5)



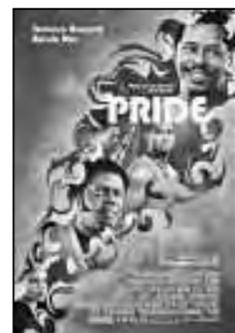
If you need a good laugh, rent this movie. It is about a 14-year-old boy (Frankie Muniz) who can't tell the truth to save his life. He gets in trouble at every turn. Muniz has to write a paper for school because of his lies. He actually finishes the

paper, but it is stolen by a Hollywood producer (Paul Giamatti). Of course no one believes Muniz when he tells them that Giamatti stole his paper and is now making a movie. Muniz sets out to prove to everyone he can tell the truth. It's very funny; watch it.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

Pride (2007)

Rated PG
My Score: 4 (out of 5)



This was a very good movie. It is about a young black man (Terrence Howard), who was a former swimmer. Teams would not swim against his team because he was black. In the mid 1970's, after going to college, Howard worked for the

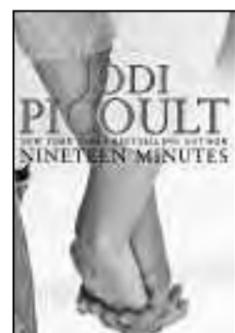
Philadelphia Department of Recreation. He starts coaching underprivileged kids how to swim. These kids end up taking the state finals despite all the odds against him. I thought it was a very inspirational movie, and your children can definitely see this one.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

Book Reviews

Nineteen Minutes

Jodi Picoult, *Adult Fiction*, Atria, 464 pages
My Score: 5 (out of 5)



In 19 minutes you can mow your lawn, color your hair or watch a third of a hockey game. *Nineteen Minutes* explores what can happen when a 17-year-old high school student, Peter Houghton of Sterling, N.H., endures years of

verbal and physical abuse from his classmates. Peter is sent over the edge, which leads him to the ultimate violence that changes the lives of the residents of Sterling forever. Like the Columbine shootings, everyone's lives are forever changed.

— Linda Rorex, Personnel



CLASSIFIED ADS *Alive!* Members Marketplace

New Ads This Month!

1960 Mercury Comet for sale, rare, 2 door, 6 cylinder. Cat eye tail lights, not running, but all there and garaged. \$2500. Call Ernest London, 909-594-9486. 11/07

1995 Cadillac Seville for sale. \$5900.00 or B/O 62,000 orig. miles. Rebuilt Trans, new plugs & wires, new water pump & a/c comp. Call (626) 641-1478 11/07

Apartment for rent in residential neighborhood in Northeast Los Angeles, 1-bed/1full bath, kitchen, living room and garage. New paint and carpeting. Convenient to markets, public transportation, and freeways \$800. per month. Call John (213) 952-0835 11/07

El Monte Condo for sale: 3BD/2.5BA/1511 sq.ft, 2 car garage/gated community. Being offered with seller financing, take over payments. Only 5% down, \$1995/mo. 3 months no payments. Tax benefit available. Call Rodolfo (888)255-9999 11/07

House FOR SALE- Roseville, CA. Built 2000, 2158 sq.ft 3-4 bdrm/2 bath 3 car garage, Inrd Indry, covered patio. 90 min from Lake Tahoe. (916)704-0088 11/07

Apartment For Rent: Nice 1 Bedroom Apartment Inglewood, California Area. Mr. Rich (323) 296-1547 11/07

Rental in W. Lancaster: 4 bdrm, 1.5 bath, new carpet, fresh paint, new appliances, two-story, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Sec. 8 ok. Rent is \$1850 plus deposit. If interested call, 818-776-1206. 11/07

Above ground pool for sale: 10' by 24' (4 feet deep) round metal frame pool. \$350 (originally \$650). Only used one time for a party. Contact Omar (909) 376-5176. 11/07

Elliptical For Sale: \$450 OBO. "Slightly" used Space Saver w/fan. Contact C. Starkey @ ellip4sale@yahoo.com 11/07



Autos / Motorcycles/Boats

1992 mercedes 300SE for Sale. Mint condition with 81K org miles. \$9500 obo. Contact Victor (310) 429-1432. 10/07

1989 Cadillac STS for sale - a very comfortable ride. Executive Black, less than 90Kmi. \$600 or make me an offer I can't refuse. For details leave a message at (310)967-5987, or call (310)763-2519 for appointment. 10/07



2002 Harley Davidson Road King: Accessories: S & S Super G Carb and Cam Kit, Beach Bars, Sampson Exhaust, Chrome Controls, Polished Wheels, Braided Lines, Mileage: In: 12,800, Out: 18,500, Price: \$13,500 Contact: Ruben Salas (213) 792-6158 8/07



1976 CHEVROLET C-10 TRUCK: Black, short bed, minor scratches and dents, running great, \$4,000 OBO. Sergio 323-708-3410 8/07

91 Astro Bass Boat: 135 Merc, Trolling motor, in dash dept sounder, 17' Trailer, many extras to list. Serious buyers only, \$10,000.00-661-724-2461 Fax. 213-626-0398 - Attn. Robert Cuellar - 8/07



2003 Harley Davidson "ROAD KING CLASSIC" 25K Miles. This is the 100 Year Anniversary edition, Black with lots of chrome. 88 C.I. Motor/1450CC, Twin "RINEHART" Pipes, Fuel Injected, Twin Cam Gear drive "Not Chain Driven" Harley Davidson Race tuner with Laptop Interface/Programmable Factory Alarm & new Rubber. Asking \$16,500.00 kkaufman001@roadrunner.com 8/07



2004 CHEVROLET IMPALA: 42,000 miles, burgundy, gray interior, chrome rims, salvage title, runs great, Contact Sergio 323-708-3410 8/07

1979 YAMAHA 750 SPECIAL- motorcycle. 32,000 original miles. Black Gold. Factory saddlebags, trunk, shield, custom seat. Mint condition. \$2,000.00 OBO (626) 333-5962 7/07

2005 Toyota Sienna LE, only 10,800 miles. All power. Good condition. \$19,900. Call Kathy at (626) 821-9180. 7/07

2004 TENT TRAILER, indoor/outdoor shower, toilet, A/C, heat, microwave, fridge, stove, cable ready, CD player, sink, sleeps 6 adults, gas BBQ, \$10,000 OBO contact: lorarobert@sbcglobal.net 7/07



2006 FORD EXPLORER, 12,367 mi, all air bags, abs, full ac, ps, cc, tilt, leather, p/seats, p/windows, tint, stereo, pdl, p/mirrors, loaded! low mileage running boards- tow pkg- 3rd row seat, clean-loaded \$22,600, 562-866-3928 6/07

1965 VW Bug primered, chrome rims, new carb & new gas tank \$1,300 obo, call 818-212-3144 6/07

1968 Ford Pick-up 1 owner orig paint & engine \$1,500 obo, call 818-212-3144 6/07

BIKE FOR SALE 1999 Honda CBR 600 yellow and black, under 14,000 miles, new battery, no accidents, minor scratches and chrome wheels. MUST SELL \$4,800 call C.C. or Lisa (909) 509-1364. MUST SELL \$3,800 5/07

Homes/Rentals/Land

House for rent - Pomona. 4 Bd, 2 Ba, FR, FP W/D hkup, lrg bk yd, dbl carport, crdt chk, no pets, \$1,600 + deposit. 2553 Cathy Ave. (310) 419-0558 10/07

4BD/2BA House for rent, near elementary school, large corner lot. Asking \$1600/mo plus \$1600 security. Must obtain renters insurance. Large back yard, outdoor pets OK, 2 car detached garage w/2 remotes, includes microwave, dishwasher, stove. If interested email Rhonda N1487@lapd.lacity.org 10/07



Montebello Tri-Level Townhome for sale - \$479,000 (11 miles from Downtown LA). 4 Bd 3 Full bth 1947 sq. feet. Gated Community cathedral ceilings, pool and tennis court. **Will help with second** Please contact George @ (323) 376-5324 gijew@yahoo.com. 10/07



Palm Springs Vacation Rental. Newly built, fully furnished in gated community. 10 minutes away from Downtown PS. Sleeps 6. Spacious master bedroom w/private bathroom. Go to <http://www.vrbo.com/142384> 10/07

House for Rent: contemporary modern style 2 beds and 1.5 baths with 1 gated parking spot & hardwood floors near chinatown, dodger stadium, gold line, little tokyo, olvera street, pasadena and downtown convenient to public transportation, freeways, markets and shopping washer and dryer on property available 9-1-07 for \$1200 a month call 323-919-1163 8/07

House for Rent. 2bd/1ba. Large yard. Access to horse & bike trails. Pet friendly. No smoking. Near 210/605 Fwy \$1400/mo. 626/890-7361 8/07

House for Sale: 7259 Louise Ave. Van Nuys, CA 3 Bedrooms, 2 baths, Detached Bonus room, Fireplace, 3-car garage, workshop, Private Master Suite Offered at \$579,300 Call Frieda Scott, 310 897 7178 8/07

House For Rent: Quiet residential neighborhood in Whittier. Beautiful single story 3 bdrm. 1 bath, large kitchen, living room with fireplace, separate laundry room, detached 2 car garage, covered patio, and big yard with trees. Very clean. New carpet, tile, paint and mini blinds. Ceiling fans. Gardener included. Excellent location with convenient shopping and easy freeway access. Email pictures available. \$1,800 per month. Call Stephanie at (626) 810-6384 8/07

Playa Del Rey, newly renovated condo. Be 1st to occupy. 4 blocks to beach. 2 bdrm 2 bth suite (ideal 4 shared living). Each bdrm has bath. Each tenant must qualify. Everything new; stainless appliances, granite counters, tile floors, carpeting throughout. Central air/heat. Fireplace. Balcony, pool/spa. Fitness center, gated access, 2 parking spaces, visitor parking, minutes LAX, Venice, Santa Monica. \$2490/month. Open House Sundays (1-4pm). 8300 Manitoba St. Must see! Call 310-562-7578. 7/07

Home for Sale: Spacious Las Vegas 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage home with new furniture and appliances included. \$339,900. Call Nathaniel (702) 577-8926. Virtual Tour: www.tucasa360.com/vt/NB5541LonesomeBiker 7/07

Lone Pine House For Sale: 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath, Lg Den/Fireplace, RV Sewer Hook-up, Patio, Garage, Shed, \$255,000.00 760-872-4206 6/07

Playa Del Rey condo 1 bdrm, 1 ba, 2 pk sp, laundry, walk to beach \$1500 month 310-306-2750 6/07

West L.A. Town Homes for Sale - Brand New 3bd, 2 1/2 ba. Gated parking, balconies sundeck appx 1700 sq ft. surround Sound, etc \$725K - \$825K. Call Russ at (818) 983-4095 5/07

CONDO FOR RENT IN EL SERENO AREA 2 Bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 1 master suite with bath tub and separate shower, walk-in closet, pool privileges, (includes water and cable), kitchen, inside washer and dryer, backyard patio, pool, Jacuzzi, private park, bbq area, recreation room, 24 hr gate security, parking and guest parking, beautiful view of city lights and mountains, close to college and downtown Los Angeles. Deposit \$2,000 and monthly rent is \$2,000. Contact Rosie @ 323/821-5058. 5/07

House for Rent - Small 2br, 1bath home in Alhambra, 6 miles f/downtown; \$1,300/mo. Contact Mario (626) 458-2976 5/07

Master Suite for Rent \$1,000- 1 closet and I walk-in closet, includes cable and water, pay only 1/3 electricity, has own shower and bath tub, pool and spa, 24 hr. gated security, shared washer and dryer (located in condo) private patio and yard, private park, bbq area, recreation room, parking and quest parking, beautiful view of city lights and mountains, close to college and downtown Los Angeles. Contact Rosie @ 323/256-2186 5/07

House for rent. Small 2BR, 1BTH home in Alhambra. 6 mi. from downtown. \$1,300/mo. Call Mario at (626) 458-2976. 5/07

Vacation Rental. Sleep to the sounds of the ocean! Oceanfront Resort on Kauai only 10 minutes from Airport. Room is oceanview and comfortably appointed w/ A/C, Private Lanai, Coffee-Maker, Cable TV, Wi-Fi, Micro, Minifridge, etc. Accommodations up to 4. Great location and conveniently located next to private beach, restaurants and shopping. \$130/night or \$115/night for 5+ night stay. www.VRBO.com/103550 or contact cell 951-961-2931. 5/07

Back house for rent. 1 Bedroom/Bathroom. Kitchen & living room. New carpet, blinds & doors. Utilities included! Street parking. Near various shopping locations, 105/110 Fwy, blue/green line trains. One year lease, required! Deposit: \$950 (APC). NO PETS!! Location: 814 East 106th Street, LA CA 90002. Available now. For Appt call Latrease @ 323-385-5059 4/07

Condo for rent! Redondo Beach Condo for Rent On Esplanade Ocean Front, Great View 1bd 1bath 1 parking front unit, \$1,800. 4/07

Household Items

Used Telescope, \$200, Galileo-1000X135. Has tripod. Manual included. Call Earl @ 323-292-7358. 8/07

Microwave Oven. Westinghouse. 1.1 Cubic Foot, 1000 watts. Sacrifice at \$25. Call Ernest at (909) 598-1971 7/07

Craftmatic Adjustable 3ft X 7ft twin size bed electronic hand control, variable speed wave massage system, purchased 1-30-03 \$1200 call (562) 989-4664 (310) 732-4707 7/07



Lamp: 43" high antique style, brass base, beautiful amber/white glass. New condition. \$40. Call Ernest at (909) 598-1971 7/07

Cross-stitched Arts - Beautiful home décor, no frame, prices are negotiable. Call Nida & leave a message (909) 800-3207. 7/07

Ionic Breeze: Regular \$350, out-the-door for \$300. Alle-germ free your environment. As-Seen-On-TV. Brand new in the box. Call Joe (323) 750-7005 or JEDA3R@hotmail.com 7/07

Microwave, \$30.00, call 323-721-3854. 3/07

Dining room table and china cabinet - \$200, call 323-721-3854. 3/07

Brand new dryer for sale. \$350.00 OBO. Email address: modupe5376@aol.com or call Tayo at (909) 730-7181 3/07

Washer and Dryer, \$150. Call 323-721-3854. 3/07

Sink with cabinet for bathroom, \$30.00, call 323-721-3854. 3/07

Portable Maytag dishwasher, very good condition \$500.00 or best offer (no checks please). Contact Lillian @ (213) 978-6983 3/07

Stove: Frigidaire brand white gas range. Very clean. \$200. (818) 523-7324 cell or email mearevalo@aol.com. 1/07

Miscellaneous

Cemetery Plots: Forest Lawn Memorial Park - Hollywood Hills, Church Yard Section Lot 3279 -Space 3 and 4, Lot 2279 -Space 3: 5,400 each. Call Paula @ 818-374-3385 or email: jenmiralija@msn.com 8/07

Bouncer House 4 Sale. 13ft by 13 ft. Clown Themed. \$1500. Javier. 626-917-3941 6/07



2 Oakland Raiders Season Tickets. These are 40 yard line tickets located 3 rows from the field. I have all home games available. Contact Joe 909-519-8683 or email me at raiderjo@roadrunner.com for a great picture of seats. GO RAIDERS! 5/07

Oakdale Memorial Parl. 2 in 1 plot in Glendora, CA. Space 4, Lot 3131, Lawn Eternal Peave. A full package (includes casket, headstone) retail value \$8,000, asking for \$7,000 OBO. Call 626-379-3106. 5/07

Carpeting for sale. Plush, burgundy, used, in good condition; approx. 51 yds. \$250. Call Connie 323-351-4689 4/07

8-inch Porche Alloys. 5 lug. \$500 firm. Cell: 909-565-8197, Home: 909-484-1971. 4/07

Wheelchair ramp for a van, hydraulic. \$1,200 or best offer. Ask for Carole 626-960-3309. 4/07

Rottweiler Puppies. 7 females, 5 males, born 12/30/06. Pups have docked tails and first shots. Parents on premises. Call Duran at (562) 396-8436. 3/07

Set of chrome wheels for sale. \$1,000.00 or best offer. Sorry, no checks please. Call Lillian @ (213) 978-6983. 3/07

Tires: Set of 2006 Chrysler 300 wheels size 17- brand new - \$900.00, Call Red, (323) 819-0932. 1/07

Tires: Set of Honda Tires - wheels Size 17- Sale \$700.00. Good Cond. Ph (323) 298-7750. 1/07

Sports / Exercise

Dumbbells for sale. Aerobic 8, 10, and 12 lb dumbbells for sale at \$25 a pair. Like new. Contact Rowena at (818) 378-9139. 1/07

Travel / Timeshare

Timeshare for Rent: Las Vegas Condo 1 block from the Strip. Quick weekend getaway. The Windham Vacation Resort. 1 bedroom deluxe with jacuzzi/bathtub with up to 4 occupancy. Available November 11th thru 24th (Thanksgiving), and New Years 01/01/08 to 01/04/08. Other dates possible. Call 951-739-0519 or 951-218-4414. Ask for Sunny or Rosemary. 10/07

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Cabo San Lucas Timeshare for Sale: Pueblo Bonita at Sunset Beach, 5 star resort, RCI membership, 1 bedroom, 2 bath, kitchen, sleeps 4-6. One week anytime, two weeks this year. Under \$400 at \$17,900. Call (760) 873-6425 or (760) 920-0032 8/07

Las Vegas Grand Desert Timeshare - for sale. Asking \$30,000 with amenities, plus 182,000 bonus points. Call (310) 522-0051. 8/07

TIMESHARE RESORT RENTAL in Cancun, Mexico. Beautiful Cancun Sunset Club, close to shops, restaurants and nightlife. 7 days \$500.00. Sleeps 4. Call Gina (818) 265-5940 home or (818) 395-3552 cell. 8/07

BED AND BREAKFAST in Klamath Falls, Oregon. For the best view of the lake and the most competitive price, come stay with us when traveling through or visiting Klamath Falls. Call Jerry Klippness and Helen Hall, 2371 Lakeshore Dr., Klamath Falls, OR 97601, (541) 850-2586. 8/07

BEACHFRONT CONDO FOR RENT. Enjoy a week or a weekend at Imperial Beach (south of San Diego). Call (800) 449-0357. View at www.sandiegovacation.com. 8/07

Green Valley Lake Cabin Rental - 3 bed, 2 ba fully equipped mountain cabin. Between Big Bear and Arrowhead. Quiet, edge of forest, panoramic view. Call (909) 867-3534. Ask for the Fick Cabin, #45. 8/07

So. Lake Tahoe vacation rental, 3 bdrm 2 ba home sleeps 8 nestled in the forest. Close to Lake, Marina, ski slopes and Casinos. Visit us on the web at www.SouthLakeTahoeGetaway.com For weekend, weekly rates and availability call Linda or Cal (805) 584-2718. 8/07

Collectibles

Various Beanie Babies from McDonald's \$2.00 - \$5.00 each. Call Greg (951) 235-3815. 8/07

Sports Memorabilia - All Sports and Non-Sports Cards. 25 Cents and Up, OBO. Greg (951) 235-3815. 8/07

NFL Ceramic Mugs/Tankards - 28 Teams, LA Rams, LA Raiders, Cowboys, Dolphins, etc. Past/Present NFL Teams, 5 3/8" Tall. (805) 338-1990. 8/07

ESTATE SERVICES - Appraisal or Liquidation of Fine Art, Collectibles and Coin & Stamp Collections. Call Michael (626) 592-2929. 8/07



I BUY SILVER & GOLD U.S. coin collections, large or small. Please call Michael (626) 592-2929. 8/07

Wanted

City employee alto sax player looking for band to jam and perform. smooth jazz, cool jazz, real book tunes, ballads, funk. If.2005@sbcglobal.net 5/07

Room Mate Wanted! Room Mate Wanted for \$500 a Month. Kitchen privileges, share bathroom, swimming pool and spa, park setting, gated Community. (includes water and cable), pay 1/3 electricity, inside washer and dryer. private backyard patio, bbq area, parking and guest parking, recreation room, beautiful view of city lights and mountain, close to college and downtown Los Angeles. Contact Rosie @ 323/821-5058 5/07

Wanted: Your Childhood Barbie Dolls and Clothes. I collect dolls from 1959 through 1966. I pay top dollar! I will buy one to 1,000 dolls. Clothing, structures, cases, yes, I will buy them, too. Anything vintage Barbie! Call Cheryl (818) 771-4835. 5/07

Wanted: YOUR TOY TRAINS, any age, any size. Call Mike (818)-831-0846. 5/07

Electronics/Computers

Used **Panasonic PV-L750 camcorder** in excellent working condition, complete with carrying case. Asking \$400 OBO. Contact # (310) 408-6431 in Torrance. 6/07

Used **HP 5650 printer** in excellent working condition. Asking \$25. Complete with cables and software. Contact # (310) 408-6431 in Torrance. 6/07

Furniture

Dining Room Table: Spanish style dark wood dining room table with 6 chairs. Excellent condition! \$850 or OBO. Contact Jeff (562)316-8165 8/07

FOR SALE: Custom Texas Hold 'em poker tables. Several designs to choose from. Sitting from 8 to 10 players. Please email me at buni_hon@yahoo.com for pictures and prices. Or call at 818-288-4269 or 805-306-0685 ask for Joe. 5/07

Cooking with the Club

by our own
Robert Larios



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Pumpkins: Pretty Pleasing as Soup

When I mentioned that I was making pumpkin soup, it was common to get a cringing reaction from people. I have a feeling that they all envisioned in their minds their decoratively carved but withered pumpkins that they had placed at their homes, simmering in a stew pot. The reality is that pumpkin soup can be quite flavorful while simple to make.

There are three methods I have used when making pumpkin soup. And in preserving the concept of keeping *Cooking With the Club* recipes simple but packed with delicious flavor, I've decided to go with the recipe that takes a moderate time to prepare, but not so much that you have to put up a tent in the kitchen for your dish to finish cooking.

Instead of roasting a pumpkin and then taking the flesh into a mixer, I've skipped that step and just bought a can of mashed, unsweetened pumpkin. Remember, I'm keeping it simple, although if there are pros out there, feel free to prepare the pumpkin in the roasted pumpkin method, since you'll be able to get the highest quality of flavors this way.

I'm sure that you will agree that the recipe below very closely matches the tremendous taste of roasted pumpkin soup.

DIRECTIONS:



Step 1: Select a medium-size pumpkin for use as a decorative soup bowl.



Step 2: Cut the pumpkin toward the stem side so that you can later use the cut piece as a lid.



Step 3: Gut the pumpkin seeds and the rest of the inside material.



Step 4: Place the cleaned pumpkin on a baking sheet and put in the oven on broil for about 10 minutes or until the inside of the pumpkin has dried out.



Step 5: Open the can of mashed pumpkin and place the contents in a bowl. Add the parsley, pepper and salt.



Step 6: In a sauce pan on medium heat, sauté the diced scallions and minced garlic in the olive oil until slightly brown, and then add the pumpkin from the can. Stir.



Step 7: While stirring, slowly add the pint of the half and half milk to the pumpkin.



Step 8: Add soup to the medium-sized pumpkin that was hollowed out; sprinkle finely chopped chives over the soup, and place the lid on the pumpkin to keep it warm.

Perfect Pumpkin Soup

Serves about 2 to 4

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 medium size pumpkin
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Parsley
- 1 clove of garlic
- 1 medium size scallion or 1/4 cup red onion
- 1 can (15 oz.) mashed pumpkin
- 1 pint of half and half milk
- 1/4 cup of green chives
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil



Enjoy, and happy Thanksgiving!

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L.A. City T-shirts

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

Member Price:
\$13
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Available Colors:



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

NEW!
 Sweatshirt

Member Price:
\$23
 per shirt*



ITEM: #LAC-6000



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



Member Price:
\$15
 per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping

Size: **XXXL**
 Available Colors:

\$16



Back

ITEM: #T1500

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



Front

Member Price:
\$8
 per shirt*



ITEM: #LAC-2000

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

Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*



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ITEM: #LAC-3000

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

Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*



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ITEM: #LAC-4000

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



Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

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

*White available with front pocket.

Sizes: **XXXL** \$13



Sizes: **XXXXL** \$14



Back

Front

Indigo Blue

ITEM: #T1000

L.A. City Polo Shirt

LA City Polo Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**

Member Price:
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Front

Close-up of Embroidery

ITEM: #PS1000

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DWP T-shirts

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

Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*



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Front

ITEM: #T3000VFP

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

Member Price:
\$15
 per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping



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Front

ITEM: #T2500VFP

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

Member Price:
\$12
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ITEM: #T2003WP



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ITEM: #T2001WP

City Girl "Classic" T-shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL**

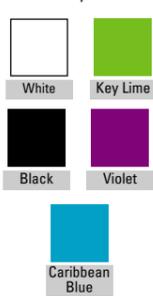
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Cherry

ITEM: #T-W1000

V-Neck Style Colors:



Crew Neck Style Colors:



City Girl "Retro" T-shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL**

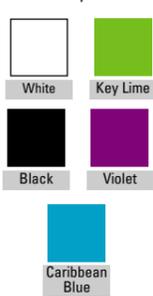
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 per shirt*



Caribbean Blue

ITEM: #T-W2000

V-Neck Style Colors:



Crew Neck Style Colors:



Back

Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**

* White available with front pocket.



Size: **XXXL**
 AVAILABLE COLORS:
 Blue Dusk, Charcoal

\$13

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ITEM: #T2000VFP

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 ITEM: #WGS1000
 PRICE: \$60.00*

Ladies Watch, Two-tone gold and silver
 ITEM: #WGSV1000
 PRICE: \$50.00*

Mens Large Seal, Stainless Steel Band
 ITEM: #VWS2500
 PRICE: \$55.00*

Mens Large Seal, Leather Band
 ITEM: #WL2600
 PRICE: \$45.00*

Mens Small Seal, Stainless Steel Band
 ITEM: #VWS2501
 PRICE: \$55.00*

Mens Small Seal, Leather Band
 ITEM: #VL2601
 PRICE: \$45.00*

Mens Small DWP Seal, Stainless Steel Band
 ITEM: #DWPWS2700
 PRICE: \$55.00*

*Plus tax and shipping

*Plus tax and shipping

City Seal Hats with Script

High quality embroidered ball caps!

Seal w/Script NAVY: #H1989
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 PRICE: \$10.00



Member Price: \$10
 per hat*

Seal w/Script KHAKI: #H1991
 PRICE: \$10.00



Seal w/Script ORANGE: #H1990
 PRICE: \$10.00



*Plus tax and shipping

Decals



LA City Decal, 3" Diameter
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City Seal Lapel Pins



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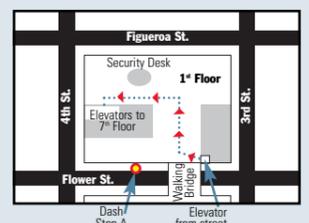
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