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■ **Last chance to purchase ClubFest tickets before the prices go up is now, so don't wait!**

CLUB HEADQUARTERS — Who's hungry for ribs?

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"We always look at how we can make ClubFest better," said Robert Larios, the Club's Director of Marketing and Communications. "Who doesn't love ribs? We certainly do!"

ClubFest 2007 is set for Oct. 7 at Calamigos Ranch, in the hills overlooking Malibu. Buy your tickets now, before the price goes up. If you buy by Aug. 31, prices are:

- Members \$12
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- Nonmembers: \$15

On or after Sept. 1: All tickets will be \$20

See more information on page 47.



5 Leaders Receive Club Scholarships

■ **Club's expanded scholarship program awards Club family members with great potential.**

CLUB HEADQUARTERS — "Everything I do encompasses my credo of bettering oneself as a productive individual in society and enlightening others around me through knowledge, experience and involvement."



Brittany Groves, top Club Scholarship Winner, 2007.

That's the personal philosophy of Brittany Groves, freshman at Southern University in Baton Rouge, La., and winner of the top Club Scholarship for 2007.

Brittany, daughter of Jennifer Quarterman, Child Care Director, Rec and Parks, will receive a stipend of \$3,500 toward her college education.

The other four winners were: Erik Stanton, \$2,000; Sabrina Barbosa, \$1,000; Mindy Leyvas, \$500; and Jacqueneé Polee, \$500.

Congratulations to Brittany, Erik, Sabrina, Mindy and Jacqueneé.

For more information on all the winners, see the story on page 43.



The Alive! Interview

Homecoming

Geraldine Knatz, who began her career at the Harbor Dept., returns as Executive Director. She's working toward a safer port, a cleaner environment ...and 30 percent more laughter.

ABOVE RIGHT: Geraldine Knatz, Executive Director, at the Los Angeles Harbor.

Read the Alive! interview beginning on PAGE 26.

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Age & Gender	Active/Retired	Cause of Death	Amount	Age & Gender	Active/Retired	Cause of Death	Amount
81 male	Retiree	Pneumonia	\$30,172.60	83 male	Retiree	Cancer	\$5,188.19
87 male	Retiree	Cancer	\$5,013.56	81 male	Retiree	Alzheimer's	\$5,038.62
77 male	Retiree	Heart Attack	\$5,013.56	60 male	Active	Cardiac Arrest	\$28,131.17
57 female	Active	Cardiogenic Arrhythmia	\$35,149.59			Total Insurance Paid	\$113,707.29

Sample Disability Claims

Age	Condition	Monthly Payment	Age	Condition	Monthly Payment	
39	Back Injury	\$2,249.52	56	Severe COBD, Hemoptysis	\$1,285.45	
46	Carpal Tunnel Syndrome	\$1,417.45	57	Leukemia	\$1,341.85	
46	Back Injury	\$2,467.96	57	Stroke	\$1,358.95	
48	Chronic Fever	\$1,329.51	58	Back Injury	\$4,728.28	
48	Back Injury	\$3,000.40	60	Disease	\$1,274.92	
48	Multiple Sclerosis	\$1,639.25	60	Mental Illness	\$4,233.04	
49	Knee Replacement	\$1,000.00	60	Hand Injury	\$2,281.76	
50	Back Injury	\$1,813.76	61	Stroke	\$2,256.43	
51	Hip & knee replacement	\$3,034.15	62	Loss of Hearing	\$1,013.11	
54	Lung Cancer	\$1,383.37	63	Back Injury	\$1,555.56	
54	Back Injury	\$1,287.71			Total Insurance Paid	\$52,541.38
54	Multiple injuries	\$2,962.65				
55	Carpal Tunnel	\$2,000.00				

TOTALS PAID	Last Month	Year to Date
Life Insurance	\$113,707.29	\$1,452,683.17
Long Term Disability	\$52,541.38	\$658,937.17
Long Term Care	\$11,350.00	\$120,433.25
Cancer Insurance	\$0.00	\$135,000.00

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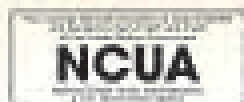
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* A Message From the CEO *

August: Homecomings, Teens and ClubFest

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



John Hawkins, interviewing Port Executive Director Geraldine Knatz.

Happy August Club Members! As you can see from the front cover, the *Alive!* interview team caught up with another of our great City leaders. This time you'll be hearing from **Geraldine Knatz**, the Executive Director of our enormous port. It's a great read, and a great homecoming story of sorts – she started her career here 30 years ago and is now back.

And a big congratulations to **Tony Ighani** and his crew over at Channel 35! They were nominated in July for two Emmys by the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. Go to page 21 and read our monthly "Tuned In" column, which has all the details as well as monthly programming of Channel 35.

Also, I know many of you have been very anxious over who won the Club's annual Scholarship. Well, the jury's done, and we've posted the winners. The story starts on page 1, but in the meantime big congratulations go out to **Brittany Grove, Erik Stanton, Sabrina Barbosa, Mindy Leyvas** and **Jacqueneé Polee**. It's a great honor to be able to recognize the excellence that our Club Members pass on to their children.

Do any of you have teenagers? Well, if you do, please read this month's "Rest Insured" column, where **Jeff Gelineau** talks about a fascinating new service for teen drivers. See page 22 for the details.

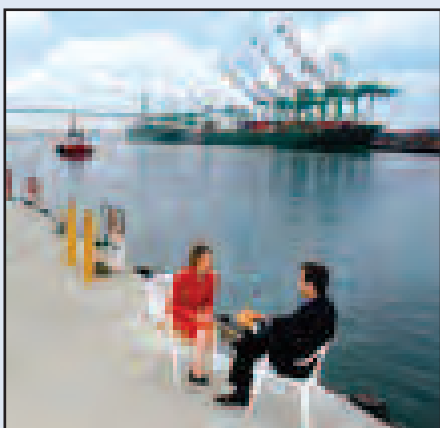
ClubFest! If you've never been to our annual ClubFest, you're missing an incredible day of music, fun, games, fun, swimming, fun, food and, yes, more fun ... and more food. The extremely popular Ferris wheel will be back this year, so write "ClubFest" in the Oct. 7 square of your calendar. Also, **make sure you buy your tickets now!** Beginning Sept. 1, all ticket prices will go up, way up (if any tickets are left, that is).

And last, but not least, *Alive!* is the headquarters for all birth, wedding and graduation notices. Don't be shy – share your joy with your fellow 45,000 City employees!

Be safe, stay cool and enjoy the rest of your August!

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Artist's renderings of the Los Angeles Police Station 20 in the Wilshire/Koreatown district.

Station 20 Rising

■ Police Station 20 in the Wilshire/Koreatown area is rising.

POLICE DEPT. — Construction continues on the the Los Angeles Police Department's 20th Police Station at Vermont Avenue and 11th Street. "Thanks to Korean-Americans of Los Angeles who voted in favor of Prop. Q, we will now have the nation's latest and greatest police station right here in the heart of the City," Councilman and Club Member Tom LaBonge said at the groundbreaking in May 2006. "We're all very excited to see this beautiful, visitor and environmentally friendly building become the latest landmark in Koreatown."

The 20th Station service area will take from neighborhoods now served by Hollywood, Rampart and Wilshire divisions. While the boundaries are not final, generally speaking, all or portions of the neighborhoods of Beverly Kingsley, Koreatown, Larchmont Village, St. Andrews Square, Wilshire Park and Windsor Square will be served by the Mid-City station

The architectural design by Gruen Associates reverses the 60s and 70s trend of windowless, bunker-like stations with its plaza-oriented entryway, light-filled interiors and neighborhood-friendly accessibility.

The parking will mostly be subterranean so that the visuals will be the 55,000 square foot building itself with a large outdoor courtyard and lots of landscaping, including 60 new street trees. A vehicle maintenance area, comprised of 8,800 square feet, will be shielded from public view for aesthetic purposes.

Construction is expected to be completed next year.

The cost of the facility, estimated at \$29 million, comes from funds raised from Proposition Q, which passed in March 2002.



Artist's renderings of the Los Angeles Police Station 20.

The Word on the Street



Cecilia Talbot,
Claims Administrator

"On a scale of 1 to 10, you were indeed a 10. During my first conversation with your office, I was experiencing the loss of two of my sisters, Dorothy and Geneva, within a six-week period. I found your office very helpful in the transaction concerning Dorothy. Death is our transition to everlasting life, 'Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.'"

— Gloria Garrison, May 2007

Your service was "very good, prompt and caring. I enjoyed [the book, *The Fall of Freddie the Leaf*]. It was helpful!"

— Jeanne Balzer, May 2007

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

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John Hawkins
President & CEO

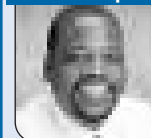


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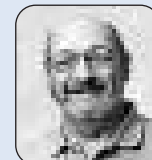
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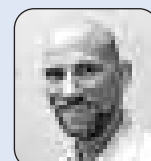
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LETTERS To the Editor

Tell us what you think! talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

LETTER OF THE MONTH

Pools in the City Offer an Escape From Summer's Heat

Thank you for giving a mother of four an escape for the summer. Your article on all the different pools that Rec and Parks has to offer is a real lifesaver. I feel a little embarrassed though as I didn't know our City has so much to offer, especially since I'm a City employee! Thanks as always.

— **Rebecca Santos, Public Works**



Reader Connects Public and Private Lives of Our Leaders

I'm very disappointed in the Mayor of our great City. If he can't be trusted to honor his own little children and wife, how can he be trusted to honor Los Angeles? I cut no slack to cheaters. He should resign, as far as I'm concerned. And to think that he wanted to be the President of the United States. How pathetic.

— **Mindy Lopez**

Quality and Productivity Awards Are Worth Covering in *Alive!*

Thank you for doing such a nice job of publishing the Quality and Productivity Awards. All too often the hard work goes unnoticed, but leave it to *Alive!* to leave no stone unturned. Keep up the good work!

— **Tom Simpson**

ClubFest 2007 Is the Ticket For Big Hot Dog Fan Stacey

Oh boy! I can't wait for ClubFest. I'm going to park my lawn chair next to the hot dog stand all day long. I just need to figure out how to get someone to get my drinks to wash my food down.

— **Stacey Redman, DWP**

Next Step for Reggie the Gator Is for Him to Join the Club

Now that Reggie the Alligator resides at the LA Zoo, I think the Club Store should consider making Reggie the Alligator merchandise. Everything from T-shirts to lapel pins. That was a great photo of Reggie on page 16 last month.

— **Roy Tanner-General Services**
We'll mention it to the Club leadership. — Ed.

Long live Reggie!

— **Marsha Williams**

Hynda's Bridge Sketches Inspire The Artist in His Son to Come Out

Hello from the just-burned Griffith Park area. One night, after reading some of my favorite pages of the newspaper, I was about to read the "*History Comes Alive!*" column when I fell asleep in the my favorite dark leather armchair. When I woke up about 3 a.m., I got up to go to bed but noticed that my *Alive!* was missing. I didn't think more about it because I just wanted to get to bed.

The next morning, while checking on my five-year-old son, I found the newspaper in his room. It seemed he took it and began coloring my paper. Interestingly, it wasn't just one or two pages of crayon-filled designs, but it seemed that every page was touched by his magical hands. I turned to the "*History Comes Alive!*" page to find the sketches and the article colored over by my artistic son. I was able to read most of it and I had one question. Who was the person or persons that actually sat down and sketched the diagrams?

— **Ben Johnson, Rec and Parks**

We'll ask around, Ben, and see what we can find out. We love those bridge sketches, too. — Ed.

Alive! Keeps Him Company, And That's Par for the Course

Kurt Garcia of LAPD mentioned something really interesting that struck home for me personally because I do the same thing. Kurt mentioned that he takes his *Alive!* with him on trips because it keeps him company and it's a reminder of home. Since I do a lot of traveling now that I'm retired, I also take my newspaper and carry it along with me as I travel to the next golf course. Whether it's in Florida, Colorado or anywhere else I can find a place to play golf, my *Alive!* is with me. Thanks, *Alive!*

— **Michael Hendrickson, Retired**

QUESTION

of the Month

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

What do you do to help the environment?

"I not only recycle at home, but I make sure everyone in the office recycles as well, by putting up recycle bins and posters."

— **Jessica Segura, the Club's ticket sales and recycling coordinator**



"We recycle cans, bottles and paper and re-use disposable containers."

— **Anna Campuzano and Bianca Campuzano, DWP**



"We recycle bottles and paper."

— **Kimberly Cox and Johnny Rivera, Rec and Parks**



"I'm the 'Recycle Coordinator.'"

— **Lilia Solis, Library**



"I recycle bottles, cans and metal."

— **Lauro Montoya, DWP**



"I put all plastics in the recycle bin."

— **George Cormany, LAPD Photographer**



"I save cans and bottles."

— **Ruben L. Garcia, DWP**



"I recycle cans and bottles."

— **Kimyen Le, Convention Center**



Summer Sights

Watts Towers: Stop By This Summer

■ **The South L.A. landmark is all about culture, City history and arts education. Center Director Rosie Lee Hooks welcomes you.**

Photos by Alive! Staff

CULTURAL AFFAIRS — The Watts Towers Art Center in South Los Angeles captures culture, history, art and current events like no other venue

in the City.

When's the last time you visited? Think about taking your family there this summer, and learning about the great culture of the City.

Nuestro Pueblo, commonly called the Watts Towers, is a collection of 17 interconnected structures, two of which reach heights of more than 99 feet. The Towers were built by Italian immigrant construction worker Sabato (Simon) Rodia in his spare time from 1921 to 1954. The work is a superb example of nontraditional vernacular architecture.

The Towers are a wondrous expression of one's man creativity, yet they symbolize what is possi-

ble from the often forgotten common man or woman.

The Towers are the creation of a visionary individual, and yet they have come to symbolize the capability of all those in the community of Watts and is inspiration to all those who experience it. Rodia built his towers without scaffolding, renderings or architectural plans. He assembled most of the parts of his sculptures on the ground and then carry them up with his tools and all the cement mortar, steel, wire, mesh and ornaments in a bucket. His building method can be compared to the growth of a tree, with one ring developing after the other. The tree might become hollow but will not lose strength, as the surface provides the strength.

Rodia began by digging a trench the width of his shovel and less than 60 centimeters (2 feet) deep. He started with the ship of Marco Polo at the easternmost apex of the triangular property and, over the next thirty-four years worked building the towers. The tallest structure, the West Tower, is approximately ten stories high, and the foundation for a ten-story building can legally be only as shallow as 7.3 meters (24 feet). The foundation for the West Tower is only 46 centimeters (18 inches) deep, completely unacceptable to Building and safety Department inspectors. Yet this depth has proven adequate for the ten-story structure, as have the depths of foundations for all the other towers on the site.

Perhaps the Towers' greatest tests are time and nature in Southern California, and the social ups



Immigrant Simon Rodia spent 33 years building the Towers, which are both large-scale and highly detailed.

and downs of the community and society at large. The towers have withstood earthquakes, the Watts Rebellion and the weather, wear and tear.

The Towers are adjacent to the Watts Towers Arts Center at 1727 East 107th St. and are visible from the outside. Visitors are allowed entry under the guidance of a trained tour guide Fridays through Sunday. Tour start times are 11 a.m. Friday, 10:30 a.m. Saturday and 12:30 p.m. Sunday. The last tour begins at 3 p.m. each of the three days.

Tickets are adults: \$7; seniors: \$3; teens and children under 13, \$3.



Center Director Rosie Lee Hooks stands in front of the iconic Watts Towers.

About Rosie Lee Hooks, Cultural Director, Watts Towers Art Center:

Rosie Lee Hooks has returned to Watts Towers Arts Center as Center Director and Director of the Tour Program for the Watts Towers after having served as Acting Director of the Center in 1993. She supervises, conceptualizes, designs, develops, administers and implements all activities for exhibitions, the Neighborhood School Program, the Visiting Schools Program, the Senior and Special Needs Program and all activities of the Charles Mingus Youth Arts Center. She was the Cultural Affairs Department Director of Festivals and Gallery Theatre. While there, she developed the Jazz Mentorship Program, which exposes young people to America's indigenous art form.

An accomplished actress and singer for more than 30 years, she began her career in theatre at the D.C. Black Repertory Theatre Company in Washington D.C., where she was a founding member, resident actor and training coordinator for five years. She is a former member of the renowned Sweet Honey in the Rock musical



Rosie Lee Hooks, Center Director, is also an actor and singer.

ensemble and a founding member of TBET (The Black Ensemble Theatre) at LATC (Los Angeles Theatre Center). Her acting credits include touring the U.S. and Europe with the Mark Taper Forum.



Don't Miss the Drums, Jazz

■ **Day of the Drum/Simon Rodia Jazz Fest coming up Sept. 29-30.**

CULTURAL AFFAIRS — The Watts Towers Art Center's annual two-day music festival – Day of the Drum Festival, and Simon Rodia Watts Towers Jazz Festival – are scheduled for Sept. 29 and 30.

Both events are free.

The 26th annual Day of the Drum Festival is a daylong celebration featuring international percussion: Latin, Japanese, African, jazz, Native American and other drummers. Ongoing tours of the Watts Towers are

available. The music is planned for 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The 31st Annual Simon Rodia Watts Towers Jazz Festival, the City's first jazz festival, features performances from both established and emerging musicians from the area. The festival pays tribute to the roots of jazz in Gospel and blues, and takes it to the *avant garde* and the Latin Jazz scene. Ongoing tours of the Watts Towers are available. The music is planned for 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Watch for specific schedules and bands in next month's *Alive!*

Information: (213) 847-4646, or www.wattstowers.net



NOW'S THE TIME FOR CLUBFEST



A representative from Councilwoman Janice Hahn's office presents Kisa Hughes' parents, Ronald and Barbara Hughes, with a certificate.



The family of Kisa Hughes cuts the ribbon to the classroom. The family releases doves at the ceremony.



Kisa Hughes' classroom is open for viewing.



From left: Kendra Musgrove and Scott Lee, Executive Director, Watts Community Development Dept.

In Memory of Kisa

■ Community Development program dedicates a classroom in memory of athlete, former employee Kisa Hughes.

Story courtesy Community Development; Photos by Liz Montes, Club Counselor

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT — The Los Angeles Youth Opportunity Movement (LAYOM) dedicated a classroom June 22 at its Watts site in honor of Kisa Hughes, a former employee who succumbed to cancer in March. She was 33.

The UCLA alumna and basketball star mentored hundreds of youths in her position as Director of Education, playing an instrumental role in building the infrastructure of LAYOM's college placement services.

"Kisa's dedication to youth and passion for life left a tremendous mark on us all," said Scott Lee, Executive Director of LAYOM's Watts site. "Her amazing spirit and glowing personality had a magnetic effect."

While a member of the UCLA women's basketball team, Hughes averaged 11.5 points and 8.0 rebounds per game in her three-year tenure as a Bruin. Her field-goal percentage still remains ranked second of all-time at UCLA. Hughes went on to play professional women's basketball in China, Germany and Austria before returning to the States to build opportunities for disadvantaged youths.

"Our daughter left an incredible mark in such a brief time," said Hughes' father, Ronald Hughes Sr. "We are honored that LAYOM continues her legacy by dedicating a classroom in her memory."

The classroom will serve as a haven for youths



The family releases doves at the ceremony.

in search of college resources. Visitors will have access to high-speed Internet, college resource manuals and financial aid assistance. Since its inception in the fall of 2000, LAYOM has served more than 7,000 youths in the communities of Watts, Boyle Heights, and Pacoima. Facilitated by the City of Los Angeles Community Development Department, the program assists youths in achieving their personal, educational and career goals.

"It is essential that we honor Kisa, who made such a positive impact within the community," said Richard Benbow, General Manager, Community Development Department (CDD). "The City of Los Angeles thrives because of employees like Kisa, who bring passion to their work."

To continue her memory, LAYOM has established the Kisa Hughes Scholarship Foundation

to raise funds for youths in search of postsecondary education. Hughes, a firm advocate of college education, spent five years of her life placing Watts youths in educational opportunities.

"The Kisa Hughes Scholarship Foundation keeps her dream alive," Lee said. "Every day, youths enter our doors in need of motivation and inspiration. We infuse them with the self-confidence and support needed to excel, just as Kisa did for so many years."



Kisa Hughes' sister donated several pairs of Nike shoes to the center and was presented with a thank-you plaque.



From left: Barbara Hughes; Rosalinda Pantoja, Scholarship Recipient; Ana Galicia, Scholarship Recipient; Noemi Llamas, Scholarship Recipient; and Roland Hughes.



Sgt. I Richard Lockett, Central Traffic Division, with his daughter.



Police Officer III Austin Fernald with his father, Burt Fernald, LAPD Class of February 1949 and his wife, Anita.



Det. III Martha Rodriguez, Force Investigation Division, with her son.

Thanks for 25 Years

■ Police Dept. awards pins for 25 years of department service.

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

POLICE DEPT. — On April 11, the Police Dept. said thanks to its more than 20 sworn and civilian employees who have given 25 years of service to the department.

The ceremony was held at the Parker Center Auditorium.

Names were provided only of those who attended the event.

Congratulations to all those who have given so much to the department, and thanks to Sue Gordon, Commanding Officer, LAPD Personnel Division, and Kathy Sheehan for their assistance.



Dep. Chief Michael Moore, Valley Bureau.



Capt. II Ann Young, Central Traffic Division.



Lt. I Gloria Vargas, Administrative and Technical Services Bureau.



Fiscal Systems Specialist II Hahn Tran, Fiscal Operations Division.



Det. III Kevin Coffey, Juvenile Division.



Det. III Karen Crawford, North Hollywood Area.



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Det. II Ronald Cade, Wilshire Area.



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Sgt. II James Reid, Foothill Area.



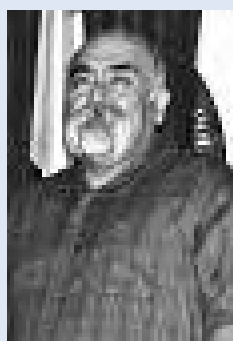
Sgt. I Roberto Alaniz, Northeast Area.



Automotive Supervisor Steve Taulbee, Motor Transport Division.



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John's Picture Perfect Contest



Grand Prize Winner for August



"I took this photo at Zephyr Cove in Lake Tahoe about four years ago. I just couldn't get over how beautiful the changing shades of the landscape were when I developed the film. Thank you for your consideration."
— Leticia Fuentes, LAFD

John's comments: The contrasting colors from the sand to the water to the sky are really peaceful. The winning elements are the lonely posts jutting out of the water. This is definitely a framer Leticia!

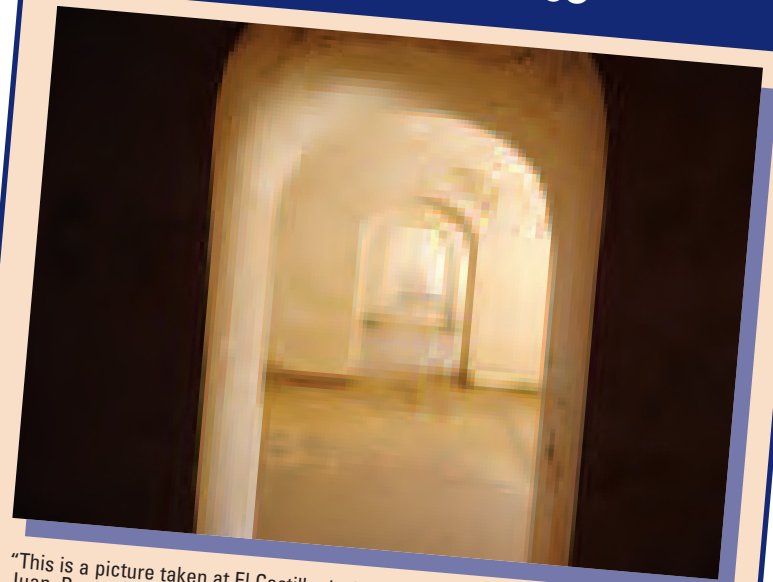
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Second Place



"This is a picture taken at El Castillo de San Felipe del Morro (El Morro) in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico."
— Carlos Aranda, DWP

John's comments: What makes this photo a complete winner is that you were able to capture the contrast of the foreground; the darkness of it really makes the successive arches jump out at you. Nice work, Carlos!

Third Place



"My wife took the picture of our daughters a day before Father's Day. Kate turns 6 in September, and Kaylee is 4. My perfect present for Father's Day!"
— Jose Audie A. Gabon, DWP Valley Generating Station

John's comments: What a cute picture – a classic "Picture Perfect!"

Fourth Place



"The picture was taken off the coast of a small island in Cambodia, close to Kampong Saom (Sihanoukville). While in Cambodia, I spent a lot of time doing volunteer work in the country's capital city, Phnom Penh."
— Neil Rivas

John's comments: I like this photo because it's a very natural shot, showing the crudeness and ingenuity of these fishermen. From the contraption on the bow to the homemade looking trolling engine, it's a definite *National Geographic* moment. Thanks, Neil!

Runners Up:

Evan So, Airports; Ron Angst, DWP; Mike O'Connell, LAPD; Tom Robinson, ITA; Patrick Howard

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.

Lanark Pool: Water's Fine!

■ **Lanark Pool reopens after \$3.2 million renovation.**

Story and photos courtesy Rec and Parks



REC AND PARKS — Residents can once again go swimming and enjoy other aquatic activities at the Lanark Recreation Center Pool, operated by Rec and Parks. The

\$3.2 million project included a completely new pool and a renovated bathhouse. The pool is 60 feet by 120 feet, with a depth ranging from three-and-a-half feet to 12 feet and can accommodate up to 360 people; it holds 47,000 cubic feet of

water, which is more than 350,000 gallons. The new pool is the same size as the existing one, has racing lanes, underwater lights, a diving stand, and a lift for the disabled. The bathhouse was upgraded to comply with Americans with Disability Act requirements. New pool pumping and pipe equipment has been installed, and other improvements have been made, including to the pool deck and parking areas.

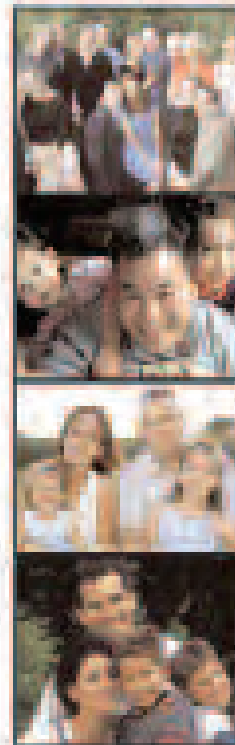
Sparano and Mooney Architecture of Los Angeles designed the project, with Western Group, Inc. of Woodland Hills serving as the general contractor. The Architectural Division of the Bureau of Engineering, Public Works, managed the project through its Municipal Facilities Program. Funding came from a several sources, including developer fees, the Los Angeles Community Redevelopment Agency, Propositions 12 and 40, and both the City's and Rec and Parks' general fund. The pool was finished early and under budget, while the bathhouse was completed on time and on budget.



Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa gets ready to give some young divers the okay to reopen the Lanark Pool.

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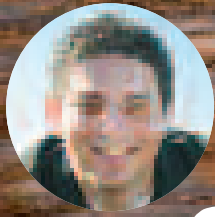
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■ Hello again! This month, we will take a short hike, a little more than a mile. But this trail is very special.

Photos by Alive! Staff

Why? Because it has a waterfall!

When you think of waterfalls, you might think of far away tropical places. But there's a beautiful waterfall just a short drive from downtown

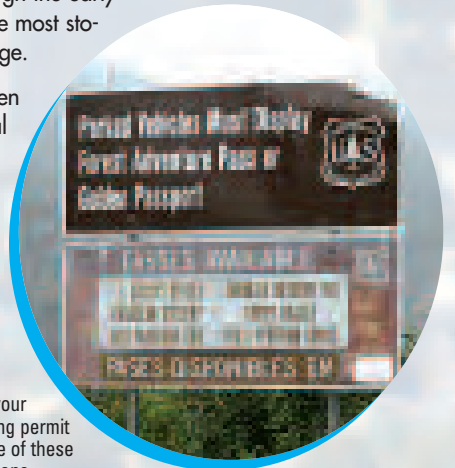
Have you ever heard of Millard Canyon Falls? It's also known by the name of Chaney Trails. This trail is in Altadena, a neighboring city to Pasadena. The directions are listed below.

You might want to bring extra shoes and socks, just in case you step in the water. Water flows alongside the entire trail.

Note: This is more like a very low-grade rock climb, because you are basically following the creek all the way to the top. Bring a camera and take a few pictures; imagine you're on that tropical vacation. The creek and boulders make you zigzag from side to side, but the sparkling stream and sounds of running water help you relax and just enjoy the moment. There are lots of lush green plants and flowers, and when you arrive to the end of the trail, you will see a 50-foot waterfall. Spectacular!

Millard Canyon is named for Henry W. Millard, who homesteaded in the mouth of the canyon with his family in 1862. He raised bees and hauled wood to Los Angeles. Millard Canyon also became known for its gold mining. The historic Dawn Mine (in operation intermittently from 1895 through the early 1950s) was one of the most storied mines of the range.

This is another hidden treasure in our local mountains. Please take a moment and visit this trail. I will see you next month. Bye for now!



Buy your parking permit at one of these locations.



Millard Falls is about one mile in this direction. Just follow the sign.



It's beautiful, right below the waterfall.



The trail features really nice trees and rocks.

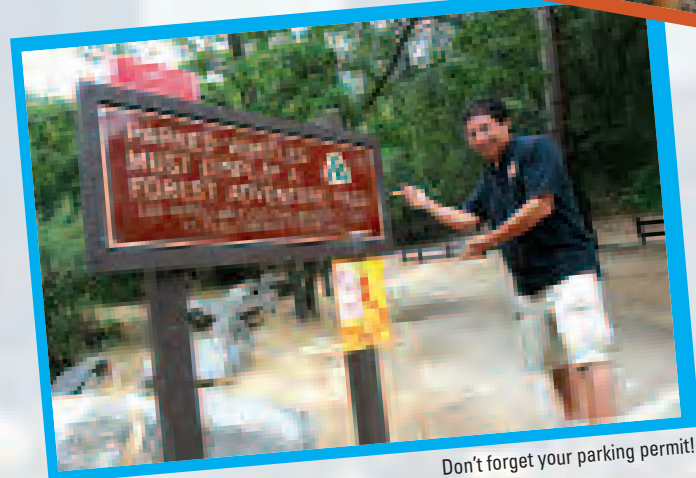


Hey photographers, Millard Falls is a great place to take pictures of plants, which grow all around the waterfall. (Think about sending some shots in to Alive!'s Picture Perfect!)

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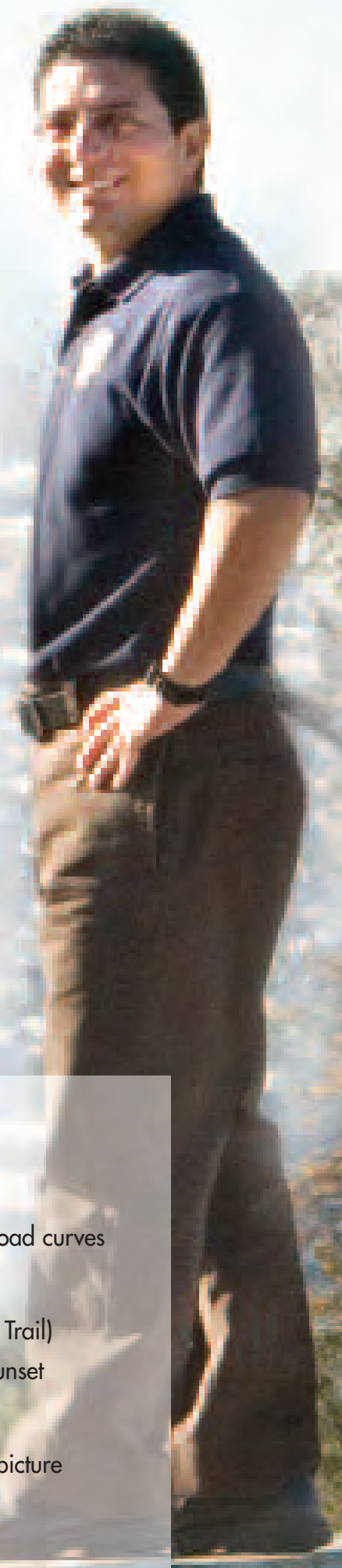
CANYON FALLS

You meet all sorts of great people at Millard Falls. I met B.J., area resident and dedicated Millard Falls hiker, and his dog, Kona.



Don't forget your parking permit!

Taking photos of these beautiful places is almost as much fun as the hiking is ... but sometimes more work!



How to get to Millard Canyon Falls

- From the 210 Foothill Freeway in Pasadena, exit at Lake Avenue.
- Turn left (West) where Lake ends and Loma Alta Drive begins, the road curves to the left.
- Drive about 1.0 mile and look for the flashing Yellow light (Chaney Trail) make a right. Continue north and after about a mile you will see Sunset Ridge. Turn left and park in the large parking lot.
- You must have a National Forest Adventure parking pass, (see the picture insert for locations).

August Events

26th Annual Watts Towers Day of the Drum Festival/ 31st Annual Simon Rodia Watts Towers Jazz Festival

Great, international drums and jazz at the Watts Towers Arts Center: drums on the first day, and jazz on the second. Tours of the Watts Towers are available. Free.

When: Sept. 29-30, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Where: Watts Towers Art Center Amphitheater, 1727 E. 107th St., Watts

Sponsor: Cultural Affairs and Watts Towers Arts Center

Info: (213) 847-4646, www.wattstowers.net

Pershing Square Summer Concert Series

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

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The yearly L.A. Greek Fest is held on the Grand Plaza of the St. Sophia Cathedral in the Byzantine Latino Quarter of Los Angeles. This event is L.A.'s premier Greek festival, featuring the best of Greek foods, pastries, music and folk dancing, along with exotic gifts and arts and craft booths.

When: Sept. 7 - 9

Where: 1324 S. Normandie Ave. and Pico Blvd., Los Angeles

Cost (admission): \$5

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History Comes Alive!

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



Tales From the City Archives

Preserving Our Past

■ **What is an archivist, and what are the City Archives?**
The office's efforts culminate in release of groundbreaking publication in September.



The door that leads to the Records Management Division in Piper Tech.



The C. Erwin Piper Technical Center, home of the Records Management Division (the Los Angeles City Archives).

As I must admit, the historical records program for the City of Los Angeles, and the City Archives, which house those records, are part of my heart and soul, and will be until the day I die, even though I retired from that part of my employment six years ago.

It occurred to me that, after all these years of writing my column, subtitled *Tales from the City Archives* – which I am delighted you enjoy – I've never defined just what an archivist is, and does. So allow me!

A recent *New York Times* article gave me food for thought and also exuberance that I feel I want to share with all of you.

To begin with, on June 24, there was an article, "A Vice President Without Borders, Bordering on Lunacy," by the nationally acclaimed columnist Maureen Dowd in the Sunday *New York Times*. The article is about Vice President Richard Cheney and his current activities in Washington, D.C. The plot of the article questions what Dowd views as Cheney's deliberate attempt to be above the law.

Dowd points out that California Congressman, Henry Waxman, Congressman Chairman of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, "revealed that after four years of refusing to cooperate with the government unit that oversees classified documents [the National Archives], the vice president tried to shut down the unit rather than comply with the law ensuing that sensitive data is protected. The National Archives appealed to the Justice Department."

Dowd notes that Cheney's lawyer and new chief of staff consider their boss no less than king of the hill. She goes on to say that he could bully Colin Powell, George Tenet, etc., "but when he tried to push around the little guys, the National Archive data collectors—I'm visualizing dedicated 'We the People' wonky types with glasses and pocket protectors—they pushed back. Archivists are the new macho heroes of Washington."

I have never considered myself or any of my colleagues as "wonky types" – whatever that means. I know that in the

past, archivists have been more insular and mole-like. But today we are vibrant professionals out there beating our drums for our cause of collecting, preserving and reintroducing the past to current and future generations, so that history does not have to repeat itself!

How does that relate to the City? Our historical records program has great value to all Angelenos: government employees, scholars and the general public.

But first, some definitions: What is an archivist and what are archives? An archivist is a person who is professionally educated, trained, experienced and responsible for the management or administration of an *archives*. This person's duties include appraising and identifying records continuing value, documenting and preserving these records in their context, and enabling and facilitating their continuing use. "Archives" has three definitions: (1) Those records that are appraised as having continuing value. Traditionally the term has been used to describe records no longer in current use that have been selected for permanent preser-



Michael Holland, Student Professional Worker.

vation. The nature of these records is administrative, fiscal, historical or legal. These records are also referred to as *permanent records*; (2) The place (building/room/ storage area/vault/repository) where archival records are kept; and (3) An organization, or part of an organization, responsible for appraising, acquiring, preserving and making available permanent records.

There are three main types of historical or permanent records archives: *Government Archives*; *In-house Archives*; and *Collecting Various Organizational Archives*. For this article, I will only describe government collections. The Government Archives are part of a government agency, usually with legislative responsibility for providing a centralized archival service for agencies within that government structure. Only that government's records are collected, processed and preserved.

The Los Angeles City Archives became a reality in March 1980, through an eight-month federal National Historical Publications Records Commission grant. Once the grant expired, the City was obligated to fund two permanent

archival positions to continue the project, which included a backlog of 130 years' worth of work. The Archives became part of the City's Records Management Program under the City Clerk's responsibility.

The Records Management Program, the offspring of the archival profession, is an American phenomenon. The National Archives in America was born in 1934, preceded by other government archives, i.e., 300 years after Spain, 200 years after France, prior to the French Revolution, and 100 years after England. The Records Management program evolved out of World War II's government records inundation. With the advent of the War, the federal government needed to separate operational and housekeeping records from those records that had enduring historical value. Thus was born the federal records management program, where laws and mandates were set up to separate and destroy the ephemeral, operational and housekeeping records from those having enduring value. The destruction of records within the City's Records Center program continues to be a detailed and legal process.

As the City's first Archivist, I established the archival program within the City government, which included moving the historical records from the City Clerk's vault in City Hall and the old Los Angeles Warehouse behind the Federal building and into the new archives vault (Records Management Division) in the C. Erwin Piper Technical Center.

Since I was the only person working in the Archives, it was suggested that I look for a student intern from a local university to assist me. Robert (Rob) Freeman was the ideal student. He had a nine-month internship program from UCLA. He was wonderful and eventually became the City's second Archivist when I became the Records Management Officer in 1986.

As the first Archivist, my initial task was on collection development, which had to be accomplished in cooperation with the Records Management Officer. It involved organizing historical records that had been sitting on the shelves in the City's Records Center for almost 50 years. Task number two was to arrange records in accordance to two archival principals: *provenance*, which means that no collection can be intermingled with any other collection; and *original order*, which means the collections must be maintained in the order placed by the organization. Task number three was to describe information to be used by government employees, scholars and the general public when researching archival records. Task number four, preservation, was, and continues to be, one the most important aspects of the archival profession. These records must continue to exist for generations to come. Task number five, creating a reference service, is the ultimate goal for any collection. The collecting, appraising, arranging and describing historical records provide the user with infinite possibilities to fulfill the needs for research. Reference, the end result of the process, is the true mission statement of the archival profession.

Being an archivist is also more than what is described

above. There is an obligation to go out into the government agencies to promote the importance of their historical impact on City government. The employees and politicians need to recognize they are a link in the chain of this dynamic force referred to as City government. Also, the archivist must go out into the larger community to introduce, show and teach the magnificent heritage of our City, found in the City Archives from 1828 through the current era. These records belong to all of us, and then we must begin to share them with the rest of the world.

One of these examples of using the records and sharing the information with the world is a publication coming out in September, which I was privileged to have worked on is the *Development of Los Angeles City Government: An Institutional History, 1850-2000*. It is a two-volume anthology with 26 chapters and 32 authors. It is the first of its kind for a major city in this country.

As the first archivist, while preparing for the move to the Piper Technical Center, I became aware that the City had a *complete* set of Council minutes books from 1850 to the present. Later, I discovered that the City Archives had the minutes, taken during the City's Mexican period, in both Spanish and English translation from 1828 to the American occupation of 1847. The City was fortunate in its founding years that many of the early officials had a sense of history and an appreciation of archival traditions.

To conclude, I would like to make two comments on two issues. They are near and dear to me, and cause me great frustration. First, The City Archives is now 27 years old. To this very day there are people who work for the City government who either don't know there is such a facility or, if they do, think that it is housed in the Central Library. If you are one of those people, consider yourself now in the know!

Second, we do *not* have an official archivist. While Jay Jones has been the acting archivist for many years and is extremely capable, it is unfortunate and sad that the City of L.A. cannot have its very own "macho hero."

Therefore, I am asking the Los Angeles City Historical Society, which became the City Council's appointed "Friends of the Los Angeles City Archives" in 1998, to bring energy and fortitude to these problems. We could begin this process by discussing with the City Clerk the idea of having an open house for City government leaders, with the press included. Other ideas can follow, but it is imperative that we begin as soon as possible.

As an addendum, I would also like to mention an article found in the July 7 front page of the

California Section of the *Los Angeles Times*. The article is entitled "A Conservative's Mother Lode." The article discusses the importance and value of archives. The archives discussed are found at the Huntington Library. My reason for pointing this out to the readership is to once again to *reinforce the necessity of understanding the importance of our historical past*. Otherwise, we are nothing more than blank slates with only our imagination to prevail! Or to restate it more succinctly from the old Bard himself, Shakespeare: "Past is Prologue."



Signs inside the massive Piper Tech lead the way to the City Archives.



Jay Jones, Acting Archivist.



In 1917, Grand Central Market opened. This market was on the site of the former "City of Paris," once the largest department store in the City of Los Angeles.

Did You Know is provided by Larry Williams, Bureau of Contract Administration.



Eventual winner Margie Garcia performs "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."



Margie Garcia and event host Mark Lieberman await the judges' decision.

DWP Idol

■ **DWP's Choraliers stages talent showcase. Final winner: Margie Garcia. Other groups perform, too.**

Information and photos courtesy Heidi Bass, Choraliers President

DWP — The Choraliers, the DWP's singing performance group, held the finals of its three-round talent competition Choraliers Showcase 2007 vocal competition June 22 in the John Ferraro Office Building.

The grand winner was Margie Garcia, PTD.

Other groups that participated during the finals performance were the Choraliers, Voices of Power, the Showcase Band and the DWP Dance Club.

Competition contestants over the three rounds included Heidi Bass, Kelvin Bell, Anthony Cruz, Alfonso Franco, Margie Garcia, Mark Holland, Hector Miro, Paul Ramey, Lucretia Rutland, Todd Terry and Helene Zamorano.

The Choraliers, which has been performing for 42 years, had several encore performances with skillfully choreographed numbers featuring popular songs such as "YMCA" and theme songs from classic hit TV shows. Voices of Power offered several gospel and inspirational songs, directed by Kelvin Bell on piano. The Showcase Band featuring Dale Thompson (bass), Steve Johnson (guitar), John Mosser (drums) and Ron Snyder (keyboard), accompanied the majority of singers. Members of the DWP Dance Club, directed by Lourdes Zerrudo, also performed.

The master of ceremonies for all three rounds was Mark Lieberman, a singer himself.

Judges included: Round one, Armida Brown, Retired DWP; Steven Applegate, Director of the Choraliers; and DWP CFO Ron Vazquez. Round

two judges were April Steffen, ITS, and former Choraliers President; Greg Black, Manager, Rates and Contracts; and Applegate. Round three judges were David Nahai, President of the Board of WP Commissioners; Dina Bennett, swing band leader; Mary Lou Metzger of the Lawrence Welk Resorts; and Applegate.

The Club was a sponsor of the Showcase.

Grand prize winner Garcia won \$250, a trophy and five hours of studio recording time. Security Officer Paul Ramey and Lucretia Rutland, Field Services, CSO, tied for first runner up. Kelvin Bell, Account Services, CSO, and Helen Zamorano, retired City employee, received second runner up prizes.

Heidi L. Bass, President of the DWP Choraliers, said, "In 20 years of performing with the Choraliers and six years on the Executive Board, this was the most challenging, yet most rewarding show I've ever produced, as it featured all five DWP performing groups, singers and audiences from all over the DWP family."

"We're grateful to DWP management, employees, Employees Association and fans, as we can't do these shows without you!"

The Club congratulates all who participated in the Choraliers Showcase, and thanks to Heidi Bass, Choraliers President, for all her hard work in producing the Showcase event.



The Choraliers performed a tribute to television theme songs

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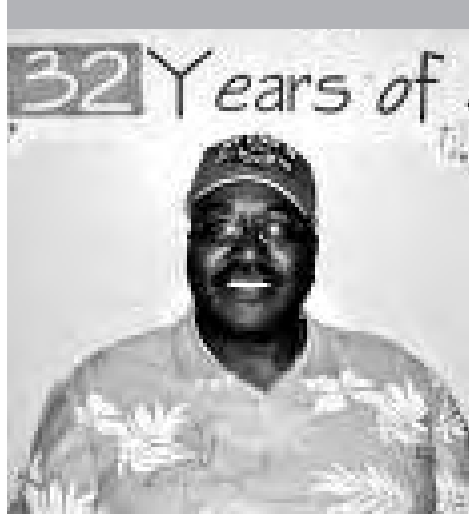
yourself about the factors involved before you purchase a home.

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



Ed Williams, Club Member, retired after 32 years of City Service.



Right: Tobi Arias, Club Member, presents Ed Williams, Retiree, with a Certificate of Appreciation from SEIU.



Ed Williams, Retiree, Club Member, with his Certificate of Appreciation and jacket presented by Ben Setiarto, Parking Attendant Manager.



Ed Williams, Retiree, Club Member, thanks everyone who came to share his day with him.



Ed Williams Parks for Good

■ Ed Williams retires from General Services Parking Services after 32 years of City service.

GENERAL SERVICES — Ed Williams retired from General Services with a party held in his honor May 18 at the P2 parking services office.

He retires after 32 years of City service.

The Club congratulates Ed on a great career, and thanks Tony Alvarez for his assistance in producing this article.



Ed Williams, Club Member, receives his Certificate of Appreciation from his former manager, the illustrious Tony Alvarez, Club Member.



Ed Williams, Retiree, Club Member, with his daughter, Arlana.



In back: Charlie Diaz, Parking Attendant II, Club Member. Seated: Ed Williams, Retiree, Club Member.



From left: Amy Goto with Ed Williams, Retiree, Club Member.



From left: Alejandro Marin, Parking Attendant I; Ed Williams, Club Member, and Sandy Ke, Clerk Typist.



From left: Charlie Diaz, Parking Attendant II, Club Member; Ed Williams, Retiree, Club Member; and Alfred Rosas, Supervisor, Lot 7



From left: Ed Williams, Retiree, Club Member, and Tony Sperl, Retired.



From left: Ed Williams, Retiree, with Charlie Diaz, Parking Attendant, Club Member.



From left: Ed Williams, Retiree, Club Member, and Ben Setiarto, Parking Manager.



Sharing some of the good times they shared is Louie Murillo, Parking Services Supervisor.



Standing: Torsak Teongnoi, Parking Attendant, Club Member. Seated: Ed Williams, Retiree, Club Member.



From left: Pete Montelongo, Sr. Parking Attendant II, Club Member, worked with Ed for 32 years; Ed Williams, Retiree, Club Member; and Gaby Vidales, Sr. Parking Attendant, Club Member.

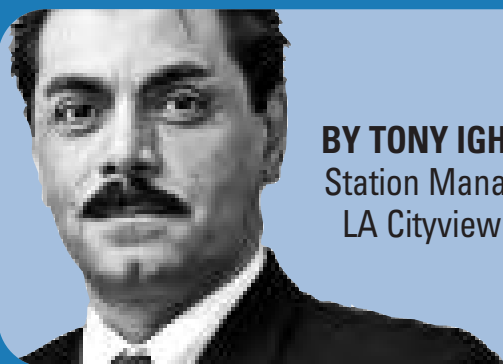


From left: Alejandro Marin, Parking Attendant I; Sandy Ke, Clerk Typist; Mr. M, Parking Attendant; Gaby Vidales, Sr. Parking Attendant, Club Member; and Charlie Diaz, Parking Attendant II, Club Member.



From left: Ed Williams, Retiree, Club Member, with Louie Murillo, Parking Services Supervisor, Club Member.

Tuned



BY TONY IGHANI
Station Manager,
LA Cityview 35



Newsbrief

FAMILY RECYCLING:

A new Multi-Family Residential Recycling Program started in the City July 17. At present, Public Works/Sanitation provides weekly curbside pickup of recyclable materials, green waste and refuse from more than 745,000 single-family homes in Los Angeles. The new program provides free pick-up, blue bins and educational materials to residents of multi-family units.

"By taking advantage of innovative programs that offer additional recycling opportunities, like this, residents can help us achieve the mayors goal of diverting 70 percent of the City's refuse away from landfills by 2015," Ruiz said. "Los Angeles currently sends 62 percent of its refuse to recycling sites."

A recently launched website - www.larecycles.org - offers residents information on the new program. The Multifamily Residential Recycling Program website answers a variety of frequently asked questions about recycling as well as enrollment guidelines. "Items that can be recycled are listed and defined," Ruiz said. "Clean dry paper, cardboard boxes and chipboard, aluminum, tin, steel metal, and bi-metal cans, glass bottles and jars, empty plastic containers, plastic bags and film bags are among them."

For general information about recycling for Single-Family Homes, Curbside Collection, or Blue Bins, call (800) 773-CITY, (800) 773-2489 or visit the following Website:

www.lacity.org/SAN/solid_resources/recycling.

LAX SERVICE WORKERS:

In response to a recent report released by the Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE), *Under the Radar: How Airline Outsourcing of Passenger Services Compromises Security and Service Quality at LAX*, Councilwoman and Club Member Janice Hahn called today for improved working conditions for passenger service workers at LAX.

The LAANE report raised a number of concerns, including inadequate training for important security functions, malfunctioning wheelchair equipment used for passengers with disabilities and inadequate wages for passenger service workers. The Councilwoman introduced a motion asking the staff of the Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) to report back on each of the recommendations found in the LAANE report as well as to give suggestions on how to improve conditions for these workers.

"As Chair of the Trade Commerce and Tourism Committee, I am concerned about the quality of service provided to the millions of passengers that visit LAX annually. We must work together to adequately train all personnel and see that equipment such as wheelchairs are functioning properly," Councilwoman Janice Hahn said. "At the same time, the low wages and benefits of these workers are unacceptable. Workers at LAX should not be living in poverty."

The passenger service companies are contracted directly by the airlines and not Airports. The LAANE report can be found at: http://www.laane.org/research/under_the_radar.html

Two Emmy Noms for LA Cityview 35

On July 12, the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences announced the nominations for the 59th Annual LA Area Emmy Awards. The winners will be announced Aug. 25 at the Academy's headquarters in North Hollywood.

This year, *LA Cityview 35* is recognized with two nominations in the following categories:

1. CRA: Hollywood Revitalization

Category: Public, Municipal and Operator Produced Cable

2. DWP's 2006 Science Bowl

Category: Children and Youth Programming

My sincere congratulations to all nominees, City departments and production team members who once again helped *LA Cityview 35*, ITA and the City shine in such a prestigious event. And a special congratulation to Brad Pomerance and David Goldsmith of *LA Cityview 35*, Kiara Harris of CRA and Walter Zeisl of DWP, who helped produce the nominating programs. Best of luck to all nominees. For a full list of the nominees visit: http://www.emmys.org/awards/2007la/laareaawards_noms.php

Programming Highlights in July:

Aging in L.A.

Paul Petersen is adept at more than just frank discourse on *Aging in LA*, he consciously discusses sometimes controversial topics and does so with élan. The four new episodes premiering this month are no exception.

The four new episodes this month are: "Literacy in Late Life," "LA Recreation and Parks Senior Center," "Alzheimer's Disease," and "Evidence-Based Programming".

Community Redevelopment Agency Presents

The Community Redevelopment Agency attracts private investment in depressed areas, eliminate slums and blight, revitalize neighborhoods, build affordable housing, encourage job creation, and economic development, while seeking the broadest possible community participation in its activities.

This month's episode focuses upon the astounding achievements in South Los Angeles. Don't miss this opportunity to see the enormous impact the Community Redevelopment Agency has had in our communities.

Disability Forum

In the next series of *Disability Forum* shows, the topics are as varied and diverse as the disability community residing within the City.

The first program looks at "Service Animals and the Law." The second program

will focus on "Housing Discrimination and Persons with Disabilities." The third program looks at "Employment and Persons with Disabilities," and the fourth will look at "Recreational Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities."

Home Shopping Network

If cats are cool and dogs are hot, then maybe that's why they call them "the dog days of summer." You've got a future friend waiting to meet you at your nearest animal shelter. LA's shelters are filled with pets that are shopping for a home. Get a formal introduction from host Andrew Tarr on the newest episode of "The Home Shopping Network."

You'll also get a peek inside a groundbreaking program launched by LA Animal Services and the City Attorney's office, aimed at helping neighbors resolve disputes over their pets, so that even next-door neighbors can be friends.

L.A. Roundtable

Three new episodes of "LA Roundtable" make their official debut this month, only on *LA Cityview 35*:

- "New Board of Education"

Voters recently elected several new members to the Los Angeles Unified School District Board, changing the political and philosophical makeup of the board. What will this mean to ongoing efforts to improve classroom education and solve budget problems in the nation's

second largest school district?

- "Higher Education in Los Angeles"

What are the realities of getting into college and paying rising tuition and other fees? Is there really a place for everyone, and do our local campuses provide equal opportunities for admission and financial aid?

- "What's Happening to My Local TV News?"

Local TV stations are facing a growing crisis in their newsrooms as viewership has steadily been declining and so have the advertising dollars that support news-gathering operations. Stations seem to be spending more time than ever covering celebrity scandals and car chases, and less time covering important long-term issues. Why has all this been happening and what does it mean to the future of local news?

Our Neighborhood: CD-12

The tree-lined streets of Northridge in the San Fernando Valley will soon be in the limelight as Councilman Greig Smith finishes up production of the second episode of his *LA Cityview 35* television show, *Our Neighborhood*.

Councilman Smith takes viewers on a tour of Northridge, meeting the people, activities, businesses, and culture that make Northridge a unique community.

For airing schedule of the above programs,
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Some of the Transportation employees who helped organized the event.



Dick Wong, center, helped organize the event.

DOT's Race To Wellness

■ Transportation hosts health fair.

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

TRANSPORTATION — Transportation held its 2007 Race to Wellness Health Fair April 30 at the Caltrans Building downtown. Transportation's main offices are in that building.

The event was hosted by People Growers.

The free screenings by health professionals included checks for cholesterol, body fat, glucose, Dermascans, spinal issues and blood pressure. Free massages were also offered. Door prizes were donated by more than 30 exhibitors who participated.

Thanks to Dick Wong and Selwyn Hollis for their assistance.



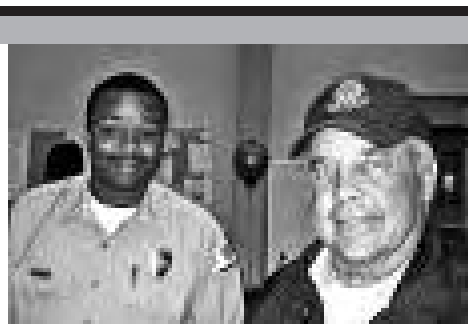
Many came to take advantage of the many free services available.



At right: Gloria Jeff, Transportation General Manager, Club Member.



David Holland, Traffic Officer, Club Member, 1 year of service.



From left: Steven McMillan, Traffic Officer, 9.5 years of service; and Alvin Katz, Traffic Officer, 10 years of service.

... And West L.A., Too

■ Transportation's West L.A. facility hosts a health fair, too.

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

TRANSPORTATION — Transportation's West Los Angeles facility held its health fair May 2. The theme was "2007 Race to Wellness."

The event was hosted by People Growers. Thanks to Dick Wong and Selwyn Hollis for their assistance.



Sharon Coleman, Traffic Officer II, Club Member, 18.5 years of service, picks up information at the Club booth.



Reggie Allen, Traffic Officer, Club Member, 7 years of service.



David Tiffin, Parking Meter Tech Supervisor, Club Member 16 years of service.



James Glover, Traffic Officer, Club Member, 21 years of service.

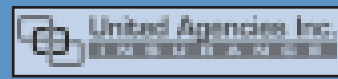


Richard Henderson, Parking Meter Technician, 5 years of service.

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by JEFF GELINEAU

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



TeenSurance Helps You Stop Worrying

Safeco Insurance Company has just released an exciting and potentially life-saving new product:

Have you heard these national statistics?

- Motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of death in 16-year-olds;
- 3,467 drivers between the ages of 15 and 20 died in auto accidents in 2005; and
- 23 percent of those teen drivers killed in 2005 were intoxicated

We've all been there before ... the hormones are raging, the friends are putting pressure on you to do stupid things, and the ol' cerebral cortex just isn't quite developed enough to make good choices all the time. Ah, youth!

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- Provides teens with a speed limit reminder while driving the vehicle;
- Provides teens with a curfew reminder; and
- Allows stolen vehicle tracking.

TeenSurance is a radical and new concept to helping to address the serious issue of teens and cars. It might be an uncomfortable conversation to have with your child, but it could potentially be a life-saving one. With TeenSurance, you can open up the communication with your child, and have the physical proof required to develop trust and actually improve the relationship.

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High Noon at Griffith

The Observatory celebrates the summer solstice, the longest day of the year, June 21.

Story and photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

REC AND PARKS — On June 21 at 11:06 a.m., summer officially began, and special festivities took place at Griffith Observatory to celebrate this year's summer solstice. Starting at 12:30 p.m. in the Gottlieb Transit Corridor, a special explanation of summer solstice was performed by Dr. E.C. Krupp, the Director of Griffith Observatory. Those present saw the sun's image transit across the meridian arc at local noon, which occurred at 12:55 p.m. Special guests at the event included Councilmember and Club Member Tom LaBonge as well as Suzanne Gottlieb, benefactor and Dr. Bruce Bohannon, instrument project scientist.



Dr. E.C. Krupp, Observatory Director and Club Member, points to image about to cross over the meridian arc.

The summer solstice, which is on or around June 21 each year, occurs when the sun is farthest north and makes its highest appearance in the sky for observers in the northern hemisphere. The sun shines most directly on the northern half of the Earth at this time of year because of the tilt of the earth's axis, which makes this day the longest day of the year.

In Los Angeles, at roughly 34 degrees north of

the equator, the sun is never seen directly overhead, but on the summer solstice the sun reaches its highest elevation of the entire year. The Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn are those latitudes on earth where the sun appears directly overhead at local noon on the summer and winter solstices, respectively.

Around the world, people have acknowledged and celebrated these important dates. Calendar keeping was especially important to early people who watched the Sun's motion to help them determine when to plant crops or anticipate important animal migrations. Ancient ruins include features that align with the rising, setting, and passage of the Sun through the sky on solstices and equinoxes. Many ancient sites suggest that ritual was an important part of observing solstices and equinoxes.

Griffith Observatory has several architectural features that align with important sky events. Granite lines laid into the concrete of the West Observation Terrace point to the sunset position on the solstices and equinoxes and to significant moonsets as well. The Gottlieb Transit Corridor marks the noon passage of the sun each day and maps the Sun's yearly motion against the background constellations of stars. Inside Griffith Observatory, several exhibits explain the motions of the Sun and Moon and the passage of the seasons.

The Club thanks Dr. Krupp, Club Member, for his assistance.



The side of Griffith Observatory on the longest day of the year.



Dr. E.C. Krupp, Observatory Director and Club Member, enjoys this very special moment when the sun is farthest north and makes its highest appearance in the sky for observers in the northern hemisphere.



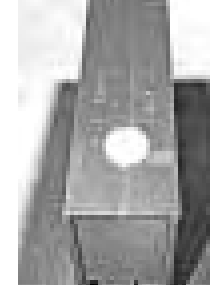
Ecliptic chart. On the west side of the Gottlieb Transit Corridor, a 22-foot-long stainless steel engraved star chart illustrates the sun's annual path through the background stars and the constellations.



From left: Dr. Bruce Bohannon, Corridor and Instrument Project Scientist; Dr. E.C. Krupp, Director, Griffith Observatory, and Club Member; Suzanne Gottlieb, Benefactor; and Dr. Laura Danley, Curator, Griffith Observatory.



The meridian arc.



The moment has arrived and will continue for a little more than a minute.



Dr. E.C. Krupp, Observatory Director and Club Member, and Suzanne Gottlieb, Benefactor.



Dr. E.C. Krupp, Observatory Director and Club Member, looks down at the sun's image as it nears the lowest point on the meridian arc.

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Newsbrief

HOLLYHOCK HOUSE:

The City's Aline Barnsdall Complex, which includes the renowned Hollyhock House, designed by famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright, has been designated a National Historic Landmark by the U. S. Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne. The designation recognizes the house's importance in interpreting the heritage and history of the United States.

According to the Department of the Interior, "The National Historic Landmark designation is the highest such recognition accorded by the nation to historic properties determined to be of exceptional value in representing or illustrating an important theme, event, or person in the history of the nation. Today, fewer than 2,500 properties bear this national distinction."

Built between 1919 and 1923, Hollyhock House was Wright's first Los Angeles project, and represents his earliest efforts to develop a regionally appropriate style for Southern California. This effort culminated in a remarkable combination of house and gardens. In addition to the central garden court, each major interior space adjoins an equivalent exterior space, connected either by glass doors, a porch, pergola, or colonnade. In

1927, Aline Barnsdall donated Hollyhock House and the surrounding 11.5 acres to the City of Los Angeles for use as a public park.

Hollyhock House, located in Barnsdall Park, is open to the public Wednesday through Sunday. House tours are scheduled at 12:30 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at the Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery adjacent to Hollyhock House. General adult admission is \$7, students and seniors \$3, and children under 12 are admitted free of charge. For more information, please call (323) 644-6269.

PREP WORK FOR SEWER:

Preparatory grouting work for future connection of the planned Vermont Relief Sewer to the existing East Central Interceptor Sewer was set to begin July 23.

Bureau of Engineering contract crews will grout soil within the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) right of way on Exposition Boulevard just west of Vermont Avenue. Work will take approximately two and one half months to complete.

Most of the work will take place within the MTA right of way. The project site will remain fenced for safety and pedestrians are urged not to enter the construction work zone.

"The City of Los Angeles appreciates the public's cooperation and will do everything possible to complete this work quickly and safely," said Public Works Board President Cynthia Ruiz. "We apologize in advance for any traffic delays that might occur during the duration of this project."

LONGTERM TRAFFIC CONCERNS:

Councilman Jack Weiss has sponsored a measure to explore long-range traffic congestion.

Because traffic congestion in Los Angeles is a top quality of life concern, frustrating drivers and causing air pollution, Councilmember Jack Weiss introduced a measure to explore potential infrastructure improvements and funding mechanisms.

"Drivers in the region lose countless hours stuck in traffic, and the problem is getting worse," Weiss said. "It's time to take a serious look at our infrastructure needs and find a way to get the City moving again. If not now, when?"


Weiss would like the City Council to explore alternatives, including a potential ballot measure, to give voters an opportunity to decide the future of infrastructure investment.

Recent reports indicate the State's population will grow to 60 million by the middle of the century, and current plans for infrastructure are not sufficient to keep pace with growing demand, placing an even greater burden on local roads. Plans for an extension of the subway to the sea; busway/rail system improvements; significant improvements in the city's infrastructure, streets, and traffic signalization; and other measures require major public investment.

Constraints on the City of Los Angeles' budget severely limit options for major improvements to alleviate congestion. Weiss requested that the Chief Legislative Analyst develop a list of projects from throughout the City and County, including subway, bus, rail, and other improvements, their funding requirements, and funding options.


The measure was referred to the Council's Transportation Committee.

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The men and women of Housing in their traditional Filipino dress, front row, from left: Mariano Napa, Wilson Malano, Victor Cendana and Rene Posadas. Back row: Evangeline Baello, Amelia Cua, Helen Limato, Lilibeth Co, Gertrudes Domasig, Teresita Roque and Susan Verdejo.



Filipino employees from Rec and Parks and Housing enjoy the ethnic food.



Mariano Napa and Susana Verdejo performing a Filipino dance.

Filipino Independence Day

■ **Housing's Filipino-American employees celebrate Filipino independence day.**

Story by Victor Cendana, Housing;
Photos by Rodolfo DeVera, Housing

HOUSING — The 109th Philippines Independence Day was celebrated colorfully and nostalgically June 12, led by the FilAm Employees of the Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD) at the Garland Auditorium of the Garland Building in a two-hour cultural presentation.

Contributing to the Pinoy atmosphere was the beautiful Barong Filipino attire worn by the FilAms. As expected, delicious Filipino dishes including pinakbet, sisig, sinigang, pancit and vegetable rolls were in abundance for the delight of everyone.

After the Prayer for the Food, a slide presentation of beautiful tourist spots in the Philippines followed, beckoning all to visit the Philippines. Bruce Ortiz, a senior employee at Housing, gave the keynote speech, reminiscing how the Filipinos rose up against Spain to be free from foreign power in the famous Cry of Balintawak Aug. 23, 1896, which culminated in the raising of the Philippines flag for the first time in Kawit, Cavite, the Philippines on June 12, 1898, as an independent nation.

Two Filipina folk dancers entertained the audience with their nimble steps of several regional dances including the Igorot dance, Pandango sa Ilaw, Itik-itik, Muslim dance and coached everybody to participate and dance. There was enthusiastic response from the audience. Housing singers Wilson Malano, Lilibeth Co, Susana Verdejo, Rene Posadas and Cesar Cunanan delighted the audience further with their rendition of Filipino songs. Gus Soliman played on the keyboard the sentimental favorite – *Dabil sa Iyo*, while Amelia Hernandez sang.



Two professional Filipino folk dancers, Irene and Lynn, performed a traditional fan dance.



Men participated in the "pandango sa ilaw" dance, from left: Rene Posadas, Housing, and Charlie Palaganas, Harbor.



Wilson Malano, Housing, performed a warrior dance.



Some of the nearly 100 lunchtime audience members at the event.



The women try the "itik itik" dance, from left: Amelia Cua, Susan Verdejo, Rhodess and Lu Ibarrientos.



From left: Marilu de Vera, Sr. Accountant, Transportation, and Yolly Huang, Chief Accountant, ITA, enjoy the Filipino show.

A Housing version of the popular noon show, *Wowowee*, with lots of gifts added further glamour to the celebration.

Ate Helen Vela Limtao and Kuya Victor Wood Cendana hosted the event.

The Planning Committee composed of Teresita Roque, Mariano Napa, Rhod de Vera, Victor Cendana, Bruce Ortiz and Helen Limtao. They concluded that the affair was a tremendous success.

The affair was attended by many employees from Rec and Parks, Community Development, Transportation, Harbor, IITA and Finance and included top Housing management. Those in attendance were Major Project Director Sean Spears, Rent Stabilization Director Roberto Aldape, Sr. Personnel Analyst II Alfonso Perez and former Major Projects Director Ruperto Albelda.



Filipina dancer Irene Pinzon perform a muslim princess dance.



From left: Teena Wheelers; Rey Guilles and Ben Acuna.



Housing's Teresita Roque and Susana Verdejo show off their Filipino traditional dress.



From left: Eden Garcia, Marilu De Vera and Yolly Huang.



LAHD employees, from left: Helen Limtao, Lilibeth Co, Gertrudes Domasig, Teresita Roque, Susan Verdejo and Amelia Cua.



From left: Housing employees Illeana Reynolds, Wilson Malano, Lilibeth Co and Rene Posadas performed in the program.



Rec and Parks Filipino employees, including Rose Reyes (left), Chief Accountant, enjoy the Filipino buffet.



Employees from Rec and Parks.



The Filipino-American men and women of Housing pose after the successful event.



Homecoming



Harbor Executive Director Geraldine Knatz talks to *Alive!* about coming back to where she began her career ... protecting the environment ... keeping the harbor safe ... and increasing laughter in her department by 30 percent.

HARBOR — You can come home again. And how.

Geraldine Knatz returns to the Port of Los Angeles, where she began her career in 1977, as the Executive Director of the largest port in the country. And its first female executive, too.

The challenges are very different than they were in 1977, when she came to the Harbor as an environmental scientist. Her sense of coming home speaks volumes about working for the City.

Read all about her in this month's *Alive!* interview, starting on the next page.

The *Alive!* Interview

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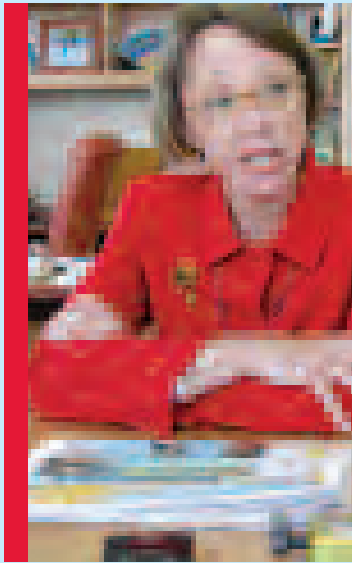
— Geraldine Knatz

**Geraldine Knatz,
Executive Director,
Port of Los Angeles,
talks with Club CEO
John Hawkins on the
dock of Fire Station
112 in San Pedro.**

The Alive! Interview

Homecoming

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Alive! First, we want to congratulate you on being named Woman Executive of the Year by the *L.A. Business Journal*.

Geraldine Knatz: Oh, thank you, John.

Alive! I can't ever remember a City Employee getting an award from them, or being in their pages. Except for maybe Mayor Villaraigosa. That is pretty cool!

So, you started here at the Port of L.A.

Geraldine Knatz: I started here at the Port of Los Angeles in 1977. I was still a student. I came in at entry level in the environmental office. I worked here for about four years, and then I went over to Long Beach. I went to Long Beach because there was an opportunity to head up the environmental group there, so it was a promotion. I was over there for 24 years.

Alive! So you're coming back.

Geraldine Knatz: I know. It's kind of a neat thing. I come in at the bottom and then came back at the top. It's like such a nice story.

Alive! That's awesome.

Geraldine Knatz: Yeah! To me it's a good story for all the employees here. You can come in, you can start at the bottom, and you can go out at the top.

Alive! You have a doctoral degree [from USC]. Do we have to call you doctor?

Geraldine Knatz: No, no, no, no, no! The people around here do that. It's like, really! They didn't do that over at Long Beach. I think [the people at Long Beach] must have told them, or something.

TWO PORTS, TOGETHER

Alive! You came from the Port of Long Beach. What is the same and what's different about the ports?

Geraldine Knatz: What's the same is that both have great people to work with. What's different is the mix of business. At Los Angeles we have a greater [business] diversity. We have the cruise business. We've got commercial fishing. We've got recreational activities and museums that we are taking care of. In Long Beach, it's just the industrial sector. And that's what attracted me, the diversity. It was kind of exciting.

Alive! And the Port of Los Angeles is bigger.

Geraldine Knatz: Yeah. I mean we're number one [Los Angeles] and number two [Long Beach].

Alive! In terms of employees.

Geraldine Knatz: Oh yeah, staff size. There were about 300 employees at Long Beach, and this is like 850.

Alive! Are you working together with the Port of Long Beach? Do you see a synergy that there wasn't before?

Geraldine Knatz: We were working together before. We're working together more now. In my first week, we had the first meeting of the two boards of Harbor Commissioners since 1929. Every Monday, the two Port executive directors, the two board presidents and the vice presidents [get together] for a meeting to work on some of these Clean Air Action plans.

CLEANER AIR

Alive! Is cleaner air the main part of what the two ports talk about at those meetings?

Geraldine Knatz: Yeah. We're pretty much dealing with all of the things related to the Clean Air Action plan. And right now we're focusing on the trucking industry. We have a railroad, and there was a major effort that went on for probably two years to get to the point where we've got a whole new locomotive fleet. So now we're really focusing on the trucks. Five years from now we hope to have completely turned over the truck fleet.

Alive! And turning it over means what, specifically?

Geraldine Knatz: To clean trucks. Either we've retrofitted the old trucks or we have actually scrapped the old ones and replaced them with new trucks.

Alive! A big rig.

Geraldine Knatz: Yeah, right.

Alive! And retrofit means ...

Geraldine Knatz: Our goal is to have all the trucks in the port meet the 2007 EPA standard for trucks. And we've got a lot of really old ones out there. So, at the end of five years, we'll be there, but we're going to have to help subsidize this switch. It's about a \$2 billion program to change out this fleet.

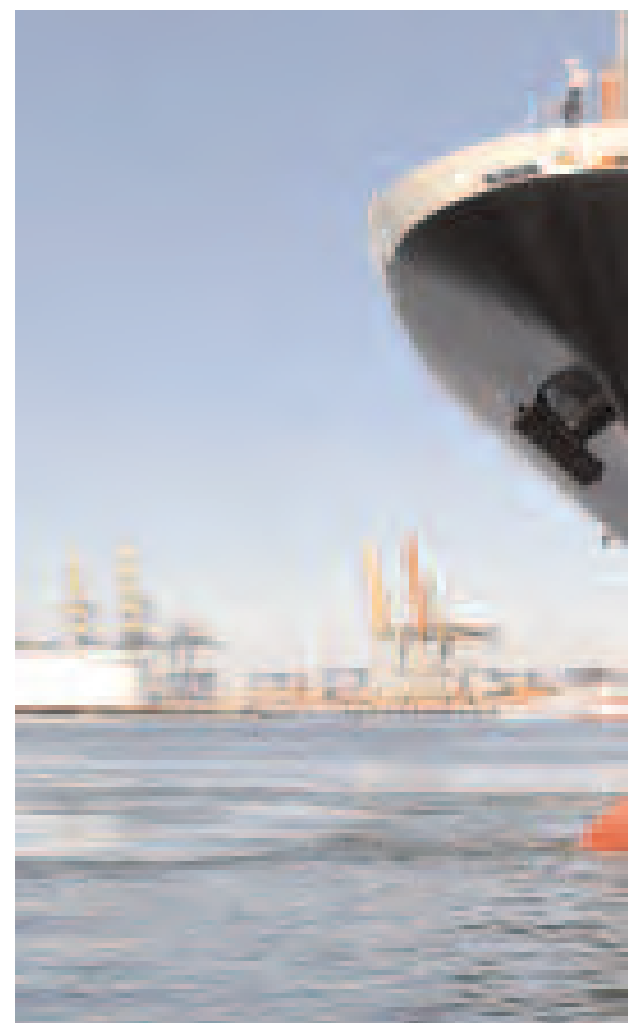
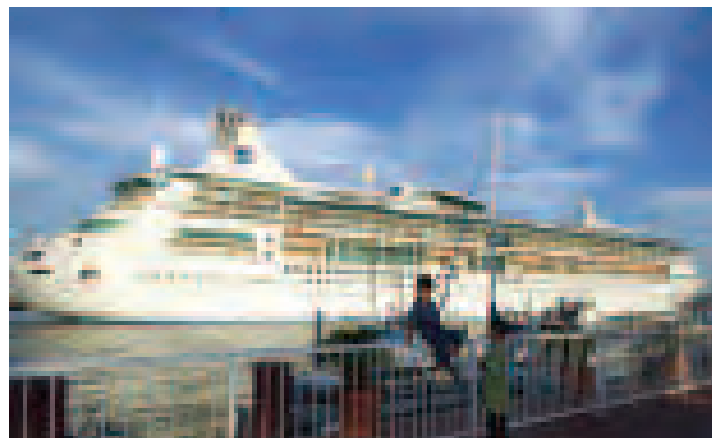
Alive! Because these are private companies that own these trucks.

Geraldine Knatz: Right. New trucks are very expensive. If you're going to get an LNG [liquefied natural gas] one, it's \$185,000 for one truck. The older trucks, the diesel trucks, are maybe \$125,000 [to retrofit to LNG]. It's a lot more than just going and buying a new car.



“It's great to see something that you started here, all of the sudden be picked up in other places. It's like our Clean Air Action Plan. San Diego's doing one. The Bay area's doing one. Seattle, Tacoma and Vancouver teamed together to do one. So we started something and all of the sudden, it has affected the whole West Coast.”

— Geraldine Knatz





An old-fashioned root beer social is part of Geraldine Knatz's plan to improve communication, camaraderie and laughter. Upper management played the part of servers.

CHANGE IS CONSTANT

Alive! Since you began your career in port management, how have things changed? Have they changed for the better or the worse, in terms of port operations?

Geraldine Knatz: It was such a small group of employees back then. Obviously things are much more complex now. But, I would say that they've just grown. I can't say they've grown for the better or they've grown for the worse. One of the reasons people come to the port and they never leave, is that things constantly change. I've never had a day coming to work where I'm bored. I've never had a day where I woke up and said, I don't want to go today because I don't want to deal with this thing or that thing, or I'm doing the same old thing. Every day is, oh my gosh, a new thing happening. It constantly evolves, it constantly changes. The industry constantly changes and you kind of have to grow and change with it.

THE LEADING EDGE

Alive! Is there another port in the world that you personally look up to in terms of things that they've done, or accomplish-

ment they have?

Geraldine Knatz: We're really on the leading edge. LA and Long Beach are shoulders above the other ports.

I recently went to a meeting of the port executive directors -- they get together once a year for this session and it's very informal. It was good thing I showed up. Everybody throws onto the agenda what they want to talk about, and the whole agenda was about us. What the heck are we doing with this? Why are we doing that? The other ports are a little leery about how things that happen here could affect them. Sometimes we scare them a little bit. But that's exciting, too. And it's great to see something that you started here, all of the sudden be picked up in other places. It's like our Clean Air Action Plan. San Diego's doing one. The Bay area's doing one. Seattle, Tacoma and Vancouver teamed together to do one. So we started something and all of the sudden, it has affected the whole West Coast.

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About Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D.

Executive Director, Port of Los Angeles

Bio

Hometown: Wayne, New Jersey

Education: Rutgers, University of Southern California

Family status: Husband and two sons

Current residence: Long Beach

Favorite music: "I'm stuck back in the Motown era."

Favorite song: "Midnight Hour," Wilson Pickett

Favorite TV show: "I rarely watch TV. I like to watch *Masterpiece Theatre/Mystery.*"

Favorite candy: Dark chocolate.

What she does on Friday night: "Friday night is family night."

Favorite phrase: "It's impossible, it's difficult, it's done."

As Executive Director of the Port of Los Angeles, Geraldine Knatz oversees the daily operations and internal management of the nation's number one containerport. After an exhaustive national search, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa nominated Dr. Knatz for the position in late 2005. In January 2006, she became the first female executive director of the Port of Los Angeles.

Moving the Port of Los Angeles forward with an agenda that focuses on responsible Port growth and environmental leadership is an aggressive goal that Dr. Knatz has tackled from day one. Reducing port emissions, eliminating health risks and expanding capital development programs to accommodate the Port's future growth as a premiere Pacific gateway and national economic engine are top priorities at the Port under her leadership.

A key to accomplishing these goals is the landmark San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan, approved in November by the Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbor Commissions. The Clean Air Action Plan provides a comprehensive strategy for reducing air emissions from port operations by nearly 50 percent over a period of five years. She was instrumental in the creation and implementation of the Clean Air Action Plan. Her efforts facilitated the first joint meeting of the leaders of the two ports since the 1920s and the first-ever public meeting of the two Port Boards on the day the Plan was approved last November.

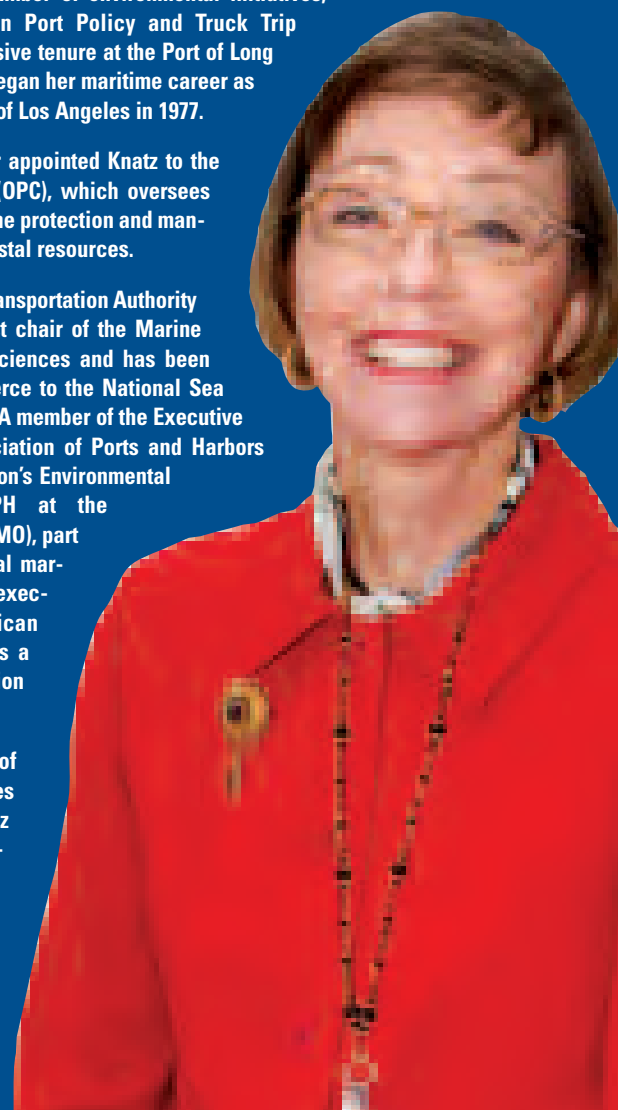
Dr. Knatz's take-charge attitude and relentless energy in making "green growth" a top priority at the Port of Los Angeles has earned her numerous accolades, including: recognition as "Woman Executive of the Year" in May by the Los Angeles Business Journal; being named one of Southern California's 100 Most Influential People by the Los Angeles Times' West magazine; and, in December, a spot on Los Angeles Magazine's "Power List" of L.A. Influentials.

Previously, she served as managing director of the neighboring Port of Long Beach. As the number two executive at the Port of Long Beach, she oversaw a \$2.3 billion capital improvement program and spearheaded a number of environmental initiatives, including development of the Green Port Policy and Truck Trip Reduction Program. While her impressive tenure at the Port of Long Beach spans two decades, Dr. Knatz began her maritime career as an environmental scientist at the Port of Los Angeles in 1977.

In June, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Knatz to the California Ocean Protection Council (OPC), which oversees and coordinates statewide policy for the protection and management of California's ocean and coastal resources.

She serves on the Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority (ACTA) Board of Directors, is the past chair of the Marine Board of the National Academy of Sciences and has been appointed by the Secretary of Commerce to the National Sea Grant College Program Review Panel. A member of the Executive Committee of the International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH), Dr. Knatz chairs the organization's Environmental Committee, representing the IAPH at the International Maritime Organization (IMO), part of the United Nations, on international maritime treaties. She also serves on the executive committee for the American Association of Port Authorities and is a past chair of its Harbors and Navigation Committee.

A proud alumna of the University of Southern California, where she teaches in the Civil Engineering School, Knatz earned two degrees from USC: a doctorate in biological science and a Master of science in environmental engineering. She also holds an undergraduate degree in zoology from Rutgers University. Born and raised in New Jersey, she lives in Long Beach with her husband and two sons.



Homecoming

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POWER FOR CLEANER AIR

Alive! Speaking of clean air, what is the progress of AMP? We featured it in several issues in the past. [The AMP program allows ships, while in port, to plug into power from the dock, instead of running their diesel generators for onboard power. It reduces the amount of exhaust in the Harbor. — Ed.] Can you give us an update?

Geraldine Knatz: When you did your first article, it was about China Shipping and plugging in. We now have another terminal that is plugging in. It's NYK. They're in the testing phase, so they brought several ships in, they plugged them in, and we're

probably going to go public with that, in terms of a big event, probably in September. We are hoping to have our cruise terminals power-ready by the end of 2008. Our goal is, over this five-year cleaner action plan, to have all our major berths fitted with the connectors for the ships to plug in.

Alive! Is there still a lot of negotiation that you have to do with the shipping companies to retrofit their ships?

Geraldine Knatz: In Los Angeles, it's becoming the norm. Negotiation is not the right word when you talk about AMP. As the leases come up for renewal and as we enter into new leases or lease amendments, we put all these action measures in the Cleaner Air Action Plan in the lease. But everybody knows out there. AMPing is a given. Most of the carriers out here have already retrofitted their ships. They're just waiting for our power to get there.



The Port's AMP project allows cargo ships in dock to connect to electricity from the dock, rather than running their own diesel engines. This creates far less pollution for the Harbor air.

DAY TO DAY

Alive! How would you describe a typical day for you?

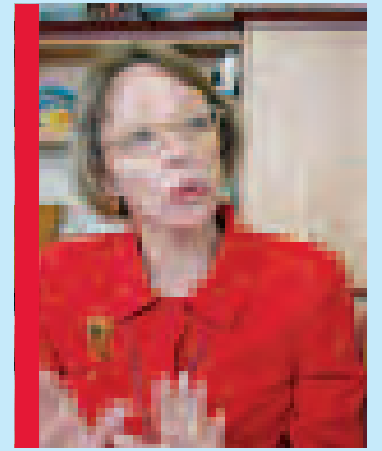
Geraldine Knatz: Well, I get up at 4:45, take a jog with my husband and am usually gone from the house by 6. I like to be in by 6:30 because most employees don't show up until 8, so that gives me time to really get organized and file away the homework that I brought home the night before. And get the emails set and get ready for the day.

A lot of times I have 7 a.m. meetings. I have my table down at the Grinder. They know me. They know, okay -- she's here, get the Diet Coke. It's my breakfast.

REBUILDING THE TEAM

Geraldine Knatz: It took me a year to build a new management team. I brought in a lot of outsiders. I reorganized the port into four functional groups. We have the finance and administration. We have the business side. We have the development side. And then we have the operations side, the day-to-day operations. I put in four deputy executive directors over those four units. And then we have the public affairs group, which also reports to me. I spend a half a day Monday with those people.

One of my goals is to try and improve communication within the organization, so more people know what's going on and are brought in, and change some of the way that things were done here.



I'm a believer in sharing information. So I like to share what's going on with the staff and the board members. So there's a lot of interaction with the board members.

TWO BIG ISSUES

Alive! The environment seems to be one of the biggest issues. How does terrorism compare with that?

Geraldine Knatz: They're both issues you have to think about every day. They're both works in process. You can never say, okay, the Port's secure enough, so we can stop doing stuff. It's a constant thing.

It's the same way with the environment. You never say, oh, we're clean enough, so we're done. There's just always something new. In the environmental area, we happen to be focusing on air now. Years ago, we focused on water. So there'll be something new that's always coming. And the same way with security.

30 Percent More Laughter

Alive! Tell us about your initiative to increase laughter in the department by 30 percent. We're intrigued. How's it going? Did you come up with that?

Geraldine Knatz: I tend to steal things from something I've read. I had heard coming here, and I had sensed at Long Beach, that morale here wasn't the greatest. And so when we were working on our strategic plan, I kind of threw that out, and the rest of the management team thought, hey, it was worthy enough to

focus on employee morale as one of our strategic initiatives. So we're actually going to have a presentation on humor in the workplace as part of our management academy. And we're doing a formal morale study. We formed some internal teams. One is the "A" team, an employee self-directed effort to try and bring employees together.

And then, we've got a lot of other things going. A lot of it had to do with our facilities. The carpet was filthy, the [cafeteria] was a mess. We had to shut it down. It's not good when you don't have food for people, let me tell you. That's not a morale booster. We had the In-N-Out truck out in front of the building yesterday. We've had ice cream.

One of the things we did was just bricking the patio. We have a mud hole out there off of where the cafeteria was, where people could get food. And you couldn't use it. You couldn't work out there; it was always muddy. So we bricked it in. We put tables out there so

people sit outside and come together. I wanted more places for people to collaborate. This is very much a cubicle-driven type structure. The architecture interior of this building is not conducive to bringing people together. So we're addressing our facility needs long-term -- sprucing the building up and making a place for employees to congregate. And they're building a new full-service cafeteria with a salad bar and a soft ice cream machine. And we have space to sit around it, and opening up our cafeteria, all those kinds of things.

We had a root beer float [social] out on the patio about a month ago. And we made the management do all the serving.

Alive! And the one-minute parades.

Geraldine Knatz: Oh, the one minute parade. I learned it from the guy who talks about humor as a way to recognize employees, and employees can do for each other. You keep a basket of instruments. And then when someone decides to recognize a person [for something good they have done], everybody gets the instruments, and then they parade around the cubicle for one minute blowing these kiddy instruments. And the person there is embarrassed. They laugh. Everybody's laughing. And they did it to me. I got a one-minute parade when I got the Business Journal award. All of a sudden, a bunch of people came in here and I was embarrassed. And I started laughing.

We're going to be talking about recognizing each other more often. It doesn't have to come from me. It could be employees to employees.



Enacting a one-minute parade in honor of Michael Hale, Management Analyst and Club Member (seated) are, from left: Julia Kirwan, Senior Management Analyst; Melissa Malahni, Student Worker; Alicia Bell-Molina, Student Worker, Club Member; Rachel Campbell, Public Relations Representative; Debbie Scanlon, Legal Secretary III, Club Member; Marco Sanchez, Civil Engineering Associate, Club Member; and James Howlett, Office Engineering Tech, Club Member.

The Alive! Interview

FUN IS IMPORTANT

Alive!: Where does this come from? You seem to have a positive attitude, at work and I'm sure in your personal life. Where does it come from? Where did you get it?

Geraldine Knatz: I like to have fun. I come to work to have fun. I believe people can work hard and also have fun at work. If this wasn't fun, I wouldn't like waking up and coming here every day.

Alive!: Have you always been like this, from birth?

Geraldine Knatz: I guess. I don't know.

Alive!: Were your parents like that?

Geraldine Knatz: No. [Laughter]. No. My mom is actually out here with me now, visiting. My mom's 93 and she still works.

Alive!: What does she do?

Geraldine Knatz: She works for the school district back in New York. I came from a background of the European work ethic — you work hard, you work hard, you work hard. And I just have to infuse more fun in with it.

Alive!: Do you have a Website with your ancestry on it?

Geraldine Knatz: Yes, I do. www.knatzfamily.com.

Alive!: So you did the code [built the Website] yourself?

Geraldine Knatz: Yes, and I

notice that the color is missing from it somehow. And of course I did that right before I started this job, and I haven't gone back for updates. Updates haven't been out there. But I have a real interest in family history and genealogy. I'm working on the the history of my neighborhood in Long Beach. And I've actually gotten into the history of the [Harbor] board's activity in 1907. I'm doing a little independent research because the California Historical Society's having its annual meeting in San Pedro in the fall, and so they asked me to do a paper. I've decided I'm doing some basic research. But let me tell you that the [board] minutes — things were really juicy back then.

Alive!: A little too much information.

Geraldine Knatz: Our minutes today are a little more cryptic. Back then, they let it all hang out. So it's kind of fun to go back and read about it.

QUALITY EMPLOYEES

Alive!: Talk about your civil servants who work for you, the City Employees.

Geraldine Knatz: The Port has a great staff. We did a survey: Most of our employees live within 15 miles, and a lot of our employees live in the San Pedro area. The port means more to them than just some place to go to work. And because of that, we have people that are very dedicated to the job. They grew up here. They come to work here. That's a unique situation. It just makes the work so much richer and the diversity of our employees really great.



Encouraging more socializing is part of the management plan of Executive Director Geraldine Knatz.

I have an office out in Wilmington, and I'm the first executive director to do it. We have a couple hundred employees in Wilmington, in our maintenance yard. They're the guys and gals who work in the shops, our gardeners and people like that. How cool is it when I have a chance to go walking around in the maintenance yard and visit the shops. I was over there and visited our rigger. He's got this neat facility. It was just so much fun, him showing me all his tools and equipment. I just love it. I love the interaction with the civil servants and the employees, and being out there with them. Especially out in Wilmington. I try and go out every Tuesday. That's my like day in the country.

Alive!: Thank you!

Geraldine Knatz: Thank you!



Clean Locomotives for the Port

■ A new generation of clean-diesel locomotives debuts at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

HARBOR — The ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles and Pacific Harbor Line (PHL) on July 11 commissioned the first of a new fleet of lower-emission, clean-diesel locomotives, which will improve air quality and make PHL the most environmentally friendly switching railroad in the nation.

Port, City and state officials joined with PHL to celebrate the event and congratulate the railroad for transforming its entire locomotive fleet.

Replacement of the locomotives is part of an agreement between the ports and the PHL, which provides switching services for port customers and dispatching for all BNSF Railway and Union Pacific trains within the ports.

The locomotives, outfitted with remanufactured engines, emit 70 percent fewer diesel particulates and 46 percent less smog-forming nitrogen oxides. The new engines also cut greenhouse gases by burning 30 percent less fuel.

"Port of Los Angeles terminals with on-dock rail handled more than 1.3 million containers during 2006 — 28 percent of all containers handled at our Port," said Port Executive Director Geraldine Knatz. "That's why PHL's clean fleet investment is so important to us."

The cost of the \$23 million project is

being shared by PHL (\$10 million) and the ports (\$5 million each), with additional funds from the state Carl Moyer Program, administered by the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

So far, four of the black-and-white, clean-diesel engines have been delivered to PHL. Two more each month will arrive through the rest of the year. The locomotives are being remanufactured at MotivePower Inc.'s Boise, Idaho, plant.

The engines meet the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's "Tier 2" standards for reduction of air pollutants and replace much older locomotive engines, some of which are 50 years old.

The new, eco-friendly locomotive fleet is just one of many groundbreaking environmental initiatives undertaken by the San Pedro Bay ports. The ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles adopted the landmark Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP) in 2006 to curb port-related air pollution from trucks, ships, locomotives and other equipment. A model for seaports around the world, the CAAP is the boldest air quality initiative by any seaport, consisting of wide-reaching measures to significantly reduce air emissions and health risks while allowing for the development of much-needed port efficiency projects. For information on the joint Clean Air Action Plan see the websites of the two ports, www.polb.com and www.portoflosangeles.org, or visit cleanairactionplan.org

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— Geraldine Knatz



BAKER TO VEGAS RUN 2007

'Mugging' After Baker to Vegas

■ **The LAPD Training Division celebrates its completion of the famous Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup foot race.**

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

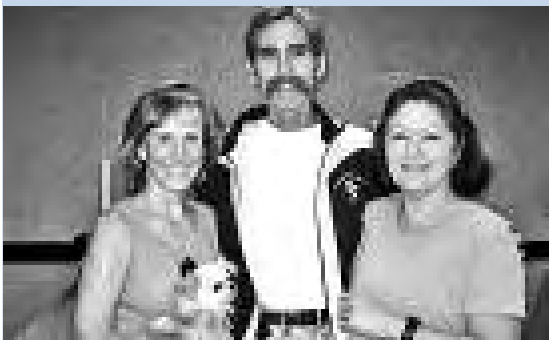
POLICE DEPT. — The LAPD Training Division held an event to celebrate receiving their first place 'mug' for their successful completion of the 2007 Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup relay footrace.

The annual Baker to Vegas footrace 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.

The event took place April 28 at the Manchester Training Facility.

Many of the runners returned to celebrate and pick up their first-place mug. They also enjoyed pizza and drinks and a cake provided by the Club.

Thanks to Sgt. Darryl Ito, Club Member and Team Captain. (Note: Not all team members are pictured.)



From left: Leslie Stepan, with her dog, Buttercup, and her husband, James Stepan, Leg 3 Runner; and Kathy Evans, Follow Vehicle Support.



From left: Sgt. Darryl Ito, Team Captain, Club Member, with Dave Wright, Leg 1 Runner.



From left: Sgt. Lydia Mills, Leg 9 Runner; and Sgt. Darryl Ito, Team Captain, Club Member.



From left: Rachel Barragan, Leg 10 Runner; and Sgt. Darryl Ito, Team Captain, Club Member.



From left: Sgt. Darryl Ito, Team Captain, Club Member; and Jim Stepan, Leg 3 Runner.



From left: Sgt. Darryl Ito, Team Captain, Club Member; and Sgt. Chris Costley, Leg 4 Runner, Club Member.



From left: Shawn McCoy, Leg 7 Runner; and Sgt. Darryl Ito, Team Captain, Club Member.



From left: Dana Smith, Leg 13 Runner; and Sgt. Darryl Ito, Team Captain, Club Member.



Sgt. Darryl Ito thanks everyone for their hard work and dedication.



The LAPD Training Division's 2007 Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup team.



From left: Sgt. Darryl Ito, Team Captain, Club Member; and Capt. Bill Murphy, Commanding Officer Training Division, Leg 20 Runner, Club Member.



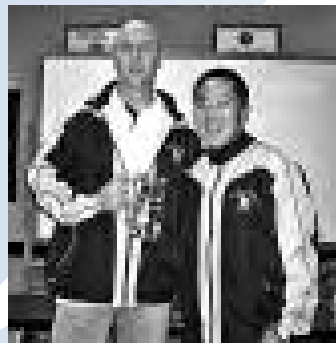
From left: Abel Cepeida, Leg 15 Runner; and Sgt. Darryl Ito, Team Captain, Club Member.



From left: Brandi Scimone, Leg 12 Runner; and Sgt. Darryl Ito, Team Captain, Club Member.



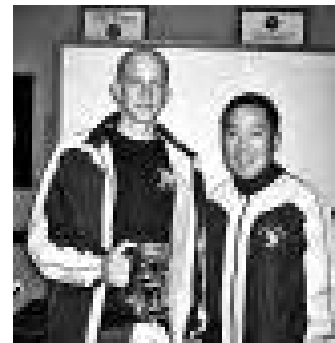
From left: Michael Santiago, Leg 2 Runner; and Sgt. Darryl Ito, Team Captain, Club Member.



From left: Steve Burroughs, Leg 17 Runner; and Sgt. Darryl Ito, Team Captain, Club Member.



From left: Sgt. Darryl Ito, Team Captain, Club Member; and William Mateus, Leg 19 Runner.



From left: Brian Davis, Leg 8 Runner; and Sgt. Darryl Ito, Team Captain, Club Member.



From left: Heather Herrera, Leg 11 Runner; and Sgt. Darryl Ito, Team Captain, Club Member.



Capt. Bill Murphy, Club Member, commends his team and shares his thoughts: "I ran on many teams but never for a championship team."



From left: Sgt. Darryl Ito, Team Captain, Club Member; and Thomas Onyshko, Leg 14 Runner.



From left: Mary Kite, Leg 18 Runner; and Sgt. Darryl Ito, Team Captain, Club Member.



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



Phyllis Fulfills Her Duty

■ **Airport Police Officer Phyllis Massey retires after 33 years of City service.**

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

AIRPORTS — Officer Phyllis Massey retired on April 28, saying goodbye to the Los Angeles Airport Police after 33 years of City service. She celebrated the occasion at LAX's Proud Bird Restaurant on May 12, with friends, family and co-workers.

Officer Massey began with the City in December 1973, working for the Los Angeles Police Department as a Radio Telephone Operator (RTO). She promoted to a Trainer Operator in 1978.

That year she received the "Police Star" medal for her heroic civic duty of challenging a six-foot, 380-pound male suspect attempting to rob and assault a University of Southern California co-ed student in the Los Angeles Sports Arena's parking lot, while Massey was jogging with her young daughter.



Airport Police Officer Phyllis Massey receives her retirement badge from Airport Police Sgt. Michael Edwards.

In 1980, Massey began her career with Airports as a Special Officer. As a cadet in Class 03 at the Rio Hondo Police Academy in Whittier, she completed two months of academy training. After graduating she was assigned to Boarding Services at the LAX terminal gates and later assigned to the Traffic Unit.

Massey worked various assignments and had many experiences during her employment with the Airport Police. The last four years of service, Massey was assigned to the Planning and Development Section, where she worked in the Training Unit. For many years she was a board member on the Association of Airport Employees (AAE) Committee.

"My plans while retired are to enjoy my family, work in my garden, travel, concentrate on my physical well being and participant in more of my church's auxiliaries," she said.

Congratulations, Officer Massey! The Club wishes you a great retirement.



Officer Phyllis Massey and James "Edee" Edwards, former Airport Police Officer.



Tiana Hernandez congratulates her aunt, retiring Airport Police Officer Phyllis Massey.

Airport Police Welcomes 7



From left: Airport Police Officers Albert Carlos, Abel Moreno, Roger Denniston, Carlos Gonzalez, Francisco Elizarraraz, Danny Tung and Douglas Scarborough being sworn in by Los Angeles Airport Police Acting Chief Brian A. Walker.

■ **Seven graduate from LAPD Academy.**

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

AIRPORTS — Seven new Los Angeles Airport Police recruits are joining the ranks of the Los Angeles Airport Police following their graduation from the LAPD Academy at Elysian Park June 22.

The new officers are Albert Carlos, Abel Moreno, Roger Denniston, Carlos Gonzalez, Francisco Elizarraraz, Danny Tung and Douglas Scarborough. They form the second Airport Police class to graduate from the LAPD Academy, representing class 1106 and 1206.

Los Angeles Airport Police Acting Chief Brian A. Walker attended the graduation exercises with Assistant Chiefs Errol Southers, George Centeno, William Thompson and a host of other Airport Police personnel.

All seven officers excelled in the academy and were recognized as high achievers.

Officer Gonzalez was the proud recipient of two honorary awards, being recognized as the "top" human relations and law student in his academy class. Officer Tung received the award for the top overall academics student and Officer Moreno was recognized as the top defensive tactics student.

All seven officers were sworn in by Los Angeles Airport Police Acting Chief Brian A. Walker after the graduation ceremony.

Congratulations to our new Airport Police Officers.



From left: Los Angeles Airport Police Assistant Chiefs Errol Southers and George Centeno; Airport Police Officers Albert Carlos, Abel Moreno and Roger Denniston; Los Angeles Airport Police Acting Chief Brian A. Walker, and Officers Carlos Gonzalez, Francisco Elizarraraz, Danny Tung, Douglas Scarborough and Los Angeles Airport Police Assistant Chief William Thompson after the graduation ceremony.

Finance Service Awards



Back row, from left: Jose Angeles; Robert Lee; Director of Finance Antoinette Christovale; Timothy Rhyne; Carl Sampson; and Terry Manocchio. Front: Bessabuena Dela Cruz; Ruben Munoz; Tracy Evans; Charmaine Martin; Thuy Nguyen; and Assistant Director Pamela Mooney.

■ Finance hands out Outstanding Service Awards for 2007, the fifth annual event.

Story by Nancy Miller, Sr. Management Analyst I, Finance; Photos by Rosalind Barden, Tax Compliance Officer II, Office of Finance

FINANCE — On June 27, the Office of Finance celebrated the top 1.7 percent of its workforce at the department's fifth annual Outstanding Service Awards held at the New Otani Hotel. Antoinette Christovale, Director of Finance, presented awards to six employees for their exceptional performance and dedication to the job. "It gives me great pleasure to recognize some of our most dedicated, talented and innovative staff that have contributed to the Office of Finance and to the City of Los Angeles."

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

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

The following six honorees were recognized for their service during fiscal year 2006-07 at levels above and beyond the normal duties of their jobs:

TIMOTHY RHYNE

Personnel Analyst II,
Administration Division

Tim was recognized for his dedication to duty and ability to quickly address very difficult personnel-related problems and situations. Tim began his City service in 2003 as a Management Assistant/Tax Compliance Officer with the Office of Finance, and was promoted to Personnel Analyst II in 2005. Last year, Tim was the sole staff support for the Personnel Director due to the longterm absence of Tim's colleague, and often Tim was the only human resource professional available in the Department in the absence of his supervisor. Consequently, tremendous demands were placed on Tim's time and knowledge, and Tim assumed the increased workload with little time for training or preparation. He learned and adapted quickly, and generated quality completed staff work in short periods of time, while still maintaining the day-to-day duties of the office. Tim conducted several very difficult investigations of alleged improprieties and handled these investigations with candor, attention to detail and sensitivity. Tim not only accepted the challenges asked of him during the past year, but he excelled in his endeavors.

WANDA COLEMAN

Tax Compliance Officer III,
Revenue Management Division

Wanda was recognized for her exceptional service to the public, her outstanding accomplishments and her leadership abilities. Wanda began her City career in 1981 as a Clerk Typist, and has worked for the Police Department and Public Works, and in 1989 she began working as a Principal Clerk for the Office of Finance via the City Clerk's Office. As a Tax Compliance Officer III, Wanda currently supervises the Central Enforcement District, the Central Field Enforcement Unit, the City Hall Public Counter, and the Harbor satellite offices at Westchester, Watts and San Pedro. Under Wanda's supervision, the 2007 Small Business Tax Assistance Pilot Program was a complete success in customer service, assisting more than 200 taxpayers with the Business Tax renewals on a one-on-one appointment basis. Historically, the Public Counter at City Hall is infamous for a long line extending down and around the outside of City Hall during this time of year. For the 2007 renewals, however, this line failed to develop—an unprecedented event that was due entirely to Wanda's planning, organization and supervision. It is because of her dedication to her work, to her staff and to the public that Wanda is being recognized for her outstanding service.

CHARMAINE MARTIN

Principal Clerk,
Revenue Management Division

Charmaine was recognized for her dedication to duty, her outstanding accomplishments and her exceptional leadership. Charmaine began her City career in 1989 as a Clerk Typist. Over the years, she has worked for Public Works Street Services, the Office of the Treasurer, and began working with Finance in 2004 as a Principal Clerk. Due to the Office's inability to fill critical vacancies during the past year, Charmaine volunteered for and excelled in multiple supervisory job assignments. For much of the year she concurrently supervised the Office's Exemptions Unit and the Special Desk Unit, then was reassigned to the Call Center. Where two Principal Clerks normally supervise the Call Center, Charmaine singlehandedly supervised the 20 clerical employees assigned to the Center, as she does to this day. It should be noted that under Charmaine's supervision, the Call Center's fiscal year 2006-07 workload increased by 35 percent for the number of calls offered, and by 41 percent for the number of calls answered. This outstanding accomplishment for the Call Center is a direct tribute to the leadership of Charmaine Martin.

BESSABUENA DELA CRUZ

Tax Auditor II,
Tax and Permit Division

Bessabuena was recognized for her outstanding contributions and accomplishments during the year. Bessabuena began her City service in 1999 as a Tax Auditor with the Office of Finance. She has performed exceptionally in her assignment as Sales Tax Coordinator, developing database programs and various reports used by management in achieving production goals and in generating additional revenue for the City. One of the databases she developed monitors and tracks sales and use tax misallocations and other payment information, while another database measures the efficiency of Field Audit Unit staff. As part of the implementation of the Use Tax Enhancement Rebate Program, Bessabuena took a major role in preparing the sales and use tax procedures for the NOKIA Theatre and Hotel Project. Bessabuena also took part in conducting presentations for qualified general contractors and subcontractors on obtaining job-site sub-permits that resulted in the generation of more use tax revenue for the City of Los Angeles.

TERRANCE MANOCCHIO

Chief Tax Compliance Officer II,
Tax and Permit Division

Terry was recognized for his exemplary leadership and for 36 years of dedicated service and contributions to the City of Los Angeles and to the public. This past year, Terry lead an active role in helping the City oppose legislation affecting the City's Telephone Utility Users Tax, and in implementing recent tax reforms. Terry was influential in creating new efficiencies throughout the Tax and Permit Division, one being the creation of a sophisticated audit-tracking tool that allows supervisors to easily monitor and increase the revenue generating production of their newly hired Tax Auditors. Throughout his City career, Terry has dedicated himself to providing the public with the highest levels of customer service. He implemented the successful Small Business Assistance Program that provides assistance to taxpayers in filing their annual business tax returns. Also, in addition to the Wilshire office, Terry opened a second field office in Van Nuys to enable constituents to meet with Tax Auditors. Providing taxpayers with another site to interact with the City demonstrates Terry's commitment to understanding citizens' needs and providing the best possible service to the public.

THUY NGUYEN

Sr. Systems Analyst I,
LATAX Division

Thuy was recognized for her outstanding accomplishments and insightful recommendations that earned her the designation as the Office of Finance Employee of the Year for 2007. Thuy began her City career in 1988 as a Clerk Typist, and has worked for LAPD, City Clerk, Public Works Engineering, DWP and Building and Safety. In 2004, Thuy began working with Finance as a Sr. Systems Analyst, and is currently the only individual providing system support to the Office's Field Enforcement Tax Discovery personnel. In this capacity, Thuy recommended that the two systems that had supported Tax Discovery operations be replaced by one system that would provide greater flexibility and an improved data matching process for importing information from a wide variety of external data sources. Thuy developed, designed and implemented the new Tax Discovery System, and then converted the data from the two previous systems to the new one. The result of her innovations, skill and effort has been the collection of more than \$1 million for each of the 21 field staff employees over the past year.

For Retired Club Members



The Best Years

City Retiree Associations:

DWP Retirees Association



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E-mail: vinmar@altrionet.com

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Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



Ed Harding, RLACEI President
www.rlacei.com
Contact him: (800) 678-4145 Ext. 703 or via E-mail: postmaster@rlacei.com

Change of Address?

If you change your address, notify Helen Salgado, Membership Chair, at (800) 678-4145 Ext. 713, or write to her at 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: LACERS Reps Plan to Be At October General Meeting



By Phil Skarin,
RLACEI Publicity Chair

President Ed Harding reports:



Ed Harding

"By the time you read this article, our Aug. 9 picnic at the Grace E. Simons Lodge may have been over. Chris & Pitts puts on a great lunch. Ron Black always does a good job entertaining us.

"Our next event will be our Annual Corporation Meeting and Election of Directors on Oct. 11. LACERS representatives were sorry they missed our last general meeting but promised to be at our Oct. 11 meeting to answer any of our questions about our Health Plans. Lita Payne, Chief Benefits Analyst, who took Sandra Dyson's place, promises to be there to answer any questions and to talk

about new things that are taking place.

"On a personal note, I have a son, Bill, and three daughters who live in Minden, Nev., which is about 30 minutes down the hill from Lake Tahoe. I purchased a second home in the same subdivision as my kids. The home is 2600 square feet, built in 2003, with a great view of the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

"My kids want me to move up there permanently, but I like Simi Valley and my new large home there. I especially enjoy being your President. I enjoy talking on the phone with those retirees who



call. Most have problems, which I try to help them with. I know that there will come a day that you will want a new President. Then I will move to Minden.

"Thanks to John Hawkins and Robert Larios from the City Employees Club of L.A., for the publicity in their *Alive!* newspaper. They also

donate door prizes at our special events.

"Thanks also to Lori Kozlowski, editor of *El Pueblo*, the publication of ACEB-SA. Lori comes to most of our special events to take pictures and also includes our news articles in her paper."

Legislative Update:

Ken Spiker LACERS Commissioner reports that his Committee is finishing its negotiations with health care providers for LACERS 2008 contracts.

Bids were open for all providers with Aetna, Health Net and PacifiCare joining our current providers in competition for the awards. None of the new companies was able to provide lower premiums or services superior to our current companies. Thus, at this stage of the negotiations, it appears all current providers will have their contracts renewed.

Initial health care costs, with current coverages, were bid at an 8.5 percent

increase over 2007. Negotiations with each company have resulted in reducing the overall cost to 5.7 percent.

The Benefits Committee is now discussing certain new services; i.e., acupuncture, and receiving cost proposals from bidders.

The committee will have finished its work by the time this is printed. Final Committee recommendations will be submitted to the LACERS Board by mid-August.

LACERS'S fund level is at \$11.3 billion as of July 13, 2007.



Upcoming Events:

Aug. 9: Picnic at Grace E. Simons Lodge, Elysian Park, 11:30 am

Oct. 11: Annual Meeting and Elections at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center. Lunch at noon, meeting at 1 p.m.

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

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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ADVENTURES
with HAL!

Hal fishing.

By Hal Danowitz,
Secretary, RLACEI

Retiree Hotlines

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

City Employees Retirement System: (213) 473-7200

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

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

DWP Retirement Plan Office: (213) 367-1722

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In Cabo:
Fish, Food and Fun

■ Hal takes the family to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, for spring break.

Two years ago on a trip to Cabo San Lucas, Baja Mexico, we purchased a week timeshare at Playa Grande Resort and Spa. In fact, Effie and Pierre, our traveling companions and our daughter's in-laws, also bought one that was connected to ours. These were one-bedroom, two-bath units with full kitchens, sleeping five each. Evelyn and I had a timeshare in Hawaii, which we used as a trade-in on the new one.

We picked a fixed week around April 1 of each year in hopes that spring break would fall within our period and we could take the grandkids for a week's vacation.

Last year we had to change our week to take the grandkids, and then, because Aero California was grounded by the Mexican government, we were unable to use our week.

This year, our week was the one before Easter, and we would leave Los Angeles on Saturday and return the next Saturday, the

day before Easter Sunday.

Michelle and JP, daughter and son-in-law, said they weren't going (I think they were happy not to have the kids for a week), so we made reservations on Mexicana Airlines for the four adults and three children. We would leave at 11 a.m., getting into Cabo around 3 p.m. and returning on a 4 p.m. flight a week later.

Last year, when I tried to charter a boat for deep-sea fishing I was too late. I decided to make a reservation early for this year. On our last trip we had chartered the *Guerita II* and had enjoyed the experience. I contacted them and booked two days of fishing (Monday and Wednesday). One of the reasons I picked that boat was because it can take seven people, when most of the other boats of its size take only six. The cost per day was about \$800, including bait, lunch and crew tip.

Besides fishing, which all the kids wanted to do, we would spend most of the time around the pool. Evelyn planned on taking the girls horseback riding, which I thought was a fine idea as long as I didn't have to go.

As it got closer to our trip, Michelle and JP decided to go for a few days and would fly down Saturday and return on Tuesday. They got a mini-suite at the Playa Grande. They have a small number of accommodations available for hotel rental.

Saturday morning, I had a limo pick us up and take us to the International Terminal at LAX. I had notarized consents to take the



Evelyn and her fish.

grandkids out of the country, but no one asked to see them either here or in Mexico. We had no problems checking in and getting our luggage through the security process. We had about an hour before our flight was to board. We had to take a bus to a remote terminal and then board our plane, and after we all were aboard, the captain announced that there was a ground hold in Cabo and we would have to wait for clearance before we could leave. The hold lasted about three hours before we were able to re-board the flight to Cabo. It was already early evening when we landed, and we cleared immigrations and customs with no problem.

I had booked transportation to the hotel from Transcabo for less than \$200 round trip. The Playa Grande wanted more than \$500 for the same service. Transcabo was waiting for us as we exited the terminal. The drive from the airport to the hotel took about an hour.

I had activated international service on my Verizon cell phone and was able to call JP and let him know we had landed and were on our way to the hotel. The Verizon cell service worked very well.

Playa Grande Resort is on the south side of the tip of Baja on Solmar Beach on the Pacific Ocean. The amenities include air conditioning, satellite TV, in-room safe, a modern kitchen and ocean views. The resort has its own purified water system, so you can drink the water. There are three pools, one of



One of our Marlin.

ADVENTURES with HAL!

which is for adults only. There is an upscale restaurant and a pool restaurant and bar. They have a full service spa, state-of-the-art fitness center, and putting green and tennis courts.

At check-in we were assigned a host, who provided us with free drink tickets and discount coupons for use in the hotel. We were invited to an owner's breakfast for the next morning. Owner's breakfasts are common at timeshare resorts. The goal is to sell you another week.

In the morning, Michelle went early to the pool area to reserve lounges. Because of spring break, the hotel was full and they didn't have enough lounges around the pool area. The owner's breakfast was fine and included a pitch to upgrade our membership to a flexible one, but we didn't bite. Each family got a \$75 credit and Michelle and Evelyn immediately made spa reservations.

We spent the rest of the day around the pool. The weather was great, with the temperature in the low 80s and lots of sunshine. That evening we had dinner at the Peacock's Restaurant, which is JP and Michelle's favorite. I wasn't impressed and won't go again.

Early Monday morning (6:30 a.m.), we made our way to the marina, a short five-minute taxi ride from Playa Grande. On board were Effie and Pierre; JP; Mattie, 10;

Isabelle, 8; Coco, 6; and I.

The *Guerita II* is a 34-foot Crystaliner Sportfisher. There were a captain and a deckhand, who handles the fishing duties. Our first stop was for live bait, and then we headed north up the coast of Baja on the Pacific side. The water was a little rough, and both Coco and Pierre got seasick. We traveled for almost an hour before we slowed and put out our lines.

When I looked around, all I could see were fishing boats, so I thought that this must be a good area. We were fishing for striped marlin, and it wasn't long before we hooked our first fish. JP had the honors, and he landed a fish that weighed about 150 pounds. When the fish was alongside, we could see that its bill had been broken off, so the crew brought it into the boat. Normally we do catch and release, but because the fish was injured (not from catching it), the crew decided to keep it. When it died it turned a brilliant blue with stripes.

We caught five marlin, with JP getting two, Pierre one and I two. It was a very successful day on the water; except for the first fish that JP caught, we released the others. We got back to the dock around 3 p.m. and took a taxi back to the hotel.

That evening we walked to Pancho's Restaurant for dinner. All of us really liked the food, and the prices were reasonable. On the walk back to the hotel we stopped at a small market and picked up groceries. The hotel has a small store, but the prices at the market were much better.

In the morning we took a taxi to The Office for breakfast. The Office is on the other side of the marina on the Gulf of California. We have been here before, and the breakfast was very good. The tables are on the sand, and the kids could play in the water while we waited for our food. After breakfast, the two younger girls had their hair braided, and Mattie talked her mother into letting her get a temporary henna tattoo.

We decided to walk back to the hotel and started down the beach. About half way, I noticed that I didn't have my cell phone. I retraced my steps

back to the restaurant and everyone looked and they even let me use their phone to call my number, but the phone was gone.

I walked back to the marketplace by the hotel to meet Evelyn where she was in negotiations for a silver necklace. She brought the necklace and we headed to the hotel. I wanted to call Verizon and let them know I had lost my phone. After a couple of tries using Evelyn's phone, I asked the concierge for help. They had a Verizon number that switched me to the right one to report my loss.

JP and Michelle left that day, and for dinner we took the kids to the Crazy Lobster. We had been there on the last trip, and I still think the food is good and prices really inexpensive. Nobody else liked it.

Wednesday was our second day on the boat. On this trip were Pierre, Evelyn, Mattie, Isabelle and I. It was much rougher on this trip, and Pierre spent most of the time lying down. Evelyn caught the first fish, a 35-pound Dorado, a very good eating fish better known as mahi mahi. The rest of the day we just couldn't catch anything, but on the way home we hooked a marlin, which I brought into the boat. I had caught three fish in two days and I was very happy, the biggest was about 120 pounds and I'm not sure I could handle one much bigger. We took Evelyn's fish back to the hotel and had it cooked in the restaurant by the pool. They charged \$10 per person. The fish was perfect.

The next morning, Evelyn took the three girls horseback riding. In the afternoon we spent more time around the pool. The hotel has a golf putting course, and Mattie and I did a couple of rounds.

Friday was our last full day in Cabo, and we just relaxed around the pool. That evening we walked to the Marina and had dinner at



Kids in the pool.



Isabelle and Mattie.



JP and Coco.



Evelyn, Mattie, Isabelle and Coco horseback riding.

Alexander's, a place where we had eaten on our last trip. I was very disappointed in both the food and the service. The restaurants in the Marina are too touristy, and I won't be eating there again.

We had our last breakfast at Mama's Royal Café, which was very good. Our flight home was at 4 p.m., and we were picked up at the hotel at 12:30 p.m. The airport was packed. We had no problem checking in, but the security line was a 45-minute wait. It didn't matter, because all flights were backed up and we waited almost four hours for our flight.

They are adding another runway to the airport, but from now on I'm taking the earliest flight out, both coming and going.

Cabo is still a great vacation place; you get the flavor of Mexico with the comforts of the United States. It is a very safe place, and you can drink the water.



LACERS' Best Employees

■ Retirement system selects Fall 2006 and Winter 2007 Employees of the Quarter.

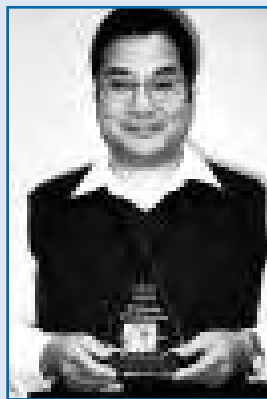


LACERS — The Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System (LACERS) has named James Acon as its Employee of the Quarter for Fall 2006 and Vincent Tsui as its Employee of the Quarter for Winter 2007.

Acon, a Management Analyst II and Club Member, is a five-year LACERS veteran who works in the Investments Division. He was recognized for his hard work and dedication while in the Member Communications Section, serving as a presenter at many retirement seminars and working on the many publications the section produces. He also worked on

expanding the LACERS Intranet and Internet Websites.

Tsui, an Accounting Records Supervisor, has worked at LACERS for 10 years, currently in the Administrative Services Division, Fiscal Management Section. He was recognized for his willingness in accommodating various requests from other sections despite other workload issues on his desk. Because of his status as a notary public, Tsui has also been a tremendous asset to the Portfolio Management Division.



James Acon, LACERS Employee of the Quarter, Fall 2006.

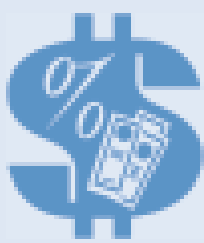


Vincent Tsui, LACERS Employee of the Quarter, Winter 2007.

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

LACERS is responsible for the administration of the City's retirement plan to more than 27,000 active employees and 14,000 retired employees. LACERS has \$11.2 billion in assets.

LACERS Portfolio Soars



■ Retirement system's assets sets record at end of year.

LACERS — The Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System (LACERS) announced July 12 that its investment portfolio closed fiscal year 2006-07 at \$11.1 billion as of June 30. The preliminary, unaudited total portfolio return is 19.4 percent. The portfolio has grown dramatically during the past three years.

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Annual Return	Market Value
2006-07	19.4 percent	\$11.1 billion
2005-06	12.4 percent	\$9.3 billion
2004-05	10 percent	\$8.3 billion

"This is wonderful news for the City of Los Angeles and our Retired and Active Members," said Robert Aguallo Jr., General Manager of LACERS.

"We consider an 8 percent assumed rate to be the benchmark for growing our portfolio. It is very impressive that we have surpassed this mark by more than 11 percentage points."

LACERS' portfolio performance is largely attributed to a diversified asset allocation strategy, which is approved by the Board of Administration, under the leadership of Eric L. Holoman, President.

"Diversification is the key to our success. This is the third year in a row that we have exceeded our policy benchmark of 8 percent," Holoman said.

"It is a tremendous accomplishment for our portfolio to have grown by \$1.8 billion in one year."

The portfolio is divided among U.S. and non-U.S. stocks and bonds, real estate and private equity. This asset mix serves to diversify the portfolio and minimizes portfolio volatility. The portfolio contributes to the overwhelming majority of the money that is used to fund retirement and post-employment health benefits.

LACERS is responsible for the administration of the City's pension plan to more than 28,000 active employees and 15,000 retirees and beneficiaries.

RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

Wedding Anniversaries:

- 63 years: Patsy and Rose Matarrese, July 4.
- 50 years: Bob and Bette Packard, March.
- 50 years: Don and Sylvia Aldridge, June 15.
- 50 years: Rokuro Shimatsu and his wife on Hawaii, April.

Glenda Nuzzi's husband of 45 years, Lou, passed away suddenly on May 15. Glenda had retired in March 1998 as the Chief Clerk, Bureau of Engineering.

Ken Sobel's wife, Gloria, retired after teaching for 40 years at the Topeka Drive Elementary School in Northridge. One of her former pupils was my grandson, Jeffrey Skarin. She remembers him!

Larry Stonebreaker just returned from a 14-day cruise that included Venice, Italy, Spain, Portugal, etc. This was his 18th cruise.

Mary Moss writes, "We live in our 42-foot motor home, and since our retirement in 2002, we have put in 120,000 miles. We are Wagon Masters for Fantasy RV Tours and have led tours to Alaska, New England fall colors, and many trips to Mexico. One of the greatest tours in Mexico is where we put all of the RVs on railroad flat cars, and spend five days living in our rigs, while the train takes us from Chihuahua to Los Mochis. It's a great life!"

Steven D. Uranga was appointed by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa to the Board of Administration of LACERS. A 31-year City employee, Uranga retired as a Senior Management Analyst with Rec and Parks. He holds a Bachelor of science degree in Business Administration from CSULA and has served in the U.S. Air Force.

Gil Alberio usually enters a large group of golfers in our annual Retirees Golf Classic. He writes, "Your hard work and leadership toward a very successful tournament paid off. Thank you for a job well done."

The City Engineer held his annual **Distinguished Alumni Luncheon** June 21 at the Monterey Hills Restaurant. More than 30 retired engineers attended, including RLACEI Directors Americo Garza and Phil Skarin.

Andrea Beasley volunteers at the Pasadena Humane Society.

Esco Hollins now lives at 4930 Waverly Ave., Kansas City, KS 66104. Phone (913) 287-5102. Give him a call.

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

If you move, notify Membership Chair Helen Salgado at 8372 Arnett Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92647. If you need a new green membership card, send her a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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

To find out the latest retirement news, visit www.rlacei.com



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

Crutches

*We usually think of a crutch as a support to aid a person, with Physical problem, in walking.
But there are other kinds of crutches that people need, that aren't as visible.*

*What about
Crutches of friendship
Crutches of understanding
Crutches of encouragement
Crutches of love
Crutches of patience*

So, when you see a friend or neighbor, who seems to need some support, to help cope with life's problems, perhaps you could provide one of the above crutches that they need to keep going.

— 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.

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Fleet's In ... to Safety

■ **DWP's Fleet Services recognizes employees for meeting safety criteria. Three ceremonies were held.**

Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Marketing and Communications

DWP — Safety is a top priority to DWP's Fleet Services, so the division held three events to recognize and congratulate a large number of employees for meeting safety criteria for 2006. This is the second year of such awards.

The events, which took place May 30 and June 6 and 13, were held at the Temple Street Facility and the Valley Center.

This is the second year of the event since new safety criteria were required under changes from the State of California.

Congratulations to the winners, and thanks to Thomas G. Patzlaff, Fleet Services Training and Safety Manager, for his assistance.



Thomas G. Patzlaff, Fleet Services Training and Safety Manager, presents the awards to the employees.



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John Stephen Angus, Day/Metro, Senior Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, 2 years safe.



Ignacio G. Arrizon, Day/Metro, Heavy Duty Truck Operator, 2 years safe.



Rene Bernard Astengo, PM/Metro, Equipment Mechanic, 2 years safe.



Gilbert Arnold Avila, Day/Metro, Auto Body Builder and Repairer, 2 years safe.



Larry Keith Boord, Day/Metro, Equipment Mechanic, 2 years safe.



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Martin John Hauptman, Day/Metro, Fleet Services Manager, 2 years safe.



Scott M. Briasco, Day/Metro, Mechanical Engineer, 2 years safe.



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Adrian Benitez, Day/Metro, Storekeeper, 2 years safe.



Andrew William Castillo, Day/Metro, Heavy Duty Truck Operator, 2 years safe.



Martin Joseph Ceci, Day/Metro, Auto Body Repairer Supervisor, 2 years safe.



Ascencion Chavez, PM/Metro, Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, 2 years safe.



Michael Harrison Chiodetti, Day/Metro, Auto Electrician, 2 years safe.



Cherlyn Clark-Harrison, Day/Metro, Management Analyst.



Mammie S. Cook, Day/Metro, Senior Clerk Typist.



Brian James Cosner, Day/Metro, Power Shovel Operator, 2 years safe.



Winfred James Crawford, Day/Metro, Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, 2 years safe.



Robert Wayne Cwiakala, Day/Metro, Equipment Repair Supervisor, 2 years safe.



Elwood Daniels, Sr., Day/Metro, Warehouse and Toolroom worker.



Arturo Delacruz, Day/Metro, Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, 2 years safe.



Teresa Duenas, Day/Metro, Principal Clerk Utility, 2 years safe.



Hugo Salvador Duran, Day/Metro, Heavy Duty Truck Operator, 2 years safe.



Craig Dean Eagleson, Day/Metro, Mechanical Helper, 2 years safe.



Charles Richard Echols, Day/Metro, Equipment Mechanic, 2 years safe.



Nathan Lloyd Emanuel, Day/Metro, Automotive Dispatcher, 2 years safe.



Frankie Gonzalez, Day/Metro, Power Shovel Operator.



Rocky Nicholas Guerrero, Day/Metro, Welder.



Elias Gutierrez, Day/Metro, Senior Storekeeper, 2 years safe.



Charles Lee Hall, Day/Metro, Auto Painter.



John Wesley Gardner Jr., Day/Metro, Heavy Duty Truck Operator.



Hamlet Hamladjian, Day/Metro, Heavy Duty Truck Operator, 2 years safe.



James W. Harper, Day/Metro, Heavy Duty Truck Operator, 2 years safe.



Rene Egdberto Hernandez, Day/Metro, Auto Painter, 2 years safe.



Kenneth Wayne Holloway, Day/Metro, Senior Equipment Mechanic, 2 years safe.



Santiago Jimenez, Day/Metro, Equipment Mechanic, 2 years safe.



Leonard Franklin Johnson, Day/Metro, Tire Repairer, 2 years safe.



Thurman Dion Jones, Day/Metro, Equipment Operator.



Eugene Lamoureux, Day/Metro, Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, 2 years safe.



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Kevin D. Washington, Day/Metro, Heavy Duty Truck Operator, 2 years safe.



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Douglas Howard West, Day/Metro, Automotive Dispatcher, 2 years safe.



Tad Yamaguchi, Day/Metro, Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, 2 years safe.

Here's a list of all the recipients:

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 Nathan Lloyd Emanuel
 Carlos Javier Gamboa
 John Wesley Gardner Jr.
 Esperion Ernest Gonzales
 Frankie Gonzalez
 Rocky Nicholas Guerrero
 David Robert Gunther
 Steve Anthony Gurrola
 Elias Gutierrez
 Charles Lee Hall
 Hamlet Hamladjian
 James W. Harper
 Martin John Hauptman
 George Manuel Hernandez
 Rene Egderto Hernandez
 Sal Castaneda Hernandez
 Kenneth Wayne Holloway
 Michael D. Isaac
 Santiago Jimenez
 Leonard Franklin Johnson
 Thurman Dion Jones
 Tom Khosrovani
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 Garrett Keith Lund
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 David Scott Meyer
 Harold David Morgan
 Kwan Wo Oh
 Manuel Gonzalez Orozco
 Miguel Ortiz
 Roman Pelayo
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 Hector Manuel Peraza
 Ronald Allen Perry
 Robert Albert Pfeiffer
 Stephen John Platte
 Anita Julia Quinones
 Gloria Ramirez
 Juan Reyes
 Natalie Joyce Ricks
 Rito Rios Jr.
 Humberto G. Rodriguez
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 Samuel Danford Rosan
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Club Scholarship: Heads of the Class



■ Five children of Club Members are awarded Club Scholarships for 2007. Congratulations to them and their families!

CLUB HEADQUARTERS — The Club is pleased to announce the winners of the Club's annual Scholarship Program, for 2007.

Here are the recipients of the five scholarships:

- **Brittany Grove**, daughter of Jennifer Quarterman, Child Care Director, Rec and Parks, attends Southern University, Baton Rouge, La., and receives the Club's top stipend of \$3,500;
- **Erik Stanton**, son of Andrew Tiedge, Rec and Parks, and Erika Tiedge, LACERS, will attend Cal State Long Beach in the fall, and receives \$2,000;
- **Sabrina Barbosa**, daughter of Ricardo Barbosa, Convention Center, attends the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind., and receives \$1,000;
- **Mindy Leyvas**, daughter of Albert Leyvas, DWP, will attend Biola University in Whittier in the fall, and receives \$500; and
- **Jacqueneé Polee**, daughter of Alan Polee, Rec and Parks, will attend UCLA in the fall, and receives \$500.

The Club sincerely congratulates all five recipients for their success and hard work. The Club thanks all 45 entrants and wishes them all the success in the world.

Here are profiles of the five recipients:

Brittany Groves

Recipient of \$3,500 award



"The greatest priority in my life continues to be to strive for excellence in academics," Brittany wrote in her personal essay. "There is no doubt that life will be complicated, regardless of the situation, but I have realized that without the education ... articulating one's thoughts in a well-organized pattern would be unnecessarily difficult. Being the first in my immediate family to pursue a higher education, I have the implied responsibility of achieving a prestigious career that will help set high standards and encourage my younger siblings to follow in my footsteps."

Brittany, a freshman at Southern University in Baton Rouge, La., was on the Principal's Honor Roll all four years in high school, where she also played basketball all four years (and was co-captain for the City championship team) and was in the National Honor Society.

She was an after-school tutor, a volunteer for the Salvation Army, and a member of the Young Black Scholars.

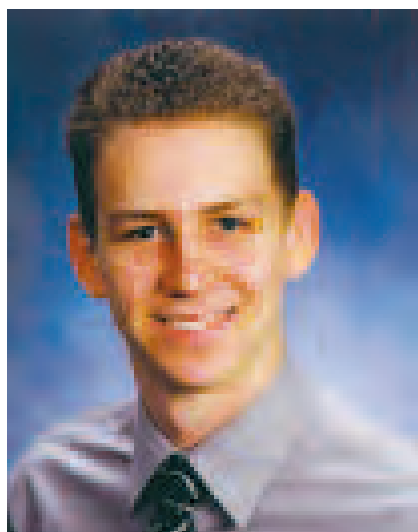
She is also a Rec Assistant with the City during the summers, and received a Tom Bradley Scholarship.

"And although I have always been self-motivated to reach perfection in everything that I have applied myself to, I must give credit to my mom, too. She has always emphasized the importance of education and helped me to accomplish whatever goals I've set.

"As a prospective recipient [of the scholarship], I am truly grateful for any financial assistance I am able to obtain to fulfill my lifelong aca-

Erik Stanton

Recipient of \$2,000 award



"I am proud of my achievements and know that they will benefit me, my family and my community in the future," Erik wrote in his application essay. "I am especially proud of my achievement as a tutor and am amazed that I was able to motivate three boys, get them focused on their schoolwork and improve their grades."

Erik, a member of the LAFD's Fire Explorer Program who wants to be a fireman, graduated with honors from Eagle Rock High School. He was also a poll worker for a recent election, an intern on a political campaign and has taken part in the Great L.A. River Cleanup.

But perhaps his greatest contribution is taking care of his grandmother, who has advanced Parkinson's disease.

"A major significant event in my life was the death of my grandfather in 2005. We were very close, and he was the primary caretaker of my grandmother.

"[My family] forms a team to take care of her in the evening and on weekends. I take my grandmother's blood pressure, assist in transferring her from her lift chair to her wheelchair, and 'grandma-sit' to make sure she is not alone and does not fall. The experience has helped me become a more caring individual and has taught me the importance of family and teamwork. I know my grandfather would be very proud of me.

"I am confident that I will reach my goals as long as I work hard, remain disciplined and live a healthy and balanced life."

Sabrina Barbosa

Recipient of \$1,000 award



"My mother's fortitude during these past years [of her family's challenges] revealed to me that making daily sacrifices and being content with what I have has allowed me to enjoy life more — to enjoy to the fullest extent my family, friends and the blessing I feel each day in attending the University of Notre Dame," she wrote in her essay. "I realize now that I am so blessed to be a scholar, a daughter and an educator. I have responsibility to my community at home and at school to combat ignorance and spread unity."

At Bishop Amat High School in La Puente, she edited the yearbook for two years and was the president of the California Scholarly Federation while there. She has received academic and athletic honors at Notre Dame, where she is a novice member of the rowing team.

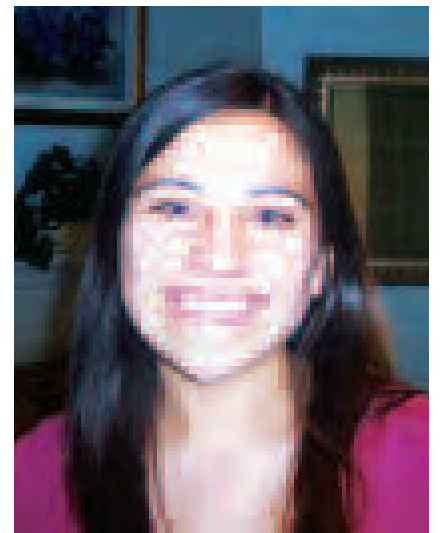
She is also involved in her parish here in California, St. Frances of Rome, and in campus ministry at Notre Dame.

"My future career plan is to attend a California medical school to become a doctor. Before medical school, I wish to do either community service for two years or enter the ACE teaching program through Notre Dame. Immediately after graduation is an opportune time for me to help others with the knowledge I acquired during college.

"I want to go back to my hometown and open a practice there to give back to the community in which I grew up. Whether I succeed daily or long term, my goal is to be more than a remarkable leader — it is to be an extraordinary person, something I strive for each day."

Mindy Leyvas

Recipient of \$500 award



"It is hard to believe that 17 years of my life have passed, and I am about to graduate high school," she wrote in her essay. "Because of the things I have experienced, I have discovered so much about myself. As I pursue my career and look forward to what lies ahead, I see how college is the first step in accomplishing my goals."

At California High School in Whittier, she maintained a 4.9 grade point average and played basketball for four years. She is also involved in her church and has traveled to Chile and Thailand on missionary trips.

"I am extremely excited about [going to college]. I will be the first child in my family to go to a university. As I look forward to this next step in my life, I know that there is so much that I don't know. I also know that I will not be disappointed."

Jacqueneé Polee

Recipient of \$500 award



"During my stay at Westchester High School, I have achieved so much," Jacqueneé wrote in her application essay. "By keeping my grades up, I was able to receive the Principal's Award all four years, the academic pin, the academic medallion, and the academic award, which is the highest grade given."

In addition to her strong academic achievements, she has taken part in the Community Outreach Opportunity Program, Toys for Tots and the Yellow Tie Club. She has been a College Peer Counselor, the secretary for the Knights and Ladies and played basketball.

"My plans for the future are to attend UCLA and move on to medical school. Also I would like to own my own dermatology business. I aspire to be one of the best dermatologists in the world."

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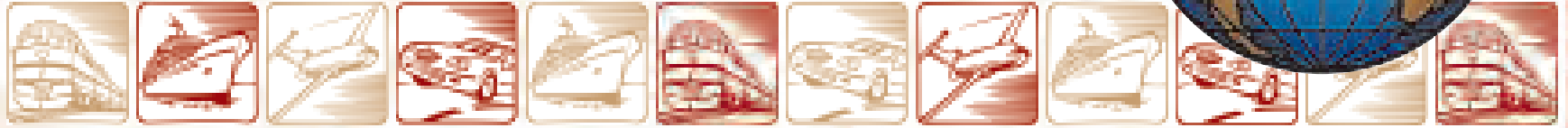
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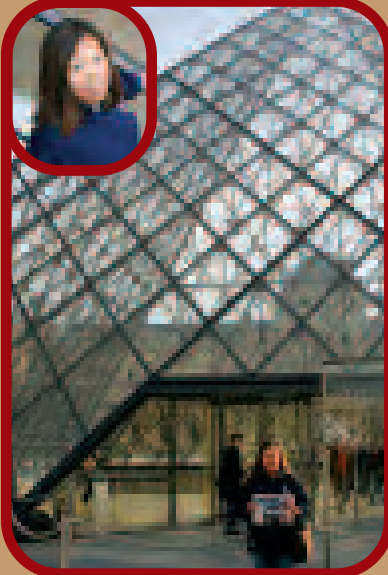


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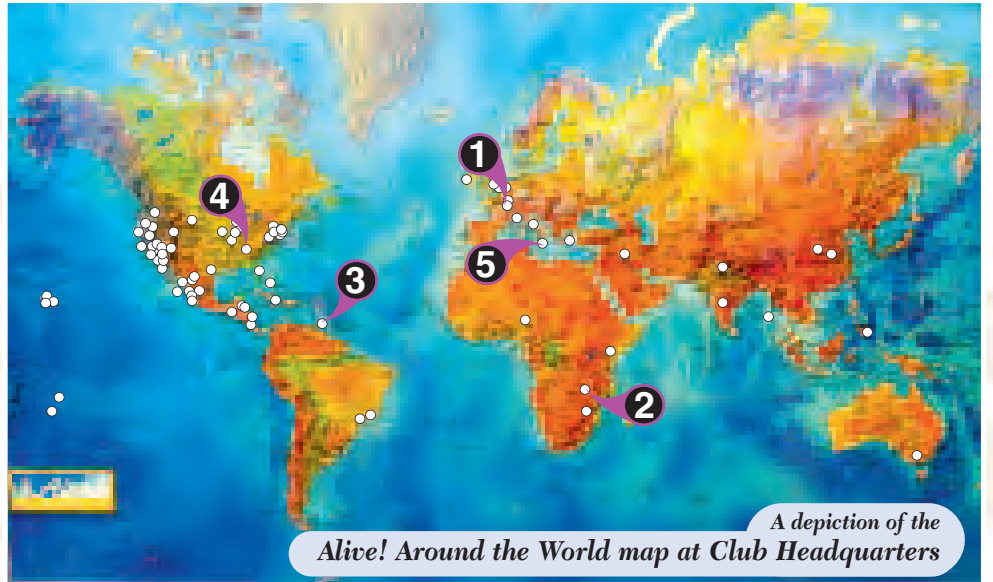
Paris



"The Louvre Pyramid is a large metal and glass pyramid that serves as the main entrance to the Musée du Louvre and has become a landmark for the city of Paris. It stands 71 feet high and was designed by the renowned American architect I.M. Pei. The glass pyramid allows the sunlight to come in on the underground floor.

"It has been claimed by some that the glass panes in the Louvre Pyramid number exactly 666, often associated with Satan. The Louvre museum, however, states that the finished pyramid contains 673 glass panes (603 rhombi and 70 triangles). Various attempts to actually count the panes in the pyramid have produced slightly discrepant results, but there are definitely more than 666. The myth resurfaced in 2003, when Dan Brown incorporated it in his best-selling novel *The Da Vinci Code*.

— Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor, City Employees Club

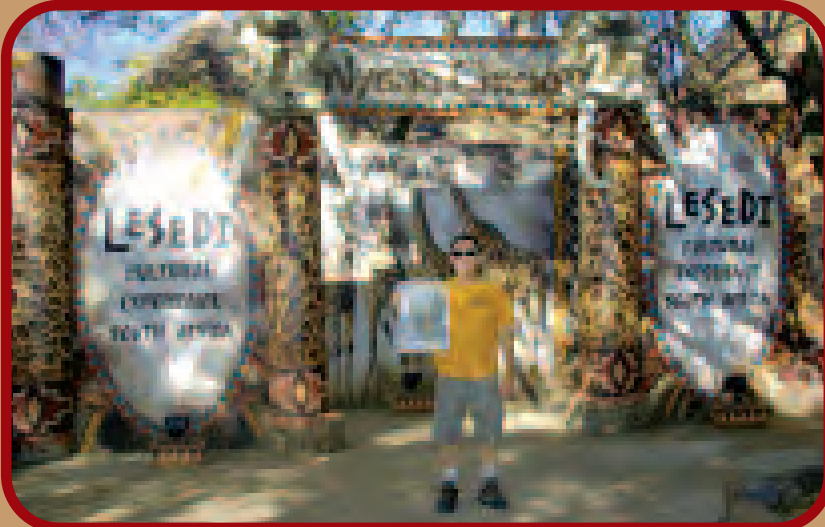


A depiction of the *Alive! Around the World* map at Club Headquarters

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South Africa



"Lesedi Cultural Village is a tourist attraction near. It features the five different cultures of the Pedi, Zulu, Xhosa, Basotho, and Ndebele. South Africa is a beautiful country with wonderful people, but like other modern societies, it also has its share of problems."

— Cuong Nguyen

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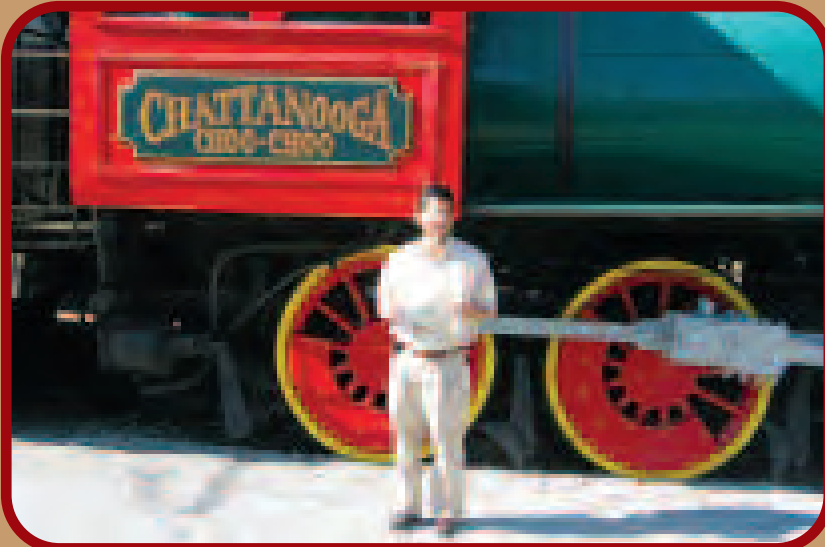
West Indies



Patrick Donatien, retiree, holds his *Alive!* at Maracas Bay in Trinidad and Tobago, West Indies.

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Tennessee



"I was in Chattanooga, Tenn., and went to the Chattanooga Choo Choo. It opened in 1909 as Terminal Station, which served as the core of the railway activity until trains were eventually replaced by faster modes of transport. The last train ran in 1970, but the station still remains as a historical landmark and was eventually renovated."

— John T. Otoshi, Contracts Supervisor, DWP

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Sicily



"This is a picture of me, Austin Bert Fernald, retired from the Los Angeles Police Department, Hollenbeck Division. This picture was taken in June in Messina, Sicily. I was traveling with the National World War II Museum New Orleans Group. We traveled on the *Clipper* adventurer ship. I am a WWII Veteran."

— Austin Bert Fernald, Retired LAPD

Newsbrief

WESTHOFF IS GIVEN HONOR:

July 18, the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) elected City of Los Angeles Assistant City Attorney and Public Works General Counsel Christopher M. Westhoff as president at its 2007 Summer Conference and 37th Annual Meeting in Cleveland. Founded in 1969, NACWA represents the interests of the nation's publicly owned wastewater treatment works, which provides service to the majority of the nation's sewered population.



of arts degree in political science and from Southwestern University School of Law with a juris doctor degree. Starting his career as a prosecutor for the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office, he tried more than 75 jury trials in his first three years in the office. Westhoff then ran the city attorney's nationally recognized trial training program. Shortly thereafter he became general counsel to Public Works. Westhoff has served as the department's general counsel for almost 25 years. He advises the board and the bureaus under the board's jurisdiction on all aspects of municipal law including the City's contract bidding process and the award of construction contracts. Westhoff also serves as the department's legal counsel on wastewater and other environmental regulatory issues including air and stormwater matters.

Westhoff's election highlights almost three decades of distinguished public service with the city of Los Angeles. For the last 20 years he has been active with NACWA on behalf of the city and he has served on NACWA's board of directors since 1999.

"Mr. Westhoff's election as NACWA president on the 35th anniversary of the Federal Clean Water Act marks a key chapter in his accomplished career and deservingly enhances his outstanding credentials on clean water and environmental stewardship," said Cynthia M. Ruiz, President of the Board of Public Works. "His lifetime of public service and tireless dedication at this important point in history are clearly suited to meet the critical challenges facing the nation's infrastructure, environmental programs and protection of public health."

Westhoff graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) with a Bachelor



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ClubFest 2007: Schedule of Bands

10:30 a.m. – noon:

Bad Boyz & Company



The Boyz cover rock, Motown, soul, oldies and their own originals. Based in San Pedro, the band has appeared in the Harbor area at Music by the Sea, the Brewing Company and the Warner Grand Theatre, winning the "battle of the bands" at the Taste of San Pedro in 2006. The Bad Boyz have also played Latitudes in Manhattan Beach

and the Brass Elephant in Monrovia and are seen monthly at Taco Beach in Long Beach.

Bad Boyz & Company consists of Fernando Magallanes, drums; Byron "Kenny" Cole, bass; Horace Coleman, Traffic Officer, Transportation, lead vocals; Chris "Doc" McCollum, keyboards and vocals; and Mike Bailey, guitar and vocals.

12:30 – 2 p.m.:

Latin Gents

The Latin Gents play a variety of Latin, swing, oldies but goodies, rock and roll and country. They have something for everybody and were a big hit at last year's ClubFest.

They have been playing in the Los Angeles area for about seven years. They originally started out as a trio and over the years added an additional three musicians. All together, there is a pianist, trombonist, saxophonist, guitarist, bassist and a drummer. They all are able to beautifully sing and harmonize together, making the group very versatile.

Leading the Latin Gents is Ralph Ronda, an elevator mechanic for the DWP, and Carlos Montejano. Ralph plays the drums and Carlos plays bass. The other members are Billy Ahlswede on keyboards, Rudy Roman on sax, Hirth Martinez on guitar and Paul Costellanos on trombone.

These men are not just musicians but good friends who enjoy what they do.

"Music is a universal language that everybody enjoys, and those who have heard the us always have a great time listening and dancing to tunes they enjoy," Ralph says. Ralph would also like to thank all those at the DWP who have supported them over the years.



2:30 – 4 p.m.:

Jamnesia



Jamnesia, an established rock, blues, funk and R&B band, was formed in the early 1990s by bass player Rick Williams, Warehouse and Tool Worker, Harbor.

Jamnesia also includes: Teri Williams, vocals; Titus Smith, Lieutenant, Port Police, percussion; Lee Tyiska, vocals and percussion; "Big" Walt

Fletcher, guitar; Doug Lloyd, keyboards; Hugh Laxenetta, guitar and vocals; and Rick Williams Jr., drums, who wants to grow up and work for the City, just like his dad, Rick Sr.

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"ClubFest has sold out the past five years," said John Hawkins, Club CEO. "We want to make sure you're there, so get in on the fun now!"

ClubFest 2007 is set for Sunday, Oct. 7, at Calamigos Ranch in the hills overlooking Malibu. ClubFest is co-sponsored by AIG and Office Depot. Prizes co-sponsored by Universal Studios.

Three bands are scheduled to play almost continuously from start to finish, one at a time. Check out the related story for information on the bands.

The ribs and the bands are in addition to the usual great ClubFest features:

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Graduations

Amy Le graduated from high school in June 7. She will be going to UCLA in the fall. Amy's mother, Judy Le, works in the City Attorney's office, and her father, Quyen C. Le, works in the Bureau of Engineering, Public Works.



Jewel Ivory Thompson graduated from Narbonne High Scholl in Harbor City. She will be attending Cal State Long Beach in the fall, where she'll be studying nursing. Jewel is the daughter of Paulette Stanton, PSR III, LAPD Communications Division.



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



Special Achievements



Sydney Simone Provost, daughter of Rhonda Edwards, Piper Tech, spent part of her summer in Washington, DC, attending Junior National Young Leaders Conference. The honoree will be attending seventh grade in the fall and hopes to attend the Juilliard School of Performing Arts in New York City for college. Congratulations to Sydney and Rhonda!

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



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Olivia Isaacs, born June 1 to Stefanie and William Isaacs. The great aunt is Shirley Gaskins, DWP.



Gavin Michael McGuire-Thompson, born May 6. Great-grandmother is Marilyn McGuire-Holley, Retired, Bureau of Sanitation/Public Works, and current Club Insurance Board Member.



Mia Elizabeth Herrera-Rodriguez. Great-grandfather is Mike Wickham, Retired, DWP.

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New Members

Welcome New Members!

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MOVIE REVIEWS



Live Free or Die Hard
Rated PG-13
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

I was very impressed with this fourth and best movie of the *Die Hard* series. If you've seen the other *Die Hard* movies, you know what to expect, but this one goes above and beyond with lots of stunts, adrenaline-pumping action, and good one-liners to keep you entertained throughout the film.

Bruce Willis, as Lt. John McClane, is tasked to detain and transport a known hacker (Justin Long) for questioning, and all hell breaks loose. Hackers attempt to take control of the country's traffic signals, railways, utilities, airports, etc., on what they term as a "fire sale." I commend the writers of this movie – it kept my adrenaline pumping throughout. This sequel also introduces his daughter, Lucy McClane (Mary Elizabeth Winstead), all grown up with the same spunk as her father.

– Chuck Beas, DWP

Live Free or Die Hard
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Bruce Willis is back as NYC Det. John McClane. And once again, Bruce is faced with saving us from the bad guys. I don't think I will ever get tired of seeing Bruce Willis in this role. I loved all the action and special effects and of course Bruce's humor throughout the movie. It's totally entertaining. Long live John McClane!

– Gail Seltzer, DWP



Ratatouille
Rated G
My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Ratatouille is a long-winded story that doesn't go anywhere. It made me wish for the moralizing in most kid's movies. That, or maybe I am used to the sharp humor for adults that

has been planted within the G and PG movies lately.

Just know this: The rat can cook. The rest is irrelevant. Wait for the DVD, even the kid's didn't laugh so much.

– Barbara Johnson, LAFD

Ratatouille
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

I thought it was very funny. The cooking rat can actually cook. That's really weird. I sort of think that other kids would like it, but the movie is very long. My favorite part was when the old Grandma was trying to shoot the rats but kept shooting her house!

– Hannah Johnson, age 7, daughter of Barbara Johnson, LAFD



Evan Almighty
Rated PG
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This is one of the best movies I've seen in a long time. It has it all: humor, excitement, humor, special effects, humor, inspirational messages and ... did I mention humor? Evan

Baxter (Steve Carell) is a newly elected congressman told by God to build an ark. The subtle signs early in the movie are clever as he manages to figure out what they mean. Morgan Freeman is the best God I've ever seen (sorry, George Burns!), and Wanda Sykes is very funny as Baxter's assis-

tant. The challenges he deals with trying to please God, his fellow congressmen and his family all at the same time are very thought provoking. My hubby Ron and I plan on buying the DVD as soon as it hits the shelves!

– Jean Sarfaty, LAPD



Transformers
Rated PG-13
My Score: 3 (out of 5)

The wait is over, and the movie did not completely live up to my expectations. The storyline is terrible, but the special effects are amazing. There are a lot of clichés and teenage humor throughout the film. not to mention a tremendous amount of product placement and advertising, especially for eBay. I expected to see a better storyline between the Autobots and the Decepticons (the good and bad guys, respectively), but they just ended up being incidentals to the humans.

– Jenny Arzate, Rec and Parks



Nancy Drew
Rated PG
My Score: 2.5 (out of 5)

Actress Emma Roberts plays Nancy Drew, who of course loves to solve mysteries. Nancy goes on a business trip with her father (Tate Donovan) to Los Angeles, but promised she would stop solving mysteries. She rents an old house that was owned by a famous actress who mysteriously died. So of course Nancy starts working on solving the actress's death. The movie was mostly filmed in the Los Angeles area and that was fun to see. The movie was cute and funny and your young children will probably really like it.

– Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

Theater Reviews



Wicked
Musical
The Pantages Theatre (through September)
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

I really liked *Wicked*. Not like it, *loved it!* I loved it so much that my mom bought me the book and the CD!

The musical is about the untold story of the Witches of Oz. The music was soothing, tense and beautiful all at the same time. Maybe if *Wicked* is still out by the time I am an adult, then I might try to be somewhere in the cast. I hope they will let me join.

– Aimee Dennis, 11, daughter of Natalie Sanchez, General Services



DVD Review



Shooter (2007)
Rated
My Score: 2.5 (out of 5)

Mark Wahlberg plays Bob Lee Swagger (could you pick a more fake name?!), a marksman who has returned home from a mission in Ethiopia. He is now a reclusive loner up in the mountains with his trusty dog as a companion. I knew the film was in trouble the minute his dog opened the fridge to retrieve a cold brew for Swagger. It has been done before in a beer commercial! He is coaxed back into action to save the president from an assassination attempt, for which he is ultimately framed.

The formula is predictable and there are too many holes in the plot. I found the Swagger character uninteresting, a cross between a Rambo wannabe and a poor man's Matthew Bourne. The car chases and explosions geared to the testosterone crowd are blah. Michael Pena, Danny Glover and Ned Beatty as a Cheneyesque Senator are good actors trapped in supporting roles.

– Dan Basiglio, LAPD



Children of Men (2006)
Rated R
My Score: 2.5 (out of 5)

This was a different type of movie than I usually watch. It was a futuristic movie, where people can no longer have children and the human race faces extinction. But all of the sudden, a woman is pregnant and everyone is fighting over her.

The special effects were good -- at one point it actually looked like there was blood on the camera lens and people were actually getting shot at. The cast of Clive Owen, Michael Caine and Julianne Moore was good. I did not really care for the movie and I can see why I missed it on the big screen.

– Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD



Mozart and the Whale (2005)
Rated PG-13
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

I had heard a plug for this movie on a radio station. The movie was based on a true story about two people with Asperger's Syndrome. The main character, John Harnett, is a mathematical genius who cannot relate to others. Harnett runs a group of others with problems similar to his. A pretty woman, played by Radha Mitchell, joins his group and he falls in love with her. The story is about how they relate to each other and how they have problems just like others. It's a very touching movie, its funny and it is worth seeing.

– Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD



The Karate Kid (1984)
Rated PG
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This movie is a classic. It's about a teenager (Ralph Macchio) who moves to the San Fernando Valley from New Jersey. He gets picked on by the bullies in school. Macchio wants to take karate, but the bullies are in the class, so he turns to his apartment manager (Pat Morita). Morita trains him in karate but also

teaches him many more life lessons. Macchio enters a karate contest against kids with far more experienced and bigger. This is a good movie for kids and adults to watch because there is a very good message.

– Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD



Flushed Away (2006)
Rated PG
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This is a cute, fun romp through the toilets and sewers below the City of London! It is a rat's world out there.

It's cute for the kids and has all the little morals in it too, you know, family first and such. But I can't help but wonder why he can't have money and family! If you have kids, watch it, then talk to them about why the shower water goes down when someone flushes the toilet. And the big ending made us laugh—somehow football seems to lose a little of its appeal.

– Barbara Johnson, LAFD



Marie Antoinette (2006)
Rated PG
My Score: 3 (out of 5)

I wanted more from this movie. I really liked the sets, the costumes, the music and the characters—it is so elaborate, fun and very exciting with the soundtrack and rock-n-roll theme. I like the premise, showing Marie Antoinette as a naïve 14-year-old, unprepared for life as a queen of France, let alone during the French Revolution. The movie was long and somewhat involved, yet it just didn't have anything to show of the life or times of the people, and therefore was empty for me. And, would somebody please tell me what Molly Shannon, as Aunt Victoire, was doing here? She seemed so out of place.

– Barbara Johnson, LAFD

Book Reviews



Motor Mouth
Janet Evanovich
Harper Collins
312 pages
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Motor Mouth is screwball romantic comedy involving a NASCAR driver and a mechanic, Barney, who used to be a driver and who happens to be female.

Barney is now Hooker's spotter, Barney being Alexandra with the soft heart, motor mouth, and a mean left hook. Hooker is the NASCAR driver with a soft heart, a one-track mind, and a not-so-mean left hook.

Bad things have happened at the racetrack, and they are in the thick of it with crazy hit men, dead bodies in weird locations, and some electronic equipment that everyone wants. Enjoy the laughter!

– Barbara Johnson, LAFD

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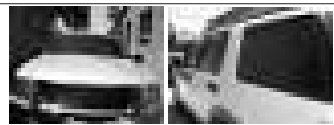
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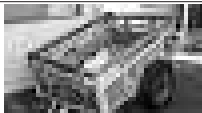
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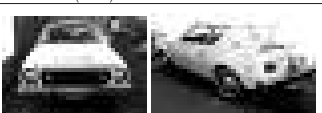
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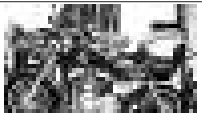
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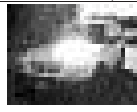
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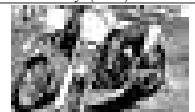


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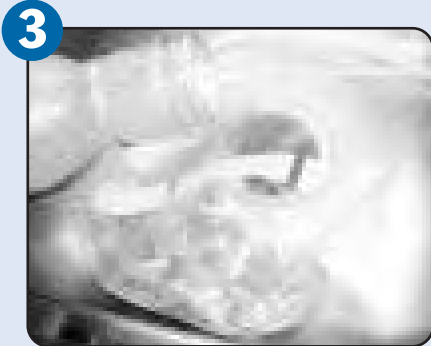
DIRECTIONS:



Step 1: Wash your hands; the chicken, after it has defrosted in the fridge; your utensils; your cutting board; and anything else that comes in contact with the chicken.



Step 2: Place your chicken pieces in a gallon-sized Ziploc bag.



Step 3: Pour in the Asian spicy peanut vinaigrette to prepare for the refrigerated-overnight marinade.



Step 4: I like placing my marinating chicken in a large bowl, so that if there's a bag leak, it just leaks in the bowl and not on my other foods in the fridge. Let it marinate overnight.



Step 5: Place your chicken on the grill or sauté pan and let cook until golden brown on each side on medium heat. Cooking time varies. Although the chicken may look charred, don't let it fool you to remove the chicken too early and have it undercooked. Just let it get cook.



I just love chicken tacos! Enjoy!

Light, Sweet Chicken for Summer

Now that summer has struck the City, barbecuing on the grill is just part of living for us – unless your grill fell apart and you have to get a new one like me. Any other week, hamburgers, ribs, steaks and chicken are the mainstays at my house.

Of all the foods to grill, chicken tends to be the most sensitive to food-borne illnesses. However, there are some easy preventive measures to help you, your family and friends avoid getting food poisoning. With soap and warm water (hot water if you can stand it), wash your hands, the knives, your cutting board and anything that comes in contact with your chicken. Always leave your chicken refrigerated to avoid room temperatures, which accelerate the growth of bacteria on chicken. When defrosting chicken, always defrost in the refrigerator instead on the kitchen counter. It will take longer to defrost, but you reduce the bacterial levels on your chicken. The same goes when you marinate chicken, just like in this chicken marinade recipe. I marinate my chicken pieces in the fridge overnight. You could go for just a few hours, but overnight helps to intensify the flavor.

This simple marinade trick includes the use of a Ziploc bag and your favorite salad dressing or vinaigrette. Yes, that's right, salad dressing. I use an Asian spicy peanut vinaigrette, but you may use the old staple, Italian dressing, as with a previous recipe I did with chicken. You're free to experiment with any other type of dressing as well.

Once the chicken is cooked thoroughly, you may serve it just as it is, chopped over a salad, or tacos. As you can see, I turned my chicken into tacos. My deepest regret is having to sauté the chicken instead of using my barbecue grill. Can you believe it was destroyed the day of the photo shoot for my column? It's a long story, but it's a lesson to everyone that chicken can be cooked anywhere and still taste great as long as you consider the tips to prevent food poisoning.

Also, please enjoy a cookie recipe from Barbara Johnson, LAFD.

Barbara says that these cookies are for Halloween and Thanksgiving mostly... but that she loves them all year long! They can be decorated for any holiday or just plain for Thanksgiving and any day.



Vinaigrette Grilled Chicken

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 pounds chicken (I used thigh meat)
- 8 to 12 ounces Asian spicy peanut vinaigrette



Pumpkin Cookies!

by Barbara Johnson, LAFD

Pumpkin Cookies

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 15 oz. can pumpkin puree
- 1 egg
- 1 cup vegetable shortening (we've used margarine)
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon

- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 1 can vanilla frosting
- Black frosting tube (none for plain; or use a color to match holiday)
- Toothpicks (if doing designs)



Step 1

Preheat oven to 375F. Help kids measure the baking soda and salt into a bowl.

Step 2

In a separate bowl with a big spoon, cream the shortening; add pumpkin puree, then the egg and let kids mix it in.

Step 3

Show kids how to sift in the dry ingredients and mix everything thoroughly with the pumpkin puree.

Step 4

Drop heaping spoonfuls onto a lightly greased baking sheet. Bake 25 to 30 minutes.

Step 5

When cooled, ice cookies with the frosting.

Halloween:

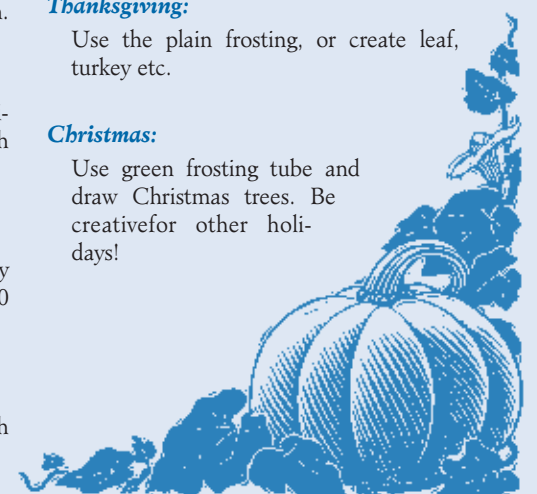
Use the frosting tubes to draw three concentric circles on each. Use a toothpick to pull the black frosting out from the center to the edge of cookie to create a spider web.

Thanksgiving:

Use the plain frosting, or create leaf, turkey etc.

Christmas:

Use green frosting tube and draw Christmas trees. Be creative for other holidays!



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LA City "B-Label" T-Shirt
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 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**

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Member Price: **\$15** per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping

Size: **XXXL**
 Available Colors:
 Sport Gray Indigo Blue

Member Price: **\$16**



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DWP T-shirts

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 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**



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Available Colors:
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DWP "Classic" Long Sleeve T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL** Size: **XXXL**



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LA City "P.T." T-shirt
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Available Colors:
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ITEM: #LAC-1000

LA City "Alma Mater" T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**



Member Price: **\$8** per shirt*

Available Colors:
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LA City T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**



Member Price: **\$12** per shirt*

Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue

ITEM: #LAC-3000

LA City "Olde English" T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**



Member Price: **\$12** per shirt*

Available Colors:
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Available Colors:
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ITEM: #T2002WP

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 *Plus tax and shipping

*White available with front pocket.

Sizes: **XXXL** **\$13**

Available Colors:
 White Blue Dusk Indigo Blue Sport Gray

Sizes: **XXXL** **\$14**

Available Colors:
 Indigo Blue Sport Gray



ITEM: #T1000

L.A. City Polo Shirt

LA City Polo Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**



Member Price: **\$18** per shirt*

Available Colors:

White
 Black
 Navy Blue
 Pink

Close-up of Embroidery

ITEM: #PS1000



Available Colors:
 White* Navy Blue
 Black Orange

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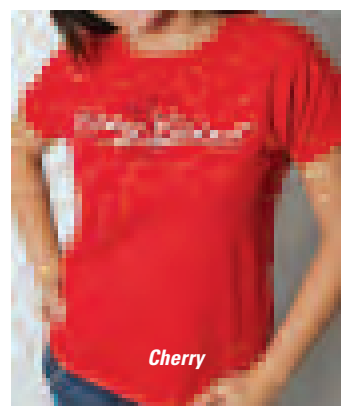
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Available Colors:
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 Black Orange

ITEM: #T2001WP

City Girl "Classic" T-shirt



Sizes: **S M L XL**

Member Price: **\$12** per shirt*

Available Colors:
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 Black Hot Pink Caribbean Blue Heather Gray

ITEM: #T-W1000

City Girl "Retro" T-shirt



Sizes: **S M L XL**

Member Price: **\$12** per shirt*

Available Colors:
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 Black Hot Pink Caribbean Blue Heather Gray

ITEM: #T-W2000



Sizes: **S M L XL XXL**
 *White available with front pocket.
 Available Colors:
 White* Orange
 Blue Dusk Charcoal

Size: **XXXL**
 AVAILABLE COLORS:
 Blue Dusk, Charcoal

Member Price: **\$13**

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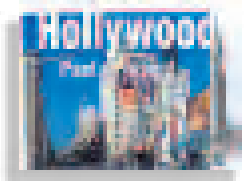
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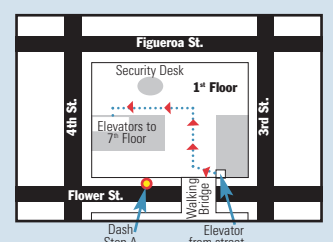
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