



Alive!

Chief Park Ranger Albert Torres, Rec and Parks, assesses the damage to now-closed Dante's View, overlooking Griffith Observatory.

Ground Broken For Project That Breaks Ground

■ Sanitation begins nation's first pilot project to turn biosolids into clean energy.

PUBLIC WORKS — The Bureau of Sanitation, faced with the ongoing and mounting problem of what to do with biosolids, the soil-like by-product of wastewater treatment, has started building a project that it hopes will answer that big challenge — and create clean energy in the process.

The project is called the Terminal Island Renewable Energy project, which will inject biosolids into depleted oil and gas reservoirs 5,000 feet below Terminal Island. The biosolids will then be converted to clean energy through the natural conditions of high temperature and pressure existing below the earth's surface.

The Bureau hopes that the project will make the trucking of some 700 metric tons of biosolids to Kern County a thing of the past.



Omar Moghaddam, Sanitation, Project Overseer

The details of the project begin on page 46.

For Retiree, It's Home Sweet Self-Sufficient Home

■ Ivan Forbes, Retiree, Public Works, and his son have built a home that often puts energy back into the grid.



Ivan Forbes, Retiree, Public Works

RETIREES — How energy-efficient are you? Probably not *this* energy-efficient.

Ivan Forbes, Retired, Public Works, with his son, Glenn, have spent more than 30 years building a home that works off the sun and wind, producing enough electricity

and hot water to power their reasonable lifestyle. And, when there's a good wind — they actually put energy back into the City's grid.

It has been a long journey, but with a payoff in sight. This summer, they are on schedule to break even on all they have spent, and make it pay off.

But it has always been about more than just paying off — it's about being independent, and "putting less smoke in the air."

INSIDE: The details of their house in Sylmar, and green tips from the DWP about the little steps we can all take. See the story on page 25.

Fire in the City's Forest

Alive! presents exclusive photos and accounts of the devastating fire in Griffith Park — and how your fellow City employees are monitoring its natural recovery.

See page 33.

Photo by Tom Hawkins for Alive!



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at Calamigos Ranch in
the hills above Malibu.

See page 9 for the story.



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Claims Paid

Here's how the Club took care of your fellow Club Members who took care of their loved ones and entrusted their family's security by purchasing Club insurance.

Life Insurance Claims

Age & Gender	Active/Retired	Cause of Death	Amount	Age & Gender	Active/Retired	Cause of Death	Amount
41 male	Active	Dismemberment of foot	\$150,000.00	76 female	Retiree	Anorexia	\$5,000.00
65 female	Retiree	Brain Injury	\$15,119.58	81 male	Retiree	Pneumonia	\$10,000.00
66 male	Active	Acute Renal Failure	\$10,074.79	Total Insurance Paid			\$190,194.37

Disability Claims

Age	Condition	Monthly Payment	Age	Condition	Monthly Payment	
34	Injury: Back	\$8,080.97	53	Torn Ligament on right foot	\$2,534.82	
37	Carpal Tunnel & Broken Toe	\$1,485.98	53	Arthritis: Post-traumatic arthritis	\$1,148.88	
39	Back Injury	\$3,727.40	53	Knee Injury	\$1,570.99	
41	Lumbar, Radiculopathy	\$1,694.40	53	Multiple Sclerosis	\$1,347.53	
41	Multiple Sclerosis	\$1,612.31	54	Depression	\$6,358.56	
45	Carpal Tunnel	\$1,963.52	54	Back Injury	\$2,575.42	
45	Disease	\$1,197.17	55	Carpal Tunnel	\$2,000.00	
46	Disease	\$3,549.49	56	Sever COBD, Hemoptysis	\$1,285.45	
46	Carpal Tunnel Syndrome	\$1,417.45	56	Forehead and spine injury	\$3,187.67	
46	Back Injury	\$2,467.96	57	Leukemia	\$1,341.85	
47	Back Injury	\$6,824.08	57	Stroke	\$2,717.90	
48	Back Injury	\$3,000.40	57	Osteoarthritis: Mult site	\$2,517.90	
48	Multiple Sclerosis	\$1,639.25	58	Heart: Emphysema OT	\$1,311.78	
48	Heart: Congestive Failure	\$1,305.54	58	Back Injury	\$4,728.28	
48	Fever: Valley Fever	\$1,329.51	60	Mental Condition - Stress	\$4,233.04	
48	Surgery	\$4,322.40	60	Cancer - Lung	\$1,274.92	
49	Neck Injury	\$1,985.57	60	Injury: Thumbs	\$2,281.76	
49	Knee Replacement	\$1,440.98	61	Stroke	\$2,256.43	
50	Mental Condition - Stress	\$1,534.00	62	Loss of Hearing	\$1,013.11	
50	Lower back pain	\$1,813.76	63	Back Injury	\$1,555.56	
51	Hip & knee replacement	\$3,034.15	Total Insurance Paid			\$110,119.00
52	Surgery: Knee Injury	\$1,667.49				

TOTALS PAID	Last Month	Year to Date
Life Insurance	\$190,194.37	\$1,173,854.65
Long Term Disability	\$110,119.00	\$464,205.04
Long Term Care	\$42,234.92	\$94,733.25
Cancer Insurance	\$60,000.00	\$135,000.00
		\$1,867,792.94

"Protect your paycheck" as the above members did with the Club's Long Term Disability and cover yourself for 5 times your salary with the Club's Group Rated Life Insurance.

For more information on Club insurance, call **(800) 464-0452**

FREE REAL ESTATE WORKSHOP

How to Find, Purchase and Organize Your Dream Home

Thursday, June 21
6:30-7:30 p.m.

WPCCU Northridge Branch
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Seating is limited. This workshop is FREE, however, reservations are required. Refreshments will be served. Doors open at 6 p.m.

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Meet professional organizer Linda Roggenbuhl, author of *The Beverly Hills Organizer's Home Organizing Bible: A Pro's Answers to How Organizing Works*, and former host of *Style with a Clean House* as she shows you how to organize to make the most of your new home or remodel.

* A Message From the CEO *

For June: City Heroes in Action

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

The first order of business this month is to give a round of applause to the hundreds of brave City Employees who first contained and then put out last month's savage and violent fire in Griffith Park. LAFD, Rec and Parks, General Services, LAPD, Transportation and the DWP, to name a few, all pulled together to do what your City does best: taking care of business, professionally and efficiently. The entire world was watching this fire; not a single home was lost, nor were there any significant injuries. It was a testament to superb training and preparation for disasters such as this by our City Employees.



To help you gain perspective on how big and dangerous this fire was, John Burnes (our very talented editor) and I scoured the City for pictures taken by City Employees. We then interviewed Chief Park Ranger Albert Torres and one of his Rangers, who were both there on the front lines during the fire ... and who will remain there for the years it will take for the park to recuperate. Read all about it and see the amazing photos on page 33.

Also in this issue, we have two great stories on how creativity, perseverance and ingenuity mix together to obtain efficient, renewable energy. The first story is about the Bureau of Sanitation's T.I.R.E. project, which takes biosolids (yes, biosolids; it's exactly what you think it is) and pumps them deep into the ground to eventually create methane for energy production. It's fascinating. The world is watching this one, and your fellow City Employees are making it happen.

The second story on renewable energy is about one of your fellow retirees, Ivan Forbes. He and his family have turned their home into the most amazing example of energy independence and efficiency. We have an exclusive interview for you as well as pictures and diagrams to see what he did.

We also have the winners of Dennis Zine's annual "Z" Awards for Excellence; Arlene Herrero and Angel Gomez's exclusive coverage of the Baker to Vegas Race, with the results and lots of pictures; a fascinating story by Hynda Rudd in *History Comes Alive*; coloring contest winners; and so much more.

So, once again, sit back and enjoy the best of what the City has to offer: stories and photos of its employees and retirees in action.

Have an awesome June!

JOHN

(jhawkins@cityemployeesclub.com)



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LETTERS To the Editor

Tell us what you think! talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

LETTER OF THE MONTH

She Became Alive When She Hiked the Trail in 'Be Alive'

I've lived in Altadena for 20-some-odd years now and never was aware of the Mt. Lowe Railroad, let alone that it was in my backyard!

Last Sunday morning I followed your directions in "Be Alive!" and tried it out. I must say that it was quite enjoyable, and one hell of a workout. At the top there were

pictures of what everything used to look like allowing you to compare them with the ruins; it was pretty fascinating. Oh, and the "echo phone" was pretty cool. I was a little embarrassed yelling into it at first, but after the second time I was yelling as loud as I could. What fun. Thanks!

— Amanda Thomas



Ruins of White City in Altadena

This Mom Found Our Tribute to Mothers Sweet

I just need to tell you that when I saw my picture and note from my kids in last month's Mother's Day special, I began blubbering like a baby. You guys are truly awesome. You even put all the pictures in color. Thanks for going the extra mile and giving us City employees a breath of fresh sweet air. Keep up the wonderful work!

— A very happy mom

Alive Classifieds Helped Sell His Car, So Use Them

I recently sold my car through your *Alive!* classifieds. Thanks so much for also allowing me to put a picture of it in too. Take care.

— T. Basler

Glad to hear the good news! And for all the other members who may not be aware, classified ads in Alive! are free – and if you send us a picture, we'll print it along with your ad, and that's free, too! Members rule! – Ed.

Moving From Peanut Butter to Stir Fry Got Things Cooking

Chef Larios, everyone here at the office was laughing over your peanut butter sandwich recipe a couple issues ago. That laughing

quickly subsided, though, once they saw your latest dish, your Asian Stir Fry. I followed your easy-to-follow instructions (thanks for adding the step-by-step pictures) and brought it into the office the next day. Everyone loved it! Thanks again, keep the dishes coming!

— Rebecca Rigley

He's Fired Up About Good Job LAFD Did at Griffith

I just wanted to give a big "shoutout" to the LAFD. I live in the Los Feliz area and had front-row seats to the fire we just had in Griffith Park. Seeing those guys risk their lives with no thought for their own was inspiring. Their professional operation was almost like a well calculated military assault on an enemy force.

Keep up the intensely impressive work!

— Tom "Cobalt" White

Are City Councilmembers Considered City Employees?

Dear *Alive!*: Can you tell me if City Councilmembers are City employees?

—A Curious Club Member

Excellent question, and yes, city Councilmembers are City employees. — Ed.

Correction

We should have credited the photos in last month's *History Comes Alive!* to the Security Pacific Collection, Los Angeles Public Library Photo Collection, Carolyn Cole, Director. *Our apologies.*

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!

If you could create your own ice-cream flavor, what would it be?

"Apple and watermelon Now and Later."
— Crystal Toney, Club Member, Ontario Airport Command Center



"Chocolate caramel crunch."
— Lynne Wright, Club Member, Ontario Airport Command Center



"Barbeque."
— Steve Briones, Club Member, Construction and Maintenance Ontario Airport



"Pineapple cream."
— Arthur Flores, Recreation and Parks



"Mango raspberry."
— Jackie Calvin, Public Works Engineering



"Angeleno Rainbow."
— Romeo Abesamis, LAPD 77th Jail Division



"Dark chocolate with cashews."
— Howie Pompel, Club staff



"Peppermint with chocolate fudge ribbon and white chocolate chunks."
— Katie Hesseltine, Club staff



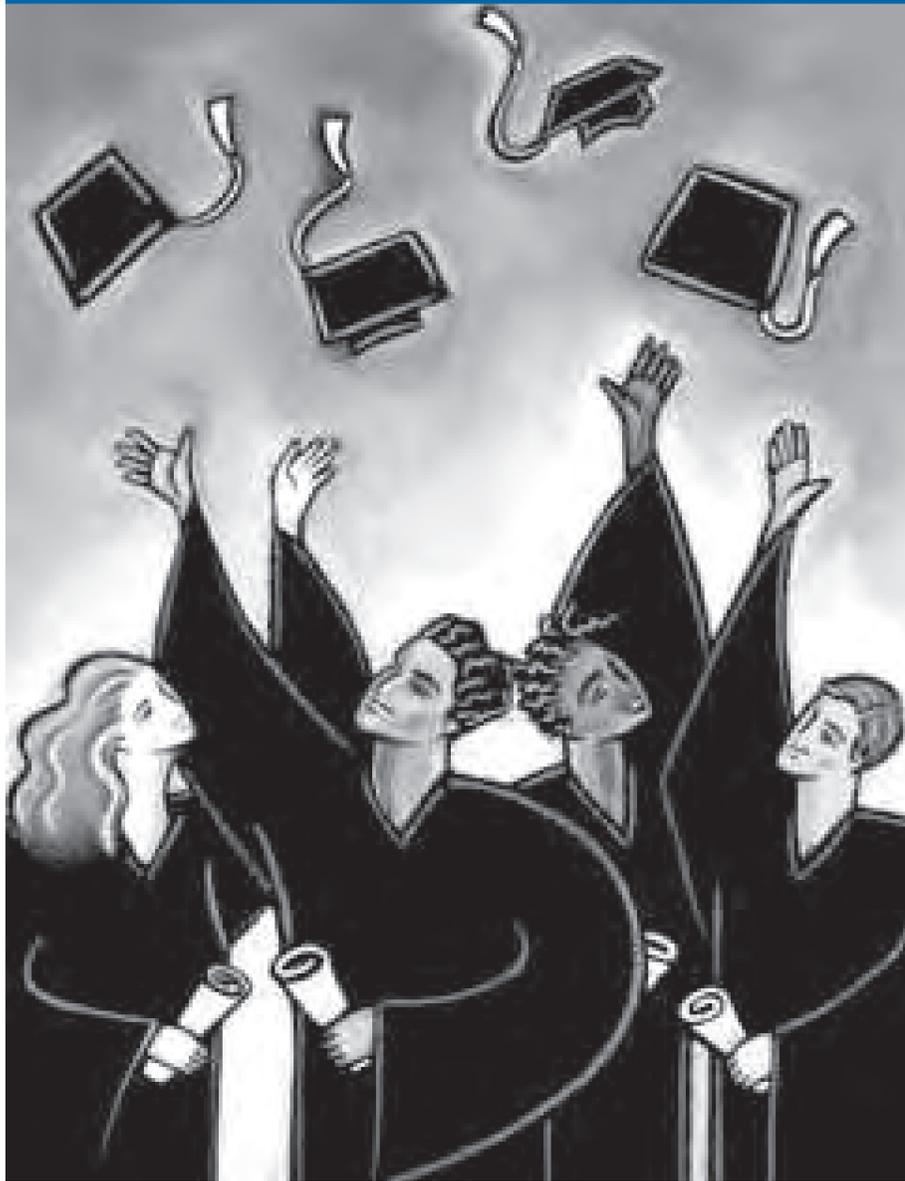
"Cookies and cream with cookie dough and macadamia nuts."
— Antonio Zepeda, CDD, Clerk Typist



"Boysenberry pie a la mode."
— Lupe Medina, Club staff



Club Scholarship: APPLY NOW!



Scholarship Deadline June 29

■ **Deadline for applications for the annual Club Scholarship is noon June 29.**

THE CLUB — This is the last month you can apply for one of five Club Scholarships for 2007. The deadline is coming fast: June 29.

Applications are available online only: www.cityemployeesclub.com/scholar.asp

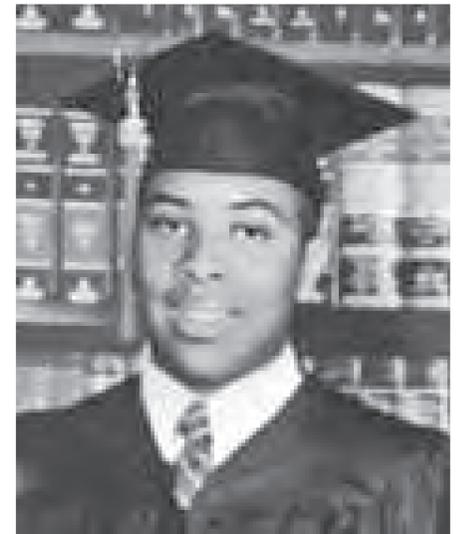
Five scholarships will be awarded in amounts of \$3,500, \$2,000, \$1,000 and two for \$500 (each).

Applications must be in the Club office by noon June 29, 2007.

Call 800-464-0452 for more information and to request an application.

Eligibility requirements:

- All Club Members and their spouses, and children of Club members under the age 25, are eligible to apply. Club members must be in good standing.
- The successful candidate must attend an accredited four-year college or university full time in the fall semester 2007. Current high school seniors matriculating to a four-year school in fall 2007 are eligible.
- Candidates will be judged for academic excellence, community service and financial need.
- Five (5) scholarships will be awarded, in amounts of \$3,500, \$2,000, \$1,000 and two for \$500 (each).



Irvin Shannon won the top prize in last year's Club Scholarship program.

- **Deadline for application:** They must be in the Club office at noon June 29, 2007. All applications must be physically in the Club office at that time to be eligible. Sorry, but the Club is not responsible for delays in delivery.
- Decisions will be made by Club personnel and will be considered final.
- Club office address: 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, 90071
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Send questions to: scholarship@cityemployeesclub.com

Training the Dog Trainers

■ **Two Airport Police officers graduate from TSA bomb detection program.**

Story by Officer Belinda Nettles, Public Information Officer, Airports; Photos courtesy Airport Police

AIRPORTS — Two Los Angeles Airport Police (LAX) canine handlers graduated from the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) National Explosives Detection Canine Team Program.

Canine Officers Juan Alba and Thomas Pendola attended the basic course in canine bomb detection training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Tex., one of the world's top

canine training centers. Alba and Pendola were taught the skills of canine bomb detection, safe handling of explosives and searches of various facilities and items.

The use of bomb detection dogs today includes searching areas in response to bomb threats at airports, on aircraft, in luggage, in cargo and vehicles as well as serving as a proven deterrent to would be terrorists.

Los Angeles Airport Police, combined with the Los Angeles Police Department, maintains the largest TSA canine explosive detection program

in an aviation environment.

Los Angeles Airport Police Division is the fourth largest law enforcement agency in Los Angeles County, with more than 1100 law enforcement, security and staff personnel. The APD is a division of Los Angeles World Airports, the City department that owns and operates four airports in Southern California: Los Angeles International, LA/Ontario International, LA/Palmdale Regional and Van Nuys (general aviation).



From left: Officer Juan Alba, Los Angeles Airport Police Lt. Edward Trahan and Officer Thomas Pendola with certificates after the graduation ceremony.



Los Angeles Airport Police Officer Juan Alba and his canine, Eno.



Los Angeles Airport Police Officer Thomas Pendola and his canine, Lusi.



From left: Luis Figueroa, Maintenance Laborer, Public Works/ Sanitation, 5 years of service, with his son, Luis Jr., wife, Angelica; and son, Benjamin.

Club Night at The Ballpark

■ Club enjoys a night at Dodger Stadium.

Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Marketing and Communications

CLUB HEADQUARTERS — Club staff took a night off from serving Club Members to enjoy a game at Dodger Stadium April 24. This game was against Barry Bonds and the San Francisco Giants. Giants won 5-3.

Tickets for the game were also available to Club Members.



Monty Ranorino and his family: wife Luz, Diego and Monica. Monty is the Club's ticket representative for Universal Studios.



Robert Larios, Director of Marketing and Communications, 9 years of service, reads himself for Dodger Dogs.



From left: Jessica Segura, Merchandise and Ticket Sales Coordinator, with her boyfriend, Miguel.



The Club's Application Coordinator, Katie Hesseltine, and her husband, David.



Navin Cotton, a.k.a. the Ticket Guy, sports his Dodgers jersey.



From left: Liz Montes, Member Services Counselor, with sister-in-laws Marisol Hildaigo and Sandra Aviles.

Newsbrief

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD:

The Bureau of Sanitation is slated to receive a 2007 National Environmental Achievement Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies. The award, in the category of 2007 Public Information and Education National Environmental Achievement, is being presented to the Bureau of Sanitation for its Sewer Science Resource Video Program entitled: 'Effective 21st Century Learning: Sewer Science Resource Video Program.'

"The Board of Public Works applauds the work of the Bureau of Sanitation, especially the Industrial Waste Management and Human Resources Development Divisions who all played critical roles in producing the video," said Board of Public Works President Cynthia Ruiz. "This outstanding achievement is again further proof of the commitment of staff towards our mission of providing quality work and service for the City of Los Angeles," Ruiz added.

The Sewer Science Video Program is a national program that has been distributed to public agencies and teachers across the nation to effectively promote awareness of wastewater treatment processes, the impact of pollution from residential and industrial sources and the varied career opportunities available in the environmental field. Cities such as Redwood, Palo Alto, Washington D.C. and Dallas have already adopted the Sewer Science Educational Program and benefited from the videos. It has also been distributed to middle and high school teachers in the Los Angeles metropolitan area.

The Sewer Science Video Program is designed for use by any public agency or school interested in developing or adopting a similar educational program. It is comprised of a Teachers Resource and Student's Resource Videos and was primarily developed to enhance the learning experience of middle and high school students while introducing such scientific concepts as sedimentation, microbial diversity, membrane filtration and ultraviolet disinfection.

NACWA, or the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, represents the interests of more than 300 public agencies and organizations that have made the pursuit of scientifically based, technically sound and cost effective laws and regulations their objective. NACWA members serve the majority of the sewered population in the United States and maintain a key role in the development of environmental legislation while working closely with federal regulatory agencies in the implementation of environmental programs.

Sanitation operates four treatment and water reclamation plants and maintains the largest wastewater collection system in the nation, serving more than four million people within a 550-square-mile service area. The collection system consists of more than 6,500 miles of sewers, 140,000 maintenance holes and 47 sewage-pumping plants. The system outlets more than 600,000 private sewer connections, totaling more than 11,000 miles.

Central City Police Boosters 5th Annual Charity Motorcycle Ride



**Sunday
June 24, 2007**

Tax-Deductible

Check-in
Santa Monica High School
9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Ride
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Lunch &
Live Entertainment**
Harvelle's Redondo
12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Help Support the Los Angeles Police Department, Central Community Police Station Crime Prevention Programs and Youth Activities.

Ride starts at Santa Monica High School, 6011 West Pico Boulevard with a short and scenic ride through Hermosa Beach, Palos Verdes Peninsula and ending at Harvelle's located at the Redondo Beach Pier.

Your ride donation will include an event pin (first 300 riders), live entertainment, lunch courtesy of Harvelle's, celebrities, and lots of prize giveaways. Beer will be served at the event.

For further information on the ride, or to obtain sign-up sheets, please contact the Central City Police Boosters Liaison, Officer Marie Kardiban, (213) 972-1876 or email at 27975@lapd.lacity.org.

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Fontayne Holmes (right), City Librarian, is pictured here with Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.

Top Award for City Librarian



■ City Librarian Fontayne Holmes receives Urban Libraries Council's 2007 "Urban Player" award.

LIBRARY — In recognition of her successful leadership in the nation's largest library building program, which modernized and expanded Los Angeles' network of 72 libraries, City Librarian Fontayne Holmes has received the Urban Libraries Council's (ULC) 2007 "Urban Player Award." ULC presents the award annually to the individual who most profoundly demonstrates library and community leadership. Holmes will receive the award at the American Library Association national conference in Washington DC this month. ULC is an organization of North America's premier public library systems and the corporations that serve them.

"The Urban Player Award identifies the leaders in our industry who not only understand the pivotal community role libraries play, but model it for others," says Martín Gomez, ULC President. "Fontayne takes it a step further—she's an inspiration to our industry . . . a living reminder that libraries belong to their communities and that the job of library leaders is to be guardians and stewards of that ownership."

The award recognizes Holmes' leadership in the massive two-phase branch plan that modernized the City of Los Angeles' library system, first by renovating and expanding historic buildings, and then by replacing and expanding the aging, nondescript 1960s branches with new, modern facilities.

ULC praised Holmes for her passion and enthusiasm, which she instilled in community members and elected officials. According to ULC, residents listened and internalized Holmes' message of community renewal through its libraries. More than 70 percent of voters approved the ballot measures that funded the library program, a dramatic endorsement for her plan. Equally noteworthy was her work with elected officials and other government agencies that leveraged the original \$232 million in bonds into \$317 million, providing funds to build additional facilities.

According to ULC, even more impressive than her innovative and sensible plan and her engagement of the community in funding it, was how Holmes implemented her vision. Involving the community through 180 meetings, she created

unique libraries that are community landmarks.

The 17-year journey culminated in 2006 when Holmes' original plan was completed on time and under budget. The Los Angeles Public Library now is a 71-branch system, with 1.5 million square feet of the latest technology, extensive collections, meeting rooms and special areas for children, teens and adults. Nine new branches were added in communities previously without them.

With more than 15 million visitors and Web resources accessed more than 110 million times last year alone, the Los Angeles Public Library is more popular than ever. As City Librarian, Holmes is responsible for the overall administration of the Los Angeles Public Library, a department of the City of Los Angeles, which has an operating budget of \$128 million and serves 3.9 million people, the largest population of any library in the U.S.

Holmes has 30 years experience at the library, having served as Assistant Director of Branches, Central Library Director, Director of Library Facilities, and Assistant City Librarian.

Among her other notable accomplishments, Holmes effectively restored branch library services following the 1992 civil unrest and 1994 Northridge earthquake, which destroyed two libraries and damaged more than 30 libraries. All were back in service within a year.

She led the library's success in bridging the digital divide community-wide through technology and the library's 2,200 public computers, and she strengthened the library as an educational resource for children with innovative programs that help them succeed in school.

Ms. Holmes' leadership, together with the staff and support of elected officials, has made the Los Angeles Public Library a model for other libraries around the world. Through its Central Library, 71 branch libraries, more than six million books and other items, its state-of-the-art technology, Web site (www.lapl.org), and more than 18,000 public programs, the library provides everyone with free and easy access to information and the opportunity for life-long learning.

Newsbrief

NEW CENTRAL AMERICAN CENTER:

The Board of Public Works on May 3 announced the groundbreaking of the new technology and recreational center of CARECEN (Central American Resource Center). Founded in 1983 by Salvadoran refugees, CARECEN received a Proposition K grant of \$250,000 from the City of Los Angeles. Cynthia M. Ruiz, President for the Board of Public Works, applauded CARECEN's application and grant award to build a recreational facility and provide youth services in the Pico-Union area of the city.

"Providing positive alternatives for youth, where there is a scarcity of recreational opportunities, is at the heart of Proposition K, L.A. for Kids program," Ruiz said. "CARECEN is to be commended for identifying youth services, taking initiative to use City resources and contributing to the City's youth infrastructure by building youth facilities."

The renovation will be to the existing ground level to create a new 9,500-square-foot recreation center. The outdoor space will include a half-court basketball area in addition to space for activities such as jump rope, dodge ball and tabletop games. The indoor space will include open flexible areas for activities such as martial arts and exercise classes, visual and performing arts workshops as well as arts and crafts.

"The purpose of Proposition K competitive grants has been to combat the inadequacies and unmet needs for recreation, childcare, parks and community facilities," said Neil Drucker, Program Manager for Proposition K. "Community based organizations throughout the City are encouraged to consider submitting an application for these capacity building funds for capital improvements and maintenance."

On May 7, the "L.A. for Kids" program opened its 2007-08 Proposition K competitive grant application period to continue improving and expanding the City's youth infrastructure at public parks, recreation and community service facilities. The Board of Public Works and Bureau of Engineering Recreational and Cultural Facilities Program Proposition K Group will make available approximately \$11.5 million to address unmet youth and community facility needs in the City.

Proposition K grants may be used to improve, expand and construct new facilities that improve the availability and utility of the city's youth infrastructure. For more information on Proposition K, please visit <http://propk.lacity.org>.



At the groundbreaking, from left: Michele Hasle, CARECEN Project Manager; Fang Chang, Prop K; Carlos Ovalle, CARECEN Architect; David Moss, Prop K; Angela Sanbrano, CARECEN Executive Director; Marvin Andrade, CARECEN Director of Programs; and Neil Drucker, Program Manager, Prop K.

ClubFest 2007

Last year at ClubFest 2006, the three-legged sack race was attempted by Marie and Daniel Jamgotchian, of JJLA, which designs Alive!



Last year at ClubFest 2006, fantastic foam!

ClubFest '07 Set For Oct. 7: More Bands Are on the Way

■ Mark your calendars!

CLUB HEADQUARTERS — Put a big "X" over Sunday, Oct. 7: ClubFest is set and ready to deliver all the fun you've come to expect!

ClubFest will take place once again at Calamigos Ranch in the hills above Malibu. ClubFest now includes a great element — live music, played by bands with a City connection. We heard you — you love the music! So it's back for 2007.

ClubFest 2007 will also provide tons of what you love — food, drinks, games, the famous Club raffle, rides, booths, and many other things, too. Watch this space for more information in the months ahead!



Last year, Capt. Calamigos leads the ClubFest 2006 Dance Team.

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6 Costly Mistakes to Avoid Before Buying a Home

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY — A new report has just been released which identifies the 6 most common and costly mistakes that home buyers make before purchasing a home.

Mortgage regulations have changed significantly over the last year. Subtle changes in the way you approach mortgage shopping, and even small differences in the way you structure your mortgage can cost or save you literally thousands of dollars and years of expense.

Whether you are about to buy your first home, or are planning to make a move to your next home, it is critical that you inform yourself about the factors involved before

you purchase a home.

In order to answer this issue, industry insiders have prepared a free special report entitled "6 Things You Must Know Before You Buy."

Having the right information beforehand can undoubtedly make a major difference in this critical negotiation. You can get a free copy of this report by calling 1-800-611-5182 and entering ID # 1004. You can call anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Call NOW to find out what you need to know before you buy a home.

This report is provided courtesy of Sam Alvarado, Service 1st Real Estate.



From left: Brad Jorganson of Spring Toastmasters Club; David Brokowitz of Transamerica Occidental Club; Kari Iwai of Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters; Enrico Peralta of Federally Speaking Toastmasters Club; Susan Orosco of Voces Latinas Toastmasters Club; Arturo Ynez of Voces Latinas Toastmasters Club; and Sharat Batra of Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters Club.

Trophies for Toastmasters

■ Two City Employees win Toastmaster trophies.

PUBLIC WORKS — Two members of the Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters Club won second-place trophies as part of the Toastmaster International Area 42 and Area 43 International Speech and Evaluations Contests April 3.

Bureau of Engineering's Mechanical Engineering Associate I Sharat Batra competed against David Brokowitz of Transamerica Occidental Club in an evaluation speech contest. David's two-and-a-half-minute impromptu speech took First Place for Area 43. Sharat took home the Second Place Trophy for Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters Club.

Sanitation Management Analyst II Kari Iwai went head to head with David in presenting a prepared seven-minute speech. David placed first while Kari won second, using vocal variety to present materials based on her work experience in the welfare department.

Both Sharat and Kari had won contests at the club level before attending the area contests.

If you are curious about what an evaluation speech or a prepared speech is, please visit the Public Works Pioneers Toastmasters Club at the Public Works Building, 1149 S. Broadway, sixth floor conference room 6004, every Wednesday from 12:05 to 12:50 p.m. For more information, contact Ivan Gerson at (213) 485-1169 or Sharat Batra at (213) 485-4735.



Explore... Enjoy... Relax... Share... Hike... Join... Fun... Excitement... Active... Involved...

Angel's Be Alive!



Angel Gomez,
Member Services
Manager



At the trailhead, Angel is ready to begin his latest adventure.

Don't miss the beautiful
flower growing as you
enter to the left (near the
children's playing area).



Hiking Hollywood:

RUNYON

The last time we talked, I recommended a trail above Griffith Park. The view was magnificent! I hope you made some time to visit the path, because, unfortunately, Griffith Park had a major fire May 8 – see this month's cover story. That path near Dante's View is no longer open. That's kind of scary; I was just up there a few weeks before the fire. Wow!

This month, I'm taking you to Runyon Canyon Park. Have you heard of it? It's a wildlife preserve only a few blocks from the famous Mann's Chinese Theatre.

The park was purchased by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the City of Los Angeles in 1984. If you like stunning views of Los Angeles and like walking your dog, then this is the place for you.

Did you know that the Hollywood sign had a neighbor? To the left of the sign was another sign, "OUTPOST", a giant red neon sign and in its day, it was more noticeable than the "Hollywoodland"

sign. When you hike up to the top and come down and around the Runyon Canyon Trail you can actually see the remains of it on your left. It looks like old rusty steel (80-year-old remains) and is still lays there today. I took a moment and touched the sign.

But I've gotten ahead of myself.

The trail starts under "The Pines" gate and is made of cement, before becoming a dirt path. Keep to the right and continue up the path. If you continue on Hollywood Boulevard and turn right on Vista Street, there are two other paths, but I did not follow them.

The trail is about two miles long and loops around Runyon Canyon. Did you know that the loop passes by the ruins of a pool house designed by Frank Lloyd Wright? Errol Flynn also lived here for several years. You can see old foundations and a tennis court while on the trail. The actual path is very roomy; you likely will see friendly people walking man's best friend. There is a leash requirement.

I noticed three different observation points. The first one is a half-mile up the path. The second one is on the ridgeline (at the very top, there is a big bench, so take your time and enjoy the view). There's one more on your way down the hill.

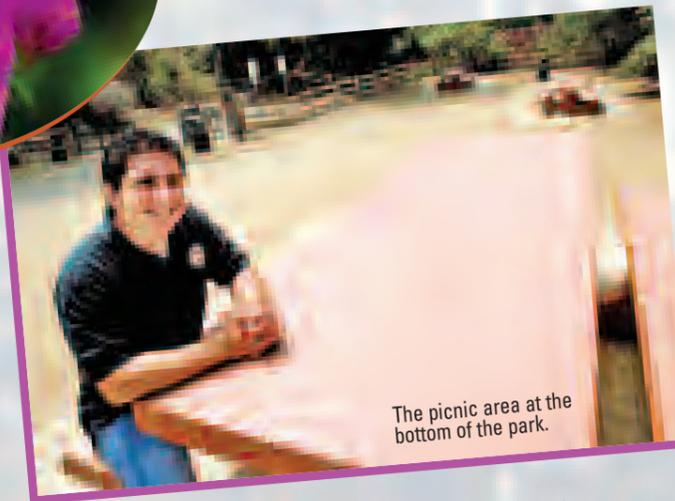
I really enjoyed this hike. If you bring a small lunch, there are also picnic tables available. Next time, I will take my own advice and bring one. Lastly, the degree of difficulty was moderate, and total hiking time (depending on your speed) took about two hours to finish.

As I was going under "The Pines" gate, there was a big bowl with water, sport drinks and bananas (For a small fee). There is no attendant, and as I was watching they all just put the money in an old mailbox attached to the bowl. That was pretty cool and the banana was very good too.

I'll see you next time.



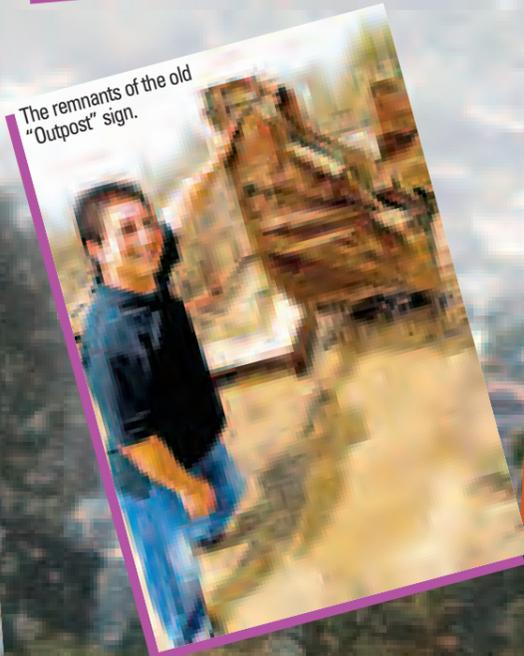
Snacks and water at the entrance.



The picnic area at the bottom of the park.



Old ruins in the park.



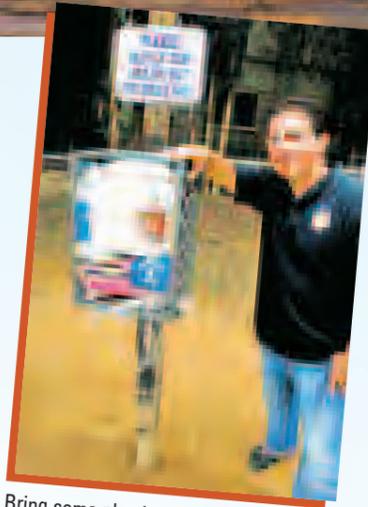
The remnants of the old "Outpost" sign.



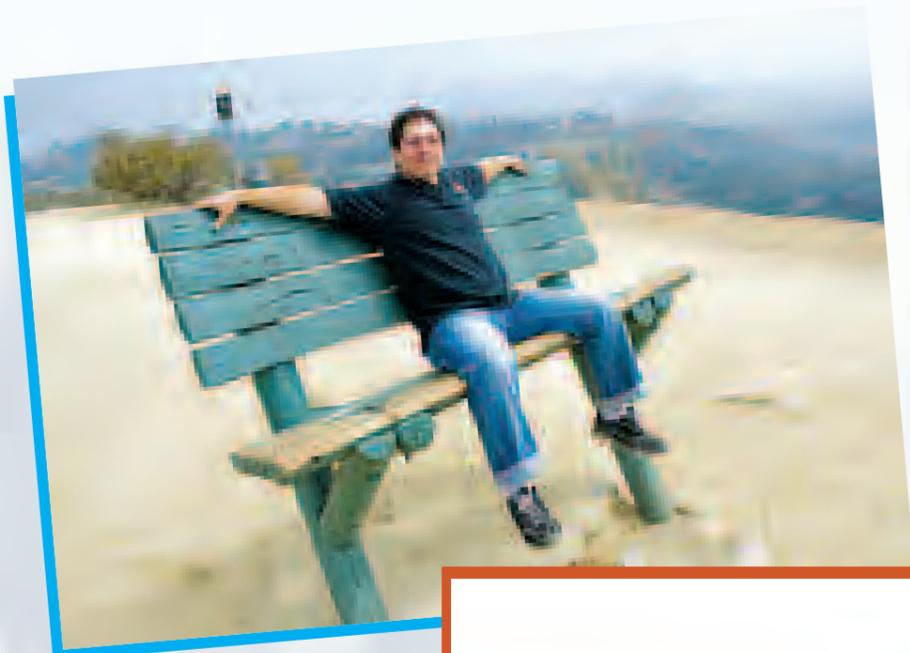
Keep an eye out for rattle snakes.

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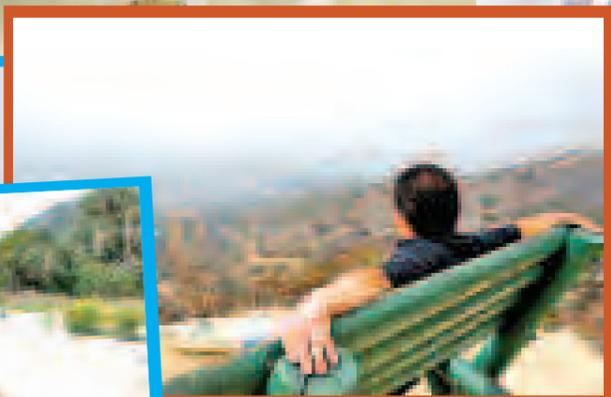
CANYON



Bring some plastic "doggie bags" or take some just in case you forgot them (remember, it's a criminal offense to not pick up after your dog).



On the giant bench.



Taking a rest on the giant bench at the top.



Remnants of old tennis courts.

How do you get to Runyon Canyon

On Hollywood Boulevard, go west past Mann's Chinese Theater in the heart of Hollywood. Continue going west and then look for Fuller Avenue. When you find Fuller, make a right turn and start looking for parking (be sure to check the posted signs as you go up). Plan ahead and get there early as parking is a bit tight, but hikers go up and come down frequently.

FAST FACTS

GPS coordinates at trailhead:
N 34° 06.314 / W 118° 20.936

Elevation at trailhead:
553 feet above sea level

Elevation at highest point:
1,062 feet above sea level

Total elevation gain: 509 feet

Total distance of trail: 2.49 miles

Total time it took me to hike
(with much meandering): 2 hours

Total time it will take a normal person: 1 hour

Distance to highest elevation, the peak: 1.6 miles



June Events

Pershing Square Summer Concert Series

The park in downtown begins its annual series of lunchtime concerts, "Swingin' Summer Nights" and Salsa Sundays. *Information:* www.laparks.org/pershingsquare/pershing.htm

Grunion Run

Head to the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in San Pedro for the viewing of grunions as they land on the beach. Dates in June: Sat., June 2 (10:20 p.m. to 12:20 a.m.) and Saturday, June 16 (10:35 p.m. to 12:35 a.m.). *Information:* www.cabrilloaq.org

Shakespeare by the Sea

Another season of Shakespeare by the Sea arrives at Point Fermin Park in San Pedro. Two great comedies, *The Taming of the Shrew* and *The Merchant of Venice*, will be performed Thursdays through Sundays starting June 14. Free admission. *Information:* www.shakespearebythesea.org

American Heroes Air Show

This air show at Hansen Dam features static displays and flight demos of helicopters from law enforcement, fire service, military, corporations and the media. Free. *Information:* www.heroes-airshow.com/socal.html

Fourth of July Events:

At the Rose Bowl:
www.rosebowlstadium.com

Pomona Fairplex:
www.fairplex.com

The Queen Mary:
www.queenmary.com

Hollywood Bowl:
www.hollywoodbowl.com

Marina del Rey:
<http://beaches.co.la.ca.us/BandH/Events/July.htm#fireworks>

Ticket Guy Recommends:

The Queen Mary is one of Southern California's most unique places for fun. Have you been there? How long has it been? Remember, the Club has discount tickets for this cool attraction.



■ Come aboard the legendary Queen Mary. Book the Behind the Scenes Guided Tour of the historic ocean liner and World War II troopship, and see restored areas that have been under wraps since the final voyage in 1967, including the Isolation Wards and the aft Machine Rooms.

■ Journey through the first-class swimming pool, a popular spot for ghost sightings and part of the Ghosts and Legends show, a daily, special effects, walk-through show created aboard the ship that dramatizes actual paranormal and historic events that have been reported over the years.

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On Track At Banning

■ Banning Residence Museum hosts summer-long exhibit on the Transcontinental Railroad.



The Southern Pacific steam engine no. 1364 heads into the Arcade Station in Los Angeles, 1891. Courtesy of Photo Collection, Los Angeles Public Library.

REC AND PARKS — The Banning Residence Museum presents a Summer Exhibition titled, *Steam and Steel: Los Angeles in the Age of the Transcontinental Railroad* opens with special activities June 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Banning Residence Museum, 401 East M Street, Wilmington, CA 90744.

The exhibit runs through the summer.

The schedule of events on June 2 will include two lectures. The first at 11 a.m. is, "From Pueblo to Metropolis: The Transcontinental Railroad and the Development of Los Angeles," and the second at 1 p.m. is, "Southern California's First Railroad: The Los Angeles & San Pedro." Each lecture is \$5 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. Separate reservations are required for each of the lectures and can be requested by calling the museum at (310) 548-7777.

The event will also offer free self-guided tours of the museum, a special curator-led walk-through of the exhibition (at noon; reservations required), railroad displays including replicas of early pump engines, G-scale model railway interactive display, a scale model railroad display, children's crafts, food available for purchase, and the Norris Museum Shop will offer many railroad related items as well as gift and seasonal décor.

Also on this day the Port of Los Angeles will provide free shuttle buses to harbor area museums and historic sites including: Drum Barracks Civil War Museum, Banning's Landing, Los Angeles Maritime Museum, Fort MacArthur Military Museum and Point Fermin Lighthouse.

The Summer Exhibition entitled *Steam and Steel: Los Angeles in the Age of the Transcontinental Railroad* will remain on display until September and will look at the impact of the railroad on travel, tourism and Southern California's economy. The railroad played an important role in Los Angeles's transformation from sleepy pueblo to budding metropolis at the end of the 19th century.

During the exhibition, the rooms of the Banning Residence will depict the 1882 visit of William Lowber Banning and his family, focusing on the traveling clothes, luggage, sightseeing excursions, and social events that would have surrounded such a trip.

The display in the Exhibition and Photo Gallery will explore the railroad experience through artifacts, photographs, maps and ephemera. The exhibition will cover the time period 1869 to 1900 and focus on the contributions of the Los Angeles & San Pedro, Southern Pacific, and Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroads.

The Banning Residence Museum partnered with the Lomita Railroad Museum, Travel Town Museum, Los Angeles Public Library and Friends of Banning Museum to assemble the artifacts and materials for display. Unique and interesting artifacts featured in this exhibition include a scrapbook kept by Phineas Banning during the construction of Southern California's first railroad, the Los Angeles and San Pedro, a Thomas Hill photogravure of the City of Los Angeles from *Picturesque California* (1888), edited by John Muir, and an ostrich egg and ostrich feather fan from the South Pasadena Ostrich Farm (1886), America's first ostrich farm and a major Los Angeles tourist attraction during the late 1800s.

The exhibition will also be offered through the summer in conjunction with regular Museum tours on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday at 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m., and an additional tour is added at 3:30 p.m. on weekends only. Tours are \$5 for adults; children 12 and under are \$1.

The Banning Residence Museum is a Rec and Parks facility and is operated in conjunction with the Friends of Banning Museum.

Newsbrief

NEW PALMDALE HEAD:

Robert Gluck was appointed Airport Manager at LA/Palmdale Regional Airport (PMD) May 22, where he will manage day-to-day operation of the facility and oversee its growth and development. Prior to his new appointment, Gluck was airport maintenance superintendent at LA/Ontario International Airport starting in 1997. He helped manage more than 200 employees in the building trades, landscape, field construction, custodial, fleet maintenance, vehicle procurement and administration.

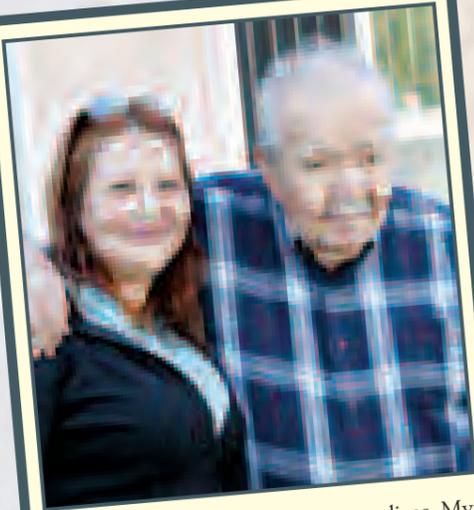
Gluck began his career with the City in 1976 as an equipment mechanic in General Services. He held progressively responsible positions at Los Angeles World Airports.

To prepare Palmdale for passenger service, Gluck led a crew of construction, maintenance and technicians to completely refurbish the airport's terminal installing new asphalt, plaster, paint, electrical wiring and lighting, counters, signs, data lines and public address systems.

PMD is on a 60-acre site at U.S. Air Force Plant 42. It is approximately 60 miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles off State Highway 14. Airports owns 17,750 acres of land adjacent to Plant 42, most of which is available for development. PMD is one of four airports owned and operated by Airports, a City of Los Angeles department that also owns and operates Los Angeles International, LA/Ontario International and Van Nuys airports.

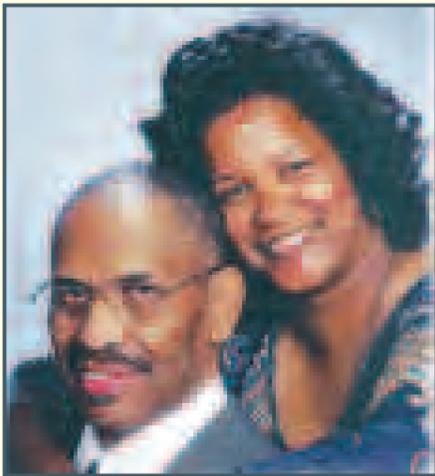


Robert Gluck, Airport Manager at LA/Palmdale Regional Airport (PMD).



"To the most remarkable man in our lives. My father is an 83 year-old father of 14, grandfather of 22 and great-grandfather of 10. While growing up I always remember how hospitable my father was to all of our family and friends and how much everyone has always loved him. From the bottom of all of our hearts, Dad, we pray that God allows you to spend many more Father's Days with us. From all of us, thank you for teaching us to be hard-working individuals and to always love and care for each other."

**- Alicia Marquez,
DWP and Club Rep**



Dad [Burtcher Henderson, Retired, Public Works], thanks for always being there for me. I love you so much. Happy Father's Day!

**- Love, Robin Smith-Gregory,
Transportation**



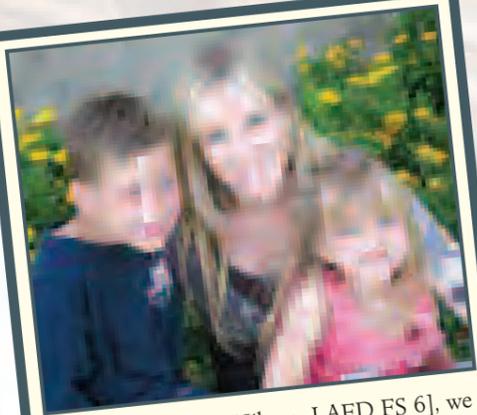
"We are so proud of our dad, Germain Mendoza, Sr. Housing Inspector, Housing. He is a father of five, a father-in-law of one, a grandfather of two and a godfather of four. My dad has always been a very hard worker and has instilled good morals in all of us We all love you very much, Dad. Happy Father's Day."

**- With all our love, Stephanie,
Chris, Mark, Ian and Michael**

Happy Father's Day!

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

Enjoy!



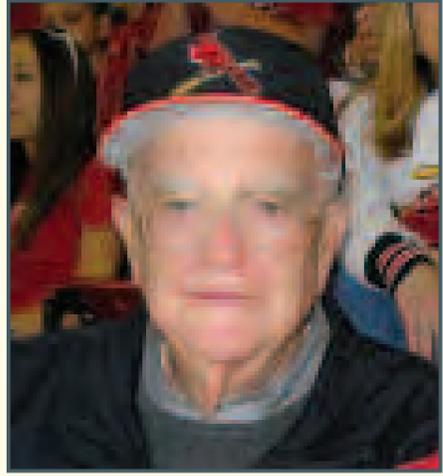
Dear Daddy [Dan Hibma, LAFD FS 6], we love you because you are a neat firefighter and fun to play with. Most of all ... I love you because you are our dad. You are the best daddy in the whole entire world. You are very special to us. Happy Father's Day to the most amazing guy we know.

- Love, Jake, Emily and Julie



"Happy Father's day to my hero. Thanks for being a great dad! I love you with all my heart."

- Love, Jake



"Dad, thanks for everything. And I promise to finish editing your book."

- John Burnes, *Alive!* editor

**From all of us at the Club,
to all the Fathers,
HAVE A GREAT DAY!**

BAKER TO VEGAS RUN 2007

Results of



The annual Baker to Vegas foot race was created and is produced by the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club (LAPDRAAC). The Club is grateful for their leadership in this event.

Baker to Vegas: The Results

■ Three teams that the Club sponsored – from LAPD Communications and Training, and the Port Police – achieved their team goals in this grueling foot race across the desert.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; Photos by Arlene Herrero, Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager, and Daniel Wang

RUNNING RUNNING RUNNING



The famous Baker thermometer .



Many spectators came out to cheer their favorite team.

READY SET



They're off! What's ahead for them? More than six miles of desert.

GO!



From left: PSR Allison Karnoff; PSR Kiyoko Clemons, Club Member; and Sr. PSR 1 Anita Whited, Club Member, with her mom who came to cheer her on.



From left: Los Angeles Port Police Chief Ronald Boyd, Club Member; Steve Tidwell, Assistant Director of FBI, Los Angeles Regional Office; Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca; and Los Angeles Police Chief William Bratton.

Here are the top five winners in each Baker to Vegas category:

1000-Sworn Personnel Category

1. Santa Ana Police Dept.
2. Long Beach Police Dept. #1
3. California State Parks
4. L.A. School Police Dept.
5. San Bernardino Police Dept.

800 (ages of runners must total 800 years or more)

1. FBI Los Angeles
2. L.A. School District SEB
3. L.A. School District Star Center
4. L.A. School District Court Services
5. San Bernardino Sheriff's Dept.

500-Sworn Personnel Category (invitational)

1. L.A. County Sheriff
2. Southeast Cities
3. Cypress-Fountain Valley
4. Glendora Police Dept.

300-Sworn Personnel Category

1. Huntington Beach Police Dept.
2. L.A. District Attorney Bureau of Investigation
3. Santa Monica Police Dept.
4. Chula Vista Police Dept.
5. Glendale Police Dept.

150-Sworn Personnel Category

1. Newport Beach Police Dept.
2. Orange Police Dept.
3. Culver City Police Dept.
4. Beverly Hills Police Dept.
5. San Diego Harbor Police

99-Sworn Personnel Category

1. Murrieta Police Dept.
2. Vernon Police Dept.
3. El Segundo Police Dept.
4. Westminster Police Dept.
5. Redlands Police Dept.

Guest

1. LAPD Metro-Cavalry

Invitational Mixed

1. Albuquerque Police Dept.
2. L.A. School District PDC - North
3. California Dept. of Justice - Gold
4. IRS-CI San Diego
5. LAPD Central-CTD-OCB

Invitational

1. United States Marine Corps
2. Orange County District Attorney
3. FBI Arizona
4. Riverside County District Attorney
5. L.A. School District Antelope Valley

Mixed

1. LAPD Training Division (Club sponsored)
2. FBI San Francisco
3. San Diego Probation
4. Washoe County Sheriff
5. San Bernardino Sheriff's Dept.

Open (any gender, any age)

1. California Highway Patrol Sacramento
2. L.A. School District MCJ
3. San Diego Police Dept.
4. Anaheim Police Dept.
5. CDC Open

Geographic Stations

1. U.S. Secret Service
2. FBI San Diego
3. DEA San Diego
4. DEA Los Angeles
5. L.A. School District East L.A. Station

Women

1. L.A. School District
2. FBI Los Angeles
3. Orange County Sheriff's Dept.
4. San Diego Police
5. L.A. School District Reg. Det. Facil.

BAKER TO VEGAS RUN 2007

the Big Race

LAPD, HARBOR — The race is on!

Three teams that the Club sponsored in the annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup relay did just fine for themselves – they set team goals, and they achieved them.

The Challenge Cup Relay took place April 21-22 between Baker and Las Vegas.

LAPD Communications met their mark of finishing in the top 100. They came in ninth overall in their Invitational Mix Category, finishing at 17:02:56, securing 94th place overall in the race without penalty. Team Captain was Sr. PSR 1 Anita Whited, Club Member.

LAPD Training Division took first place in their Mixed Category, taking 17th place overall in the race, finishing at 15:11:10 without penalty. Team Captain: Sgt. Darryl Ito, Club Member.

Los Angeles Port Police in its first year came in 13th place in its 99 Category and finishing

183rd place overall in the race. They literally got their feet wet and are ready for next year. With all the excitement, Port Police Chief Ronald Boyd was bitten by the B2V bug and hopes to run next year. The team had no penalties this year, which was their goal. Team Captain: Port Police Officer Alex Castillo, Club Member.

Great going!
This year, for the first time, the race staff used chip timing. Away went the stopwatch to keep track of the runner's time. "Tap the mat" was all on the runner's minds as they crossed to the handoff.

Special thanks to Sgt. Daryl Ito, Anita Whited, Capt. William Murphy, Capt. Andrew Smith, Chief Ronald Boyd and Officer Alex Castillo. Also, the Port Police team wants to give special thanks to 511 tactical, which sponsored their shirts and hats.

About the Race

The annual Baker to Vegas foot race is produced by the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club (LAPDRAAC).

The Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club (LAPDRAAC) is a private nonprofit organization, established more than 70 years ago by police officers of the Los Angeles Police Department. LAPRAAC has strived to ensure the highest level of professional law enforcement skills by providing athletic, educational, marksmanship, physical fitness, recreational, and social activities to benefit its members.

The Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay, which challenges teams of runners to race (on foot) from Baker, Calif., to Las Vegas, was founded by Los Angeles Police Officers Chuck Foote and Larry Moore in 1984 with the continuous financial support of LAPRAAC. It began with 19 teams composed of law enforce-

ment officers who faced the harsh Mojave Desert in an effort to prove which team was up to the "challenge" and would come away the winner of the Challenge Cup.

The race has become the largest law enforcement athletic event of its kind worldwide. Participation includes 10,000 law enforcement personnel of all ranks and agencies including the LAPD, the Sheriff's Dept., federal agencies, United States military, the Chief of Police, Department heads, agents in charge, and special VIP guests, celebrities, dignitaries, family members, race sponsors, press and media.

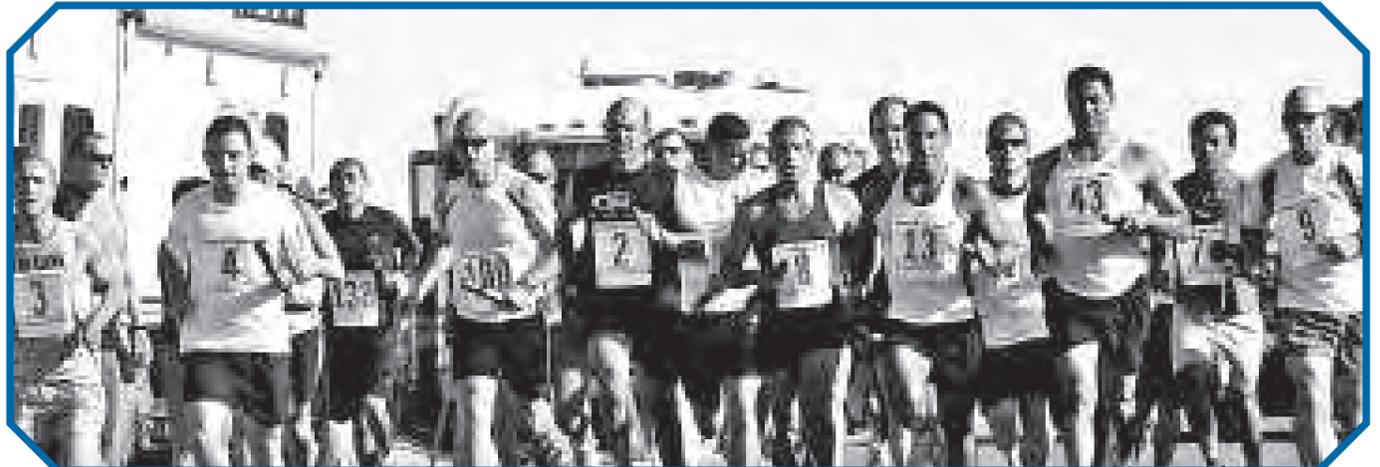
There were 227 teams of law enforcement agencies scheduled for the 2007 race. Entry fee per team is \$1,500, which comes from sponsors and their own pockets.

The race has 20 legs, each run by a different runner. Teams consist of their 20 runners plus backups and support staff.

RUNNING RUNNING RUNNING



Helicopters ready to take off in the event a runner takes a spill on the desert.



Off to a strong start! Watch out Team 2 and 4, as Team 100 LAPD Central Traffic Division Capt. Andrew Smith, Commanding Officer Central Community Police Station, Club Member, runs strong.



A runner takes a spill. EMT is there!



Capt. Andrew Smith, Commanding Officer Central Community Police Station, Club Member, checks out the competition as the runners cross the finish line.



Pete Demetriou, KFWB News 980, announces the names of the runners on the finish line.



The finish line.



From left: Daniel Wang, Club Photographer; Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; and Capt. Andrew Smith, Commanding Officer, Central Community Police Station, Club Member.



Port Police Officers and support at the Baker to Vegas award ceremony.



From left: Bob Edgar; Sgt. Debbie Edgar; Lt. Stan Ludwig, Club Member; and Capt. Andrew Smith, Club Member.



Team 1 CHP Sacramento was the fastest running team, finishing the entire race in 13:03:40.



From left: Port Police Motor Officer Mark Renteria; Sr. Lead Officer Ian Schunke, Club Member; and Motor Officer and "Dude #3" Mike Canlas.



From left: PSR Miguel Estrada, Club Member; and Lt. Ann Barrera, Leg 6 runner.



Lt. Al Rosario, Club Member (white shirt), looks on at the category board to see how the Port Police placed.

BAKER TO VEGAS RUN 2007



Team 110 LAPD Communications takes their mug for the fourth consecutive year. Congratulations!

Team 110, LAPD Communications



From left: PSR Andrea Esquivel, Club Member; Emiko Uyeda, Leg 2 runner; and PSR Sara Weick.



Team 110 LAPD Communications started off strong on Leg 1 with PSR III CT Feng, Club Member taking charge.



Team 110 LAPD Communications John Harowicz, Club Member, on Leg 5.



Veteran Baker to Vegas runners for LAPD Communications, from left: Lourdes Varas, Club Member; John Craig, Club Member; Quincy Mirage; Carlos Mejia, Club Member; Maria Coronado, Club Member; Angelina Ortega, Club Member.



Team 110 LAPD Communications Lourdes Varas takes it up a notch to the finish line.



Team 110 LAPD Communications Sr. PSR 1 Anita Whited, B2V Team Captain and Club Member, prepares for her run on Leg 4 with the help of Allison Karnoff and Kiyoko Clemons, Club Member.



From left: Maria Coronado, Leg 18 LAPD Communications runner, Club Member; and Christina Craig, Club Member.



Team 110 LAPD Communications Emiko Uyeda prepares to receive the baton from CT Feng.



From left: Norma Chacon, guest, and Lourdes Varas, Club Member, at their post-race celebration.



Team 110 LAPD Communications General Services Public Safety Officer Felix Topete on Leg 3, the most difficult leg of the race.



Team 110 LAPD Communications is all bundled up at the finish line.



PSR III CT Feng, Club Member, is checked for dehydration after his run, while his catcher Sara Weick stands guard to help.



Team 138 LAPD Southwest Area Leg 2 runner.



Team 138 LAPD Southwest on Leg 5.



Team 138 LAPD Southwest runs as the sun disappears behind the desert mountains.



Team 138 LAPD Southwest.

Team 138, LAPD Southwest



Team 138 LAPD Southwest Area congregates at the finish line.

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Team 100, LAPD Central Traffic Division



Team 100 LAPD Central Traffic Division with their mug, placing fifth in the category. Their run was in honor of Officer Terry Cammack who succumbed to cancer.



From left: Capt. Andrew Smith, Club Member, with Sgt. Jeff Bert.



Team 100 LAPD Central Traffic Division.



Team 100 LAPD Central Traffic Division Capt. Andrew Smith, Commanding Officer Central Community Police Station, Club Member, runs in memory of Officer Terry Cammack, EOW Dec. 12, 2006.



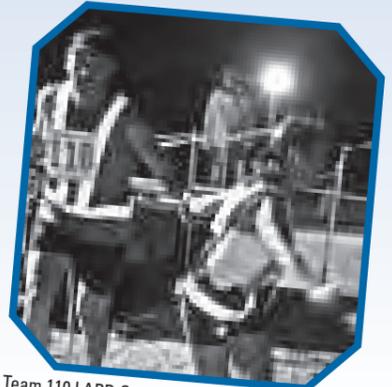
Dep. Chief Gary Brennan makes his way to the finish line for Team 100 LAPD Central Traffic Division while holding a flag honoring Officer Terry Cammack, EOW Dec. 12, 2006.



Team 100 LAPD Central Traffic Division Leg 2 runner Lt. Brenda Crump.



Team 110 LAPD Communications Sr. PSR 1 Anita Whited, Club Member, is off running with her flashing vest to keep her safe from the dark desert night.



Team 110 LAPD Communications GSD OPS Officer Felix Topete hands off his baton to Sr. PSR 1 Anita Whited, Club Member. Check out her fancy handoff.

Team 49, LAPD Training Division



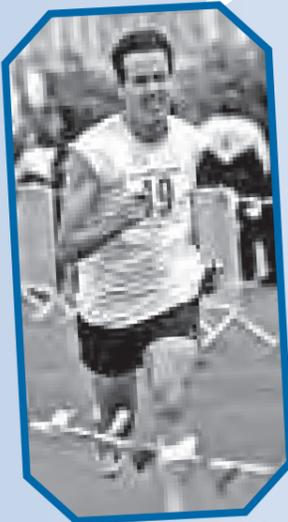
Team 49 LAPD Training Division takes center stage for coming in first place in their category. Congratulations!



From left: Team 49 LAPD Communications Sgt. Chris Costley, Leg 4 runner along with Leg 2 runner Recruit Officer Mike Santiago.



Team 49 LAPD Training Division Sgt. II David Wright, in his 21st B2V race hands off his baton to Leg 2 runner Officer Michael Santiago.



Team 49 LAPD Training Division Capt. William Murphy charges his way to the finish line while high winds try to slow him down.



Capt. William Murphy catches his breath while his catcher, Sgt. Tolliver, stands by.



Team 49 LAPD Training Division runner Jim Stephan hands off his baton to Sgt. Chris Costley.



Team 49 LAPD Training Division Officer Michael Santiago runs strong, while his support vehicle follows from a distance.



From left: Team 49 LAPD Training Division Capt. William Murphy (proudly holding the baton he brought to the finish line); and Sgt. Kyle Tolliver, catcher.

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From left: Chief Ronald Boyd, Club Member and Los Angeles Port Police Officer Alex Castillo, Club Member and Team Captain, congratulate Officer Ramirez on a job well done after finishing the race.



Port Police Officer Alex Castillo, Club Member, runs strong while his follow vehicle trails along.

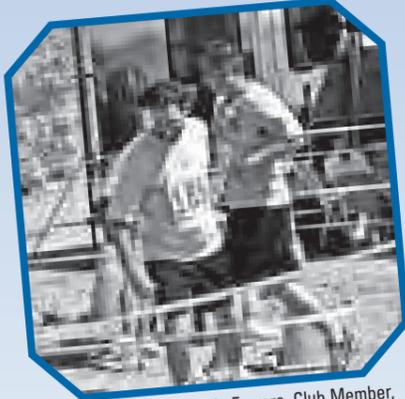


Running Stage 2 was Port Police Officer Rosario Ferrera, Club Member, who made friends with fellow Stage 2 runner with Team 149 CHP West LA.



Port Police Officer Alex Castillo, Club Member, digs deep for air as he makes his way to the handoff.

Team 185, LAPD Port Police



Port Police Officer Rosario Ferrera, Club Member, hands off on Leg 3 with a very happy Port Police Officer and Club Member Ryan Mullany.



Team 185 Los Angeles Port Police Lt. Al Rosario, Club Member, is determined to run strong on Leg 10.



Team 185 Los Angeles Port Police Officer Ramirez makes his way to the finish line.



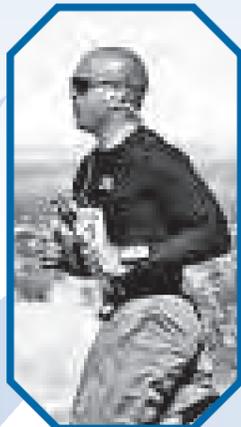
From left: Port Police Officer Alex Castillo, Club Member, was greeted by his fiancé, Claudia Garcia, after running Leg One.



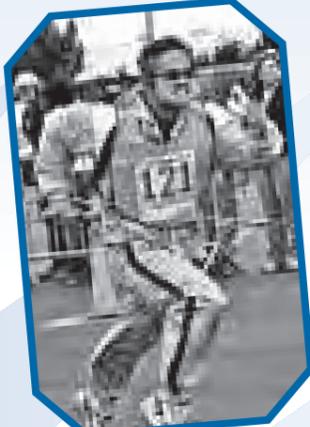
Team 185 Los Angeles Port Police Officer Ramirez, with his catcher, Chief Ronald Boyd, Club Member.



Team 121 LAX Officer Bow on Leg 5.



Team 121 LAX Officer Rouzan on Leg 1.



Team 121 LA Airport Police Officer Co gets his second wind to cross the finish line.



Team 121 LAX Officer Quiros.



Team 121 Leg 19 Los Angeles Airport Police Officer Baquar Syed.

Team 121, LAX Officers



Team 172, LAPD Jail Division Francisco Rodarte, Club Member, runs strong.



Team 172 LAPD Jail Division Marisol Rodriguez, Clerk Typist, on her way to the finish line.



LAPD Jail Division alternate runner Sr. Detention Officer Marcos Vasquez on Leg 2.



LAPD Jail Division alternate runner handing off to a fellow relay runner on Leg 3.

Team 172, LAPD Jail Division



Team 87 LAPD Harbor Sharks Officer Alma Skefich runs in memory of her daughter, Kaila Rose.



Team 87, the LAPD Harbor Sharks.



Team 11 US Border Patrol #1.

Team 11, US Border Patrol # 1



The U.S. Border Patrol participated.

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Team 21, LAPD Rampart



Team 52, LA District Attorney's Office



A member of Team 52, LA District Attorney's Office. Check out her running form!

Team 37, LAPD 77th



Team 37 LAPD 77th Street Area on Leg 20.

Team 46, LAPD Northeast Area



Team 141, LAPD West Valley Station



Team 153, LAPD Valley Traffic



Team 80, LAPD Wilshire Area



Team 114, LAPD Metro



A member on Team 114 LAPD Metro Black makes his way to the finish line.

Team 73, LAPD Hollenbeck Station



Team 73 LAPD Hollenbeck Station on the final stretch.

Team 146, LAPD Mission Area



Team 146 LAPD Mission Area is full steam ahead to the finish line.

Team 24, LAPD



Team 24 LAPD Newton Area Leg 20 runner.

Team 18, LAPD Metro-Cavalry



Team 18 LAPD Metro-Cavalry Leg 20 runner Sgt. Gerald Sola, Club Member.

Team 89, LAPD Retired



Team 89 LAPD Retired runs strong.

Team 12, Long Beach PD



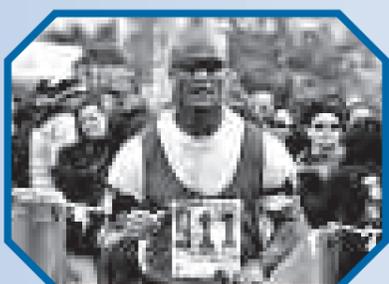
A Team 12 Long Beach PD Leg 20 runner takes a moment to pause before crossing the finish line.

Team 5, LASD



Team 5 LASD SEB crossed the finish line by way of Sheriff Lee Baca.

Team 911, USMC



Team 911 USMC, a favorite of Club Manager Angel Gomez, a former USMC member.

Team 173, Calgary Police Service



Team 173 Calgary Police Service is overjoyed to reach the finish line.

Team 101, Sal Lake City Police Dept.



Team 198, Central Alberta (Canada) Law Enforcement



Team 198 Central Alberta (Canada) Law Enforcement, representing the International Team, crosses the finish line.

TAKE OUR CHILDREN TO WORK DAY

Taking Kids to Work

■ Three departments – DWP, LAFD and Harbor – welcome the next generation to Take Our Children to Work Day.

Stories by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; and Leonor Garcia, DWP, Tanzi Cole, LAFD; Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager; and courtesy DWP and LAFD

On April 26, DWP employees brought their children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces and other guests between the ages of 9 and 15 for them to spend a day and be part of a typical workday. They got to see what the real working world is about. Participating in "Take Our Kids to Work Day" gave them the opportunity to see a real full day of work and the various tasks that need to be completed, including trenching to install conduit, climbing poles to repair an electrical line or simply by being in an office environment where customer calls are taken or paperwork needs to be completed.

This year, 25 children, participated at Central's "Take Your Kids to Work Day" program. Children came in with their parents at the beginning of their work shift, 6:30 a.m. A welcome light breakfast (orange juice, fresh fruit and pastries) was provided, thanks to the donations given by their parents. The Department no longer sponsors or funds this program.

While the children enjoyed their light breakfast, the District Superintendent welcomed them and asked them to introduce themselves, one-by-one, by telling us what type of job their parents do for the Department. Many of the children had an idea of their parents' job duties, but got to learn more when they spent the day with them out in the field observing and helping, when safe and possible. Before they left for their assigned fieldwork, the Superintendent, Jay Puklavetz, talked to the children about the importance of working safe and wearing proper safety equipment while working out in the field. Hard hats, gloves, safety glasses, and vests were loaned to each child to wear while at the job sites. Safety was emphasized, and they were reminded to wear their protective personal equipment just as their parents are required to wear by the Department. Temporary identification badges and a goodie bag with snacks and water were handed to each kid. The DWP's Public Affairs Business Unit provided bookmarks and energy conservation coloring books that were added in the goodie bags.

Throughout the day, the children helped their parents with duties including digging out dirt from a hole excavated to install a new power pole, filling the hole, and sweeping and cleaning the street and worksite after the pole was installed. Kids also learned how a crane is operated and how cement and asphalt is prepared and poured.

At the end of the day, Central District had a presentation given to the children by one of the Department's Electric Meter Setters, Regina Cato. The presentation concerned how an electrical meter is wired and set after the lineman completes his or her electrical work. Currently, the Department has only one female Lineperson, Joyce Decho, who works in Owens Valley. Joyce is the only female electric meter setter in the Department. The importance of non-traditional work performed by a woman was emphasized. Joyce talked about the tools needed for her to perform her work and she demonstrated the usage. She showed how to do the wiring process and the actual installation of an electric meter.

Each child was asked at the end of the day what type of work they performed and if they liked it. Individually they had an opportunity to share their day's work and what they liked most about coming to work with their parents. They are looking forward to be back to next year's program.

Employees and children's names that participated in the program:

- Tracy Baron and Ashton, 7
- Darryl Burnett and Darryl Jr., 9, and Darchell, 8
- Miguel Dominguez, with Isaac, 13
- Omar Diaz, with Victoria, 12, and Alexis, 11
- Chris Edgell, with Nathan, 9
- Leonor Garcia, with Moses, 7, and Katelynne, 12
- Jose Gonzalez, with Andrew, 15, and Nicholas, 12
- Mark Hanna, with Mark, 12, and Arielle, 9
- Earl Hough, with Christina, 14
- Eugene Lamoureux, with Gene, 12, and Justin, 9
- Alex Lopez, with Bridget, 13, and Gabriel, 10
- Paul Luna, with Gloriane, 12
- Richard Olguin, with Albert, 13, and Elizabeth, 12
- Sotero Ramos, with Christian, 10, and Adrian, 6
- Jose Torres, with Maria, 15, and Rodrigo, 11



Ashton Baron, son of Tracy Baron, Underground Dist. Construction Mechanic.



Regina Cato, Electric Meter Setter, demonstrating how an electric meter is wired and installed.



From left: Alex Lopez, Electrical Craft Helper; Jose Torres, Electrical Craft Helper, with his daughter, Maria; Michael Tovias, Electrical Craft Helper, with his nephew, Dylan; Chris Edgell, Electric Distribution Mechanic, with his son, Nathan; and Omar Diaz, Electric Distribution Mechanic, with his daughters, Victoria and Alexis.



Elizabeth Olguin, daughter of Richard Olguin, Electric Distribution Mechanic.



Gloriane Luna, daughter of Paul Luna, Senior Underground Distribution Construction Mechanic.



From left: Mark and Arielle Hanna, son and daughter of Mark Hanna, Electric Distribution Mechanic Supervisor/Foreman; and Katelynne Calderon, niece of Leonor Garcia, Principal Clerk Utility.



From left: Leonor Garcia, Principal Clerk Utility, with her son, Moses; Katelynne Calderon, niece of Leonor Garcia; and Elizabeth Olguin, daughter of Richard Olguin, Electric Distribution Mechanic.



Ashton Baron, son of Tracy Baron, Underground Distribution Construction Mechanic.



Goodie bags were distributed.



TAKE OUR CHILDREN TO WORK DAY

Dozens of children participated in the Harbor's Take Our Children to Work Day. Some of the planned activities included eating breakfast, "Port 101," the introduction of supervisors, departure to worksites, a harbor boat tour, a visit to the Maritime Museum, a demonstration by a bomb-sniffing dog and the distribution of goodie bags. Thanks to Martin Chavez.

Harbor



Off to their worksite.



From left: Diana Henderson, Club Member, with a colleague and her son.



From left: Malik Harbor, Nia Harbor, Mary Frances Sandovault, Lydell Dunlap, Alexis Tondreault and Emelia Santos.



From left: Club Member and Port Employee Adrienne Fedrick with Stewart Ramirez; Steven Funches; Leslie Dunlap; Brian Walker; and Kevin Jennings Jr. (front).



Future Engineers for the Harbor Dept.



Up close with the bulldozer.



Group effort!



Kevin Harbor, Club Member (back) with his children, Nia and Malik Harbor.



Back, from left: Paul Razkalla with Mr. Banks, Club Member. Front: William Russell; Erika Gloster; Erik Gloster; Stephon Banks; and John Gloster.



Thank you for participating and bringing your child to work.



Safety first...vest and hardhats go on before heading out for the day.



A future Harbor Employee.



From left: Anthony Wlanecki, Nikolas Wlanecki, Tamia Tolson and Quentin Ramos-Burke.



From left: Anthony and Nikolas Wlanecki.



A second attempt at a group effort.

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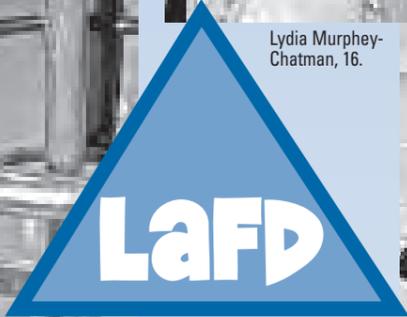
TAKE OUR CHILDREN TO WORK DAY



Rebeca Moreno, 9, looks down Fire Pole at FS 27.



Lydia Murphey-Chatman, 16.



Above: On the steps of City Hall were, from left (first row only): Inspector Lloyd Fukuda; Deputy John, Council; Nancy Hernandez, Council; Tanzi Cole; and Capt. Fred Fowlks.



Capt. Lawrence Jackson, EMS Training, with his daughters Lindsey, 7, and Ashley, 6.



Abraham Rojas, 9, at Fire Station 27.



Tiffany Ching, 9, tries on a turnout coat at Fire Station 27.



In front of the Firefighter Museum, from left: Tanzi Cole, Fire Prevention Bureau; Candace Fowlks, 14; Gregory Cole, 12; Lydia Murphey-Chatman, 16; and Capt. Fred Fowlks, Fire Prevention Bureau.



Chief Mario Rueda with daughters, Francesca and Krissy.



Observing the 911 memorial book at the Firefighter Museum was Lizzette Munoz, 12.



Inspector John Williams with daughter, Alexandria, 7.



Justin, 10, and Bianca Vela, 11.



From left: Lizette Munoz, 12 years, and Celeste Torres, 10 years, snacking in Training Conference Room.



Chief Willcox and sons Roger, 8, and Robert, 12, in City Hall's City Council Meeting.



Chief Michael Thomas, Fire Prevention Bureau, with sons Myles, 12, and Mykhail, 7.



Jonathan Benn, 11, in front of an Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) rig.



Alexandria Williams, 7, with a firefighter.



Matthew Vela, 10, at Fire Station 27.



Capt. Fred Fowlks, Fire Prevention Bureau, with Gregory Cole, 12.



Renay Moreno, 7, shows off a turnout coat.



Kristen Williams, 16, shows off a turnout coat.



TAKE OUR CHILDREN TO WORK DAY



Children of Fire Personnel in the Fire Commission Room with Fire Chief Douglas L. Barry.

THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR PARTICIPATING!



Chikere McKnight, 8, shows off a turnout coat.



Trying on a turnout coat at Fire Station 27 was Natalie Benn, 10.



Brandon McGill, 11.



Tracye Gardner-Brooks, Personnel Services, with her son, Tre' Brooks, 13.



Savanna Emanuel, 12.



Capt. Antoine McKnight, with his daughter, Ayanna, 11.



Fred Vinson, 12 years old.



Inspector Vince Owens with his daughter, Lauryn Owens, 8.



Capt. Fred Fowlks, Fire Prevention Bureau, with daughter, Candace Fowlks, in the Fire Commission Room.



Phyllis Yoga, Personnel Services, with Aaron Wada.



Inspector Lloyd Fudkuda with daughters, Tiffany Ching, 9, and Kaycee Ching, 12, in the Fire Commission Room.



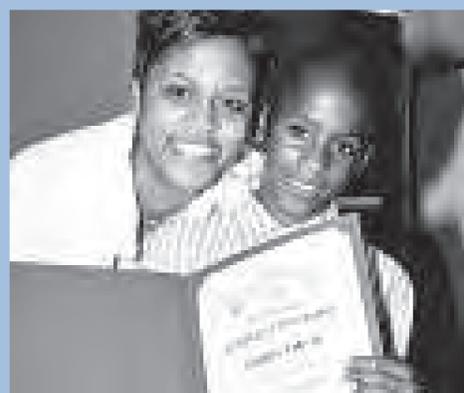
Elizabeth Torres, Fire Personnel, with children Gabriel, 12, and Celeste, 10.



Inspector Todd John Benn with son, Jonathan, and daughter, Natalie.



Redina Puentes, Fire Commission, with her son, Cesar.



Tanzi Cole, Fire Prevention Bureau, with son, Gregory Cole, 12.





Transit Corridor Opens



■ The Observatory's Gottlieb Transit Corridor opens with much fanfare.

Photos by Club staff

REC AND PARKS — The Griffith Observatory, which reopened last year after significant renovations, dedicated its Gottlieb Transit Corridor at an event May 10.

The Corridor, a monumental 150-foot-long, 10-foot-wide glass-walled passageway, immerses visitors in the motions of the sun, moon and stars across the sky and demonstrates how these motions are linked with time and the calendar. The Gottlieb Transit Corridor transforms visitors into astronomical observers and immerses them in the meaning of those observations. The Transit Corridor includes the newly installed, 22-foot-

long bronze engraved ecliptic star chart that illustrates the sun's annual path through the background stars.

It's an accurate outdoor public astronomical instrument built below grade onto the west side of the Observatory. Its form echoes similar instruments from ancient temples and medieval churches but updates the concept for the 21st century.

Hosting the event were Councilman Tom LaBonge, Observatory Director Dr. Ed Krupp, benefactor Suzanne Gottlieb, Friends of the Observatory President Bonnie Winings, Instrument Architect Davidson Norris, and Project Scientist Bruce Bohannon.



Suzanne Gottlieb, Observatory benefactor.

From left: Francis Larkin, Museum Guide, 10 months of City service; Angelica Ruiz, Museum Guide, nine months; and Daniel Wong, Museum Guide, 5 months.

Dr. Ed Krupp, Observatory Director, explains the Gottlieb Transit Corridor to the press.

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The Amazingly Green Forbes House



Ivan Forbes (center) and his son, Glenn (right), answer the questions of Club CEO John Hawkins before they give him a tour of their house (below).

■ Join *Alive!* on a tour of the energy-saving Sylmar house of Glenn, Elke and Ivan Forbes, City Retiree.

PUBLIC WORKS — The obsession of Ivan Forbes started in the early 1970s.

"When the oil embargo hit in the 1970s, we had to stand in line every other day to get gas," Ivan recalls during a tour of his energy-efficient house in Sylmar. "I said, 'There has to be something the little guy can do, and I'm going to do it.'"

"The '71 earthquake started it all," added Ivan's son, Glenn, who played a large part in the conversion of the house. "That's when [Ivan] said, 'Let's put in some solar panels and get a solar credit.' That started it all."

"We're going to be as independent as we can," Ivan says. And how.

The Forbes' house in Sylmar, which suffered through earthquakes in 1971 and 1994 and a devastating fire in 1996, only to come back better each time, is seriously energy efficient. Through its hot water panels, its photovoltaic panels and its wind turbine, on a good day it produces most of the power they need. And if the wind is strong enough, the house actually produces more than they need, and they're able to put power back into the City's power grid.

So this is free energy?

"Basically, yes," Glenn says.

How much does the system save the Forbes family?

"Before the fire, we had one big air conditioning system in the house," Glenn explains. "My electric bill in the summer would run between \$200 and \$400 per pay period, or a couple hundred per month.

"Now, it's about \$15." Generally, that's for taxes, the rental of the power equipment, the hookup fee, and other administrative fees, he says. (The water bill is "normal," Glenn says. "You can't save on water.")

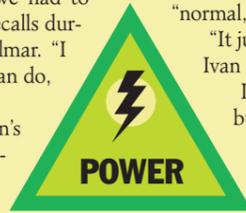
"It just hurts me to have to pay that electric bill," Ivan says.

Ivan Forbes points out that he and Glenn built the system in pieces, or modules. "It started off slow, and we built it up," Glenn adds.

And how much did this system cost?

"Let's just say between \$20,000 and \$30,000 for the turbine, photovoltaic panels and the inverters and battery system, or the price of a new car," Glenn says. "We expect to reach the break-even point sometime this summer."

Come along as Ivan and Glenn Forbes take Club CEO John Hawkins and *Alive!* editor John Burnes for a tour of their amazing house. Just turn the page for all the details.



See the full tour on the following pages.

Touring the house that can give energy back

**HEAT EXCHANGER/
OVERFLOW WATER TANKS**



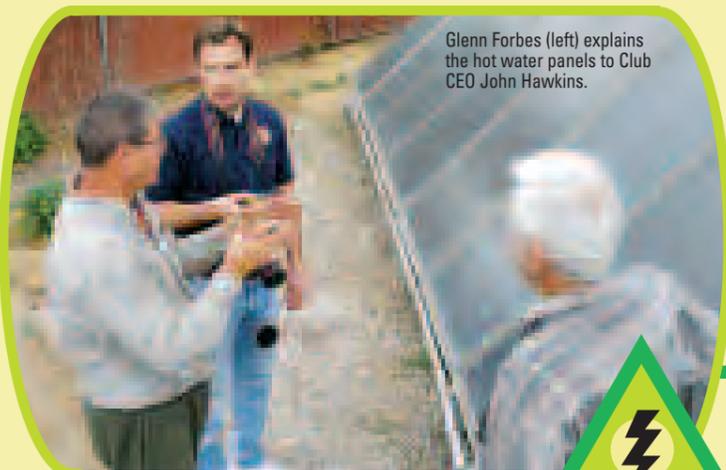
PURPOSE: To hold hot water for household use, and maintain its temperature. The hot water comes from the domestic hot water panels. During daylight, the water is in constant recirculation: the hot water is in a closed loop and transfers its heat to other water for drinking, washing, etc., through the heat exchanger.

**WOOD-BURNING
STOVE**



PURPOSE: To burn wood and radiate heat throughout the house, minimizing the need for electrical heating.

Glenn Forbes (left) explains the hot water panels to Club CEO John Hawkins.



PURPOSE: To heat water for the house's hot water needs. By using the rays of the sun, water is heated inside these panels. When the water reaches a certain temperature, the panels release the water into holding tanks for later use. These hot water panels are powered by the solar photovoltaic panels.

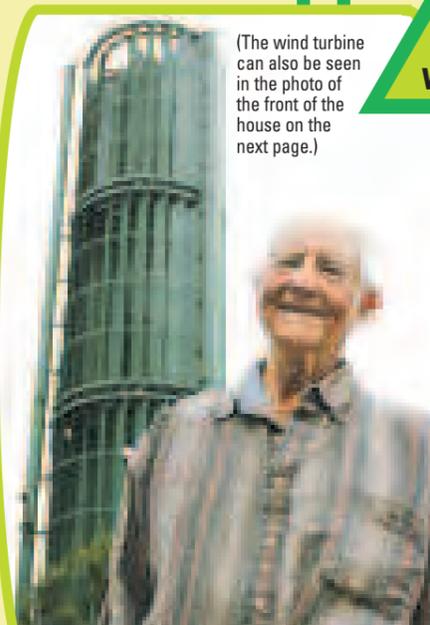
**DOMESTIC
(SOLAR) HOT
WATER PANELS**

**POWER
SIGN**



PURPOSE: This sign alerts DWP crews that this house is wired to dump electricity back into the grid.

**VERTICAL
ACCESS
WIND TURBINE**



(The wind turbine can also be seen in the photo of the front of the house on the next page.)

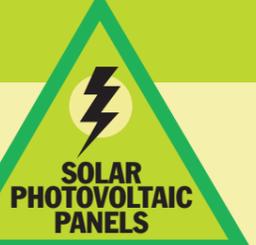
PURPOSE: Harness the power of the wind to turn a gearbox (with a gear ratio of 20 generator turns for each one turn of the blades), and create electricity. The energy is put directly into the City's power grid. If there is any excess power, the Forbes family receives a credit on their bill.

- Height:** 42 feet
- Total weight of base:** 42 tons
- Blades:** Six at 180 feet each, total length
- Minimum wind speed required to return electricity to the grid:** 3 miles per hour
- Power produced at 33 mph wind speed:** 12 kilowatts (12,000 watts)





The Amazingly Green Forbes House



Ivan Forbes, Retiree, explains his house to *Alive!* editor John Burnes.

PURPOSE: To generate electricity for household use, and to power the solar hot water panels. Powered by the sun. The panels transfer their energy to the batteries (DC). At maximum generation, the system is designed to produce twice as much power as the house generally requires. Number of panels: 16. Angle: 35 degrees, facing south.



PURPOSE: Accepts power from the batteries (which hold the power from the photovoltaic solar panels) and inverts it to AC power for the house, in both 120 and 220 volts.

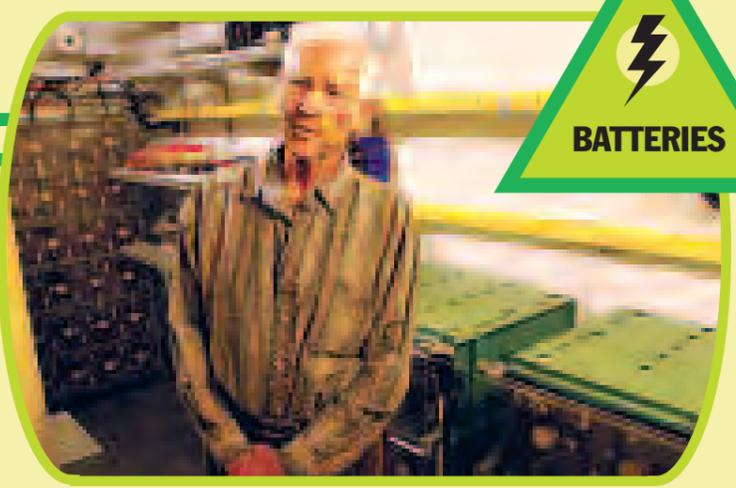
Forbes House Back View



Forbes House Front View



From the front (above), the Forbes home in Sylmar appears normal. But in the back (left), the house becomes an amazing exercise in energy efficiency.



PURPOSE: Power is sent from the solar photovoltaic panels to the batteries, for storage and eventual use when the house requires it.



PURPOSE: To monitor the power system's performance, including energy collected, volts in, amps, watts and accumulated amp hours of savings.



The Amazingly Green Forbes House

To Help Save the Environment, Start Simply

What Ivan Forbes did is extraordinary, and many of you can follow his guide to start your own energy-saving project.

But if that grand scale intimidates you, don't worry – the DWP offers these tips on how to save energy and water every day, simply.

SAVING ENERGY



- Turn off lights when not in use.
- Adjust thermostat to 78 degrees to reduce energy usage.
- Limit the use of appliances during peak hours of the day—use washing machines, dishwashers, vacuum cleaners and other heavy appliances during evening hours.
- Try to avoid cooking during peak hours of the day since cooking will add to the heat inside the home.
- Ventilate your home at night by opening windows and doors to clear out the heat and allow cooler air to circulate.
- Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) wherever appropriate.
- During the heat of day, close your draperies, shades or blinds to reduce the extra heat from direct sunlight and check your home for adequate insulation.
- Plant shade trees, to reduce heat gain to the house.
- Install/use ceiling fans or whole house fans for comfort cooling.
- Install a programmable thermostat to adjust the temperature automatically and maximize your energy savings.
- Clean or replace your air conditioner's filter(s) every month to keep your air conditioner running more efficiently.
- Regularly brush or vacuum the condenser coils at the bottom or rear of your refrigerator and check door gasket for tight fit and adjust if necessary.
- Buy energy-saving "Energy Star" labeled appliances.

Some other suggestions for businesses include:

- Turning off your desk and overhead lights, and meeting room lights, if they are not needed.
- Keep personal appliance use to a minimum.
- Turn off all computer equipment when you leave the office or when they are not being used.
- Be sure your computer equipment goes into the sleep mode when not in use. (80 percent savings in energy use)
- Go paperless when possible. Reduced printing and copying translates into reduced energy use.
- Promote "casual Friday dress" as a means of raising the cooling settings on thermostats.
- Turn off lights and equipment when they are not in use.
- Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) wherever appropriate.
- During the heat of day, close your draperies, shades, or blinds to reduce the extra heat from direct sunlight and check your home for adequate insulation.

SAVING WATER



- Use only as much water on your lawn as you need to. Step on your grass. If it springs back when you lift your foot, it doesn't need water. Use the watering calculator and watering index found at www.bewaterwise.com to learn just how much you should water. Saves 750 to 1,500 gallons a month.
- Fix leaky faucets, plumbing joints and your sprinkler system. Saves 20 gallons a day for every leak stopped.
- Install a new "smart" sprinkler controller that figures out the right amount of water for your landscape based on information about your plants and garden environment. In one study, these new controllers saved 40 gallons a day
- Replace a portion of your lawn with beautiful native and California Friendly plants. Saves 1,000 to 1,800 gallons a month depending on your climate.
- Replace your old washing machine with a new, high-efficiency model. Saves 20 to 30 gallons per load.
- Run only full loads in the washing machine and dishwasher. Saves 300 to 800 gallons a month.
- Use a broom instead of a hose to clean driveways and sidewalks. Saves 150 gallons or more each time.
- Shorten your showers. Even a one- or two-minute reduction can save up to 375 gallons per month.
- Don't water the sidewalks, driveway or gutter. Adjust your sprinklers so that water lands on your lawn or garden where it belongs – and only there. Saves 500 gallons a month.
- Don't use the toilet as a wastebasket. Saves up to 200 gallons a month.





Visiting with Ted Mayeda, Engineer, is the Channell family with their mom, Larisa Stephan.



Los Angeles Fire Department Station 5 in Westchester/LAX welcomes guests for Fire Service Recognition Day.



Los Angeles Fire Station 5 opens its bay doors to welcome guests to Fire Service Recognition Day.



The Poland family visits with their uncle, Firefighter/Paramedic Jimmy Westland, during the open house at FS 5 in Westchester. The Poland family, from left: father, Jeff; and Benjamin, Olivia, Chloe and Lillie Poland.



Los Angeles Fire Station 5 in Westchester/LAX.

LAFD Open House

■ Fire Dept. hosts open houses during Fire Service Recognition Day.

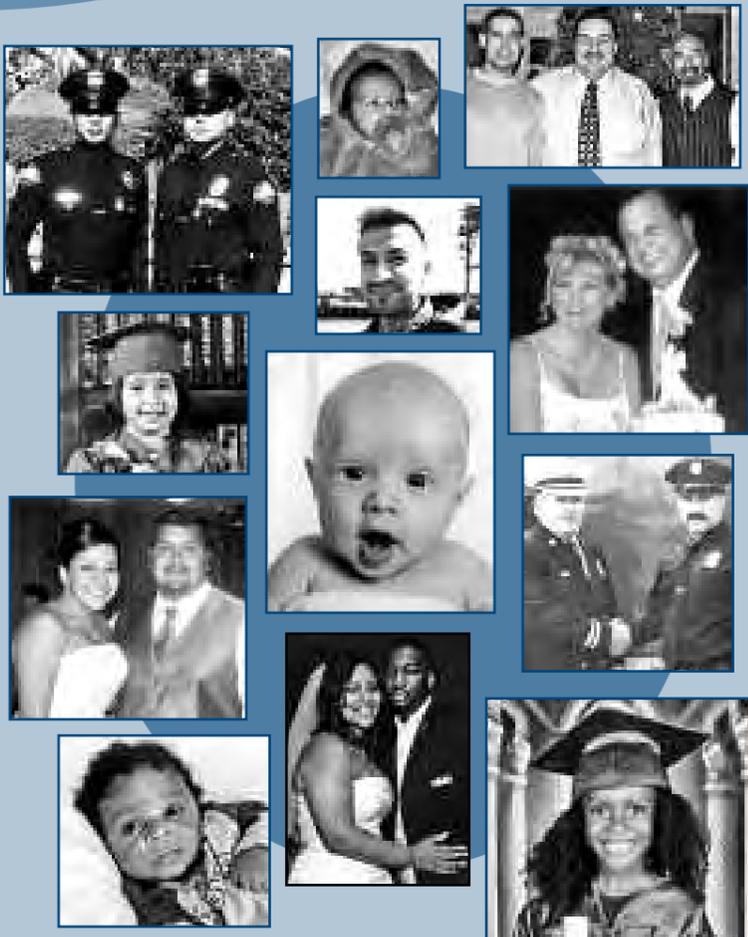
FIRE DEPT. — Thousands of friends, family and neighbors visited Neighborhood Fire Stations in Los Angeles May 12 for Fire Service Recognition Day.

Fire Stations across the City welcomed their friendly and curious guests for tours, explanations, balloons and other types of fun. Some fire houses hosted pancake breakfasts, too. The LAFD thanks all those who came out and had a great time.



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History Comes Alive!

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



Tales From the City Archives

Theodore Payne
as a young man.



Theodore Payne: Hero of Native Plants

■ Englishman was a champion of local native flora, some of which exist to this day because of his efforts.

I usually write about items that I come across in the City Archives vault. But this topic came while I sat across from John Wickham of the Chief Legislative Analyst's Office while he was also doing research in the Archives reference area. Because I love to chat with people doing research, one thing led to another, and out of the conversation I discovered an unknown entity named Theodore Payne.

I was very interested in Mr. Payne's activities with California plants. Also, my interest was truly piqued when I discovered, through speaking with Mr.

Wickham, President of the Theodore Payne Foundation in Sun Valley, California, that palm trees from the lower desert of Palm Springs and Palm Desert are the only species native to California. Therefore, I felt so inclined to learn more about local plants and the illustrious career of Mr. Payne, who spent his life, 70 years, in horticulture, being a preservationist and crusader of California-native plants, that I decided to investigate this very interesting history. I want to sincerely thank the Theodore Payne Foundation for giving me the book, Theodore Payne in His Own Words: A Voice for California Native Plants.

Theodore Payne was born June 19, 1872, in Northamptonshire, England. He was the fifth of six boys, and both his parents died before he was 12. But before his mother died, she had introduced him to the beauty and pageantry of flowers and beautiful gardens. While in school he was involved in botanical societies, pressed plants and apprenticed in a professional nursery at age 16. This is where he learned training in the nursery and seed business. In 1891, at 19, Payne saw a large display of California native plants at the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew, England. At 21, Payne migrated on his own to California, 6,000 miles from his home in England.

Young Payne sailed for New York in 1893, spending some time there, then went onto Chicago to visit the World's Fair. Upon arriving in the Golden State, Theodore, who

had been trained in the seed and nursery business, looked for that defined work in Los Angeles. On Main Street, just south of Second Street, he met a Scotsman, James H. Denham, who owned a seed store. He took an interest in the English lad and got him some part-time work picking apricots at a \$1.50 a day. This work and other jobs were not of a permanent nature and did not last long. Denham then offered Payne the opportunity to work as a gardener on a private estate in the Santa Ana Mountains. Payne claimed he was a seed and nurseryman, but took the position upon the advice of his new mentor. This position and work began Payne's interest in California wild flowers.

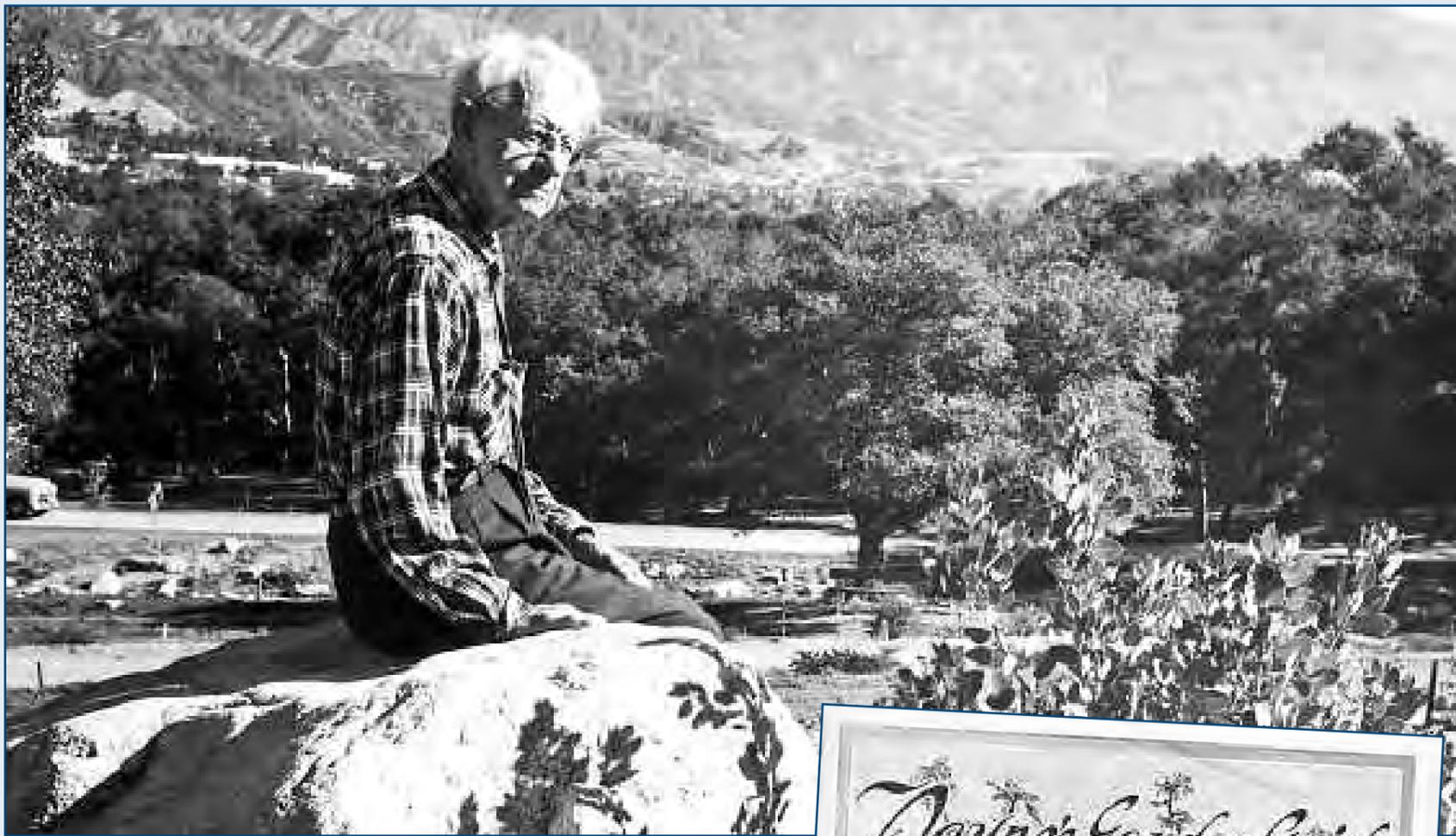
Theodore worked for two-and-a-half years where he was in charge of the gardens of the famous Polish stage actress, Madam Helena Modjeska (1840-1909), on her ranch called the "Forest of Arden" in Santiago Canyon, Orange County. His pay was \$35 a month with room and board. His work would include growing plants to maturity and bringing them to fruit or flower. His previous work entailed propagating young plants and trees. With the new job he would truly begin to see the fruits of his labor, past and present (no pun intended). In time, Theodore Payne wrote his memoir, *Life on the Modjeska Ranch in the Gay Nineties*, which continues to be a legacy and guidebook for park rangers and docents.

Upon leaving the Modjeska ranch, Payne toured Southern California. Then in 1896, he went to work in Los Angeles at the Germain Seed (then Fruit) Co., where he worked for seven years, the last year as manager of the operation. While working for the Germain Co., Theodore returned to England for a lengthy visit. The local seed and plant store was the handler of the magnificent pampas plumes that were prominent in southern California. On his trip abroad he represented the firm and sold more than 40,000 of the dried plumes in England and Germany.

In 1903, he began his own business at 440 South Broadway, where he had a seed store and nursery. Two



Theodore Payne's store on Main Street downtown.



Theodore Payne near the end of his career, sitting in the Descanso Gardens native plant garden he designed.

[Theodore Payne] introduced into cultivation in California between 400 and 500 species of wild flowers and native plants and made them available for general use.

years later he moved to 345 South Main St., where he remained until 1931. Early magazine ads stated, "A Breath of California for that Garden Back East," noting that for \$1 wild flower seed mixes (a variety of 20 mixes) could be sent by mail to interested parties.

At this time, Payne began specializing in California wild flowers, native plants and eucalyptus. Due to a lengthy and complex association between Theodore and a prominent Italian botanist in 1896, Payne sent him eucalyptus seeds that were planted in Libya, where they and their offspring continued into flourish into the mid-20th century, and possibly beyond. During this period, he purchased land at Hoover and 33rd Street to grow his great variety of plants and wild flowers. He grew native wild flowers in Hollywood and Pasadena. He also created a wild flower garden for the Raymond Hotel in Pasadena. In 1906, he published his first catalog, California Native Flower Seeds.

By 1913, Theodore Payne became the President of the Wildflower Club of the Southwest Museum. He laid out its native garden and developed its herbarium. Two years later, at what is now the Exposition Park Rose Garden, Theodore developed the first public area in Los Angeles planted entirely with native plants, trees and wildflowers; this was a five-acre wild garden containing 262 species. By the late 19-teens, he was commissioned to do horticulture projects at Pomona and Occidental Colleges and Tory Pines Park and Washington Park in Pasadena.

In 1922, Payne purchased property for a nursery on Los Feliz Boulevard. It sat across from the Lawry's Tam O'Shanter Restaurant, the oldest eatery still in existence under one family in the history of Los Angeles. The acreage of the planting ground was 10 acres. During this time and thereafter, Mr. Payne published articles and gave speaking engagements on the loss of California wildflowers.

Over the ensuing years, he was called upon throughout most of southern California to provide ideas and create and design plant materials for such prestigious places as the Santa Barbara Botanic Gardens, the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden in Orange County, which was moved in later times to Claremont. He was also commis-

sioned to provide private estate landscaping in Beverly Hills, Bel Air, Pasadena and Santa Barbara. In 1939, he created a native plant garden with 176 species at the California Institute of Technology, later the site of the Norman Church Laboratory.

On Theodore Payne's 80th birthday in 1952, he was honored as an honorary life member by the Southern California Horticultural Institute. In 1958, he developed a five acre native plant garden at Descanso Gardens in La Cañada. In 1960, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors set aside 320 acres in the Antelope Valley, near Llano, to become the Theodore Payne Wildlife Sanctuary, dedicated Jan. 28, 1961. At that time, the Theodore Payne Foundation (TPF) incorporated to carry on Payne's work.

I will now quote directly from Theodore Payne about his incredible career in horticulture.

"[I] start[ed] my career in horticulture in 1888, I have now spent 70 years of my life in this field. Of this period 65 years have been spent in California and 55 years in business for myself.... During this period I have introduced into cultivation in California between 400 and 500 species of wild flowers and native plants and made them available for general use. Some of these plants were introduced into Europe a long time ago but were unknown in California gardens."

(To find out the names of these wildflowers and plants, with the possibility to purchase them, please contact the Theodore Payne Foundation at (818) 768-1802.)

After 55 years in the business, Theodore's stock of plants, seeds and equipment went to the Theodore Payne Foundation, a nonprofit organization to perpetuate California's native flora. On his 90th birthday in 1962, the County Board of Supervisors celebrated the event. A

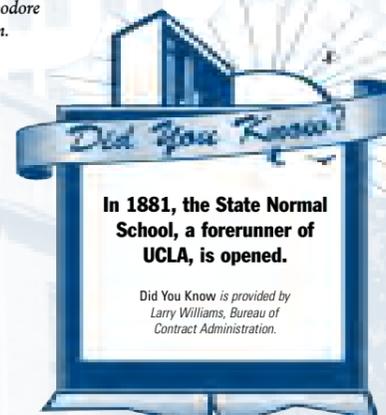


One of Theodore Payne's catalogs, dated 1927. The plant on the cover is a Nevin's Barberry, identified by Rev. Nevin, who discovered the native plant at the Buena Vista Street Bridge on the north side of Griffith Park. This highly endangered plant is currently in the nursery trade because of Theodore Payne's efforts.

year later, the California Garden Clubs awarded him "Man of the Year." On May 6, 1963, Theodore Payne passed away six weeks before his 91st birthday.

Mr. Payne married Alice Noyes in 1907. They had no children. But his foundation carries on as his namesake and all his historic traditions.

Photos courtesy John Wickham, the Theodore Payne Foundation.



Ontario Donates Computers



■ LA/Ontario International Airport donates its older computers to assist local students.

Story by Harold Johnson, Principal Public Relations Rep, LA/Ontario; Photo courtesy Airports

AIRPORTS — Members of the LA/Ontario International Airport (ONT) Utility Crew delivered more than 90 used personal computers to the Esperanza Scholarship Foundation (ESF) in Upland April 13.

"It is a pleasure to see our former equipment used for the education of local students," said Jess Romo, Ontario's Airport Manager. "This is a much desirable option [rather] than [throwing them away]."

The Ontario IT Department personnel boxed the computer CPUs, mice and keyboards for

delivery. These systems, formerly used by Los Angeles World Airports employees, were sent at the request of Ontario Mayor Paul Leon for donation to underprivileged students.

"Esperanza was established to encourage and support educational success of residents of San Bernardino County, assisting students to achieve their educational goals and dreams by providing financial aid and academic support," said Gabe Chavez, president of the foundation. "The foundation advocates for closing the educational achievement gap for all students, as measured by high school completion and college graduation rates.

"Our intent is to redeploy them into the community. By working with the local school district, we will identify worthy recipients that are able to benefit by one of these computers," Chavez added. "One of the issues still existing is what is known as the digital divide that impacts elementary grade level school children. Our goal is to make a difference in this area."

Mayor Leon named Esperanza as the beneficiary of the computers because of its track record in helping students. Making a difference is shown by success stories that include a student who attended Chaffey College, transferred to the University of Southern California then enrolled in the pre-medical program at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry. Today this student is a dentist. Another student attended and graduated from Claremont McKenna College, and now is a supervising certified public accountant employed by one of the "Big 4" auditing firms. Presently the foundation is assisting two local students who are attending Harvard. A great number of these ESF Scholars are first members of their family to attend college.

The foundation was formed in 1991. Since its beginning, ESF has awarded \$157,000 in scholarships, ranging from \$500 to \$6,000, to assist 131 local students to attend college.



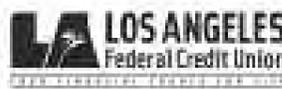
LA/Ontario International Airport Utility Crew members (from left) Arturo Saenz, Fernando Alday and Robert Garcia delivered more than 90 used computer CPUs, mice and keyboards to the Esperanza Scholarship Foundation in Upland for donation to underprivileged students.

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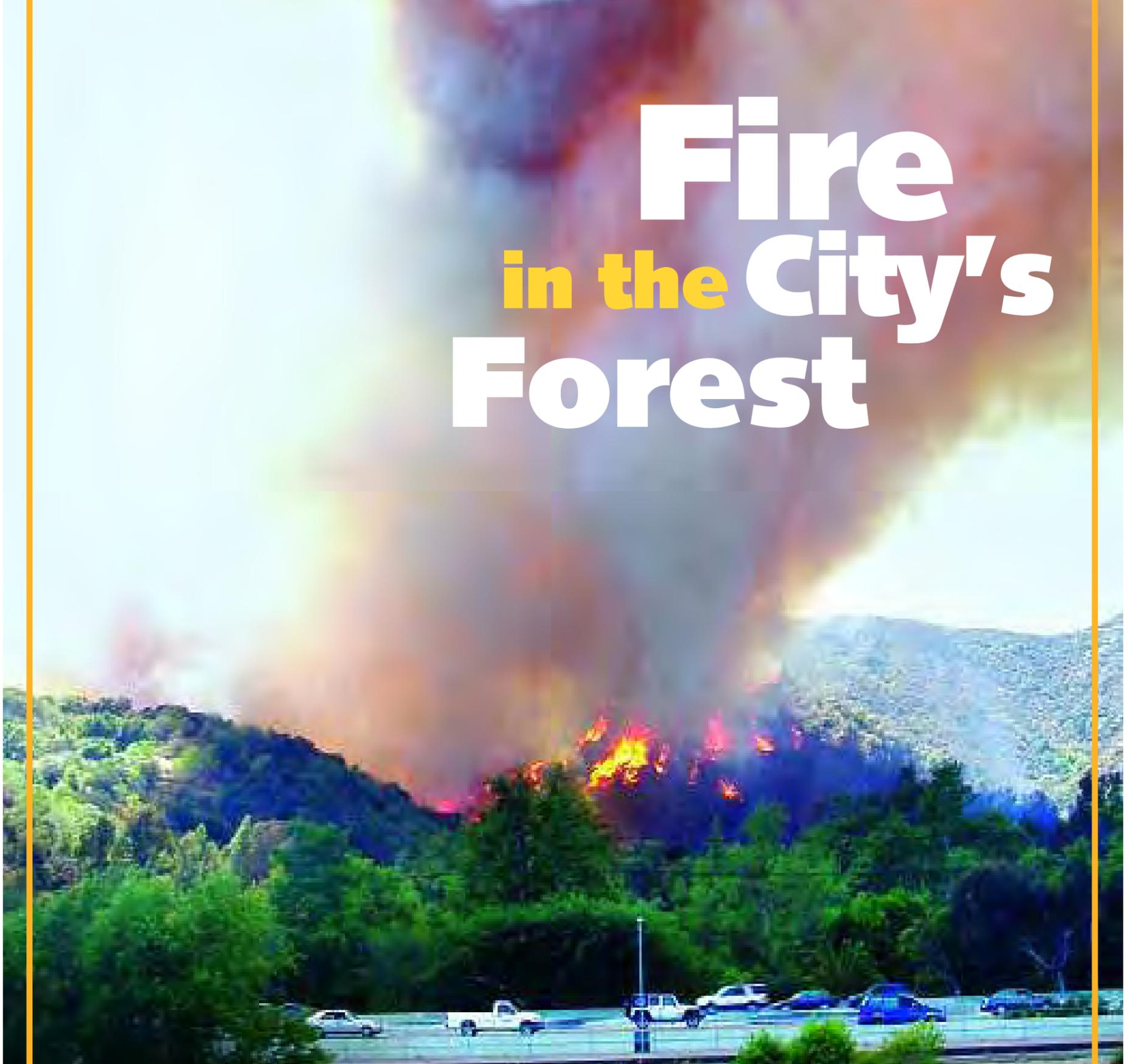
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- Assistance with finding permanent housing
- Assistance with finding employment
- Court and social services advocacy
- Assistance with getting welfare
- Legal assistance (TRO's etc.)
- Medical Services





THE GRIFFITH PARK FIRE: MAY 8-9, 2007

Fire in the City's Forest



■ **Alive!** presents exclusive photos and accounts of the devastating fire in Griffith Park – and how your fellow City employees are managing its natural recovery.

FIRE DEPT., REC AND PARKS – A major fire erupted at approximately 1:20 p.m. May 8 in Griffith Park, scorching 817 acres and calling several City departments into immediate and sustained action. Approximately 20 percent of the park was burned, and several popular park destinations remain closed at press time.

The conditions – high temperature, low humidity, dry winds and drought-like conditions – contributed to the power of the fire.

Arriving companies reported a seven-acre wind/topography driven fire in the steep and rugged hills of the park. The fire moved quickly through medium to heavy

dry grass and brush. The fire quickly moving southeast and threatened more than 300 homes in the Los Feliz area. Quick and aggressive structure protection by firefighters saved homes.

At press time, the cause had not been determined, although a person of interest was cooperating with officials and had been cited for smoking in a brush area.

Other than the person of interest, who was treated for burns, no one was injured in the fast-moving blaze. One firefighter was treated for heat exhaustion. One house was damaged, but no structure was destroyed.

Fighting the fire required:

- 21 Fire Companies
- 7 Command Teams
- 2 Rescue Ambulances
- More than 120 Firefighters
- 10 LAPD Officers
- 20 Public Safety Officers
- Dozens of Rec and Parks employees

As of press time, May 24, there were still hot spots and occasional flare-ups.

Destroyed by the fire were Dante's View and Captain's Roost. The Bird Sanctuary was 10 percent damaged, and the Cedar Grove was 20 percent damaged. One City vehicle was destroyed, as were several restrooms.

The Club gives a big round of applause to the all the City personnel who protected lives and property during this fire. On these pages are photos taken by your fellow City Employees.



Photo: Forestry Division, Rec and Parks

Photos by:

- Albert Torres, Chief Park Ranger
- Lt. Jody Perez, Transportation
- Tom LaBonge, Councilman
- Jane Galbraith, Council Aide
- Ed Krupp, Director, Griffith Obs.
- Rick McClure, Captain, LAFD
- John Hawkins, CEO, The Club
- Tom Hawkins, Photographer, The Club

Photo: Forestry Division, Rec and Parks



FIGHTING THE FIRE

THE GRIFFITH PARK FIRE



Photo: Capt. Rick McClure, LAFD



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Photo: Chief Park Ranger Albert Torres, Rec and Parks

Dante's View, on fire.

“[The fire] was moving wherever it wanted to go, and pretty much everybody was chasing after it. I’ve never seen anything in the City of L.A. burn like this burned.”

– Senior Park Ranger Pat Joyce

The *Alive!* Interview

Off Duty, Then On

■ Senior Park Ranger Patrick Joyce was grocery shopping when he saw smoke coming from Griffith Park.

REC AND PARKS — *Alive!* interviews Senior Park Ranger Patrick Tracy, an 18-year ranger veteran who not only works in Griffith Park, but lives there, too.

Alive! So take me through that day. And you were in the park, but you were not on-duty.

Patrick Joyce: I was actually at the Albertson's on Hillhurst just below Los Feliz

Boulevard. I walked out the door with my groceries, and I looked up, and I saw the fire just starting, moving up the hill. The fire station was just down the street from Albertson's, and the fire engines were just coming up the street. So I left there and I went back to my house. I'm a resident park ranger, so I live in a ranger's station in the Ferndale area of Griffith Park. So I got back to my house, got in my ranger truck, and I responded to the fire.

I responded up to Vista del Valle area. I met up with the Fire Department there, and I started assisting them with pulling hose lines underneath the bridge that a lot of people saw on TV. So we pulled up a hose line there, and then from that point, the fire made it up to the top of that bridge. It spotted over into the canyon, the next canyon over, which is Fern Canyon, and then it started to burn back up the canyon there. And that's pretty much where the fire came on to the other side of the park.

Alive! Since you live in the park, was that a concern of yours?

Patrick Joyce: In the beginning, it wasn't. It's not often that fires make it [more than] 10 or 15 acres in Griffith Park. The Fire Department, the Rangers, and the helicopters are able to usually contain it.

Alive! To knock it down.

Patrick Joyce: Yeah, to usually a relatively small area. But as time went on, and the night grew late and started to turn dark, and the fire started to move in so many different directions, my wife was concerned and she packed up all the stuff and left.

Alive! Were you under an evacuation order then like so many people were?

Patrick Joyce: No. That area of the park was not.

Alive! But still you take the advice that the park rangers give everybody else, to be prepared.

Patrick Joyce: Yes.

Alive! So what were your duties? When did you finally get off-duty?

Patrick Joyce: Oh, that's a good question.

Alive! I imagine you didn't get any sleep.

Patrick Joyce: No, I think I got off work around 2 or 3 in the morning, and then I came back about 7 or 8 in the morning. So there were just a few hours of rest.

Alive! What were your duties all night? What did you do?

Patrick Joyce: Well, initially we were along Vista del Valle Drive, and we were working on the north flank of the fire, trying to find a spot where we could actually physically work the fire, trying to cut it off. Due to the weather conditions, that wasn't possible, so later on in the evening, we moved down into the old Zoo area, and we found a spot where what we call "anchoring the fire." We were able to find a safe spot where we could work, and start working along the base of the fire, and start trying to catch up with it.

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Senior Park Ranger Patrick Joyce

Alive! staff photo



FIGHTING THE FIRE



Photo: Capt. Rick McClure, LAFD



Photo: Councilman Tom LaBonge's Office

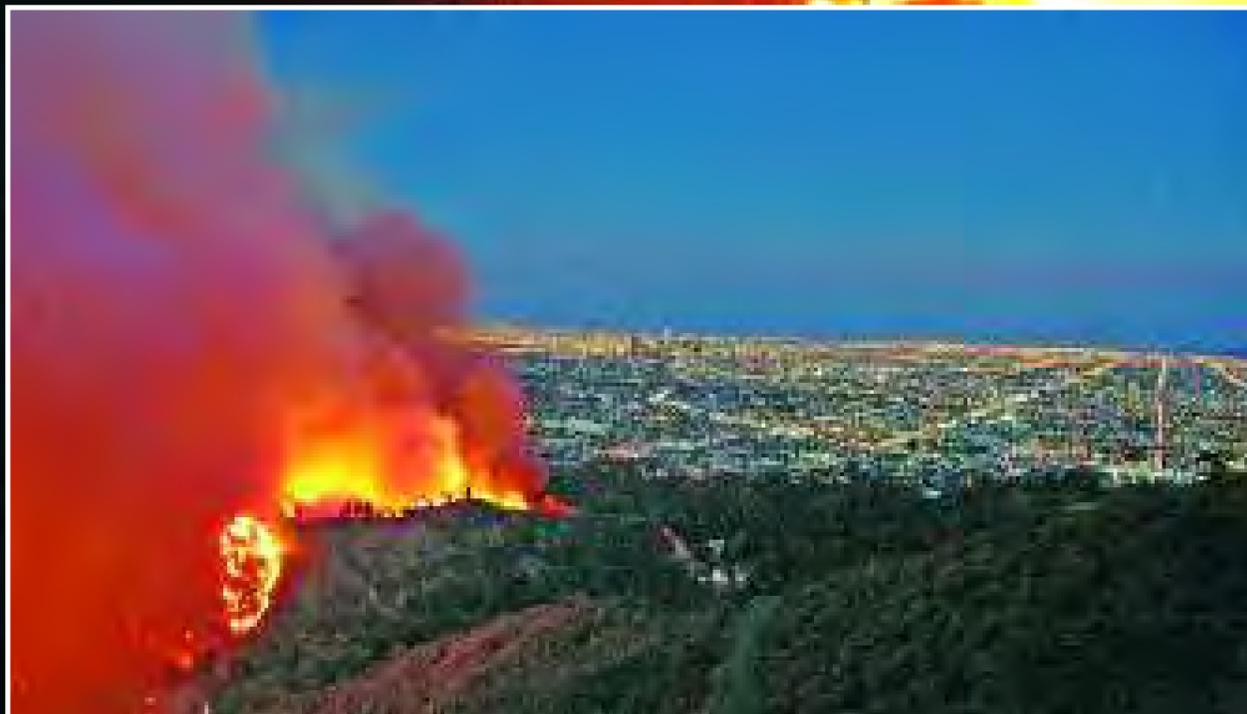


Photo: Chief Park Ranger Albert Torres, Rec and Parks

**“The speed of the
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– Chief Park



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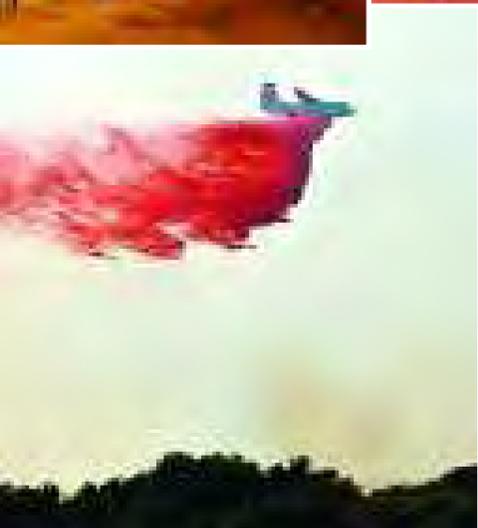


Photo: Capt. Rick McClure, LAFD

The fire was something that I've spent my whole career." Chief Park Ranger Albert Torres

The Alive! Interview

'The amount on fire was massive'

■ **Alive!** interviews Chief Park Ranger Albert Torres on how the day unfolded, and the department's efforts to let the park heal itself naturally.

REC AND PARKS — Two weeks after the Griffith Park blaze broke out, *Alive!* sat down with Chief Park Ranger Albert Torres to get a first-hand account of the fire from someone who was there, and to talk about recovery efforts.

Alive! So were you here at the station when the first calls came in about the fire?

Albert Torres: Yes.

Alive! Talk us through it.

Albert Torres: Well, we had been thinking about the fire conditions anyway.

Alive! Because it's so dry?

Albert Torres: Well, for a lot of reasons, not just the dryness, but the weather itself, the wind, the relative humidity, just the conditions in Griffith Park in general. We were ordered by our General Manager, Jon Kirk Mukri, to have a fire watch every day to protect Griffith Park. We supported that order. So we had a fire watch vehicle, a unit on patrol every day, cognizant of the conditions that were extreme throughout the winter. We were aware of the other fires that had occurred and we were aware of the recent fire at Barham, which we participated in. A good portion of that fire was in Griffith Park. The ignition point of that fire was not.

Alive! But it crept over.

Albert Torres: Yes.

Alive! Okay, and so you were on fire watch. How did it come about that afternoon?

Albert Torres: We received a call from Senior Park Ranger Pat Joyce, that there was a fire in Griffith Park. And we had an immediate response to that fire.

The fire started to the rear of Vermont Tennis in Griffith Park, which is the old canyon, just east of Vermont Canyon in Griffith Park, just east of the Greek Theater. It spread very quickly. Upon my arrival the fire had ran up the hill to a ridge, and I observed the fire going over the ridge, and eastward toward the ranger station [on Crystal Springs Road].

Alive! What are your responsibilities when it comes to a fire like that?

Albert Torres: The park rangers have a fire crew and fire apparatus.

Alive! Here in the park?

Albert Torres: Yes. Our primary goal is to escort the LAFD to the fire, and to assist them in locating it. Our second goal is to be the first attack unit on any fire in Griffith Park. We'll locate the area, we'll do the assessment, just like the fire department would do, and we'll notify the fire department as we discover information. And we meet with the first fire captain who arrives. We help set up an incident command center.

Alive! So they have primary jurisdiction in a fire like that?

Albert Torres: Absolutely. We have two apparatus that are smaller brush fire engines, and we have two water tenders that hold two thousand gallons each of water. So, depending on the type of fire, we respond and we work with the fire department on fighting the fire. In this particular circumstance, most of our duties came into play, including informing the public, evacuating areas, doing traffic control, and informing our command staff.

AN INTENSE FIRE

Alive! How quickly did the fire spread?

Albert Torres: Very quickly. The speed of the fire was enormous, and something that I've never seen in my whole career.



Chief Park Ranger Albert Torres

Alive! staff photo

Alive! How long is your career?

Albert Torres: I've been with the Park Rangers for 24 years.

Alive! So this is the fastest spreading fire you've ever seen in 24 years?

Albert Torres: Yes.

Alive! After awhile, was there some thought that it was dying down a little bit?

Albert Torres: From my standpoint, no, because I was constantly looking at the fire, and the fire, for what I could hear on the reports and from what I could see, was constantly moving.

Alive! You never had a moment to exhale?

Albert Torres: I did not.

Alive! What was the first thing you did?

Albert Torres: The first thing I did was to respond to the fire, and I went to a high point [Vista Viewpoint] and positioned myself in a safety role, in a perimeter watch of the fire. I noticed very quickly that the fire had jumped the ridge, and had caught several trees on fire and it was progressing downhill towards the ranger station. At that point I really was concerned. The wind was very unusual, and I made a transmission to the incident commander for the rangers, that there was a concern about the behavior of the wind, relative to everything else. I made that transmission, and then I hopped down back to the golf course because of the injured person, a person of interest. And I found out that everything was in hand there. So I returned to the fire and continued to observe it from my standpoint.

DAMAGE AND EVENTUAL RECOVERY

Alive! How devastating was this fire to Griffith Park? How long do you think it'll take to come back, or to be back at a level where people can really enjoy it, like the trails and the views?

Albert Torres: I look at this fire like the many fires that we've experienced in Griffith Park, where there is a rapid recovery, that in three or four years, there's there's a substantial recovery of the habitat. That is inherent to the park.

But because this was a bigger fire, there are a lot of unknowns. There is concern because so many people depend on the park. It has been an injury to the people because they feel that there is a loss. But in the bigger picture, I don't see devastation. These type of fires have always occurred in Griffith Park, although not as big, and there has always been good recovery.

Alive! Are fires in Griffith Park natural things? But because of the number of people who live around Griffith Park and structures and cultural institutions, it creates increased risk and increased danger.

Albert Torres: Yes. We want to educate the people that these conditions -- the high temperatures, the low humidity, the wind factor -- are not rare. These type of fires occurred in Southern California before people ever came. The habitat of the flora in the park, all these plants that are native to Griffith Park, they're very explosive when they're caught on fire. Laurel sumac is a good example of a native plant that is predominant in Griffith Park -- when it lights on fire it explodes because of the leaf content and the nature of the plant itself. It doesn't require a lot of water.

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AFTERMATH

THE GRIFFITH PARK FIRE



Photo: Tom Hawkins, Club photographer



Alive! editor John Burnes surveys the damage at Dante's View.

Photo: Forestry Division, Rec and Parks

“I thought to myself, ‘Well, that fire is not going to get to Dante’s View’ ... and to my amazement, it did.”

– Chief Park Ranger Albert Torres



Photo: Forestry Division, Rec and Parks



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Chief Park Ranger Albert Torres looks at a picnic bench that partially melted during the fire, at Dante's View.



Photo: Tom Hawkins, Club photographer



Photo: Forestry Division, Rec and Parks

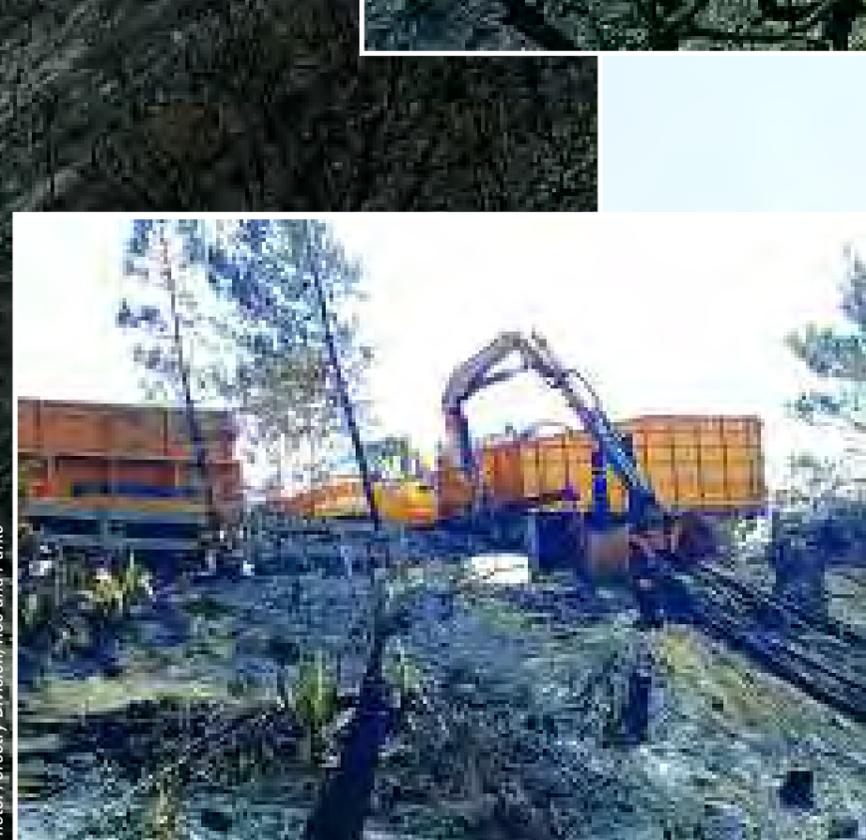


Photo: Forestry Division, Rec and Parks



RESPONSE

THE GRIFFITH PARK FIRE

Photo: Councilman LaBonge's Office



More photos on the Web!

Log on to the Club's Website for even more great photos of the Griffith Park fire (membership required): www.cityemployeesclub.com

From left: LAPD Chief William Bratton, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Councilman Tom LaBonge, LAFD Chief Douglas Barry and LAFD Battalion Chief Kwame Cooper, strategizing about fighting the fire.

Photo: Dr. Ed Krupp, Rec and Parks

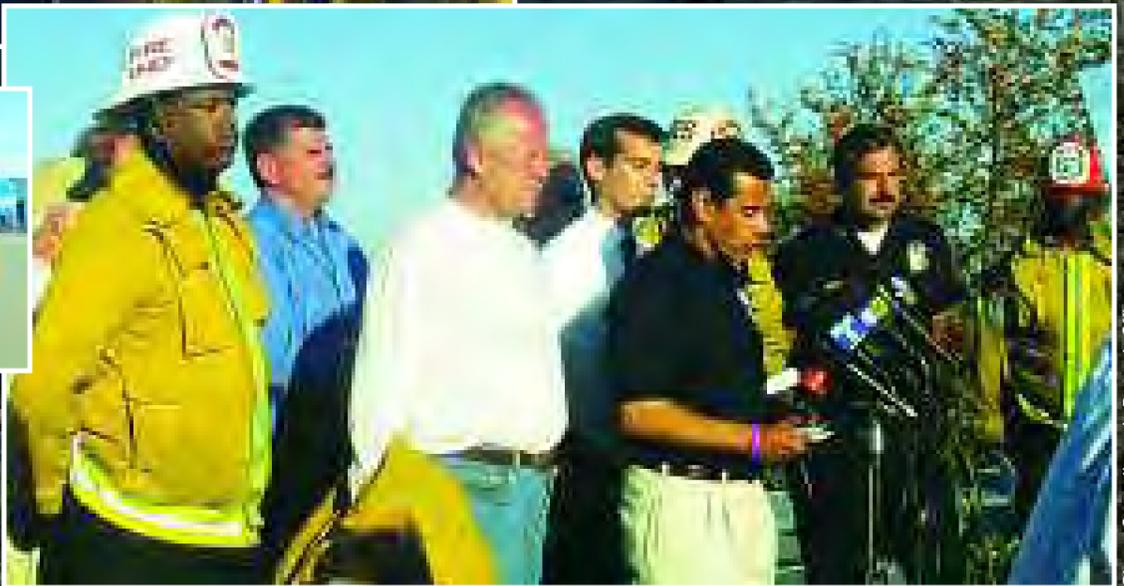


Photo: Councilman LaBonge's Office

LAFD Chief Douglas Barry, Rec and Parks General Manager Jon Kirk Mukri, Councilman Tom LaBonge, Councilman Eric Garcetti and Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa stage a press conference.



Photo: Lt. Jody Perez, Transportation

The press conference with California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

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The Alive! Interviews, CONTINUED

(Torres continued from page 37)

Alive!: What are the unknowns in the recovery?

Albert Torres: Well, the recovery section of our department, coordinated by Mike Shull, is identifying the hazards, and mitigating any disruption of those areas. They need to find out what is the best way to shore up those areas, to prevent massive erosion, and to get ready for the next big rain. Those kinds of things are being handled at a very high professional level. These things have happened before in Southern California, and so there are professionals who have gone through this before.

Alive!: Do you introduce vegetation and flora back to the park, or do you let that come back naturally?

Albert Torres: I'm not the expert on this and that's not really my area. But I have witnessed smaller fires in Griffith Park that completely recovered from these type of fires.

Alive!: On their own?

Albert Torres: On their own.

Alive!: They heal themselves?

Albert Torres: Uh-huh.

Alive!: But we're just waiting to see, because this was such a big one.

Albert Torres: That's correct. We want to make sure we mitigate the impact on the residential areas and the populated areas.

CURRENT STATUS

Alive!: So the current status update right now: What roads are closed and what roads are available, and where should people not plan on visiting?

Albert Torres: On the Rec and Parks Webpage, www.laparks.org, there is the daily briefing on what is open and what is closed. It's called "Griffith Park Recovery, News and Information Blog." And it gives a list of areas that are open, and a list of areas that are closed.

Alive!: But in general, what are the more popular areas that are going to be down for a long time and may not come back in the same way they were?

Albert Torres: In general, I think the Vermont entrance is something that we are looking at very carefully. The Commonwealth entrance, the Los Feliz Riverside entrance, is open northbound. Crystal Springs Road southbound from the L.A. Zoo is a concern right now, and the road southbound from Travel Town is also closed.

Alive!: What about the entrances and exits from the Greek?

Albert Torres: The Greek Theater is back in business. Roosevelt Golf is back in business. However, the [Vermont] tennis courts, according to this briefing and it's very recent, are still closed. Additionally, in that canyon is a bird sanctuary, which will be closed.

Alive!: Was there a danger or worry that it was approaching or encroaching on the observatory, that this facility that we just rebuilt was in danger?

Albert Torres: There was always that concern. I was able to brief a captain from San Marino Fire Dept., who was assigned to the Griffith Observatory. I asked him to help us protect the valuable trees in that area. The observatory was never threatened at all.

TREMENDOUS EFFORT

Alive!: What do you find most interesting about this fire?

Albert Torres: One of the things was I couldn't tell what the final outcome would be. I was looking at Bee Rock, and I was very proud of my rangers because they were working a spot below Bee Rock and they were taking a stand there and fighting the fire from that standpoint, protecting the old zoo.

Alive!: The original zoo location?

Albert Torres: Yes, which is now a picnic area. And I noticed that, because of the magnitude of the fire, it just kept moving backwards and igniting, and moving and moving. And I could see the Dante's View, and I thought to myself, "Well, that fire is not going to get to Dante's View" ... and to my amazement it did. I moved up to that area and saw that Councilman [Tom] LaBonge was with the Fire Chief. I [then] saw Dante's View completely on fire.

I saw something that I'd never seen before in my 24-year experience: The amount of area that was on fire was massive. And I was just trying to grasp what was going to happen next, and that's what I kept thinking about during the entire fire. I was thinking about the safety of my rangers and all the people involved, and I was also thinking about what was going to happen next. I saw a bird sanctuary on fire, and I saw trees and brush catching on fire at a place called Captain's Roost, which is really just due north of the observatory, and I was observing that from the observatory and noted this is a tremendous, tremendous fire.

I'm really proud of the fact that the rangers integrated their training and experience, and they rose to the occasion in working with the Fire Department and all of the other agencies and making it a coordinated safe effort. The thing that's different about this fire, compared to the 1933 fire, is that nobody is injured. And that is a tremendous thing. That's what we hope for each and every time. I'm really proud of them, and I'm particularly proud of the skills of my fire crew, and their leaders, and the tenacity of the rangers to do this work in cooperation with the Fire Department. What I saw with the Fire Department was very, very amazing, all the way from their Fire Chief, to their incident commander, to their firefighters, and to the outside agencies that came. It was just really a tremendous effort.

Alive!: Did rangers who were off the shift come in?

Albert Torres: We called some rangers out, and some understandably just reported in.

SMOKEY WAS RIGHT

Alive!: How about some safety tips that people need to be reminded of in dry brush areas?

Albert Torres: The message of the Smokey Bear comes into play here absolutely. It's really up to all of us, and with our response to this larger fire we're definitely demanding of people not to smoke in areas where they normally would smoke, like picnic areas. We're going to tell people you cannot smoke here, no open flames, and we have an enforcement tool here.

We also are advising people who may have been hiking in the park for many, many years and feel comfortable coming back into the burned area, we would advise them do not come in the burn area. Even today, we're still putting out what we call "smokers" in the area. These are hot areas within the burn zone that are smoking, so we go and then we extinguish that. Sometimes we've had flare-ups.

We're concerned about branches, about trees that are weakened. We're concerned about rocks. Lots of rocks have fallen on the roads, on the trails. And we're concerned about erosion. So, anything that we can do to secure that area we will do, including citing of individuals after they've been warned.

Alive!: Did you learn anything from this?

Albert Torres: Two things. In Los Angeles, a lot of us Park Rangers have been through these types of disasters before. The ability to respond well is based on our training and our experience. Our training tells us that, in these kind of situations, we're going to be working for long periods of time, so we make sure that we're ready for it and we're prepared.

The other part about this is that it's something that we've done before. It's something that comes as part of our job, and we're pretty good at it.

Alive!: Did you get any sleep that night?

Albert Torres: I did not, and there were two executives who responded who did not. They were Vicki Israel, a superintendent for the Griffith region, and Kevin Reagan, the assistant general manager.

One of the things I want to say too is that our department, the Park Rangers, [respond to] hundreds of inquiries all day long. We help to direct people to the proper responses they need. A lot of their inquiries are about when are we going to be open and how this process is occurring.

Alive!: People want to know about access, I guess.

Albert Torres: Uh-huh. Other people want to donate money. Other people want to donate trees, and other people want to work. So we're channeling that information, saving it and directing it.

Alive!: Thanks, Chief.

Albert Torres: Sure.

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Alive!: When you say, "catch up with it," do you mean with water, or digging trenches, or shovels?

Patrick Joyce: We had rangers pulling hose lines along the base of the fire. And we had an engine and a water tender there.

Alive!: Were you exhausted in the morning?

Patrick Joyce: Yes! Very!

Alive!: You ever seen anything like this before?

Patrick Joyce: I worked one fire up in the San Bernardino National Forest along Highway 18, where the fire intensity was pretty similar, but I haven't seen anything burn for the amount of time this burned. This burned for close to 12 or 13 hours. That is, what we call actively burning. It was moving wherever it wanted to go, and pretty much everybody was chasing after it. Whereas, it burned in different intensities up in San Bernardino.

Alive!: But nothing here in the City.

Patrick Joyce: Oh, nothing. I've never seen anything in the City of LA burn like this burned.

One of the things I would say about this fire is that, the two previous days, the fire weather was either extreme or critical. And this is like one of those things where all the stars were lined up, and this just happened to be for the worst. The relative humidity was low. Wind speed was about ten to fifteen miles an hour. It was a record temperature day in LA, about 89 degrees. So everything was set up for a disaster! And it just took one little thing to spark that.

You look at in the park, and the fire weather reaches that level maybe ten or 15 times a year.

Alive!: Put me up there with you.

Patrick Joyce: The main thing we noticed is the fire intensity. When I was working along Vista del Valle, it would get up into the trees, and then as soon as it started to burn in the trees, all the limbs would drop. And as you're working alongside the road, it's a real, real safety hazard. I mean, you're constantly worrying about the fire coming up, but at the same time, you're constantly worrying about the trees falling above you, the limbs and the branches. And then as the fire burns across the road and goes over the other side, if you're working there, then you have trees coming down behind you, and rocks coming down off the top of the hillside. There were times where it was 2:30 or 3 in the afternoon, and you couldn't see more than 20 feet, because of the smoke was so thick. So there were times when you just had to find a spot where you could sit, and just take a breath of fresh air if you could find it, and then go back to work.

Alive!: How hot was it? Intense?

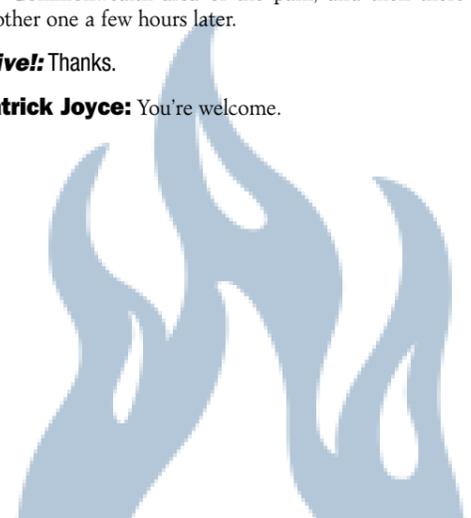
Patrick Joyce: Yes, it was intense from the aspect that there's points where the fire comes up the canyon, where it gets very, very hot, and you can feel the radiant heat, standing 200 feet away. And then it passes through and it cools back off, but that happened over and over and over, over a period of about 12 hours. Where it would just come up another canyon, come up another canyon, and you would just move down the road trying to find a spot that you could work.

Alive!: There're still hotspots now. There're still places now that you're watching, I would imagine.

Patrick Joyce: There were two calls this morning [May 22]. There was one at 6:30 this morning of reported smoke in the Commonwealth area of the park, and then there was another one a few hours later.

Alive!: Thanks.

Patrick Joyce: You're welcome.



Preventing, Escaping From Brush Fires



By Jimmy Hill,
Fire Marshal, LAFD



We are in brush fire season. Be prepared for what could be the worst brush fire season ever. We must all do our part!

Here are some brush fire prevention safety tips:

- Do not fly a kite near power lines or trees.
- Do not attempt to retrieve a kite entangled in power lines or trees.
- Do not touch downed power lines. They might be still energized.
- Use caution when driving or when using power tools in high winds, blowing sand or dust.
- Do not light campfires during periods of high winds or in unauthorized areas.
- Secure all loose items around your house. Watch out for toppled trees and windblown debris.

Do you live in an area that has heavy vegetation? The following information might be of help to you:

- Clear all hazardous vegetation and other combustible growth within the first 100 feet of surrounding structures. Reduce the amount and/or modify the arrangement of hazardous vegetation within the area comprising the second 100 feet for a total distance of 200 feet from any structure unless otherwise specified.
- Know at least two escape routes out of your area (if possible).
- Make sure there is a spark arrestor on your chimney.
- All trees shall be trimmed so foliage is no closer than 10 feet from outlet of the chimney.
- Make sure the roof surface is free of leaves, needles, twigs and all combustible material.

For further information, contact your local fire station or visit us on the Web at: www.lafd.org

Preparing for Brush Fire Evacuation

Here are some tips for escaping from a fast-moving brush fire.

- Listen to the radio and television for latest up-to-date news and information.
- Turn off all ceiling and attic fans.
- Close all window shutters and blinds if they are fire-resistant.
- Be ready to turn off all gas valves.
- Back your car into the garage with the windows closed.
- Keep your keys with you so you can evacuate quickly.
- Pack your car with your most important items: pets, pictures, photo IDs and extra food for yourself and your pets.
- Move all combustible furniture away from the windows and sliding glass doors to avoid ignition from radiant heat.
- Close all doors within the house to slow fire spread inside the house.
- Place a ladder against the house on the opposite side of the approaching fire for access to the roof.
- Take photos and make copies of important documents.
- Keep garden hoses attached to faucet and be ready to use it.
- If you have a pool, have a pool pump for emergencies.
- Keep extra flashlight, radio and smoke alarm batteries handy.
- Turn on the lights in all rooms of your house, on the porch, and in the yard to make your house more visible in smoke or darkness.
- If you see smoke or fire in your area, immediately report it by dialing 9-1-1.

Upon request, the LAFD will provide reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to its programs, services, and facilities.



A parade with dragons is part of the Lotus Festival.

Lotus Festival Turns 30



The annual Lotus Festival is timed to coincide with the blooming of the lotus plant.

■ Rec and Parks' well-known cultural festival set for July 13-15

Photos by Juan Carlos Chan, Rec and Parks

REC AND PARKS — The 30th installment of Rec and Parks' Lotus Festival is scheduled for the weekend of July 13 – 15 in Echo Park. Last year's estimated attendance was more than 100,000.

Fireworks are scheduled for Friday and Saturday night with the legendary Taiko Drummers playing in the background. There will be an inaugural twilight jazz series on Friday night.

The Lotus Festival, which coincides with the anticipated blooming of the lotus flower, develops, promotes and creates an atmosphere of understanding in which Asian and Pacific Islander communities in Southern California are brought together for a weekend of

cultural sharing. The Festival also seeks to preserve and enlighten the public with a sampling of distinctly different and unique Asian and Pacific Islander culture and traditions through displays, art, music, dance and food. The festival provides a fun and enjoyable time for the entire family.

Artisans-at-work will be on hand to demonstrate their skills on the beautifully decorated Flower Island Pavilion. Their artwork illustrates their spirit, tradition and pride of the Asian and Pacific Islander handiwork. Included will be paper-cutting, hand painted scrolls, calligraphy, plant and flower expertise, fish, birds and other Asian artifacts and wares.

The Health Fair will feature educational lectures on holistic fitness. Other services to be provided include: free screenings, information and referrals.

The Community Service Area will feature a variety of organizations offering free information, assistance and referrals in areas of employment, social services, immigration, legal services, education, housing and translating.

The Art Exhibit will feature artwork with the "lotus flower" theme. The 2007 exhibit will be opening for viewing during Festival hours at the Cathedral Center of St. Paul, 850 Echo Park Avenue, located across the street from the boathouse.

The International Marketplace will offer a variety of Asian and Pacific Islander items and gifts for sale, including clothing, jewelry, artwork, hand-made crafts, incense, body oils and much more.

A children's courtyard will give children the opportunity to learn Asian and Pacific Islander arts and crafts, enjoy live music, stories, songs and dances.

Queens and their courts representing local communities will be in native dress.

Dragon boat races are held both days with media, community service groups, political and business organizations, local colleges and universities whom will be competing for awards, while enjoying a day on the lake.

The food booth area will provide a variety of Asian and Pacific Islander cuisine that will feature enticing delicacies, and exotic beverages which are traditional to the Asian and Pacific Island cultures.

The event is scheduled from 5 to 9 p.m. Friday; noon to 9 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday. Echo Park Lake is on Park Avenue between Glendale Avenue and Echo Park Boulevard, just north of the Hollywood (101) and Pasadena (110) freeway junction, near Dodger Stadium.

More information: <http://www.laparks.org/grifmet/lotus.htm>



Queens and their courts representing local communities will be at the Lotus Festival.



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



Dragon boat rides and races are always exciting.



The group of employees, family, and friends gathered for a great day for the picnic.



Fun, by Contract

■ **Contract Admin. hosts annual picnic.**

Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Marketing and Communications

PUBLIC WORKS — The Bureau of Contract Administration within Public Works held its annual picnic April 28 in Griffith Park.

They had a great variety of food including barbecue, prizes, crafts for the kids, games for everyone, division competitions, a pie in the face event, and a Cabo San Lucas raffle drawing.

Thanks to Vas Singh, Sharon Reddit and Marc Wright for their assistance.



John Reamer, Inspector of Public Works and Walter Bradley, Assistant Bureau Director are the showstoppers during the pie throwing contest.



Left to Right: Annual Picnic Organizing Team: Angela De La Rosa, Sr. Management Analyst with Airports; Sophy Tzeng, Management Assistant; and Marc Wright, Principal Construction Inspector



Left to Right: Becky Balbuena, Sr. Clerk Typist; John De La Rosa, Management Analyst; Faye Serfarin, Management Assistant



Waltraut Bartle, spouse; and Rober Bartle, Dispatcher, Valley District.



A master of the balloon toss competition - Chris Smith, Chief Construction Inspector



Harmeet Singh, daughter of Vas Singh; and Vas' wife Narinder Singh



Lawrence Quirante, Structural Engineering Associate; Maricel Quirante, Management Analyst II, and son Lorenzo Quirante.



George Espindola, Sr. Construction Inspector; Emmanuel Achonu, Principal Construction Inspector



Aumoria Mitchell, daughter; and Kimberly Mitchell, Clerk, 22 years of service.



Zafar Malik, Construction Inspector; Ryan Malik, son; Sabina Malik, wife; and Amaan Malik, son.



The BBQ Team: Terry Gorman, Sr. Construction Inspector aka "Ribman"; Joe Zamora, Sr. Electrical Inspector; Alex Zamora, son; and "Big Daddy" Scott Wiles, Sr. Management Analyst, LAPD.



Ian Carney, Construction Inspector; Gail Carney



David Herrera, Construction Inspector; David Herrera's son Ryan; Barbara Nielsen, Assistant Construction Inspector; Douglas Nix, contractor.



Vas Singh, Senior Clerk Typist; and Brett McReynolds, Principal Construction Inspector.



John's Picture Perfect Contest



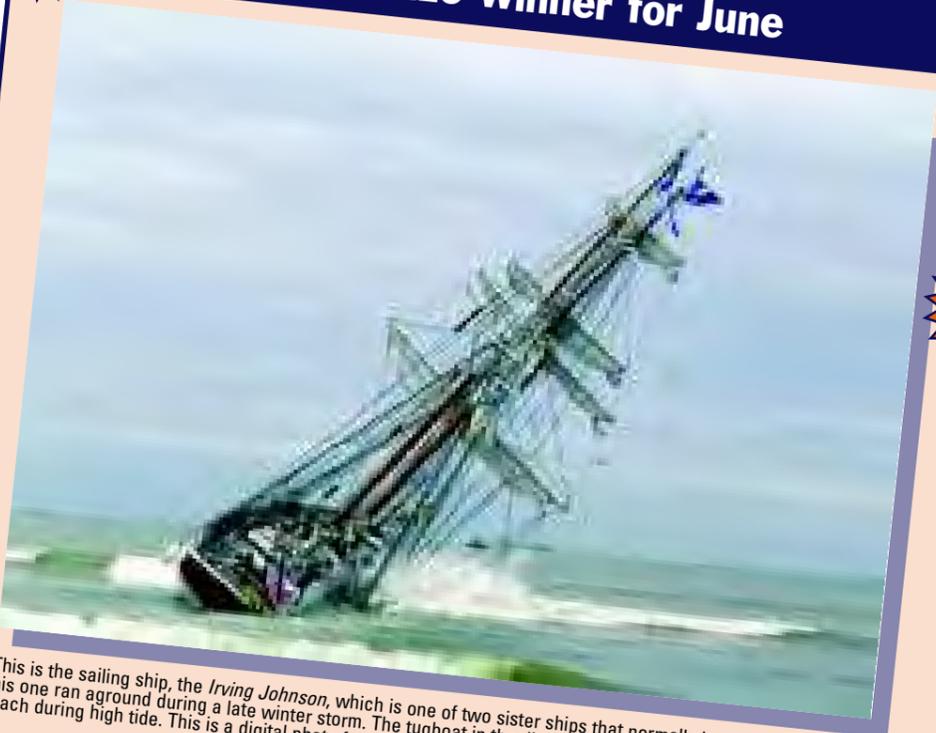
For June, we have four winners!

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

WIN FOUR PRIZES
\$25 Target Card

NEXT DEADLINE: July 15
Happy Snapping!

Grand Prize Winner for June



"This is the sailing ship, the *Irving Johnson*, which is one of two sister ships that normally berth in San Pedro. This one ran aground during a late winter storm. The tugboat in the distance managed to pull the ship off the beach during high tide. This is a digital photo from a Nikon D2x camera."

John's comments: I would have loved to see this in person; this is definitely something you don't see every day. Thanks, George!
- George Cormany, LAPD



"This picture was taken of a flower in my front garden for a friend who was ill and I was unable to visit. This flower was a flower that my friend would not have to water and will never die. The picture was taken to brighten up her day in hope that she would feel better."

- Germain Mendoza, Housing

John's comments: Not only is this a lovely picture, but I think the reason you took it was even lovelier! Thanks, Germain, for spreading goodwill and happiness around this planet we call Earth.



"My daughter is nine years old and already has a portfolio of her photos; she loves photography. This flower is smaller than an inch and she even got the tiny bug on it. She is very proud of her pictures and thought this would be great place to display and possibly win a contest with it."

- Rebeca Moreno, daughter of Deborah Moreno, DWP

John's comments: And proud she should be! It's good to see kids shooting something other than a space alien. Thanks, Rebeca and Deborah!



"This picture, believe it or not, was not posed. I took my eight-month-old daughter, Sydney, to Denny's with relatives. When I came back to the table, yes she was reading the menu - yeah, I could not resist taking a photo because when the waitress came [my daughter] ordered the Grand Slam."

- Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

John's comments: The other day, my brother Tom and I were just talking about how much we liked Denny's; maybe we, too, were ordering Grand Slams at eight months! Thanks, Steph; nice work capturing this precious moment!

Runners Up:
Shelia Brooks-LeFridge, LAPD

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
- The contest is all in good fun: The Club cannot be responsible for delays in delivering *Alive!*, or for delays in the transmission of responses.

Sanitation's T.I.R.E. Project 

Turning Waste Into Clean



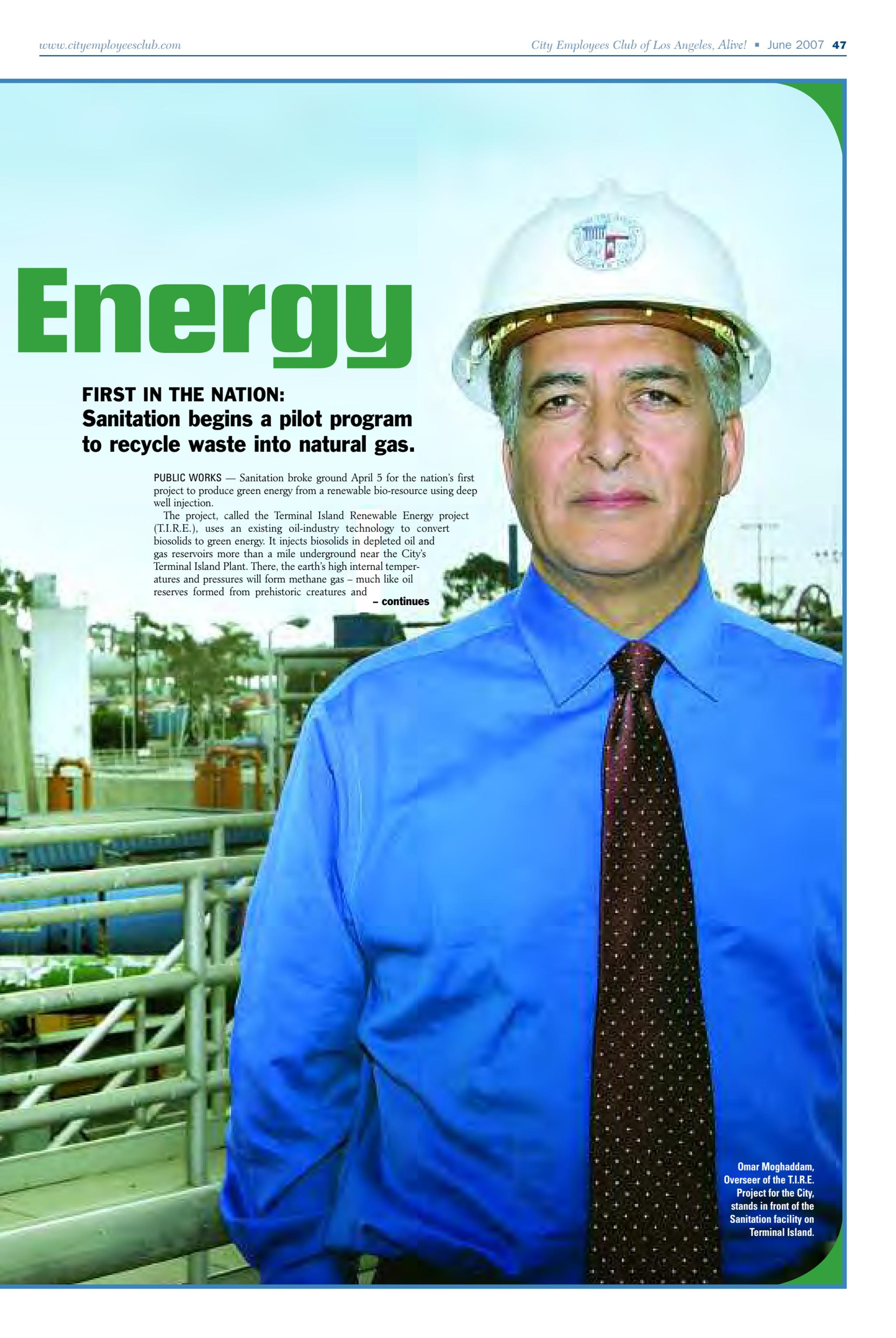
Energy

FIRST IN THE NATION: Sanitation begins a pilot program to recycle waste into natural gas.

PUBLIC WORKS — Sanitation broke ground April 5 for the nation's first project to produce green energy from a renewable bio-resource using deep well injection.

The project, called the Terminal Island Renewable Energy project (T.I.R.E.), uses an existing oil-industry technology to convert biosolids to green energy. It injects biosolids in depleted oil and gas reservoirs more than a mile underground near the City's Terminal Island Plant. There, the earth's high internal temperatures and pressures will form methane gas – much like oil reserves formed from prehistoric creatures and

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Omar Moghaddam,
Overseer of the T.I.R.E.
Project for the City,
stands in front of the
Sanitation facility on
Terminal Island.

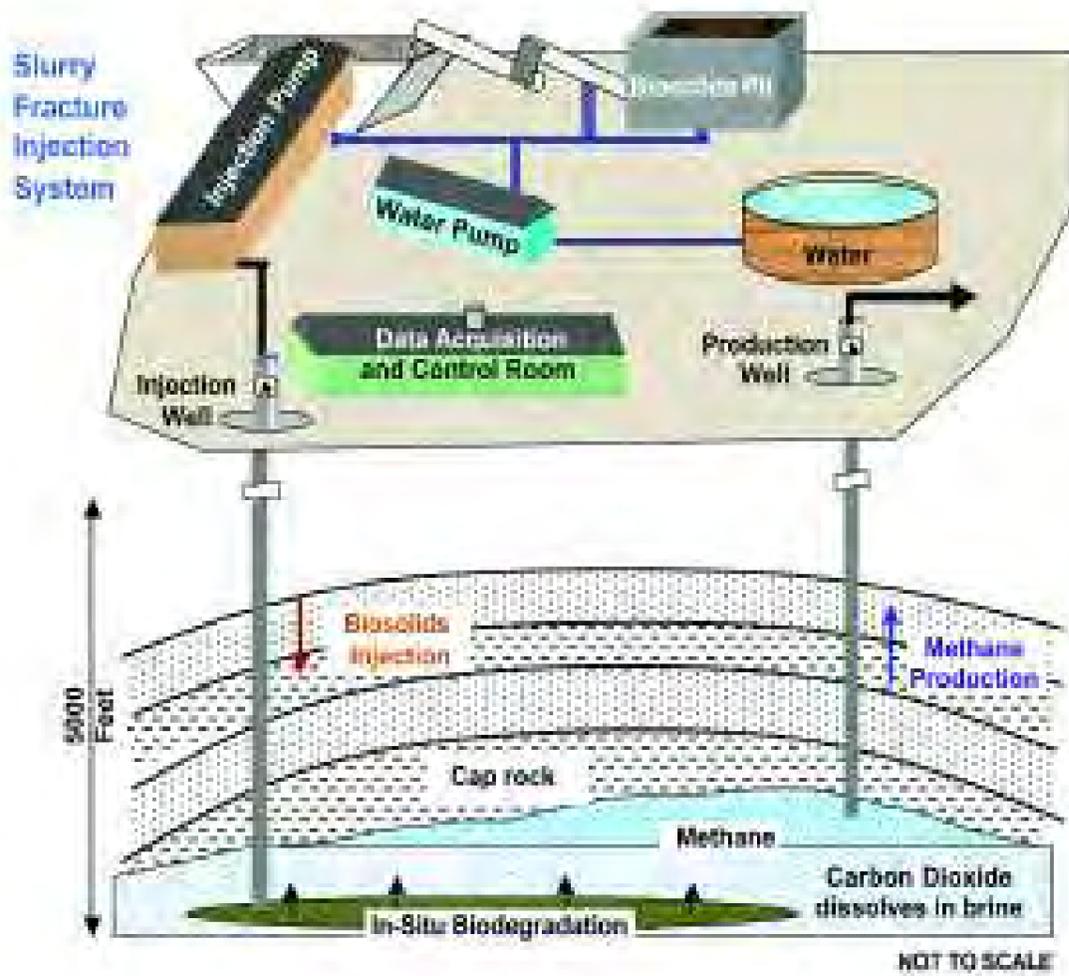
Sanitation's T.I.R.E. Project

T.I.R.E. PROJECT: How It Works

Slurry mixtures of treated, non-hazardous, municipal sludge and water will be injected into a high permeability unconsolidated sandstone formation at the Terminal Island Treatment Plant operated by City of Los Angeles. Multiple injection and monitoring wells will be drilled and completed in weakly consolidated, high permeability, sand formations at depths from about 3,800 to 5,300 ft.

Up to 400 tons per day of biosolids will be injected into soft, high porosity, formation sands, using technology optimized for solid waste slurry injection, for five years. At this depth the material will undergo a natural process of high-temperature anaerobic biodegradation, similar to the process of diagenesis naturally deposited organic layers undergo over time after deposition and burial. Retention in the high temperature (114° – 159°F) saline environment of the deep geologic formation will treat and convert the biosolids into methane, carbon dioxide and non-volatile residual solids.

The carbon dioxide will be preferentially dissolved and sequestered in the formation brine, while relatively high purity methane will migrate and become trapped in the reservoir to be recovered for beneficial use at the surface, or stored for subsequent use.



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plants. The process also produces carbon dioxide, but this greenhouse gas remains trapped in the deep subsurface through sequestration.

Overseeing the project for the City is Homayoun R. (Omar) Moghaddam, Division Manager, Sanitation. Omar has been leading the project since its first proposal stage in 2001.

Terralog Technologies USA, which introduced the idea to City officials nearly a decade ago, is developing the T.I.R.E. Project in partnership with the Public Works; Terralog owns the technology patent and engineered the project. Already, the project has gained the attention of scientists nationally. John A. Apps, Senior Scientist Emeritus, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory said, "The pioneering of deep injection disposal of treated biosolids by the City of Los Angeles could pave the way in eventually providing economic benefits and a cleaner environment to millions of citizens of major cities throughout the world."

When it is fully operational, Sanitation will convert biosolids into approximately 3,500 kilowatts or 3.5 megawatts of electricity, enough green energy to power nearly 3000 homes at a value of more than \$2.4 million per year. For now, the clean gas produced by the process will flow into a fuel cell, which will create power



Turning Waste Into Clean Energy



Workers have started digging the two mile-deep holes that are critical to the T.I.R.E. Project.



Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa drills the ceremonial first hole at the T.I.R.E. Project press event.



City officials pose for a photo at the T.I.R.E. Project press event.

to be used onsite. The DWP, in a separate project, is building the fuel cell and electricity component.

Among innovative technological features of the T.I.R.E. project are carbon sequestration, use of fuel cells powered by methane and a state-of-the-art monitoring system.

Environmental and Economic Advantages

The demonstration project will include extensive field monitoring and sampling from the offset monitoring wells to quantify slurry placement, biodegradation rates, carbon dioxide and methane separation, carbon dioxide sequestration and saturation in formation brine, and free gas migration and production. This technology provides the following environmental and economic benefits:

- **Improves Groundwater Protection**
- **Provides Clean Renewable Energy Source**
- **Reduces CO2 Emissions to Atmosphere**

The TIRE Project will reduce air emissions and trucking costs currently associated with transporting biosolids to various land application sites, reduce greenhouse gases due to the sequestering of biosolids underground (up to 400 tons per day), and produce renewable electricity from biogas. The TIRE Project will also save millions of dollars in capital, operating, and maintenance costs that otherwise would have been spent on dewatering facilities.

- **Enhanced treatment and sterilization of biosolids**
- **Provides a local solution, reducing long distance truck traffic**
- **Reduced greenhouse gas emissions to the atmosphere**
- **Enhances Thermal Treatment and Sterilization**

About Omar Moghaddam

Homayoun (Omar) R. Moghaddam
*Overseer, T.I.R.E. Project for the City of Los Angeles
 Division Manager, Regulatory Affairs Division,
 Bureau of Sanitation, Public Works*

More than 26 years experience in water/wastewater, energy and research, renewable energy, refineries, operations of the resource recovery from biosolids, biomass and cogeneration facilities; regulatory and legislative affairs; negotiated air quality, water recycling and waste discharge permits, negotiated energy contracts.



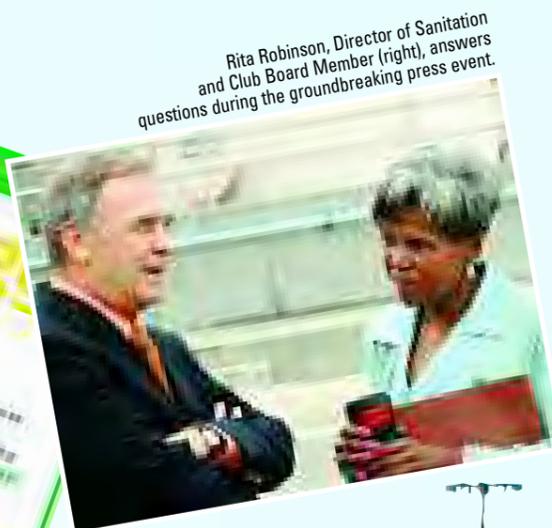
Formerly:

- Division Manager, Energy and Applied Research
- Senior Operations Engineer, Hyperion Energy Recovery System
- Senior Engineer, Air Quality Management (certified)
- Senior Engineer, Energy and Utility Manager
- Resource Development Engineer
- Certified Professional Engineer, State of California
- Certified Permitting Professional, South Coast Air Quality Management District

Omar lives in Redondo Beach with his wife, Afsaneh; daughter, Chloe; and son, Kian.



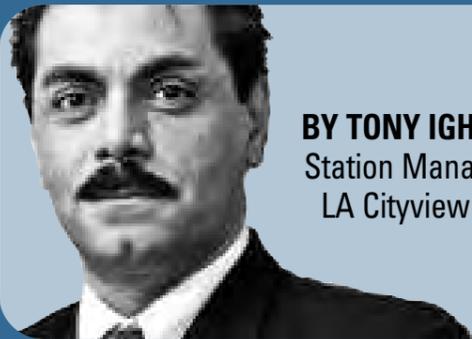
The invitation to the press event stressed the project's energy efficiency potential.



Rita Robinson, Director of Sanitation and Club Board Member (right), answers questions during the groundbreaking press event.



Tuned In



BY TONY IGHANI
Station Manager,
LA Cityview 35



Newsbrief



WI-FI AT THE LIBRARIES

In a technology "first" for Los Angeles, people with laptop computers now have free wireless access to the Internet (Wi-Fi) and Web-based library resources at the Los Angeles Public Library's Central Library and all 71 branches. The Library is the first City department to offer Wi-Fi in all its facilities.

With public demand for the Library's 2,200 computers at an all-time high, the library implemented Wi-Fi to provide greater and more convenient Internet access to the 15 million people who use the library annually.

"Transforming our libraries into Wi-Fi access points revolutionizes our ability to serve people," says City Librarian Fontayne Holmes. "With Wi-Fi we're providing computer access to far more people, without incurring the high cost of purchasing and maintaining additional equipment. Best of all, when people use their own laptops, more of our computers are available to patrons who must rely on library equipment for Internet access."

Outfitting all 72 libraries Citywide with Wi-Fi was accomplished without using City money, notes Holmes. Instead, the Library Foundation of Los Angeles, the non-profit organization that supports the Library, raised the necessary funds.

The program began in March 2004 as a pilot project in the Central Library's Computer Center and was a success with the public. The Library then began an ambitious expansion of the service to all facilities. In Fall 2004, the Los Feliz Branch became the first branch to offer Wi-Fi service. The Library completed the project by April 2007, with the inauguration of Wi-Fi at the final three branches: Felipe de Neve, Frances Howard Goldwyn-Hollywood Regional and Watts.

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK

Public Works and its 5,800 employees celebrated National Public Works Week from May 19 through May 26, 2007. On different days of the week, Public Works employees educated Los Angeles students about the work of Public Works through various outreach activities. These included the following:

- Sanitation Open House in Northridge, May 19
- Palms Fire Station Tour, May 21
- Afterschool cleanup, Reseda, May 22
- Ocean Day, Dockweiler State Beach, May 22
- Hyperion Treatment Plant Tour, May 24
- Tree Presentation and Street Lighting Demonstration, Los Angeles, May 24

Board of Public Works President Cynthia M. Ruiz says, "The Department of Public Works is a public service-oriented department, and it is important that we celebrate and thank our public works professionals for their commitment and continued service to the residents of this city. These men and women are the unsung heroes of Los Angeles who repair our streets and street lights, plant and maintain trees on the public right-of-way, build libraries, police stations and fire stations, pick up our trash, and clean storm drains. On National Public Works Week, we take the time to give them credit for their dedication, and tell the residents about the great work that they do."

The weeklong celebration of National Public Works Week was instituted by the American Public Works Association (APWA) and is observed every third week of May. It aims to acknowledge the public works professionals across America who build and maintain public infrastructure. National Public Works Week is a public education campaign stresses the value and impact of public works to communities.

June Shows Are Full of Flavors

In June, we're pleased to premiere a number of new shows, described below. Since there is a lot of material to cover, I will limit my introduction to these few lines. On behalf of all of us here at LA Cityview 35, I wish you all a safe and happy summer.

Programming Highlights in June:

At Your Library: The Great Teen Escape

Where in Los Angeles can teenagers find mountains of information, entertainment and mental stimulation on topics that *they* care about? *At Your Library!* Franklin Delano Neely is back with another inside look at one of the institutions that make this multimedia City great – the Los Angeles Public Library.

This episode peers inside the minds of Los Angeles teenagers, and the future is looking bright. Today's teens are looking to the library as a major center of their social and educational lives. And brains that are stimulated on the road from "child to adult" are minds that will create the innovations of the coming century.

But teens don't just focus on homework and college preparation at the library. The Los Angeles Public Library has numerous fun social events and programs, student councils and top-of-the-line technology that keep the teens coming back. Reporter Andrew Tarr goes undercover as a teenager to find out why the Central Library and its 71 branches have become hotspots for the "18 and under" set.

Flavors of L.A.

Los Angeles is known as a melting pot not only of world cultures but also of world cuisines. On *LA Cityview 35's Flavors of L.A.*, we taste the foods of Los Angeles, council district by council district. In past episodes we've taken you to a tavern in San Pedro, a coffeehouse in Watts, the Mercado of mid-city, a tea house in West Adams, a "Hawaiian fusion" meal downtown, pizza in Canoga Park, and fine French dining in Woodland Hills.

This time, host Eric Garcetti, the City Councilmember representing the 13th District, takes us to his own area, stretching from the west end of Hollywood all the way east to Atwater Village and Glassell Park, for a quick sampling of just a few of the many varied foods and cuisines you can find on that side of town. The 13th District is the geographically smallest, most densely populated council district in the City of Los Angeles, and one of the most diverse.

Our first stop is Canele (3219 Glendale Blvd.), a fairly new restaurant in Atwater Village. Then we head back in Eric Garcetti's

all-electric car toward Hollywood, to a very unusual ice cream shop, Scoops (712 N. Heliotrope, just off Melrose, behind LA City College). Our final stop on our brief tour of the 13th District is Marouch (4905 Santa Monica Blvd., East Hollywood). The Lebanese/Armenian cuisine is a favorite of L.A. Weekly restaurant critic Jonathan Gold, who has just been awarded the first Pulitzer Prize given to a food writer! Fortunately for us, Jonathan stopped in to chat with Eric about their favorite restaurants of all kinds, and then to share in a Middle Eastern feast that was so large it took the entire *Flavors of L.A.* crew to eat it.

LA in Focus

Continuing our series of "LA in Focus" programs dedicated to the newly appointed General Managers and Department Heads, *LA Cityview 35* will introduce you to four more people tasked with running our City's agencies and serving our community. Among them are Chief of the LAFD, Douglas Barry, who heads the Department that protects the life, property and environment of the citizens of Los Angeles; David Hahai, President of the Board of Commissioners of the DWP, the nation's largest utility; Robert Andrade, newly appointed General Manager of El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument Authority Department, which manages 22 historic buildings surrounding Plaza Park, site of the founding of the City of Los Angeles in 1781; and Richard Benbow, formerly with the Community Redevelopment Agency and now General Manager of the Los Angeles Community Development Department, responsible for improving the quality of life in Los Angeles by creating economic, social and employment opportunities for those in need.

L.A. Roundtable

L.A. Roundtable, *LA Cityview 35's* national award-winning public affairs series, continues this month with new in-depth discussions focusing on important local issues. The series is moderated by Dave Bryan, who has recently been recognized as Television Journalist of the Year by the Southern California Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.

Relations between L.A.'s black and

Latino populations is the subject of one program. According to some leaders in the community, those relations are deteriorating as more violent incidents occur. Participants include Rev. Eric Lee, Executive Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Greater L.A.; Pilar Marrero, editor and columnist for *La Opinion*, the leading Spanish-language daily newspaper; Kerman Maddox, Democratic political consultant and a leader in the local black community; and Arturo Ybarra, Director of the Watts Century Latino Organization.

Housing is always a hot topic here on the West Coast. Our cost of living is one of the highest in the nation, and housing is becoming less and less affordable. We asked our panel of experts whether there is such a thing as "affordable housing," and if so, who can afford to rent or buy it, and how? They include Tom Swanson, Wells Fargo Retail Mortgage Manager; Joseph Mailander, a blogger and columnist who writes about housing and other regional issues; Con Howe, former Planning Director for the City of Los Angeles and who works nationally on housing issues; and Scott Choppin, managing partner of the Urban Pacific Group, who has developed many types of housing in Southern California.

L.A. Roundtable airs on Channel 35 Mondays at 1:30 and 8 p.m., and Fridays at 9:30 p.m. The series is produced by Steve Miller and co-produced by Dave Bryan.

Your Council District Close-Up

Your Council District Close-Up returns to LA Cityview this month with all new programs. The series, now in its fifth year, features separate half-hour interviews with each Los Angeles City Council member. It provides an opportunity for each representative to discuss his or her concerns, priorities and programs, both in their own district and in the City as a whole. Occasionally the councilmembers will also bring their deputies, staff members or community representatives with them to take part in the discussions. In the coming weeks, all 15 members of the City Council will be invited to appear on the program.

Your Council District Close-Up is seen weekdays at 8:30 a.m. and again at 7 p.m. The programs are hosted by reporters Phil Shuman and Jack Popejoy.

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



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The public was welcome aboard the United Express Jetliner for a tour.

Palmdale's First Arrival

■ More than 300 people witnessed first landing of a commercial jetliner in LA Palmdale's history.

Story by Liz Montes, Club Counselor, and Harold Johnson, Public and Community Relations, LA Ontario; Photos by Liz Montes

AIRPORTS — On May 8, more than 300 people witnessed the first landing of a commercial jet airliner as part of the re-launch of commercial passenger service at LA/Palmdale Regional Airport (PMD) during a community open house in advance of the start of scheduled air service June 7.

On board the United Express regional jetliner -- a Bombardier CRJ200 -- were members of the Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners and other City officials including City Councilman Bill Rosendahl, chair of the Southern California Regional Airport Authority.

United will fly two round trips per day between PMD and San Francisco International Airport (SFO), where travelers can connect to dozens of domestic and international flights.

"United is delighted to partner with the City of Palmdale and Los Angeles World Airports to give our Antelope Valley customers more convenient access to our global network," said Bill Kramer, managing director of United Airlines.

Palmdale Mayor James Ledford presided at ceremonies held on the PMD tarmac to showcase the newly remodeled passenger terminal and the United Express regional jet. The outreach event was held to familiarize residents with the airport and introduce residents to United's new service.

"This is a giant step in the right direction," Los Angeles Councilmember Bill Rosendahl said. "The opening of LA/Palmdale Airport is a fundamental part of our regionalization strategy -- it eases the traffic gridlock that chokes our highways and streets and expands air service for our traveling public."

Samson Mengistu, acting executive director of Los Angeles World Airports, said the event at PMD was "history-making" and resulted from "a very strong partnership involving many people and many agencies over many years."

Mengistu said that Airports will soon select a



Airport Employees who refurbished the Palmdale Airport Terminal, front row, from left: Darren Popper, Utility Crew; Melisa Menefield-Collier, Custodial; Carmen De Jonge, Custodial; Robert Garcia, Utility Crew; Jose Zavala, Custodial; Ed Ridderbusch, Electric Shop; and Robert Gluck, Construction and Maintenance Supervisor. Back row: David Watson, Electric Shop; Fernando Alday, Utility Shop; Eugene Johnston, Carpentry Shop; Lodi Woodmore, Utility Shop; and Kipp Coughtrie, PMD Maintenance.

full-time airport manager to oversee airport operations at LA/Palmdale. "Moreover," he said, "we will redouble our efforts to market this wonderful airport to additional airlines throughout the U.S. and we will continue our comprehensive outreach efforts to the business, civic and travel industry communities in the High Desert and beyond."

Under the supervision of Robert Gluck, Ontario Airport Construction and Maintenance Division, employees from both Van Nuys and Ontario Airport refurbished the Palmdale Terminal. It was a three-month project to prepare the terminal for the opening. The terminal was given a complete makeover with new paint, new signage, new rooftop, lighting and new blacktop for the parking area.

PMD is on a 60-acre site at U.S. Air Force Plant 42. It is approximately 60 miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles off State Highway 14. Airports owns 17,750 acres of land adjacent to Plant 42, most of which is available for development. PMD is one of four airports owned and operated by Airports, a City of Los Angeles department that also owns and operates Los Angeles International, LA/Ontario International and Van Nuys airports.



Attending the Palmdale Airport Showcase featuring the ceremonial landing of a commercial jetliner were (from left) Palmdale Mayor James Ledford, Los Angeles City Councilman Bill Rosendahl and Lancaster Mayor Henry Hearn, giving a thumbs-up to air service to San Francisco that begins June 7.



Samson Mengistu, Acting Executive Director, Airports.



From left: Melisa Menefield-Collier, Club Member, Ontario Airport Custodial; Carmen De Jonge, Custodial; and Jose Zavala, Club Member, Custodial.

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or via E-mail:
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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.

RLACEI: Changes Could Affect Spouses, Funeral Expenses



By Phil Skarin,
RLACEI Publicity Chair

President Ed Harding reports:



Ed Harding

"My directors and I were very disappointed in the turnout at the April 12 General Meeting at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center. Only 75 attended, which was the smallest group since we first started furnishing a free lunch to our Retirees. We had about 30 door prizes, which meant that almost half of the attendees walked off with either cash or a gift certificate.

"I never have to worry about getting

enough golfers to come out for our Golf Tournament, which is coming up Wed., June 6, at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course. Phil Skarin and Tom Stemnock do such a fabulous job of getting golfers to come out for a great day on the course, followed by a great lunch at the Almansor Court Banquet Room. There will be many awards and door prizes. If you have been asleep or out of town and haven't sent in an entry, call Skarin and he may be able to squeeze you in.

"On May 4, I wrote to Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa regarding an administrative code amendment to the funeral expense allowance for retirees. Since the mayor is the chairperson of the Executive

Employees Relations Committee, we are requesting that his Committee consider increasing the allowance from \$2,500 to \$5,000, and that a representative of RLACEI is authorized to address the committee on this issue.

"Don't forget our great picnic on Thursday, Aug. 9, at the Grace E. Simons Lodge in Elysian Park. Chris & Pitts will again serve a great lunch, and there will be entertainment and door prizes.

"It is my sorrow to report the passing of June Grose, past president and secretary of RLACEI. She was also known for her award winning rose garden."

Ken Spiker, our elected Commissioner to the LACERS Board of Administration, reports:

"The Benefits Committee and the Board has unanimously approved a new benefit for retiree members.

"The change would permit a retired member to add a spouse or domestic partner to their retirement allowance plan after retirement.

"The mayor and City Council have already approved a similar plan for retired police officers and firemen. In their case, an approved charter change is required before implementation. In the

case for other City retirees, only an administrative code change is necessary.

"The new benefit will be self-funded at no cost to the retirement fund or City treasury. The plan will be expensive, but would allow those who wish to use it to fund a retirement continuance for their designee.

"The LACERS Board of Administration will adopt rules to administer the program and determine the cost to join."



Upcoming Events:

- June 6: RLACEI Golf Tournament at Alhambra Municipal Golf Course
- Aug. 9: RLACEI Picnic at Grace E. Simons Lodge
- Oct. 11: RLACEI Annual Meeting and Elections at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center
- Dec. 6: RLACEI Christmas Party at the Grace E. Simons Lodge.

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

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.

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Picton Harbor.

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
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Wine But No Wind in Wellington

■ Hal's cruise Down Under continues.

Our travel group, Myrna and Don, Effie and Pierre, and Evelyn and I are on a 14-day cruise of Australia and New Zealand on board Holland-America's *MS Statendam*.

Yesterday, we sailed from Christchurch, New Zealand, and this morning, the 10th day of our cruise, we docked in Picton, New Zealand. Picton, the ferry port for the South Island, is a small town of about 4,000. I had booked a wine tour of the area, as the Marlborough area is the largest wine-producing region in New Zealand. The ship docked within walking distance of the center of town and, while the ladies decided they needed the exercise and walked into town, the gentlemen

age areas. We then had a tasting, which most everyone liked. The wines are sold in the United States under the label of Brancott Winery.

The weather started out overcast, but by the time we headed back to the ship the sun was shining, and it was very pleasant. That evening's dinner was a barbecue on the Lido Deck. It was a nice change from the dining room.

The show that evening featured a very good singer, Laura Compton, and we finished the evening by listening to karaoke in the Crow's Nest.

We sailed from Picton, South Island, in the

early evening, and three hours later we docked for the night in Wellington, North Island. The dock area has no nighttime security, so the gangway was not opened until 7 a.m.

Wellington, the second largest city and capital of New Zealand, has a regional population of 400,000, and 150,000 in the city itself. It is surrounded by a beautiful harbor with picturesque buildings up steep hills.

The ship docked about a mile from town, and it was an easy walk into town (or you could take the shuttle bus for the usual \$15NZ). There were a number of tour guides hanging around the gangway, and I asked if we could get a van for a tour. We booked a taxi for a two-hour tour for \$140NZ. If you consider that the shuttle would cost \$30NZ per person round trip, we got a bargain for our group.

We started our tour by going to the highest point, Brooklyn Hill, to see a wind turbine that are used to generate electricity for the city. The city's nickname is "Windy Wellington," and they take advantage of the wind with the turbines. There was no wind today, and we had a great view of the city and harbor areas. We drove back to the government area and stopped to see the Parliament buildings. We stopped at Old St Paul's, the former Cathedral Church. The foundation stone was laid in 1865, the year after



Old St. Paul's in Wellington.

Wellington became the capital of New Zealand. In 1954, Old St. Paul's was replaced by a new and larger cathedral, and the old one was scheduled to be demolished. After 12 years of debate, the building was taken over by the government and is now nondenominational and used extensively for weddings, concerts and cultural events. Inside the church are the flags of the United States and of the Second Marine Corps Division, which was stationed in the Wellington area during World War II, and was presented to the church when the U.S. troops left New Zealand.

We finished our tour by driving around the harbor area and the old warehouses that Peter Jackson uses for a film studio. We even saw a mockup of *King Kong*, another film he directed (the recent remake, of course, not the original).

Our guide dropped us off in the center of town, and Myrna and Don walked back to the ship. Effie, Pierre, Evelyn and I decided to do a little more sightseeing. First we walked to the closest Starbucks so Evelyn could buy a mug. We then took the cable car to the botanical gardens. We had a great view



Evelyn in Wellington.



Art Deco style in Napier.

took the free shuttle bus. We met our guide, Nigel, at the information center and started with a drive around the surrounding area. The town sits at the end of Queen Charlotte Sound and reminded me of a small fishing village. The area has a number of hiking trails, called tracks, and attracts a large number of backpackers.

As it was still early in the day, we stopped at the Aviation Heritage Center in Omaka, which has one of the largest private collections of World War I aircraft and artifacts. The museum, called the Knights of the Sky and which opened in December 2006, is funded by Peter Jackson, the director of the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy and other major works. The museum has a very impressive collection of planes and dioramas.

We had a very good lunch at the Montana Winery before we took the tour. It wasn't the harvest time, so the winery had little activity, but we could self-tour the bottling and stor-

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from the top and we walked around the gardens for a bit. Returning to street level, we had lunch at a Japanese fast-food restaurant. After lunch, we did some souvenir shopping and ended up in the harbor area of Queens Wharf and found the Wellington City Museum. We toured the museum, which provided a good history of the city.

We took a taxi back to the ship, and Evelyn had time to play Bingo before dinner. That evening's entertainment was a pianist, Jon Darsk, who was excellent. Overall I would give Holland-America high marks for their entertainment and activities provided by the cruise staff.

In the morning we docked in Napier, a small port city, halfway up the west coast of the North Island in Hawke's Bay. It is an important manufacturing and fishing center and serves as an exporting point for wool, processed meat and dairy products. The town was founded in 1856 and is named for Sir Charles Napier, a British official in India. The town was destroyed by a 1931 earthquake that measured 7.9 on the Richter scale. Napier and its neighbor, Hastings, were rebuilt in art deco and Spanish mission style. The art deco architecture and colorful palate are clearly visible in the central business district today.

I booked a tour on the Internet, and our guide, Hamish, picked us up at the pier. We really were lucky to have gotten Hamish, as his family has been in the area for a long time. Besides running a small tour agency, he also has vineyards, apple orchards and sheep.

Hamish gave us a quick tour of the town, and we stopped a wholesale wool outlet. We picked up a few items of wool, and it was nice to get there before the tour buses. We stopped to see a few of the art deco building and then drove to the highest lookout point for a great view of the area. The weather was the best yet, sunny, no wind and temperature in the mid-70s.

Hawke's Bay is another large wine growing area, and we stopped at the Selini Winery for lunch. We ordered a sampler plate, and we were very pleased with our choice. I had a wonderful selection of local cheeses, meats, fruits and breads. Being at a winery, I had to have a cold beer with my lunch.

One of the things that we wanted to see was sheep shearing, and I had specifically requested that when I made the reservation with Hamish. As it turned out, Hamish's brother owns a sheep ranch, so after lunch we stopped there and Hamish changed into his sheep shearing clothes and sheared three sheep for us. Evelyn was the only one brave enough to give the shearing a try.

After the shearing, we stopped at the area's oldest winery, Mission Estates, for a short tasting. The winery has a large open field, and each year they put on a concert. Last year

it was Rod Stewart and there were 28,000 people in attendance. It's a little like the Hollywood Bowl, with festival seating, but only one performance.

As we drove back to the ship, we realized we had circled the whole area. Napier and the surrounding area reminded us of Santa Barbara near the coast and Napa Valley when we were inland. This was our favorite stop in New Zealand.

Tonight, after dinner there was a special dessert "extravaganza" on the Lido Deck by the pool. It looked nice, but we were about "fooded" out.

Tomorrow we will be sea, before stopping at Tauranga, before we end our cruise in Auckland.



The great lunch at the winery.



Evelyn shearing her new friend, Napier.



At the wool store in Napier.



The Chef's Dinner on the ship.

RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

Sid Dallas said, "I enjoy your column." Sid's wife and my wife are both retired City school nurses and see each other at reunions.

Grady Mullen is at the Country Villa Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 9655 Sepulveda Blvd., North Hills, CA 91343. Phone (818) 892-8665. He has diabetes and heart problems.

Charles and Maxine Tichenor live at 516 N. Vine Ct., Jenks, OK 74037. Phone (918) 299-0282. They would like to have a reunion of other retirees who are Okies. Contact them if interested. They are very active in the Tulsa Historical Society. They present programs to schools about "Early Cattle Trade of Tulsa" and dress up in period attire.

Roselynn Castelberg writes from Henderson, Nev., "I retired from the City Attorney's office in November 1972. I just turned 90. I live with my daughter and play bingo and Scrabble and do cryptograms."

Robert Taplin writes, "I retired as a Building Inspector 22 years ago. I am in good health for 88 years young and am active in two bowling leagues. Thank you for your efforts for the retirees."

Jane Hanson, Hemet, writes, "Your 'Thought For the Day' is always welcome and appreciated. They give us all a lift. Many thanks."

There are a number of groups of retirees that get together for breakfast or lunch regularly, in various areas. I would like to hear about them. Is anyone interested in one for **engineers in the Van Nuys area**? Call me at (818) 784-0130.

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

Hal Danowitz asks you to visit our Website at www.rlacei.com to find out the latest retirement news.

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 call (818) 784-0130.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: *Touch all the Right Bases*

*In the game of baseball, you try to get a hit,
then touch all of the bases, before reaching home base.*

*In the game of life, in our daily or weekly routines, we also touch many bases.
The types of bases we touch are indicators of our character.
Some bases provide uplift and encouragement.
Others cause disappointment and despair.*

*Some bases become essential parts of our lives, such as
bases of love and friendship
bases of fun and games
basis of social engagements
bases of prayer and worship
we feel a void in our lives if we miss any of our essential bases.
So, if you want to be a winner in the game of life, be sure to
touch all the right bases.*

- 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

Retiree Question of the Month

Alive! asked retirees...

What's your favorite movie?

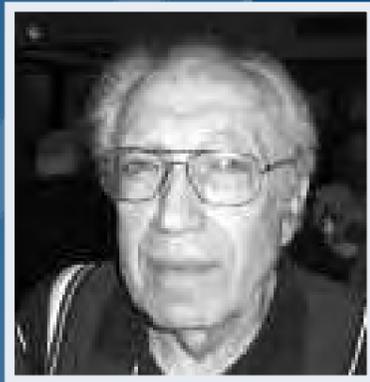
The Best Years



"Cool Hand Luke."
- Fred Hoepfner, retired from Public Works/ Engineering in 1996



"Any movie with Ginger Roberts and Fred Astaire."
- Trudy Kaye, retired from City Planning in 1990. Her Aunt Minnie was married to Sidney Chaplin, Charlie's brother.



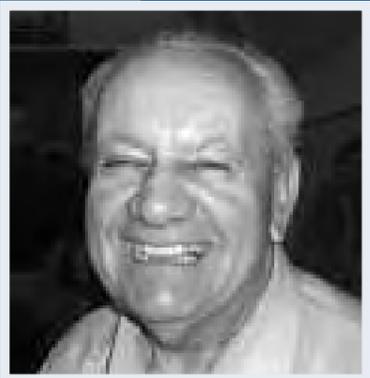
"The Departed."
- Leo Rosen



"In the Heat of the Night."
- Quentall Webb, retired from Public Works in 1989



"Any cowboy movie!"
- Joe Kaye



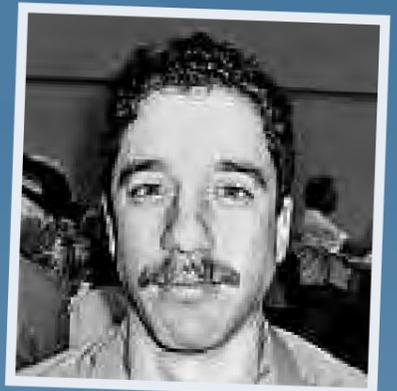
"Casablanca."
- Tony Alvarez



"Pirates of the Caribbean and Find Me Guilty with Vin Diesel."
- Norma Rose



"The Illusionist."
- Art Minazzoli, retired from Public Works in 1994



"The Blues Brothers."
- Jack Rosen, son of Leo and Norma Rosen



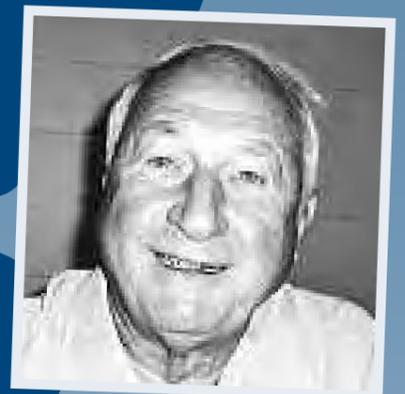
"The Doors, with Val Kilmer."
- Joel Rosen, son of Leo and Norma Rosen



"The Pride of the Yankees, with Gary Cooper."
- Phil Skarin



"Casablanca."
- Ella Garza, wife of Americo



"Casablanca."
- Cliff Rich, retired from Transportation in 2006

REST INSURED



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



Going South Of the Border?

Whether you are going on vacation or visiting relatives, driving your car into Mexico carries with it some very specific insurance needs that you should be aware of.

It's important to understand that you have to purchase Mexican auto insurance. No standard U.S. policy will extend coverage to Mexico. Purchase your coverage in advance through one of the many quality Mexican insurers online. Don't wait until the border crossing to purchase it -- the coverage you get might not be what you expect. After an accident, people realize how limited some of the Mexican insurance products are.

While we don't recommend one Mexican insurance Websites over another, you'll find many more reputable companies online than at the border. Buying your Mexican insurance online allows you to get an instant quote and actually read about the coverage you are buying. Buying and printing it online takes about five minutes.

Here are some questions and tips:

1. Are you allowed to repair your vehicle in the United States or Canada?

Will the Mexican insurance company allow you to repair your vehicle in the US or Canada? Some Mexican insurance companies require your vehicle to be fixed in Mexico. Unless you live in Mexico, most people would much rather drive their car back to their home in the United States and get it repaired locally. Make sure to purchase a Mexican insurance policy that allows you to fix your vehicle in the country of your choice.

2. If you are allowed to repair the car in the United States, what labor rate will the Mexican insurance policy pay?

U.S. hourly labor rates are much higher than most hourly labor rates in Mexico, so it is not uncommon for some Mexican insurance companies to pay only the Mexican hourly labor rate (as low as \$20 per hour) for repairs made in the United States. Look for a policy that offers to pay whatever the U.S. labor rate is or up to a certain dollar amount per hour.

3. Does the insurance include legal service?

Legal services -- attorney fees, court costs and bail -- are important and should be included with every Mexican auto insurance policy. In the event injuries or fatalities, you'll need an attorney to guide you through the Mexican court system. Without this coverage, you could spend days in a Mexican jail and pay thousands of dollars out of pocket.

4. Does the Mexican insurance include medical evacuation and plane tickets home?

Most Mexican insurance policies do not include this type of coverage, but some com-

panies will add it. This coverage will coordinate and pay for air or land ambulance service in the event of serious illness or injury (vehicle related). Air medical evacuation can cost \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Plane tickets home: In the event that your car is stolen or is not drivable, this coverage will pay for you and possibly the rest of the people in your travel group to fly back to your home in the United States or Canada.

5. Deductibles: Make sure you know exactly what your deductibles are.

Typically, Mexican auto insurance has two different deductibles:

■ **Physical damage deductible:** In most cases this is between \$500 and \$1,000. Most Mexican insurance offers deductibles that are based on a percentage of the vehicle's value. The most common is 2 percent of the vehicle's value with a minimum of \$500. If your vehicle is valued at more than \$25,000, then your physical damage deductible could start calculating at more than \$500. In this case, you may want to consider products that offer fixed deductibles. Example: A fixed deductible for physical damage is locked at \$500 no matter how expensive the vehicle's value is.

■ **Theft deductible:** In most cases this is between \$1,000 and \$1,500. Most Mexican insurance offers deductibles that are based on a percentage of the vehicle's value. The most common theft deductible is 5 percent of the vehicle's value with a minimum of \$1,000. If your vehicle is valued at more than \$20,000, then your theft deductible could start calculating at more than \$1,000. In this case, you may want to consider products that offer fixed deductibles. Example: A fixed deductible for theft is locked at \$1,000, no matter how expensive the vehicle's value is.

Some Mexican auto insurance products out there have deductibles of more than \$2,500 -- so make sure you know what you are getting!

(This information has been provided by Jeff Nordahl, President, Adventure Mexican Insurance Services.)

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Contestants at the recent Lineman's Rodeo.

Sky-High Success

■ **DWP's Lineman's Rodeo sends winners to Kansas City.**

DWP — The 16th annual DWP Lineman's Rodeo and Family Festival was held May 12 at the Truesdale Training Center in Sun Valley.

Participation was open to all area electrical lineman teams (journeyman plus apprentices). Winners will go on to the national competition in October.

Fifty-one teams of journeyman and apprentice electric distribution mechanics (better known as linemen) from public and private power companies throughout Southern California and other Western states competed in this event, which showcases the safety techniques, skill and speed of power utility workers.

Linemen competed in exciting contests including the "Egg Speed Climb" in which they carried a raw egg in their mouth (and not break it) while speed climbing down a 40-foot power pole. Other competitions included: hurt-man rescue, changing out cross-arms, switching equipment while atop power poles, and more.

The Lineman's Rodeo offered a chance for linemen to test their skills by engaging in friendly competition, and for their families to see firsthand what this challenging work is all about. Winning teams will compete at the international Lineman's Rodeo in Kansas City, Mo., in October.

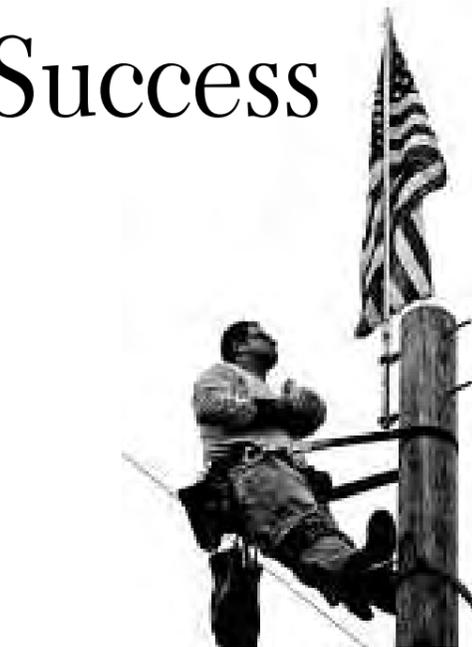
Family activities included petting zoo, donkey rides, jumper and slide, face painting, safety exhibits, live music and food. The event was also an expo for electrical utility vendors to display the latest tools, equipment, bucket trucks and climbing gear. The event was sponsored by the DWP and IBEW Local 18 Union.

Top Five Overall Team Winners, per category:

Apprentice:	
Local 47	
DWP (Mars Basulto/Zack Romanak)	
Glendale	
DWP (Matt Schneider/Kenneth Starr)	
APS	

Journeyman	
DWP (Sean Nicklaw/David Schneider/Graham Peace)	
SCE	
DWP (Ben Rodriguez/Scott Osborn/Ben Rodriguez III)	
DWP (Omar Diaz/Richard Olguin/Armando Estrella)	
DWP (Hector Avila/Nazir Fazli/Jorge Ramirez)	

Congratulations!





The Z Award winners with their award presenter, from left: Councilman Dennis Zine, Deputy Michael Marshall, Officer Douglas Larkin, Asha Greenberg, Maria Quintero, Officer Jose Moldonado and Officer Ronald Franklin.

Z Is for AWARDS Exzelleence



Third District Councilman Dennis Zine.

■ Councilman Dennis Zine hands out his annual Z Awards, recognizing excellence in civil public safety service.

By Sharon Sandow, Chief of Staff for Councilman Zine; Photos by Alive! staff

COUNCIL — Councilman Dennis P. Zine hosted the fifth annual Z Awards April 26 at the Warner Center Marriott Hotel in the San Fernando Valley. The Z Awards, awarded by Third District City Councilman Dennis Zine and which honor those who serve and protect the safety of citizens, brought out more than 500 prominent members of the business and residential community, including Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and City Council President Eric Garcetti.

Seven worthy recipients received awards, including Asha Greenberg from the City

Attorney's office; Officer Ronald Franklin of the California Highway Patrol; Officer Douglas Larkin of Valley Traffic, LAPD; Office Jose Maldonado of West Valley Division, LAPD; Deputy Michael Marshall of the Sheriff's Department; Maria Quintero of 911 Valley Communications Dispatch; and Firefighter Wayne Shuetz of the LAFD.

These individuals exemplified excellence in their respective fields. Chosen by a committee of dedicated individuals representing the business community, the residential community, and

Neighborhood Councils, the men and women honored were chosen from a large pool of biographies of other excellent individuals.

"I am always pleased to host this worthwhile event, which in its fifth year has grown into a special time for those serving our community in the public safety fields," said Councilman Zine. "From my over 37 years in law enforcement, I know how far a 'thank you' from the community goes in the lives of those who work in the public safety arena. I am proud to host this event and the honorees, as always, were very deserving of this award."

"Receiving this award left a warm feeling with me, which will last a long time," said Asha Greenberg of the City Attorney's office, who earned an award for her fine work in shutting down nuisance properties Citywide but most particularly in the San Fernando Valley. "Sharing this day with my family and colleagues made it all the more special to me."

The Club thanks Yvette Whitaker from Councilman Zine's office for her assistance.



The certificate for Michael Marshall.



Council President Eric Garcetti presents a certificate of congratulations to Councilman Dennis Zine.



Karla Ross sings God Bless America during the ceremony.



Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa attended the awards ceremony.

Officer Ronald Franklin

California Highway Patrol

A native Californian, Officer Ronald Franklin was born and raised in South Los Angeles. After a ride-along as a Police Explorer Scout, at the age of 16, he knew that he wanted a career in law enforcement.

While attending UCLA as a political science major, he worked as a security guard at LAX. At 21, Ron was hired as a police officer and trained at the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Academy and worked for the City of Inglewood for four years.

He then joined the California State Police and worked in patrol for six years. He was a field training officer and the department's weaponless defense and crowd control instructor. Ron also served on the Governor's Protective Detail that included protection for the Governor, State Treasurer, State Controller, other State officials and visiting dignitaries.

When the California Highway Patrol merged with the California State Police, he was assigned to several different divisions, where he served as an area hit-and-run investigator, the area association representative, Explorer post adviser, and school bus safety coordinator. During this period, he obtained his certificate in the use of radar enforcement.

Ron graduated from the CHP Motorcycle Training Academy and is a Motorcycle Enforcement Officer assigned to the West Valley CHP office. He was on the C.H.O.K.E. program and Southern Division Speed Enforcement Detail and is assigned to the Southern Division Honor Guard Detail as well as the Protective Services Detail for dignitary escorts.

He has received awards for his participation in the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade and continues to give back to his community by talking to elementary school students on safety.

Ron is married to Dolline and they have a daughter, Danielle, 9. He also has two adult sons. He is an usher at his church and enjoys spending time with his family, traveling and working out.



Z Award winner CHP Officer Ronald Franklin.

Firefighter/Paramedic Wayne Schuetz

Los Angeles Fire Department

Firefighter/paramedic Wayne Schuetz was born in the small town of Doylestown, Penn., but he was raised in Northridge, graduated from Granada Hills High School and attended Moorpark College.

In 1999, he entered the Ventura County Police and Sheriff's Reserve Academy, where he was president of his class. He was also honored with the Robert Stoffey Award for leadership and teamwork. He began his career with the Ventura County Emergency Medical Services as an Emergency Medical Technician, and was there in 1999-2000.

After earning his Emergency Medical Technician certification from Moorpark College, he was invited to return to the college as an assistant instructor, where he served from 1999 to 2002.

In 2001, he was accepted to the UCLA Daniel Freeman Paramedic School and graduated as class president. He was honored with the school's first leadership award in the institution's 30-year history.

He joined the LAFD in 2003 and was once again the president of his class, this time at the State Fire Marshal Fire Academy, subsequently serving in South Los Angeles and then with Battalion 17 in the Third District as a Firefighter/Paramedic with the Los Angeles Fire Department.

An acknowledged leader among his peers, Wayne has been an EMT Instructor at Los Angeles Valley College from 2000 to 2003, assisting Dr. Alan Cowen, Retired Deputy Chief of the LAPD; Paramedic Supervisor and Division Manager for AmbuService Ambulance in 2003-04; and a Clinical Instructor at the UCLA Paramedic School at Daniel Freeman, from 2003 to the present. He joined the LAFD as a Firefighter/Paramedic in 2003, and continues in that capacity.

Wayne has volunteered for the California State Firefighters Association, serving on its EMS editorial board. His wife, Tracy, comes from a fire-fighting family, as her father has been an LAFD Captain for 35 years. Wayne credits his father-in-law's career as having an important role in increasing his interest in serving in the firefighting field.

Wayne and Tracy have two children, ages three and one. Wayne is training for the Senior PGA and is also an avid water-skier and home handyman.



Z Award winner Firefighter Wayne Schuetz, LAFD.

Asha Greenberg

Assistant City Attorney

Assistant City Attorney Asha Greenberg is a first-generation immigrant. She graduated from Whittier College of Law and was the recipient of numerous AmJur Awards, was on Law Review and graduated magna cum laude and class valedictorian.

After a short stint in private practice, she joined the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office in 1983.

Asha has handled a variety of assignments in the City Attorney's Office, including prosecuting cases in Los Angeles and supervising the Pretrial Unit in the West Los Angeles Branch. In 1990, she began working in the FALCON Narcotics Abatement Unit that eventually became the Citywide Nuisance Abatement Program (CNAP) that she currently supervises. CNAP is part of the City Attorney's Neighborhood Prosecutor Program. Prosecutors in her section have rid our communities of drug houses, illegal massage parlors, problem motels and other neighborhood nuisances.

In addition to her professional responsibilities, she has written state legislation and local ordinances that have greatly increased public safety, including the City's forfeiture ordinances for prostitution, drugs, illegal dumping and street racing. Most recently, in response to a motion by Councilman Dennis Zine, she revised the City's motel registration ordinance in order to reduce prostitution and other illegal activities at hotels and motels. Asha has also worked on wide-ranging revisions to the City's adult entertainment ordinances.

Her CNAP prosecutors have been responsible for dealing with problems at several Valley locations, including adult bookstores, Talk of the Valley and The Big Apple. Additionally, she successfully handled the appeal of a trial court decision in which the prostitution vehicle forfeiture ordinance was invalidated and \$50,000 assessed against the City for attorney's fees. Asha obtained a reversal of both the invalidation of the ordinance and the \$50,000 award. She has also filed receivership cases, one of which resulted in the rehabilitation of a substandard apartment building and another case that corrected several years of a loan fraud perpetrated on two elderly women.

Urged to run for a seat on the Santa Monica City Council due to the crime challenges facing the City, she successfully served as a Councilmember from 1992 to 1998. During that period, Asha was responsible for many changes in city policy that significantly increased public safety.

Asha is married to Maxwell Greenberg, a former Los Angeles Police Commissioner. They have two sons, David and Jonathan.



Z Award winner Asha Greenberg, Assistant City Attorney.



"Two Navy guys hamming it up," from left: Council President Eric Garcetti and John Hawkins, President and CEO of the Club.

AWARDS



Z Award winner Officer Jose Maldonado with his wife, Maggie (far left); and co-workers Patricia Blake, W. Valley Watch Commander (second from right); and Sgt. Jeffrey Tint, W. Valley Patrol Supervisor (far right).



Z Award winner Wayne Schuetz with guests and family, from left: Vickie Little; Capt. Dennis Little, LAFD, 35 years; John and Janet Birkler; Tracy Schuetz, Wayne's wife; Wayne Schuetz; and Wayne's dad, Arthur Schuetz.



The Z Awards.



Z Award winner Wayne Schuetz with Firefighter Carlos Rivera.



From left: Sheree Adams and Gennessa Stamp, Council Aide.



Z Award winner Officer Douglas Larkin with his family, Cheryl and Gerald Larkin (to his left) and his wife, Susan, to his right.



From left: Sandra Hernandez; Elaina Lopez; Sara Munoz, Sr. PSR, 8 years; Cathy Sotos, Sr. PSR, 18 years, Club Member; Charlotte Reaves, Sr. PSR, 12 years, Club Member; John Phillips, Communications, 29 years, Club Member; and Cathi Pearson, Sr. PSR, 28 Years, Club Member.

Officer Douglas Larkin

Los Angeles Police Department, Valley Traffic

Officer Douglas Larkin is a native of Southern California and a graduate of Etiwanda High School in Rancho Cucamonga. Following graduation, he joined the Army, where he earned his paratrooper "Jump Wings" and served for three years. Returning from service, he attended Citrus College and joined the California National Guard.



Z Award winner LAPD Officer Douglas Larkin, Valley Traffic.

Following the 1994 Northridge Earthquake, Doug was sent with his National Guard unit to the San Fernando Valley and spent the ensuing days protecting the Northridge Mall and surrounding businesses. He joined the LAPD in 1995 and was assigned to the Northeast Division, where he worked patrol as well as a member of a specialized gang unit. He was later assigned to the Valley Traffic Division, where he worked as a Collision Investigator, where he investigated more than 1,000 traffic collisions and arrested numerous drunk drivers. In 1997, he and his partners earned the Meritorious Unit Citation.

Doug was then transferred to the Rampart Division, where he worked patrol and bicycle duty. He was the first Media Director within the Recruitment Section. He transferred to the West Los Angeles Division, where he served as a Field Training Officer and undercover Vice Investigator and a detective trainee on the Robbery Division.

When the opportunity became available to return to Valley Traffic, Doug jumped at it. He has conducted follow-up investigations on more than 500 cases, including 13 vehicular manslaughter cases. During his 12 years with the LAPD, he has attended the LAPD Basic Detective Course, Collision Investigation School, Vice School, RADAR School, Field Training Officer School, Instructor Development School, Surveillance School, and most recently completed Supervisor's School.

He has been recognized for his superb investigative abilities, dedication and ability to get the job done.

When not on the job, Doug spends his time with his wife, Susan, and his two children, Quinn, 5, and Audrey, 3. Together they travel as much as possible and enjoy frequent trips to Disneyland.

Officer Jose Maldonado

Los Angeles Police Department

Officer Jose Maldonado, a certified Emergency Medical Technician and Drug Recognition Expert, graduated from Los Angeles City College, receiving an Associate of Arts Degree in Administration of Justice. He also attended California State University, Los Angeles, majoring in Criminal Justice.



Z Award winner LAPD Officer Jose Maldonado.

Jose has been with the Los Angeles Police Department for 25 years. During his impressive career, he has worked in a variety of assignments, including 77th Street Area; West Bureau's Gang Unit, formerly known as CRASH (Community Resources Against Street Hoodlums); the Protection Detail for Mayor Richard Riordan; Metro Division; and most recently, West Valley Division.

While at the Metro Division, Jose worked as an Assistant Squad Leader teaching tactics, handling crowd control, providing dignity and witness protection and conducting stakeouts. He was also a member of the LAPD's Mounted Unit and was a member of the Special Weapons and Tactics Unit (SWAT), providing high-risk warrant service, handling barricaded suspect situations, dealing with crowd control/riot situations and serving as a crisis negotiator.

Jose has spent the last eight years of his career assigned to the West Valley. In 2002, he was awarded the Medal of Valor for his bravery and willingness to help people after an apartment explosion. He was first to arrive at the scene; ignoring his personal safety, he focused on rescuing those trapped inside the building. His actions during the incident were truly heroic. Jose is a role model and leader and he is often sought out for his tactical expertise and advice.

For more than 17 years, Jose has competed in the Police Summer Games, winning numerous medals in swimming and water polo. During his off-duty time, he enjoys camping, hunting, fishing and spending time with his family. He and his wife, Maggie, have been married for 23 years and have ten-year-old twins, Michael and Jessica.



Officer Chris Zine, LAPD, 5 years, son of Councilman Dennis Zine, with Sharon Sandow, Councilman Zine's Chief of Staff.

Deputy Michael Marshall

Los Angeles County Sheriff

Deputy Michael Marshall was born in Heidelberg, Germany, to U.S. military parents and grew up in Gladstone, Ore. Prior to joining the Sheriff's Department, he was a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army, where he served as a Military Policeman for six years. He worked a variety of assignments and locations, including Germany, Honduras, Panama, Korea and Japan.



Z Award winner Deputy Sheriff Michael Marshall.

Following graduation from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Academy in 1992, he worked various custody assignments including Pitchess Detention Center, Hall of Justice Jail, and Men's Central Jail.

Michael was assigned to the Marina del Rey Sheriff's Station for five years, where he was one of two Marina del Rey Area Community Oriented Policing Services (C.O.P.S.) Deputies. His responsibilities included working with the local Neighborhood Watch and Crime Prevention Unit, as well as dealing with any quality of life issues that affected the community. He was a mentor in the Vital Intervention and Directional Alternatives (VIDA) program, which is a program for at-risk youth. He was a member of the Summer Enforcement Team, which conducted Bicycle Patrol and various law enforcement activities within the Marina del Rey area.

In 2002, Michael transferred to the Sheriff's Transit Services Bureau, the department's largest contract for law enforcement. He is currently assigned to the San Fernando Valley Orange Line as a Motorcycle Deputy. He becomes involved in any transit-related issues and traffic enforcement of the surrounding areas that impact the safe operation of that line in the community. Michael has written more than 1150 citations during the last year for red light and speeding violations. His dedication provides enhanced safety to the public and the transit system.

Michael is an accomplished race car driver. He has competed for several years with his vintage racecars and is a consistent winner. This year, he plans to compete on a national level and compete in a 25-hour endurance race.

Michael and his wife, Monica, have two daughters, Lauren and Camille.

Maria Quintero

Los Angeles Police Department, Communications Division

Born and raised in the San Fernando Valley, Maria Quintero joined the LAPD in 1996. Prior to her career as an LAPD Dispatcher, she worked in accounting and was a Credit Card Fraud Investigator for a local financial institution.



Z Award winner Maria Quintero, LAPD Communications.

Maria began her communications career with the Metro Division as a Police Service Representative and transferred to the Valley when the new Communications Center opened. Her current duties include being Instructor/Bureau Communications Coordinator, Radio Telephone Operator, Emergency Board Operator and Auxiliary Operator.

As the Radio Telephone Operator Training Officer, she is responsible for the overall review of the progress of all trainees assigned to her watch. She has shown herself to be very thorough and her efforts to improve the training program have resulted in her to assistance in developing and implementing recognition and reward programs.

In addition to contributing to the development of Probationary Police Service Representatives assigned to her watch, Maria mentors instructors by setting an example of what is expected of them. Her overall knowledge, coupled with maturity and dependability, has led her to take on the role of supervisor whenever the need arises.

Maria has received various commendations and was recognized as Dispatcher of the Year during National Dispatchers Week in April 2005. Whether working as an Emergency Board Operator talking calls from the public, or dispatching those calls to police cars while working as a Radio Telephone Operator, she always approaches her assignments with professionalism.

She enjoys running, swimming and spending time with her family. She has completed the Los Angeles Marathon twice and has participated in the Baker to Vegas run.



Officer Chris Zine, LAPD, 5 years, son of Councilman Dennis Zine, with Yvette Whitaker, Councilman Zine's District Office Manager, 13 years, Club Member.

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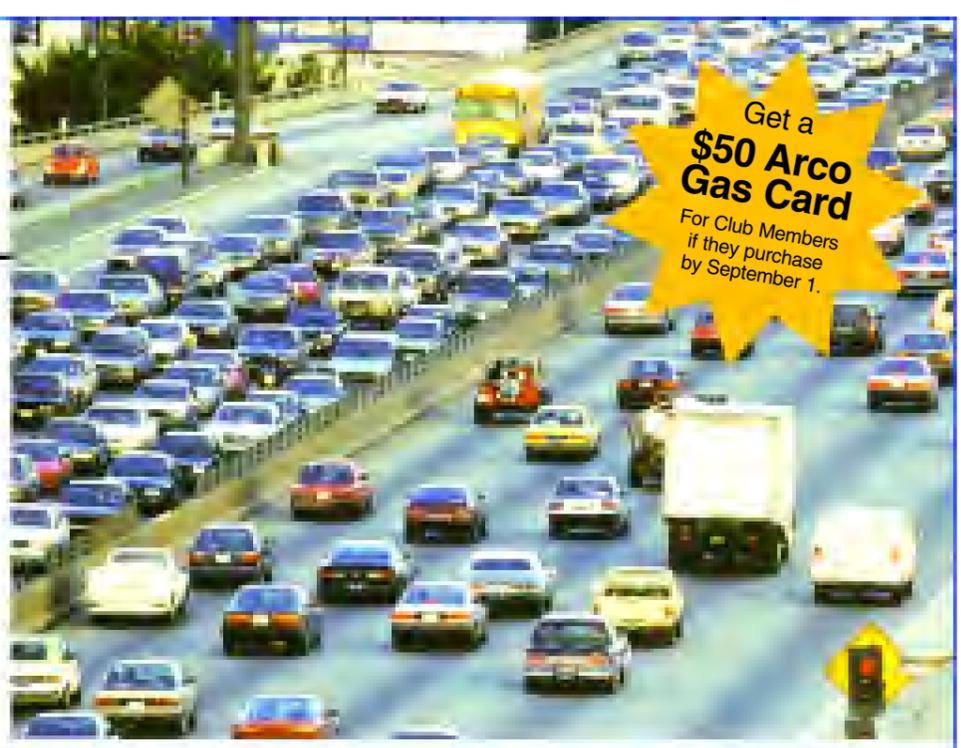
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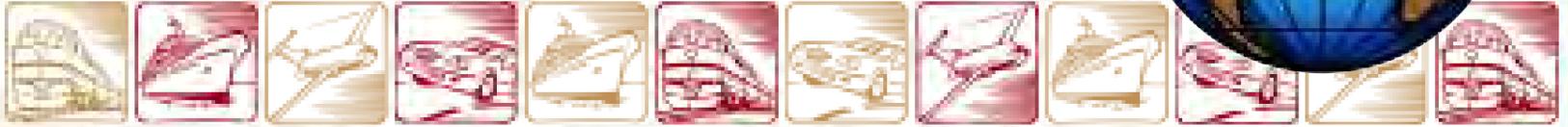
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Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



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El Quelite

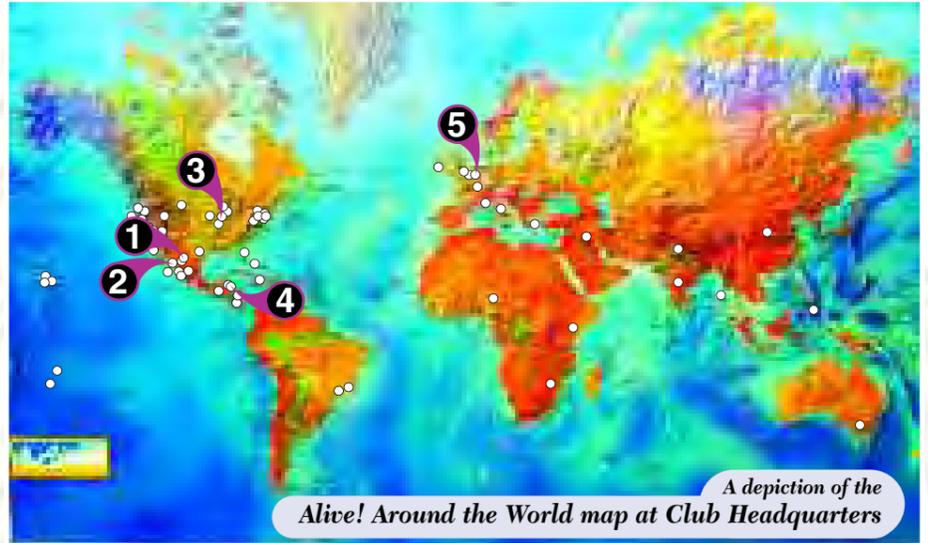


Pablo's 68th birthday in Mexico

Pablo Rivero, Retired, Public Works/Sanitation, celebrated at a couple of different Mexican hotspots, the first in El Quelite, and the second in Mazatlán.

In El Quelite, from left: Sara Lopez, family friend; the owner of EL Arriero restaurant in Sinaloa, Mexico; Maria J. Rivero, Pablo's wife; and Pablo Rivero, Bureau of Sanitation, Retired.

In Mazatlán, from left: Sara Lopez, family friend; Maria Jesus Rivero, Pablo's wife; and Pablo Rivero, Bureau of Sanitation, Retired.



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

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Mazatlan



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St. Louis



Alive! Editor **John Burnes** gets his kicks on Route 66, next to the famous Ted Drewes Frozen Custard stand on a hot spring day in St. Louis.

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Belize



Alive! in Belize

Mike Boyd and Benny Ruvalcaba, both of Public Works/Sanitation, and their families took a Caribbean cruise to Belize, Central America. The attached are pictures taken while on vacation on a cruise to the Caribbean with a fellow co-worker.



In Caye Caulker: **Mike Boyd** stands on a pier on the island of Caye Caulker off Belize while on a Caribbean cruise with fellow co-worker **Benny Ruvalcaba** and their families.



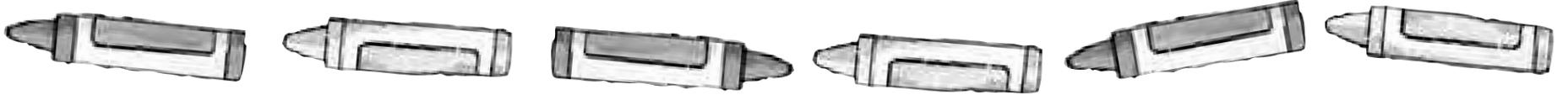
In Belize: **Benny Ruvalcaba** snorkels with the stingrays in Belize while on a cruise with fellow co-worker **Mike Boyd** and their families.

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Amsterdam



Michael Barnes, Harbor Dept. and a certified Anglophile, finds a British pub in Amsterdam. "Cheers!" he writes.



Congratulations to the WINNERS! of our Club Coloring Contest!

Congratulations to the winners of *Alive!*'s last coloring contest. Everyone who turned in a design is a winner in our opinion! But our top four participants win Four Free tickets to Universal Studios.

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



Corrine Stevens, 4

- FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Sponge Bob Squarepants"
- FAVORITE SNACK: Chocolate chip cookies
- BEST FRIEND: Hali
- PARENT: Patrick Stevens, System Programmer



Jake Hibma, 7

- FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Mighty Monster Trucks"
- FAVORITE SNACK: Abbazaba
- BEST FRIEND: Evan
- PARENT: Dan Hibma, LAFD



Leslie Espinoza, 8

- FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Sweet Life of Zach and Cody"
- FAVORITE SNACK: Fruit salad
- BEST FRIEND: Juliette
- PARENT: Sergio Espinoza, DWP

Honorable Mention

CHILD	AGE	PARENT/GUARDIAN	DEPT
Evon Aceytuno	age 4	Melody McCormick	GSD
Peter Otoshi	age 4	John Otoshi	DWP
Zuri Quarterman	age 4	Jennifer Quarterman	Rec & Parks
Danielle Avila	age 5	Cathy Bushey	Police Dept
Anna Clements	age 5	Stephanie Clements	GSD
Kate Gabon	age 5	Audie Gabon	DWP
Emily Hibma	age 5	Dan Hibma	LAF
Kimberly Ochoa	age 5	Mario Ochoa	Animal Shelter
Alexa Rosales	age 5	Alex Rosales	CSR
Alex Aceytuno	age 6	Melody McCormick	GSD
Vivian Arredondo	age 6	Jaime Arredondo	Airports
Maya Brown	age 6	Robert Brown	Truck Operator
Haley Chun	age 6	Reginald Chun	City Attorney
Dylan Clements	age 6	Stephanie Clements	GSD
Kaela Dutton	age 6	Dalan Dutton	DWP
Isaiah Hawkins	age 6	John Hawkins	City Club
Nathan Lam	age 6	Peter Lam	Retire
Marcelino Mendo	age 6	Alfredo Mendo	DWP
Evelyn Olivera	age 6	Lorena Olivera	Rec & Park
Samantha Navas	age 6	Guillermo E. Navas	Rec & Park
Danny Andres	age 7	Noe Maldonado	GSD
Matthew Foster	age 7	Sandy Foster	DWP
Marc Gamboa	age 7	Maribel Gamboa	Custodial
K. Launchbaugh	age 7	John Foltz	Retired
Erin Lee	age 7	Robert W. Lee	Finance
Roy Mondy	age 7	Rosa L.Villalobos	Maint Eq.Oper.
Gabriela Navarro	age 7	Julio A. Navarro	St. Maint
Joseph Otoshi	age 7	John Otoshi	DWP
Abigail Diaz	age 8	Myrna Diaz	Harbor Dept
Jacklyn Espinoza	age 8	Oscar Espinoza	DWP
Kimberly Garcia	age 8	Ruben Garcia	DWP
Sienna Garcia	age 8	Carlos Garcia	DWP
Jessica Navarrete	age 8	Joe Navarrete	Mechanic
Kieya Payne	age 8	Enoch C. Murray	N/A
Melissa Rainbird	age 8	Gloria Rainbird	Water Plant
Ajel Marie Scott	age 8	Krista Carreathers	Rec & Parks
Kyssandra S.	age 8	Robert Stefanovich	Airport Police
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Samantha Avalos	age 9	Felicitas Barajas	Cross Guard
Matthew Cordero	age 9	Arturo Cordero	Public Wks
Melissa Lava	age 9	Amalia Lava	ITA
Stephanie Bonty	age 10	Edward Bonty	Bld. & Safety
Danielle Espinoza	age 10	Debra Espinoza	Cultural Affairs
Justine King	age 10	Manuel Frausto	LAFD
Marla Rodriguez	age 10	Gloria Rodriguez	Vocational Wk
Falysha S.	age 10	Robert Stefanovich	Airport Police
Angelica Torres	age 10	Marco A. Hernandez	D.O.T.
April Vega	age 10	Maria R. Conchas	Airport
Iveryana Bufford	age 11	Latreae Bufford	Sr.Clerk Typist

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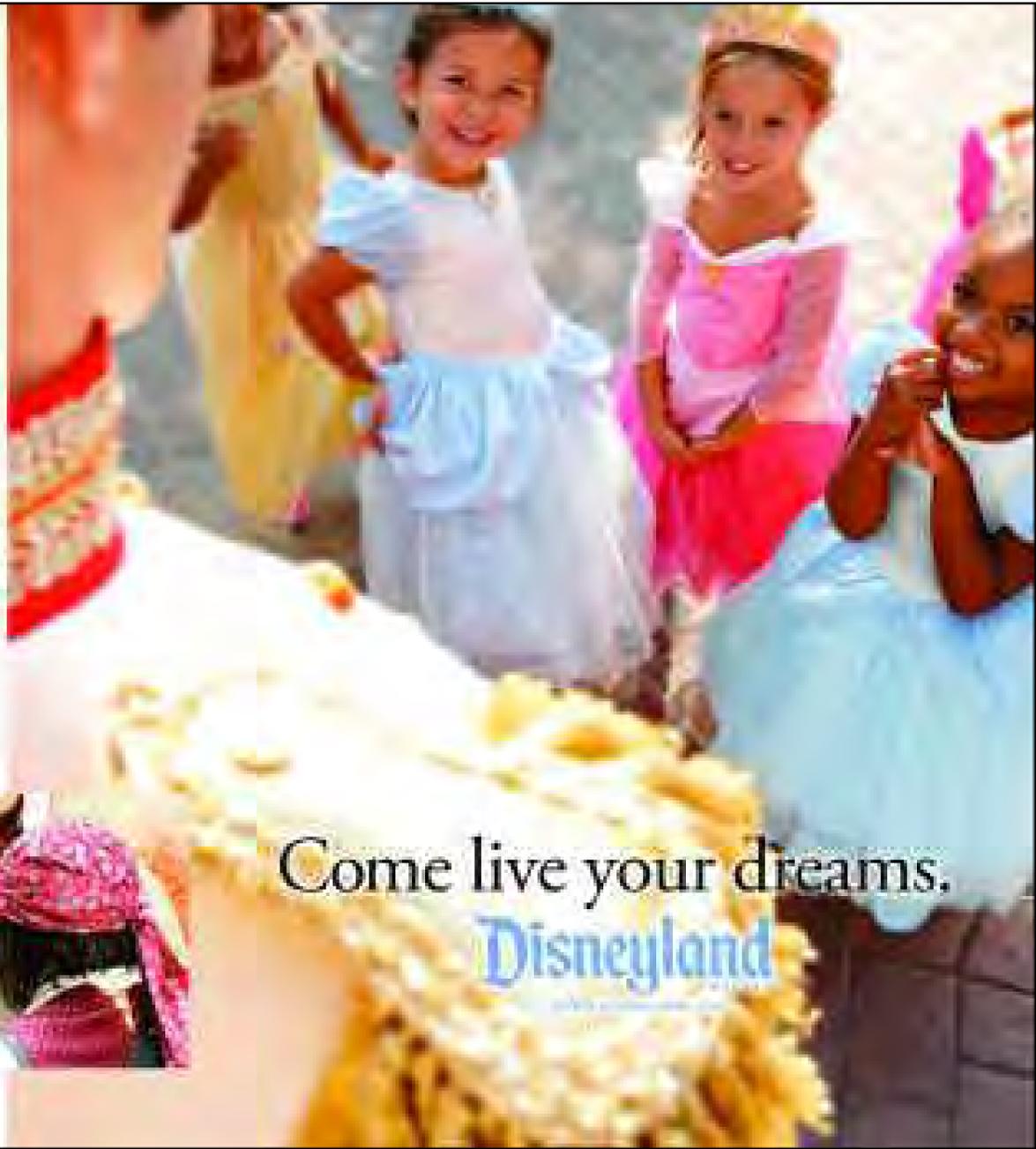
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Graduations



Le'Lani A. Brown, 17, graduated from Colony High School. She will be a university freshman in August. Her mother, Zara Madison, is with the DWP and is a Club Member.

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Births



Jaylene Marie Duran, born April 30. Parents are Robert Mike Duran Jr. and Adriana Meza. Grandmother (her first grandchild!) is Molly Munoz, Controller's Office.

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Building and Safety, 21

Gilbert Arellano
Crane Mechanic, Harbor,
37

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Op., Public Works, 35

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* Club Member



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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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Lina Acosta Transportation, 18	David Dominguez DWP, 37	James Horton General Services, 29	Guillermo Reyes Public Works, 27
Mary Aguila Transportation, 15	Mildred Ehre Library, 21	Jeannette Huertas DWP, 18	Martin Rosen Housing, 21
Gail Hall Rec and Parks, 2	George Ellis Jr. DWP, 23	Frank Jackson DWP, 18	David Shanley Traffic Control, 12
Daniel Lopez Airports, 20	Eduardo Esteban Neighborhood Services, 24	Luther Johnson General Services, 24	Darrell Sinette DWP, 30
Timothy Marangakis LAFD, 16	Eve Facemures Library, 10	Sara Jones DWP, 14	Kenneth Strong Rec and Parks, 34
George Marrufo Public Works, 19	Christian Fischer DWP, 23	Thomas Mata Rec and Parks, 24	Samuel Suque Public Works, 22
Arthur McCown Building and Safety, 6	Melvin Frankel DWP, 39	Tony Martinez Rec and Parks, 14	Sam Tateyama Harbor, 38
Glen Sera DWP, 9	Ann Gafner DWP, 31	Joseph Mesa DWP, 32	William Tebbs Neighborhood Services, 13
Retired	Wayne Garvey Rec and Parks, 18	Osami Mibu DWP, 28	Leonard Woolridge DWP, 36
S.R. Alexander DWP, 27	Harry Gibb DWP, 6	Angel Molina General Services, 10	
Dennis Allgaier DWP, 20	Nettie Greenberg Transportation, 2	Mary Nakagawa DWP, 26	
Donald Bramlett Planning, 33	Jessie Grigsby Harbor, 36	Noel Peacock Building and Safety, 22	
Charlie Bryant Jr. DWP, 31	John Harrison Building and Safety, 22	Perry Phillips DWP, 29	
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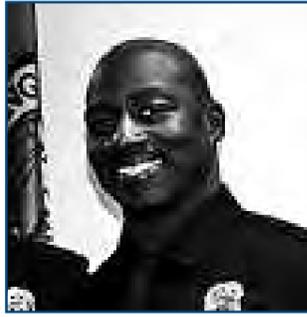


Robert C. Madison Sr.,
retired, DWP.
Deceased Feb. 9.

Promotions



Angela Roman, promoted to Secretary, Sanitation. Previously, she was an Accounting Clerk II, Building and Safety.



David T. Riles, promoted to Inspector I from Firefighter III, LAFD



Mario A. Pinel, promoted to Inspector I from Firefighter III, LAFD



Cindy A. Sturck, promoted to Inspector I from Firefighter III, LAFD



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New Members

Welcome New Members!

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

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Kelvin Bezouska
Daniel Cabral III
Marjorie Chacon
Pedro Conde
Tesfa Connett
Ivan Daniels
Joyce Dickson
Jason Dsouza

Animal Services

Eleazar Alcazar

Building and Safety

Hugo Gonzalez

City Attorney

Kimberly Felix

City Attorney

Caridad Avila
Margaret Whelan

Harbor Department

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Marlon Escalante
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Arlene Herrero



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Your Reviews



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- Give us your score on a scale of 1 to 5. Use this format: *My Score: X (out of 5)*.
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- Have fun!

MOVIE REVIEWS



Next
 Rated PG-13
 My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Nicolas Cage plays a two-bit magician in Vegas who has an unusual gift. Or a problem, depending how you look at it. He has a psychic ability that allows him to see two minutes into the future (kind of a drag if you want to live in the moment). Somehow, the FBI knows of him and tries to garner his services to help find a nuclear bomb before it turns Los Angeles into the land of crispy critters. So there are the usual chases, the foreign bad guys, the clueless beautiful girl (Jessica Biel), and Julianne Moore as the no-nonsense agent on their heels.

What makes the film work is that you are never quite sure if things are happening in real time or two minutes ahead. It is an interesting concept. The most enjoyable scene is the first meeting of Cage and Biel. It's a funny setup, so I won't spoil it. Peter Falk has a strange brief scene as well, but it is never revealed why his character is even in the movie. Guess he and Cage are buds. Okay to wait for DVD. Next.

- Dan Basiglio, LAPD



Spiderman 3
 Rated PG-13
 My Score: 2 (out of 5)

This movie was very disappointing for several reasons. First the sound was very loud. The children I went with were holding their ears. The storyline had too many violent scenes for young children to be watching. The movie was long and the story did not grab you. I must say the special effects were very good. I would not take young children to see this movie, and personally I would wait for the DVD.

- Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD



Disturbia
 Rated PG-13
 My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Think you have problems with your next-door neighbor? Well, what if you knew that he knew that you knew that he knew that he is a cold-blooded serial killer! Shia LaBeouf plays Kale, a troubled teen under house arrest with an electronic ankle monitor attached. Out of bore-

dom, he becomes the neighborhood voyeur. The trouble begins when Kale sees the news about a missing woman, and a car that matches one belonging to the reclusive guy next door.

This movie definitely delivers on the fright scale. David Morse is perfect as the psycho next door. However, it does take a little too long to get to the thrills, and there are some obvious plot holes. Like do not leave the lights on in your room when spying. Duh... they can see you, too! Still a fun popcorn movie though. Carrie-Ann Moss as the unsuspecting mother, Sarah Roemer as the new girl in town, and Aaron Yoo as the goofy best friend add good support. Just keep the shutters down and the curtains drawn shut!

- Dan Basiglio, LAPD



28 Weeks Later
 Rated R
 My Score: 4 (out of 5)

In this sequel to 28 Days Later, infection resurfaces in the quarantined British Isles. As the red eyed infected people crave innocents, you become emotionally invested in characters like poor little Andy (Mackintosh Muggleton). The U.S. Army is challenged, and it's up to Scarlett (Rose Byrne, from *Troy*) to spare lives.

I haven't been this on the edge of my seat since Michael jumped out of that crazy wooden floor in *Thriller*. If you're a horror nerd or average Joe who wants your lady to jump into your arms in the dark due to sudden scares, this is the flick to watch!

- Robert Garcia, Airports



Shooter
 Rated R
 My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Mark Walberg did a great job in this movie. He had retired from the Marine Corps as a scout sniper and was living up in the mountains with his dog. Walberg then gets recruited by someone whom he thinks is part of the American government to assist with stopping an assassination. Well, the secret group is really using his skills to assassinate another county's official and then blame him.

The movie was very suspenseful and kept you on the edge of your seat. This would not be a movie for children, definitely too much violence.

- Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

DVD Review



Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (1968)
 Rated PG
 My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This long featurelength children's classic has delighted many children and adults alike. It's a little-known fact that it was based on a novel by the same title by Ian Fleming, the same author who penned James Bond. Fleming wrote the story to cheer up his son, who was depressed as a child. What a story to brighten any rainy day! Few contemporary children's movies will have original songs that carry messages of gleaming success from past failures, "Roses of Success," and finding fun from an old stick, "Old Bamboo." You'll enjoy watching this with your kids.

- Yvonne Liu, Finance



The Triplets of Belleville (2003)
 Rated PG-13
 My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This French animated production was nominated for two Oscars. Champion, a pensive orphan, is raised by his stout grandmother. Her gift of a tricycle wins a precious smile from the child and begins a life-engrossing training for the Tour de France. When Champion is kidnapped during the competition, Madame Souza and her fat dog Bruno come to the rescue, meeting the quirky Triplets of Belleville. You don't need to know a word of French to enjoy is original, odd story that will warm your heart.

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Magic Combo of Eggplant and Parmesan

DIRECTIONS:



Dice the carrots, celery, onion and jalapeño. Slice the eggplant in thin slices – there's no requirement to cut them in long or short pieces as long as you can use them to make layers much like you would with lasagna.



Important Note: I recommend that you sprinkle salt on the eggplant slices and then wash in water with a strainer about 15 minutes later. This will aid in reducing any residual bitterness of the eggplant that might be present.



Place your diced vegetables and garlic in a pot on medium high heat with extra virgin olive oil. This is a good time to add a pinch of salt and pepper. Stir for about three minutes.



Add one can of tomato paste. Stir into the paste so that it covers all the vegetables.



Add the three cans of spaghetti sauce and let simmer for one hour. Stir occasionally.



Grate the Parmesan cheese on a plate. Do the same for the mozzarella.



Use a pan that you would use for lasagna or meatloaf and generously spoon the spaghetti sauce that's been simmering for an hour so that it covers the bottom. This will help to keep the ingredients from sticking to the pan after it has been cooked. A large aluminum lasagna-baking container is best.



Have your egg whites in one plate and the breadcrumbs in another to begin the breading process.



Add the eggplant slices so that they are placed to appear as a layer. Add the mozzarella cheese, the grated Parmesan cheese, some basil and parsley. Then generously add another few spoonfuls of the spaghetti sauce. Repeat this layering process until near the top. Once at the top add any remainder mozzarella and Parmesan cheese and lightly drizzle olive oil over the entire surface.



Cover in aluminum foil and bake in the oven for one hour at 350 degree F. Let cool and serve. You may add some parsley as a garnish as I did. This stuff is good.



Serve and enjoy!

Years ago, when I was conducting my culinary research on the eggplant Parmesan recipes, I was amazed at the variety of recipes that existed. The most traditional recipes call for the very basic of ingredients including eggplant, eggs, tomato sauce, basil, olive oil and Parmesan. Others call for the addition of mozzarella cheese as well as the breading and frying of eggplant slices with breadcrumbs, flour and eggs.

My eggplant Parmesan has a lower fat and cholesterol content since I use low-fat mozzarella cheese and use only egg whites. Also, I've left out the pan-frying of the eggplant, which traditionally has been used to cling the breading to the eggplant. However, I found that the texture and flavor is still preserved even without the frying – so I've left it out.

I also like to intensify the existing flavor of the spaghetti sauce with carrot, celery and onion. This centuries-old combination is called *maripoix* in French cuisine. Yes, this is an Italian recipe, but the combinations of these three root vegetables have elevated the flavors of countless recipes worldwide and it's no different here. Tomato paste is another ingredient that I like to use to heighten the spaghetti sauce flavors and does a great job of thickening the sauce.

If you have the time to grow the ingredients used in the recipe, please go right ahead. But, my intention with all Cooking with the Club recipes is to make meals that are quick and easy. Making my Eggplant Parmesan di Larios will win you friends for a lifetime – or at least until you make it again!



The main ingredients in eggplant Parmesan are of course eggplant and Parmesan.

Eggplant Parmesan di Larios

6 to 10 servings

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 to 2 eggplants
- 16 ounces mozzarella cheese
- 2 carrots
- 2 celery sticks
- 1 small onion or shallot
- 1 jalapeño
(Chef Larios loves jalapeños!)
- 1 bag breadcrumbs
- 2 cloves of garlic
- Parmesan cheese
(to your preference)
- Sea salt and pepper
(to your preference)
- 1 small can of tomato paste
(ideally with Italian seasoning)
- 3 cans of tomato sauce
(spaghetti sauce preferably)
- 6 egg whites
- 1/2 cup of parsley
- 1/2 cup basil



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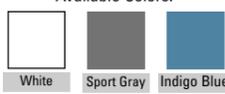
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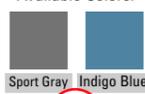
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Size: **XXXL**



\$16



ITEM: #T1500

DWP T-shirts

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



Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

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

Available Colors:



ITEM: #T3000VFP

DWP "Classic" Long Sleeve T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL** Size: **XXXL**



Member Price:
\$15
 per shirt*

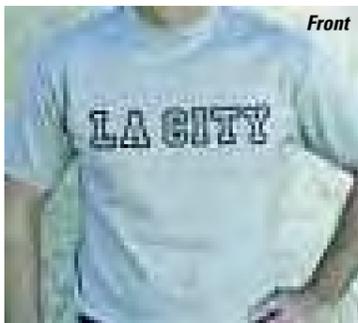
Non-Member Price:
 \$30 per shirt
 *Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:



ITEM: #T2500VFP

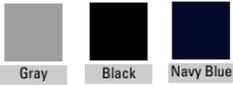
LA City "P.T." T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**



Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

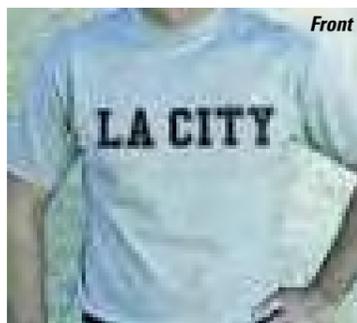
Non-Member Price:
 \$25 per shirt
 *Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:



ITEM: #LAC-1000

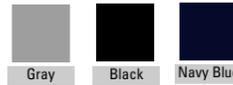
LA City "Alma Mater" T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**



Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

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

Available Colors:



ITEM: #LAC-2000

LA City T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**



Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

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

Available Colors:



ITEM: #LAC-3000

LA City "Olde English" T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**



Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

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

Available Colors:



ITEM: #LAC-4000

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



Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

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

Available Colors:



ITEM: #T2002WP

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: **XXXL** **\$14**



ITEM: #T1000

L.A. City Polo Shirt

LA City Polo Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**



Member Price:
\$18
 per shirt*

Non-Member Price:
 \$32 per shirt
 *Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:



Close-up of Embroidery

ITEM: #PS1000



Available Colors:



*White available with front pocket.

ITEM: #T2003WP



Available Colors:



ITEM: #T2001WP

City Girl "Classic" T-shirt



Sizes: **S M L XL**

Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

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

Available Colors:



ITEM: #T-W1000

City Girl "Retro" T-shirt



Sizes: **S M L XL**

Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

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

Available Colors:



ITEM: #T-W2000



Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**

* White available with front pocket.



Size: **XXXL**
 AVAILABLE COLORS:
 Blue Dusk, Charcoal

ITEM: #T2000VFP

\$13

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Diver Watches with City Seal

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Men's Watch, Two-tone gold and silver
ITEM: #VWGS1000
PRICE: \$60.00*

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ITEM: #VWGS1000
PRICE: \$50.00*

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ITEM: #VWS2500
PRICE: \$55.00*

Mens Large Seal, Leather Band
ITEM: #VWL2600
PRICE: \$45.00*

Mens Small Seal, Stainless Steel Band
ITEM: #VWS2501
PRICE: \$55.00*

Mens Small Seal, Leather Band
ITEM: #VWL2601
PRICE: \$45.00*

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Solid wood with satin lining - \$5.00 value
Offer valid through June 30, 2007
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City Seal Hats with Script

High quality embroidered ball caps!



Seal w/Script NAVY: #H1989
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PRICE: \$10.00



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PRICE: \$10.00



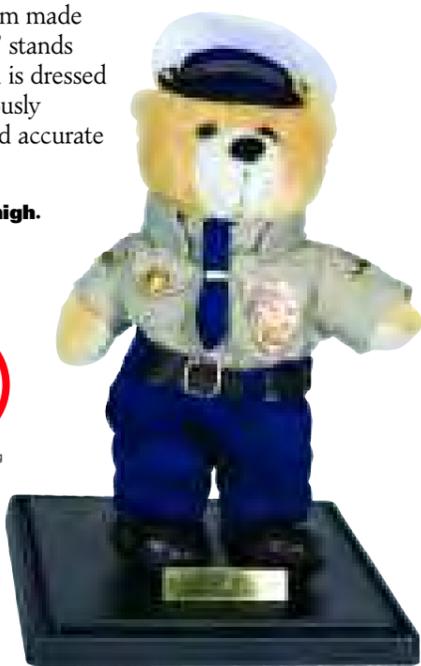
Member Price: **\$10** per hat*
*Plus tax and shipping

City Department Dolls

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

Size: **10" high.** Stand not included.

Member Price: **\$20** per doll*
*Plus tax and shipping



Department of Transportation
ITEM #BDOT



Street Services
ITEM #BSTS



General Services
ITEM #BGSD



Sanitation Department
ITEM #BBOS



DWP
ITEM #BDWP

City Seal Lapel Pins



"The Classic" Enamel Lapel Pin 3/4" Diameter
ITEM: LP3
PRICE: \$10.00*



Gold Embossed Lapel Pin 3/4" Diameter
ITEM: LP2
PRICE: \$5.00*



Full-Color Silkscreened Lapel Pin 3/4" Diameter
ITEM: LP1
PRICE: \$5.00*



CHERRY WOOD BOX AVAILABLE FOR \$3.50*
ITEM: #LPB-I

*Plus tax and shipping

Historical Books

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An excellent review of what these areas looked like in their humble beginnings compared to the present day. Photographs by the world famous George Ross Jezek.



Los Angeles Views of the Past & Present
ITEM: #B1488



Orange County Views of the Past & Present
ITEM: #B1544



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ITEM: #B1659

City Seal Clock

\$12 Each*



Navy
ITEM: #C8003
Size: 12" Diameter
Battery operated (AA)

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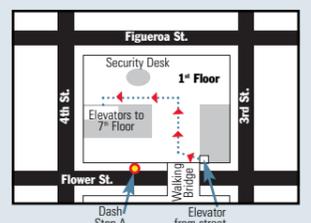
Complete the order form to and mail to:

Ticket Guy
City Employees Club of Los Angeles
350 S. Figueroa St., Ste. 700
Los Angeles, CA 90071

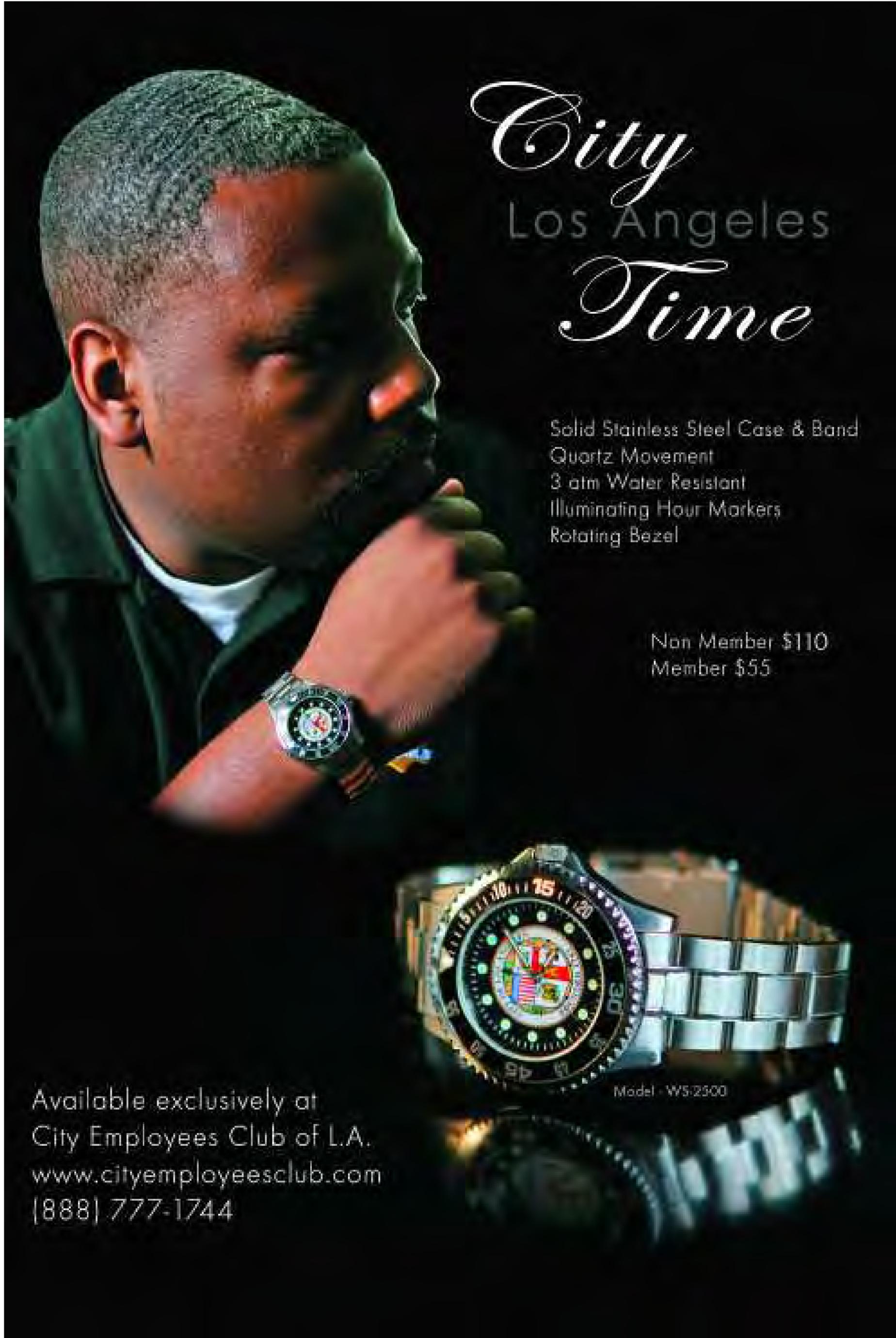
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