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Budget Cuts: Is Your Job Affected?

Mayor's budget asks all to 'share sacrifice' to overcome \$530 million deficit.

CITYWIDE — On April 20, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa proposed a budget that cuts 10 percent from personnel costs. The proposed budget cuts are in response to a projected \$530 million deficit in the City's current fiscal situation, caused largely by a decrease in revenues in a tough economic climate.

The budget proposal now goes to the City Council, which has until June 12 to amend and approve a budget for fiscal year 2009-10.

Will the budget cuts affect your job?

The mayor's proposed budget relies heavily on a reduction in the salaries of unioned City employees, plus the leasing of City-owned parking garages.

The City has launched a Website, www.keeplaworking.com, to give the details of the proposed budget cuts.

Read more details in the story on page 42.

Tough Times Call for Club Scholarships

Applications available for Club Scholarship 2009.

THE CLUB — The tough economy is squeezing the household budgets of Club Members. But those with college bills to pay should apply for a Club Scholarship. Applications are now available. Ten people will receive stipends for their academic achievement.

"Because so many people were asking about the Club Scholarship for 2009, we decided to start a month early and make the application forms available in April," said Club CEO John Hawkins. "Make sure you apply as soon as you can. We want to do all we can to encourage achievement by the Club family."

The scholarship is open to Club Members, spouses and their immediate families under the age of 25, for those who attend an accredited college, or will attend one next year.

Ten awards totaling \$10,000 will be awarded, each for \$1,000. Deadline is noon June 30, 2009; applications must be physically in the Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second St. downtown, at that time.

Applications are available at the Club Store, or they can be downloaded at:

www.cityemployeesclub.com/scholar.asp

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The Winds of Change

The DWP is serious about the future of green power with the soon-to-open Pine Tree Wind Project, the country's largest city-owned wind farm. Come along as Alive! tours this awesome new facility north of Mojave.

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Richard Whites (left) and Louis Ting of the DWP stand in front of one of the turbines at the Pine Tree Wind Farm.

Alive! photo by Tom Hawkins



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Hidden in the pages of *Alive!* are eight Club membership numbers that look like this: (#?????) Find yours ... **and win!**

Participate in the newest *Alive!* contest — it's as simple as finding your number in the pages of *Alive!*

Don't know your number?

Call us at (800) 464-0452 or email us at info@cityemployeesclub.com

Here's how it works:

1. Retrieve your Club Membership number on your Club Card. If you don't have one, or misplaced yours, call us at (800) 464-0452 or send an email to info@cityemployeesclub.com.
2. Search for Club Member numbers hidden between photos and stories in each month's *Alive!*
3. When you find your number, email the Club immediately at: findyournumber@cityemployeesclub.com
4. If your membership number is verified, then you win the monthly prize!
5. Prizes might change monthly, but will usually be a \$20 gift certificate to Target.
6. On the 15th of each month, the numbers from the previous month's *Alive!* are no longer valid, and those numbers that are unclaimed are returned to the pool.
7. Numbers won't be repeated until all have been run (that's almost 20,000 numbers), so make sure to pay attention!
8. **Have fun!**

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** A Message From the CEO **

Pine Tree Whoosh Is a Very Big Deal

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

I wish everyone could see – and especially *hear* – what I experienced in Jawbone Canyon 14 miles off Highway 14 in April. I experienced the future.

I thought I was prepared for it, but it was way beyond that. It was awesome. It was our City's -- it is, and will be, ours.

It's the Pine Tree Wind Project.

I'm no stranger to sophisticated energy technology. Like most every Club Member, I grew up on energy created by fossil fuels. But then, in my early 20s, I served for the U.S. Navy on a nuclear submarine. I went along for the ride for months at a time living right next to that incredible power source. But that wasn't green.

In the last few years, I built my own photovoltaic power mini-system in my backyard, using the sun to juice a few bulbs in my family's house. It's fun to learn how to be self-sufficient and energy-independent, even in a beginner's way.

But Pine Tree is different. It's green, it's huge, and it's serious. A big investment? Sure. But the fuel – the wind – is free, and it doesn't pollute a thing. And there's no way to measure how much the City is going to learn by generating green power on this large a scale.



Richard Whites, John Hawkins and Louis Ting look at a turbine high above them.

By the time you read this, the DWP will be ready to open Pine Tree in all its glory. We got an exclusive sneak preview, lead by **Louis Ting** and **Richard Whites** and arranged by **Carol Tucker**. I hope you get a chance to see it close up, because there simply is no way to describe it. Even with the great *Alive!* photography in this issue, we still quite can't capture it in its glory.

And even more than the visuals, the thing that's impossible to capture is the sound of those enormous turbines and blades. When I first stood underneath a tower, the blades cutting through the stiff breeze made this deep *whoosh* that stopped me in my tracks. Powerful and physical – I could feel it on my chest – that sound told me instantly what a smart decision this is, for the City to move forward in such a positive and spectacular way. A big shoutout to all involved: Pine Tree is a very big deal.

Well, let's see what else is going on in May. Congratulations to **Mike Fong** of the City Council Office for being named the next president of the Los Angeles City Employees Asian American Association ... I want to thank **Luis Aguilar** for sending us the materials of the Convention Center's Earth Day celebration. Luis is one great Club Member, always keeping us up on all the news at the Convention Center ... Now that it's spring, there are lots of car shows, golf tournaments, walk-a-thons, picnics and so forth being scheduled. Get out there and have some fun.

Speaking of which, have you checked out the latest *Alive!* fun activity, "**Find Your Number?**" You can win a nice prize if you find your Club Member number printed somewhere in each issue. Start looking!

And finally, it's Mother's Day. Where would be without our mothers? I've included my message with the others in this issue (it's become a great *Alive!* tradition). But let me also wish a very happy Mother's Day to my wife, Kelley, an amazing mom. Between Pine Tree and Mother's Day, I am humbled!

See you next month!

JOHN

(jhawkins@cityemployeesclub.com)

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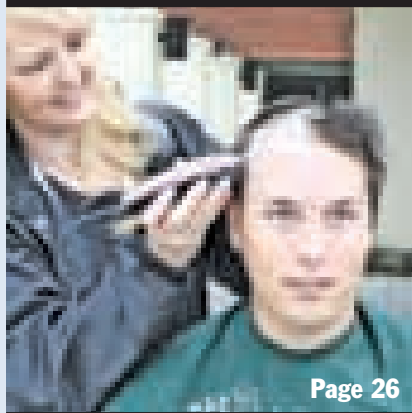
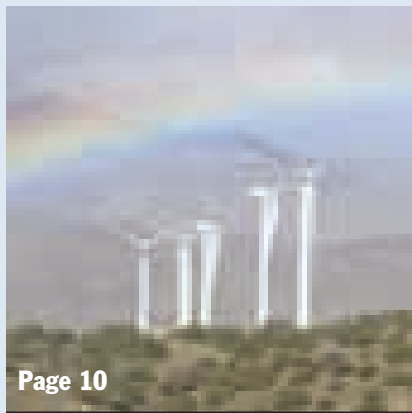
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**Cecilia Talbot,
Claims Manager**

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

— Ed.

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The Club claims service was "excellent. The person I talked to was always helpful and professional. My questions were answered, and everything was done in a timely manner, with little or no hassle. Thank you."

— Zelma Higgs, April 2009

The Club claims service was "good. Everyone was very sympathetic and tried to help."

— Maxine C. Lucero, March 2009

The Club claims service was "very good and prompt service! The book [*The Fall of Freddie the Leaf*] was very good, with a good, simple explanation of life. Thank you for sending it to me."

— Raul Madrigal, March 2009

The Club claims service was "excellent. You answered all my questions, were concerned for my well being, and made sure that all my benefits were met. Thank you."

— Gregory Miller, March 2009

"You all were really wonderful. Not only did you answer all our questions, you called when a few weeks had elapsed and you hadn't received the forms. Thank you! Kudos to Marla! The book [*The Fall of Freddie the Leaf*] was sweet, and it made me cry to remember my dad. But that's okay."

— Hillary, April 2009

Your Club Insurance Dollars at Work

**Total claims paid to Club Members
So Far in 2009: \$1,434,918.28**

Claims paid:

Life insurance claims paid this month: **\$487,106.47**

Life insurance claims paid this year: **\$965,299.46**

Long-term disability claims paid this month: **\$103,296.35**

Long-term disability claims paid this year: **\$331,655.67**

Long-term care claims paid this month: **\$23,550.00**

Long-term care claims paid this year: **\$112,963.15**

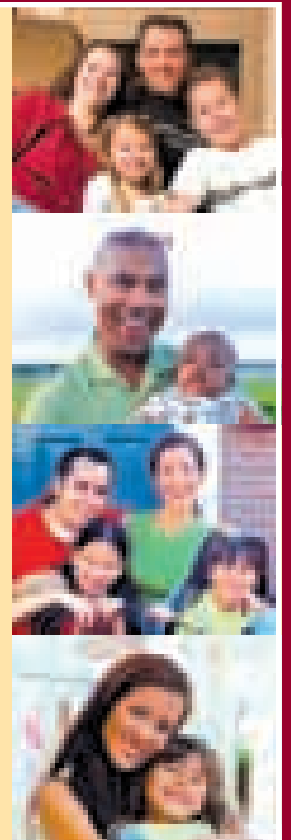
Cancer insurance claims paid this month: **\$0.00**

Cancer insurance claims paid this year: **\$25,000.00**

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Need help? Contact your Counselor:



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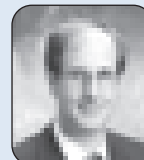
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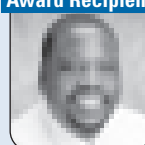


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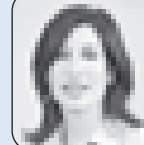


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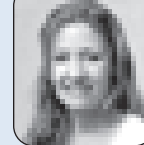
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LETTERS To the Editor

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LETTER OF THE MONTH

City Employees Have Suggested Ways for City to Save Money

The following letter first appeared in the *Los Angeles Daily News* in April. It was in response to a previous letter in the *Daily News*, which suggested that City Employees should take a pay cut.

Mr. Colby, I am sorry that the tough economic times are having an effect on your business. Even if City workers are forced to forgo a cost-of-living increase, or take a 10 to 15 percent decrease in pay, as you suggest, this is not going to make

your situation better. When people earn less, they spend less.

It is unfair to suggest that all of the City's budget problems are due to City workers' pay, and that we should work an hour every day for free. City workers have suggested many cost-saving ideas to the City. Some of these ideas will save Los Angeles millions of dollars. City workers realize that we are blessed to have the good-paying jobs that we have.

– Brian Hollenbaugh, DWP

Alive! Knows That Good News of City Is Important

That story on LEED [Convention Center is awarded LEED-EB certification] is something else! The pictures were super, and the interview with Building Chief Rey Castro was informative. Shouldn't this kind of story be covered in the *LA Times* as well? This is big stuff in my view. Doesn't matter, you guys know what's important.

– Larry Finkle, Rec and Parks

He Really Appreciates the Mail Svcs. Appreciation Day

General Services does it right by appreciating the work that the Mail Services Division does for the City with an appreciation day! Kudos to Aram Salmasi and Melody McCormick for making sure that these employees were honored. I can't believe this was the seventh year they've been doing this!

– Tim Loyd, General Services

Magic Was in the Air at Club's Magic Mtn. Night

My jaw is still hitting the floor with the special you guys had for the Magic Mountain Private Party! \$15 a ticket? I've never heard of anything like that before, and there was even free parking!

– Mary S., Retired

It was tons of fun, and I think I even saw your cook, Chef Larios, at Magic Mountain as well as other people from the Club. It was a chilly night, but it was hot! Hot! Hot!

– Mirna Beacon, DWP

'People We See' Shows All Have Something in Common

Xavier Anderson -- I see that dude around. You know, he always has a smile and seems to be one of the many who are genuinely down on their luck. Thank you for profiling him in the 'People We See' column. Xavier and I have something in common...we both like the movie *The Matrix*. Nice!

– Roger Tillman, Transportation

Robert Larios Is Tonic This Retiree Needs to Stay Alert

I just wanted to say that it was a good meeting with RLACEI at Friendship Auditorium. There was good information they shared, and the food was the usual tasty food. I want to thank Robert Larios of the Club for bringing in the nice prizes and entertaining us with his great enthusiasm and humor. I usually have to have coffee at these meetings, but I don't need them when he's around.

QUESTION of the Month

– Collected by Rachael Brecher, Club Store Rep

The Ticket Guy and Rachael at the Club Store ask Club Members fun questions when they visit to purchase tickets or great Club apparel and gifts. So, stop by and join in the fun!

“What are you doing to be more green?”



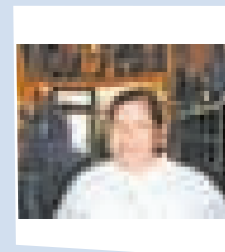
“I've switched to LED lights.”

– Chuy Lopez, DWP



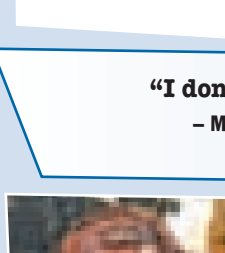
“I recycle junk mail and bottles.”

– Jacqueline Zarate, Personnel, 25 years of service



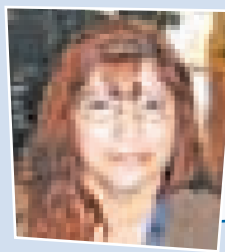
“I wash with full loads, and I've installed solar energy fixtures and planted trees.”

– Lorraine Gonzalez, Transportation, 4 years



“I don't take hot or long showers.”

– Martin Cortez, General Services, 25 years



“I removed the sprinkler system.”

– Mary Contreras, General Services, 15 years



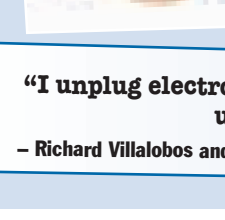
“I conserve energy and recycle.”

– Miguel Estrada, LAPD Communications, 4 years



“I buy organic products and recycle.”

– Rafael Roque, Library, 2 years



“I unplug electronics when they're not in use, and I turn off lights.”

– Richard Villalobos and family, General Services, 18 years.

Something to  Think About

“The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor.”

– Vince Lombardi

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

THE *ALIVE!* INTERVIEW



From left: Club CEO John Hawkins with the DWP's Richard Whites and Louis Ting on a clearing at the Pine Tree Wind Farm. Some of the 80 DWP turbines are in the background.

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The Pine Tree Wind Project's construction managers, engineers and executives share their stories on building this very important City project.

PART 1:

Building the Project

On April 7, Club CEO John Hawkins and *Alive!* editor John Burnes toured the City's Pine Tree Wind Project, which was already producing electricity for the City while still in its testing phase. After the tour, *Alive!* sat down with Louis Ting, Site Manager for the Project Management Team, and Richard Whites, Pine Tree Maintenance Supervisor, to hear about the construction of the facility. —Ed.

Alive! Thanks so much for that great tour. Now, Louis, you're the Site Manager. And that means...

Louis Ting: I oversee all the construction by the Contractor.

Okay, got it. And you, Rich?

Rich Whites: I am the Pine Tree Maintenance Supervisor. I'm responsible for the care and feeding of the project once it's established.

Louis, when did you start on the project?

Louis: I came into the project when the department decided to become the developer. We used to have a developer. But by the time I joined the project back in 2007, we decided to become our own developer, meaning we hired our own contractors.

What project had you worked on before this one?

Louis: I was on the Power Plant II redevelopment project at San Francisquito. Before that, I was at the Haynes Generating Station project, and before that I was part of the water system, doing the water pipeline rehabilitation for the City.

And here we are in April and you've been testing the Pine Tree Wind Project, and you're just about ready to cut the ribbon. That is an incredibly short amount of time to build all of this.

Louis: It's a team effort, there's no doubt about it. It took a lot of effort from the whole department, from public affairs all the way to legal and purchasing. And environmental: We have a very large environmental group in our department that supported us to make sure we could start construction. We couldn't have our backhoes and our dozers out here until the environmental issues were cleared.

When you were given this task, was it something you had ever thought of doing before? Was this a dream of yours, or was this sort of out of the blue?

Louis: Well, I was volunteered. [*He laughs.—Ed.*] To be very frank with you, when we were at the Haynes Generating Station Project down in Long Beach, there were five of us there, and we were all



Above: Louis Ting, Site Manager for the Project Management Team. Right: Richard Whites, Maintenance Supervisor.

About 335 feet or 33 stories tall!

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Pine Tree Wind Project, located north of the Mojave, is the largest city-owned wind farm. It features 80 GE Wind Turbines (1.5 megawatts each).



engineers. We were just kind of looking at each other, saying, "So you're going to be on Pine Tree." "No, you're going to be on Pine Tree." "No, you're going to be on Pine Tree." We were all guessing because we all knew this is two-and-a-half or three hours away from our homes. Nobody wanted to go. It was away from family. I was also volunteered to go to San Francisquito, which is also very far from my house. But I was there for only six or seven months. And then I got a call from my boss saying, "You're going to Pine Tree." I spent about a year downtown getting this project ready, writing the contracts, getting the contracts approved.

Now, looking back, how do you feel about it?

Louis: I would never have done anything else. This is just unbelievable. Like Rich said, this is once-in-a-lifetime chance to construct a project from the ground up, and it's a part of the renewable energy portfolio that we have. It's monumental.

Did you have any idea of the magnitude? It's one thing to put it on paper, but then when you get up here, you realize, Holy mackerel, this is huge.

Louis: It is huge, and Haynes was huge. As far as the logistics, this was a much bigger magnitude than I could imagine.

Do you know of any other cities in the country that could pull something like this off?

Louis: I don't know, but I don't think so. I don't think any other municipality could purchase the land, buy the equipment, get a contractor and build a farm like this. We've been told by General Electric [a wind turbine supplier on the Pine Tree Wind project] that they have never seen a site like this. A typical wind farm is like a farm. It's rolling hills at most. This is mountainous terrain, very difficult to work on, just trying to get equipment up here. You can imagine these 123-foot blades getting up to the roads without any type of damage. We didn't have any real damage from transportation. It was a task.

That is amazing.

Louis: That is significant. All the credit goes to the design team and construction. We had a design team that really did a good job of mapping this out.

The design team at the DWP?

Louis: Partially, yes. We had the conceptual design, and then we hired a contractor to do some engineering and procure some of the equipment. We bought the turbines and they bought the transformers and so forth and they constructed them. Their responsibility is to take the equipment that we purchased, the turbines, and transport them from the storage yard all the way up to each site.

The Transportation Challenges

How did you get the turbines from Germany to the Mojave yard and then up the mountainside?

Louis: Well, we purchased the equipment from GE, and we sent one of our senior engineers to Germany to inspect these nacelles [the turbine generator boxes at the top of the towers]. He was there for about three weeks inspecting various processes of the manufacturing. And for the towers, because we had certifications from GE, we did not go to Korea or China and inspect them. But there are internal GE inspections, and we received the reports. For the blades, our people went down to the loading docks before they were unloaded from the ships.

In Brazil, where they were made?

Louis: In the United States, at the Port of San Diego, where they were unloaded. That's how we started the process. And then, we stored these turbines at the Mohave Airport. They were in storage for about a year-and-a-half, and while we got our contract ready with Kiewit [the main subcontractor that built much of the Pine Tree Wind Project. —Ed.] For the electrical transmission line, we had another contract with Par Electric.

So the turbines arrived by ship?

Louis: That's right. The turbines came all by ship, and they were unloaded in San Diego. And they were transported via tractor-trailer combinations with special types of trailers for the turbines, the blades and the tower sections.

Each generator nacelle weighs almost 60 tons. They require special heavy-haul tractor-trailers. And they could drive only at certain times of the day and on certain roads.

We brought them up on US-58, all the way from San Diego.

They couldn't go on the US-14.

Louis: They couldn't go on the 14. That was not permitted.

Sixty tons each.

Louis: Almost, the whole nacelle case with the shipping fixture and everything else.

Rich: The box up on top of each tower is large enough that you can put a large-size pickup truck inside of it and have room.

That little box.

Louis: That little box at the top is big enough to hold a pickup truck.

Rich: Easily.

The blades aren't as heavy; they're made out of fiberglass?

Louis: Yes, and they came in pairs. There were two blades in one fixture.

How long are the blades?

Louis: 123 feet each.

How long is the normal trailer?

Rich: Seventy-one feet, I think, is the legal limit.

So, same thing, you came up the 58, with special permits.

Louis: That's correct.

And how many blades in total?

Rich: 240.

Louis: So, 240 blades, and 240 tower sections. Each tower has three sections — the base, the mid and the top.

And the towers came from China and Korea?

Louis: Right. About half and half.

The base section is about 23 feet tall, and the middle and the top are about a 85 and 96 feet tall each, I believe.

Upon This Rock

How deep into the ground is the foundation?

Louis: The concrete pad itself is about five feet deep. It's about 24 feet in diameter. Because of the terrain, we didn't have the luxury of [flat] real estate. So, what the designer did, instead of using a large diameter concrete pad, they used rock anchors. Each

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Green-Collar Jobs:

Learning to Be Green

The DWP is retraining many of its employees to better understand sustainable power.

The DWP has put nine employees through the 15-day GE Wind Customer basic class, and three employees have completed the four-day GE Frequency Converter class. All the craft employees, Supervisors and Managers go through the four-day Tech Safety Line Competent Climber and Rescue training. The department also depends on its Professional Services Contractor, Airstreams, to provide on-site hands-on training and oversight, classroom training and administrative support for the Pine Tree team.

The final staffing level at Pine Tree is still being determined as the department gains experience and develops the knowledge/skills to operate it. Optimal staffing is thought to be 19 full-time employees.

The DWP will also need the support of various other crafts and organizations on an intermittent basis. These will include Storekeepers, Warehouseman, Equipment Operators, Heavy Equipment Operators, Truck Drivers, Building Repairman, Electrical Distribution Mechanics, Communication Employees and Gardeners.

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DWP: Toward Green Power

The Pine Tree Wind Project, while the DWP's flagship, is just one of the department's ongoing green projects; the DWP is fast becoming a greener utility.

The department is on track to significantly increase its green power portfolio to 20 percent by 2010 of all power supplied to customers and 35 percent by 2020. This aggressive renewable portfolio standard (RPS) is aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions and creating clean, sustainable energy generation from renewable resources such as wind, solar, geothermal, small hydroelectric, biomass and waste-to-energy.

Pine Tree and other renewable projects will also help the City meet its greenhouse gas emissions reduction requirements under AB 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006, and Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's climate action goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 35 percent below 1990 levels by 2030.

The RPS policy provides a long-term framework to achieve the goals without compromising power reliability or the financial stability of the department and its customers.

The DWP's renewable energy supply has increased from three percent in 2005 to more than 11 percent in 2008. By the end of 2009, with the advent of Pine Tree and other projects, the DWP expects to achieve 14 percent renewables.

Pine Tree will join other renewable resources either developed and owned by DWP or acquired through long-term power purchase agreements, some of which include future ownership opportunities. Following is a snapshot of the DWP's renewable energy projects:

Upcoming:

- Pine Tree Wind Farm, Cantil, CA, 120 megawatt capacity, owned by the City; online in June
- UPC Milford Wind Project, Utah, 185 megawatts, purchase agreement; online this fall

Existing:

- L.A. Aqueduct Small Hydro, Owens Valley and Santa Clarita, 166 megawatts, owned by the City;
- Hyperion Biomass Digester Gas, Los Angeles, 16 megawatts, owned by the City;
- Solar Rooftop, Los Angeles, 14 megawatts. City- and customer-owned;
- Bradley and Penrose Biomass Landfill Gas, Los Angeles, 12 megawatts, purchase agreement;
- Iberdrola Pleasant Valley wind project, Wyoming, 82 megawatts, purchase agreement;
- Iberdrola Pebble Springs wind project, Oregon, 69 megawatts, purchase agreement;
- Willow Creek wind project, Oregon, 72 megawatts, purchase agreement;
- Sepulveda Small Hydro, Los Angeles, 8 megawatts, purchase agreement; and
- Powerex Small Hydro, British Columbia, 50 megawatts, purchase agreement.

In March, the DWP issued a continuous "rolling" RFP seeking renewable energy proposals for approximately 1,000 gigawatt-hours per year. These proposals will be accepted anytime throughout the year and opened each month.



Building Pine Tree

The DWP hired Kiewit as general contractor; the company performed most of the construction tasks. After the site was prepared and the roads built, the tower construction began. Lower right: Rigs were used to anchor the tower bases into the bedrock, and then the towers were constructed. Each tower came in three separate pieces and was assembled on site. Top, above left and left: The fiberglass blades were attached to a hub near the ground, and then the whole assembly was lifted into place and bolted onto the turbine nacelle, more than 25 stories above ground level. Above right: The blades arrive in San Diego from Brazil aboard a cargo ship.

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PART 2:

Designing the Project

On April 13, Club CEO John Hawkins and Alive! editor John Burnes interviewed the team that designed the Pine Tree Wind Project: Bob Gentner, Project Manager; Nazih Batarseh, Manager, Project Section; and John Dennis, Assistant Division Head, Engineering Services. —Ed.

Alive!: So, Bob, what are your responsibilities relating to Pine Tree?

Bob Gentner: I'm the Project Manager. I manage the project, from the beginning of its conception. In this case it started at the end of 2004, and through to the point of completion, where it goes into service to provide generation to the department. It's a combination of design, procurement, construction and environmental concerns.

And you, Nazih?

Nazih Batarseh: I basically direct all the power generation projects. And Pine Tree is one of those projects. We have other projects like the Haynes Generating Station repowering, the Scattergood Generating Station repowering and the Castaic Modernization Project. Pine Tree is one of those projects.

And you, John Dennis, you oversee these two.

John Dennis: These guys really put their hands on the project.

Nazih: To John's credit, he's really been giving us a lot of direction.

John: I'm the Assistant Division Head for Engineering Services Division. We oversee a variety of large projects and engineering for pieces of our power system.

And Pine Tree is one of those projects.

John: That's correct. Overall since about 2001, this team has installed about \$1.8 billion worth of power projects here at the DWP.

Bob, we hear you're retiring in June.

Bob: Yes.

Congratulations. How many years?

Bob: 39.

So is Pine Tree your last project?

Bob: Yes it is.

Wow, what a great project.

Bob: Yeah, it was interesting. And I'm going out with a bang.

When did you start working on this project?

John: Bob was responsible for a Notice to Proceed to the contractor that's out there developing right now. That was about 16 months ago.

Bob: 2007 was basically the start of the construction.

From barren land to today.

Bob: The contract was awarded in September by the board. And design started right away on that, and construction itself started in December 2007.

That's fairly fast, it would seem, to get 80 of these huge towers constructed.

John: Fast, with regards to the rugged terrain. That's what's unique here -- the rugged terrain.

Bob: It's probably one of the most rugged terrain wind farms in the United States. We've had people like General Electric, which has done many, many wind farms, and they're even amazed at the terrain difficulty on that particular site.

Usually you'd think of a flat parcel.

Bob: Yes, a cornfield or something like that.

Right, so how did you pick this hilly terrain?

Bob: As I understand it, this proposal was selected as being the best of the proposed sites that were offered. And that's why we moved forward. One of the aspects to this particular project

is it's fairly close to our existing transmission line. You have to be close to the transmission line. All we had to do is put in about a nine-mile transmission line connection. So that was a major factor for selecting this site.

The other part of it has to do with the land availability for the use of developing wind.

Capacity factor is one of the other things you look for. And that particular area is one of the prime areas in the state of California. Probably Palm Springs is the other area.

Had you done wind surveys of the area?

Bob: Yes, oh yes. The difficulty was the terrain itself -- could it be built? And obviously we have built it.

Were there other City departments involved?

Bob: I think it was all DWP, but we've had the water system provide support to us. They built a bridge over an aqueduct there that we needed for the transport equipment, and they provided that support and design and constructing the bridge over their aqueduct.

John: They provided us with the water, also.

Bob: Right, which is very essential because you need water for construction.

And the other part has been within the department -- there are two electrical switching stations, and what we call a substation collection station. Those were designed by in-house engineering people, and then constructed by in-house construction people.

Care to give any shout-outs to people in those divisions?

Nazih: Yes. Mark Zumwalt.

Bob: Mark Zumwalt was the superintendent for one of the switching stations. And he also started the collection station, and then Larry Markette finished it up.

And the line transmission group?

Bob: The design and procurement of the materials for the transmission lines were done in-house.

Nazih: The Barren Ridge and Pine Tree Substations and the transmission lines were designed by our engineers. Barren Ridge and the substation were designed and built by DWP folks.



Nazih Batarseh, Manager, Project Section.



John Dennis, Assistant Division Head, Engineering Services.



Bob Gentner, Project Manager.

Turbine Technology

There are all types of wind turbine generators.

Bob: Yes, there are different suppliers. At the time that this project was going, there were probably two major suppliers of wind turbines in the United States: Vestas is one of them, and GE is the other one. Now, since then, the market has increased; there are more people getting into it.

John: With the permitting in this particular area, we were looking at the 1.5-megawatt machines [each].

And these wind turbine generators, how do they compare with the ones City employees might see out in Palm Springs?

Bob: They vary. The new ones are up around 2.2 megawatts today. The 1.5-megawatts at the time that we purchased them was typical of the industry.

When they were first developed by GE, they were probably the biggest out there. But Vestas came back fairly shortly thereafter with a comparable one, and maybe an even a little higher capacity.

John: You'll start to see machines that are now in the 2.5-megawatt range. They're larger.

Are they bigger?

John: Yes.

Taller even?

Bob: Oh yes, yes, yes.

John: Yeah, they're taller. Some of them will be 85 meters or something like that.

Ours are 60 meters, right?

Bob: Right. There's another wind farm up there, run by Florida Power and Light. Those are all probably less than half a megawatt. They're about seven or eight years old. At the time that was the highest capacity available. The disadvantage to that is construction costs are very high because you have to do each one individually; you get the advantage of size when you get a bigger and bigger turbine. That's what has made the wind energy more economical than it was say 10 years ago, when it was pretty pricy.

Ours produce AC current, as opposed to DC?

Bob: It starts out with a DC, and then it's converted to AC.

It's converted right there at the tower.

Bob: Yes.

And it's shot through the transmission line as AC.

Bob: That's correct.

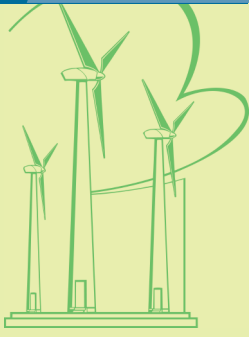
We love the feature where they turn into the wind. While we were watching them, you could see them turn into the wind. That's amazing. Is that new technology? How does that work?

Bob: We have an anemometer on each turbine, — See PART 2, page 14



Richard Whites demonstrates just how wide the turbine towers are at their base.

Fact Sheet



DWP Pine Tree Wind Farm, a Green L.A. Initiative

The DWP Pine Tree Wind Power Project is the largest municipally owned wind farm in the United States, producing 120 megawatts of clean, renewable wind energy. This amount of energy serves some 56,000 households in Los Angeles while reducing 200,000 tons of greenhouse gases—about the same as removing 35,000 cars from the road.

- Features 80 GE Wind Turbines (1.5 megawatts each) sit on 8,000 acres of rugged terrain.
- Produces 120 megawatts peak total output.
- Includes 8.25 miles of new transmission lines built to Barren Ridge Switching Station, connecting Pine Tree wind power to high-voltage, north-south transmission into Los Angeles.
- Provides 1.4 percent of the 20 percent that is Los Angeles' renewable energy goal; brings renewable power to nearly 13 percent of L.A.'s total power supply.
- Displaces at least 200,000 tons of greenhouse gases, eight tons of nitrogen oxide, and 11 tons per year of carbon monoxide (compared to a fossil fueled power plant).
- Displaces an amount of CO₂ that's roughly the same as removing 35,000 cars from the road or planting 1.4 million trees.

Construction:

The challenging work of building the Pine Tree Wind Project involved constructing 34 miles of roads, transporting large and heavy equipment to the turbine locations, constructing turbine foundations and erecting the turbines, laying 31 miles of underground cable to feed a collector station, and accomplishing these tasks during windy, wet weather months. The location of each wind turbine was verified by a wind expert to ensure they achieve maximum wind capacity.

Milestones:

- DWP was issued Notice to Proceed on Oct. 1, 2007.
- Construction started on roads and lay-down areas Dec. 3, 2007.
- Groundbreaking ceremony was held Jan. 31, 2008.
- Project site grading took place January through October 2008.
- Transporting and erecting turbines took place April 2008 through March 2009.
- Test phase and commissioning of turbines (each turbine will be tested and commissioned after it is erected) took place October 2008 through May 2009.
- In service: Summer 2009

Fun Facts About Each Wind Energy

1.5 Megawatt GE Turbine:

- Produces enough clean electricity for about 400 homes each year.
- Stands more than 213 (Pine Tree Towers are 65 meters) feet tall (as tall as a 20-story building).
- Weighs about 200 tons [this is the entire turbine weight].
- One blade is 123 feet long (sweeps the area of a football field).
- Rotor blades have a diameter of 253 feet, and turn at 20 rpm at peak rotation.
- Powers more than 9,500 refrigerators per year.
- Produces 2,000 horsepower, more power than 12 cars.

Re seeding

The project is also re seeding approximately 310 acres of the high desert with area-native plants and foliage. This includes 280 acres for the main Pine Tree range and 30 acres for Barren Ridge and Transmission Line Projects.

The entire Pine Tree project was the combined effort of some 400 LADWP employees and contract employees from GE, Par Electric, and Kiewit.

LADWP divisions and business units included:

- ISS construction
- Fleet
- Station test
- Survey
- Engineering support
- Project management
- Environmental support
- Operation and maintenance
- Overhead Transmission Engineering

PART 3:

The Long View

On April 13, Club CEO John Hawkins and Alive! editor John Burnes interviewed H. David Nahai, CEO and General Manager of the DWP. —Ed

Alive!: Thanks, Mr. Nahai, for talking to us today.
David Nahai: Certainly.

What do you think Pine Tree means to the City?

David: It's of great importance to the City as a whole, because it is the largest municipally owned wind farm in the nation. It's a matter of great pride, both for the City and for the department to be able to construct, own and operate a 120-megawatt wind farm, with the second phase yet to come. This really shows the mettle and the competence of the employees at the department and shows what it is that our great City is capable of.

So, do you think that this project will help put L.A. on the map as a City that's leading the way in renewable energy throughout the country?

David: In many ways, it already has because it really is a flagship project, and it demonstrates L.A.'s commitment to renewable energy and to reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. This project alone will provide power to maybe 60,000 households. If you think of three or four people per household, that's between 180,000 and 240,000 people who will derive their power from this emission-free resource. It'll prevent 200,000 tons of CO₂ getting spewed into the atmosphere.

And it's a precursor of things to come because, as I said, there's another phase of the project, this time for 150 megawatts that's going through the process right now.

And this is just wind. We're also doing a great deal of other things to move principally away from coal, which is a polluting resource in terms of greenhouse gas emissions, towards renewable energy. And all of this is in keeping with the mayor's very bold vision of going to 20 percent renewables by 2010.

Next year.

David: Thirty-five percent by 2020. And no other utility in the entire nation has voluntarily adopted a 35-percent-by-2020 mandate. No one's done that. But this mayor has asked us to adopt that as a firm policy of the department. We have, and we're going to be marching towards that objective.

In addition, the mayor has adopted the standard of reducing our greenhouse gas emissions as a City to 35 percent below 1990 levels by the year 2030, which is very ambitious. Again, I don't know of any other municipality to have made that kind of a commitment.

So, all of this is in keeping with that vision. But it isn't solely an environmental aspiration. We also have to remember that



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DWP CEO and General Manager R. David Nahai explains the Department's long-range green energy plans to Club CEO John Hawkins.



there are requirements that are being imposed upon us such as under AB 32. The City supported that for the reduction of the carbon dioxide and other emissions. Or SB 1368, which again, we supported, which will prohibit the importation of power from polluting sources when current contracts run out. So, all of these things compel us to move in a different direction, which this department is doing in a very aggressive and committed way. But it's really under the leadership of the mayor and with the support and encouragement of a very progressive City Council.

But I have to add, at the end of the day, I couldn't be prouder of the women and men of the department who have embraced what is really a transformation, and they're the ones who are truly making it happen. And they're the ones who have developed this wind farm that is even currently producing energy. They're the ones who have brought it to fruition. And they're the ones who truly deserve the accolades.

So, the mayor has been completely supportive.

David: Very supportive. Very encouraging. And you need that kind of committed leadership at the top. It gives people the energy that they need to move forward with what has not been an easy project because it had difficulties in its inception when, actually, it wasn't a City project. It was under the care and responsibility of an outside contractor. And that's where I think we encountered

most of the difficulty. Once the project was adopted as a department project, in terms of its construction, in terms of its operation, then things started to really gel and come together. Each one of those turbines up there that is producing energy represents a true statement about the tenacity and dedication and competence of the women and men of the department.

Leadership Position

Has this project changed you in your views of renewable energy, or enhanced your excitement level about what's possible in the future?

David: Certainly the success of the project is very heartwarming and very encouraging. And it reveals the talent and the capability that we have to do these things. I couldn't be prouder of being associated with it. We're seeing the proof. We're seeing power flow from it already, and we'll have it fully completed by the end of June.

We were there standing at the base of many of them, and it's transformational.

David: They're as long as the fuselage of a 747.

Are other cities looking at us as a leader now that we are moving along on this fantastic project?

David: There's no doubt about it. There are a number of cities, especially in Southern California, that have always looked to L.A. to show the way. And that I suppose it's nice to be in that position, but a big responsibility comes with being in that leadership position. Across the nation, people are seeing Los Angeles step up and not just engage in the rhetoric of green energy but to actually pursue it.

This should put to bed arguments that L.A. is tied to its traditional energy resources, and it is unwilling to diversify its resources. This clearly repudiates those kinds of statements that have been made in the past. But it also shows I think a very, very important point, as well, which is that there is no real distinction between good environmental policy and good economic policy. By pursuing projects such as Pine Tree, we've managed to provide an economic stimulus. We employ people. We train people in a new profession. And it isn't just LADWP folks. There are contractors that are out there working to provide support. So, as we move away from traditional polluting sources of energy to renewable sources of energy, we not only reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide a better source of energy, as far as pollution is concerned, but we also, in the bargain produce jobs and provide an impetus and cause a great deal of economic activity as well. And we're finding that not just in this project, but in all of the other activities that we're pursuing. Environmental initiatives are economic stimuli as well. This is a model that we're going to see happen throughout the nation. It's what the president's economic stimulus package is largely about. And L.A. is showing the way there, as well.

Heat and Trash and Packaging

As far as the exciting projects that are looking out five to ten years in the future, where do you see us? This is exciting, but I'm sure, ten years from now, we're going to be even more excited from what other renewable energy products you have in store for us. Could you give us a little picture of that?

David: Sure. As we move towards this diversification of our energy resources, it's important that we maintain both diversity, as far as the resources are concerned, and diversity within each category of resources. So, what we're going to be seeing is more wind in the mix, but solar -- pursuing the L.A. solar plan to maximize our use of solar. It is, after all, our most abundant and free energy resource in the City. The fact that it hasn't been explored to its fullest potential is, I think, not a very bright spot for L.A. Again, the mayor has shown tremendous leadership on this issue, so we'll be moving toward solar in a very vigorous way.

And geothermal. Geothermal is really the only renewable

resource that can mimic coal in the sense that it is a continuous, 24-hour power.

Geothermal is the heat underneath the surface of the earth. And by exploring that, we will have a pollution-free resource that will be able to replace coal as we move away from coal as what is

currently our primary resource. So, we'll also be looking at other technologies, as well, like biomass -- trash to energy. Biomass is also things like garden waste. Twigs and leaves can be utilized to produce energy, and certainly trash. I think that's an area that we have to explore very seriously because we have literally thousands of tons of garbage in our landfills.

As a society, we have to cut back on our trash, and we have to look at packaging very seriously. Even now, any product that you buy, you'll find it's truly packaged excessively. Packages inside of packages inside of packages. And all of that just produces more and more trash. So, we have to look at that as a society. If we can use our garbage to produce energy in a way that doesn't have local polluting impact, that's something we should also consider seriously.

Measure B

You mentioned solar. Could you give me something I can visualize as far as solar energy and what projects are on the horizon?

David: We'll be going out to the community with a series of outreach meetings to obtain input from the public in the wake of the very narrow defeat of Measure B. I think we have to do that because the electorate told us something with respect to Measure B. We all heard the margin of loss was very, very slim. What I heard the voters say during the entire debate about Measure B was that the voters definitely want to see solar. They want to see City-owned solar, just like Pine Tree. And I think most people agree with that position. But there is also room for the private sector. And so we need to now sort out exactly how these programs are going to work, and we have to start off with a series of outreach meetings and go from there.

So no solar farms are in the works.

David: The L.A. solar plan does contemplate 500 megawatts of large solar facilities located outside the City. Five hundred megawatts of solar is a lot.

That's exciting. So, that's actually something that's on paper or being developed?

David: It's on paper. I think it's going to be very exciting for us. As I say, we're seeing already a great deal of interest in the desert, and we'll see what comes of it.

Seeing the wind farm was like our first taste of something real, something physical. It's built. It's not just a dream or rhetoric.

David: Correct.

Thank you very much.

David: Thank you. ■



Above: R. David Nahai talks about the mayor's green energy mandates for the next two decades.

Collecting the Power

The power from the 80 turbines at Pine Tree is collected at this station on the Pine Tree Grounds. From here, the power is transformed and sent along a line to the Barren Ridge Power Station a few miles down the gorge, where it connects into the DWP's long transmission lines into Los Angeles.

Working at the Collection Station are (top left) Louis Ting and Richard Whites, DWP; (far left), Kenny Rogers, Airstream, a contractor on the project; (middle) Allen Birdwell, DWP; and John Glaze, DWP.



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foundation has 14 rock anchors that go up to 65 feet deep, until they hit rock, and they anchor into the rock. Each turbine has 14 of these anchors.

How long did it take to build each tower foundation, from beginning to end?

Louis: About a week. They have these pre-manufactured forms that are half-shells, and the rebar is prefabricated on site. The rock anchors took the longest time.

And you built 32 miles of road did you say was it?

Louis: About 35, including [the entrance from] Jawbone. That's the first thing we did -- open up the Jawbone Canyon and made the road wide enough for the equipment to come in.

And then we started the second phase, building the roads throughout the site.

Going Live

How many DWP employees are on site?

Louis: I'll mention the Project Management's side of it. There are only three engineers.

Rich: I have a staff of four mechanics and three exempt employees. And I make eight, and Jeff Chamberlain makes nine. And that's the limit of my staff to maintain the park at this point.

And once this is up and running, Rich, and you take over managing the area, how many DWP employees will be up here then?

Rich: Roughly speaking, probably 16.

When do you get the keys?

Louis: When I give them to him. [They laugh.]

Rich: That's correct. GE has to finish their acceptance testing for the park to make sure we get reliability requirements. And then the ball really comes into my court.

Louis: And I have to commission the turbines. The clock starts on maintenance when they first start spinning. After they spin for six hours without any faults, I will unofficially turn them over to Rich.

Louis: You're looking forward to it, right?

Rich: Oh yes, this is going to be a great project.

What will your job entail when you do take over?

Rich: We have the Pine Tree Collection Station, which is a 35,000-volt-to-230-kV transmission station down to the Barren Ridge Switching Station, where it intercepts the main line down into Los Angeles. I have the responsibility of maintaining Pine Tree Park, Pine Tree Collector Station and the Barren Ridge Switching Station.

Why Pine Tree Matters

Why is this project important?

Rich: We live in a world where global warming has become something to be noticed. We've seen the price of energy go up, the availability of energy going down, and the demand for energy going up. And we need to be custodians of the

world that we live in. Green power is important. We need to have photovoltaic cells. We need to have alternate energy, renewable energy, and the DWP needs to lead the way.

Sounds like it is leading the way.

Rich: I hope so. I'm happy to be part of it.

This is my first gig as a supervisor for Water and Power, and this is the task I'm allotted.

And how about you, Louis?

Louis: I'll tell you why it's important to me. Rich has mentioned the global issues, but it's important to me because the mayor told us to build it! [They laugh.]

But I'm serious because if it weren't for the mayor's directive and Water and Power management's directive, this park wouldn't be built. It's difficult to build a farm this size without this much involvement. It took a lot of effort from everybody, from environmental all the way down to engineering and the support from downtown and the support from local governments. The Bureau of Land Management has jurisdiction over this project, and it was a lot of negotiation with the Kern County supervisors to get this thing going. It took a lot.

This whole area is zoned for farming [agriculture]. To zone this, the zoning had to be changed. You've got to go in front of board supervisor and zone it for wind. And that took a lot of effort.

But they did it.

Louis: Which they did because, again, it's in

everybody's best interest to get wind farms and renewable energy in everybody's neighborhood. It looks good for Kern County; it looks good for Los Angeles.

Does this put L.A. on the map?

Louis: You bet.

After you've had some distance from this project, after you're onto your next project, and you look back on Pine Tree: What do you think you're going to say about it? How do you think you're going to feel about it?

Louis: I'm going to bring my kids here. I'm going to show them, "This is what Daddy has been doing for the past year." This is something I'm going to pass down to my family.

My dad's already asked me, "When can I come onsite to look?" He's seen them on TV, but when you go in person, like you guys saw today, it's a lot more impressive.

The sound, and that's something that we won't be able to really convey very well in a print article, but it's impressive when you're standing underneath those propellers. How did you feel when you first heard that sound?

Louis: When I heard the first one spin like that, I was in awe."

Did you stand back a little bit?

Louis: No, I stood right below it. It was awesome. ■

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and it gives it both speed and direction. You want to be able to get the blades to get the maximum efficiency, or maximum generation possible. It also can help you with when you get to too high a wind. It stops the integrity.

We found that out. On our first attempt to tour the facility, you had to shut it down because of the wind.

John: It was blowing at 90 miles an hour.

Bob: You do not want to have that.

Expansion

You have 80 towers built now.

Bob: Yes.

Are there plans for more than 80 towers at the Pine Tree site?

Bob: Possibly.

John: We're looking at some options.

Bob: We're looking for some small expansion. That's under evaluation right now.

John: Within our permit conditions and things that we need to, you know, work through.

Harnessing the Night Wind

Tell us about the wind surveys. How did you choose the specific locations for each turbine tower?

Bob: We set up a number of [meteorological] towers up there that collected data at different locations, and then they take that data and create a model. They look at the terrain, and they try to come up with the specific locations that will give you the maximum capacity. You're looking for as high a capacity factor as possible, obviously. We looked for I think about 32 percent overall for the Pine Tree project, which is pretty good.

Now what does 32 percent mean?

Bob: It means it will produce 32 percent of maximum capacity. If you have 80 turbines at 1.5 megawatts, that's 120 megawatts. So if you think over a period of, say, one year's time, you'll be able to generate 32 percent of that capacity. Some days you'll be much lower. Some days you'll be close. There will be a few days when you'll be right at 120.

Nazih: You're not going to be generating 1.5 megawatts all year 'round, 24 hours of the day.

Bob: Typically it's at night when it does. I'll give you an example. I came in this morning and we

were at more than 26 megawatts with the turbines we had on. And by ten o'clock it dropped down to about four or five.

Nazih: The maximum capacity for the wind is around midnight.

Really?

Nazih: Yes.

Are there thermals that come up from the ground, too? Is that any significant amount?

Bob: Not that I'm aware of, really. We will see winds probably pick up this afternoon. Typically in the afternoon, you'll get a little higher wind, around two, three or four o'clock. As you get into the evening, it gets higher. Midnight to six in the morning, you're going pretty high.

How do you store that nighttime energy?

John: There is no battery technology to store that when you don't need it. So instead, when you don't need that power, you then use that to pump water up to a higher elevation, and then when you need it the next day, then you use those generators. That's how Castaic works. That water then will fall back from Pyramid Lake back down to Castaic.

Amazing concept.

John: To meet those peak demands [during the day].

So the energy from Pine Tree gets stored as mechanical energy and then is transferred back to electrical energy at the Castaic generators.

John: You got it.

Bears and Snakes and Snow

What unusual challenges have you faced?

Bob: The biggest issue with the wind farm was that it's a new site and there are a lot of environmental issues out there that need to be satisfied.

Perhaps because of its ruggedness it wouldn't be a place you would traditionally put a power generation plant.

Bob: You prefer a flatter terrain. But obviously the wind is the most important thing. You must have the wind, and you do have to have transmission access.

Nazih: But the other hand, the wind was a problem during construction.

Bob: Oh yes, yes. You can't run a crane or go up the towers if it's too windy.

Nazih: So the weather was a problem. And there's the snow.

Snow?

Bob: Winter comes to that location.

I can't even imagine.

Nazih: Weather was one of the problems when we were building this. There were a lot of delays due to weather, rain and snow.

Bob: Lesson learned. We've got to pave those roads where we have very steep slopes for our operations people, because what we have now is just too slippery in bad weather conditions.

John: Bob is a good example for some of these other new guys who are starting here at DWP. There's very little appreciation for the day-to-day things that he encounters and deals with. And a lot of that is just problem-solving. Every day there are issues that come up. Bob is dealing with landowners. The environmental groups that are out there that are interested. There are Native American groups that are interested in this particular area, the Bureau of Land Management, the Department of Fish and Game.

And Kern County.

John: Kern County folks out there -- the Kern County Air Pollution Control District -- represent a lot of this.

Bob: We have an area there with endangered species with the Desert Tortoise. We had to deal with that in a proper manner.

Sounds amazing it got built in the first place.

Bob: Sometimes it was not easy, but we found a way each time.

John: And we had biologists in the area at all times for indigenous species, for the tortoises, for snakes, birds, and bears. There were a couple of bears that kept coming into our site.

No kidding.

Nazih: And they would come in at nighttime and take all the food.

Why Pine Tree Matters

Has this changed any of your lives?

Bob: Obviously, we don't have a facility like this in the department, and all this wind turbine generator technology is new. So it's been a learning experience for the department. And it's a different type of facility than what we traditionally see here in generation.

Has it changed your life or your concepts of renewable energy?

Bob: I don't know if it's changed my life, other than I spent a lot of time here. [He laughs.] It's

a fast-moving project, and there are always issues coming up on a daily and weekly basis that need to be addressed. So it's pretty rigorous in that respect.

As far as renewable energy is concerned, it's an opportunity to capture that. I know, from an air quality point of view, it's as perfect as you can get, just about. And you don't have any carbon footprint on it as far as that's concerned.

What have you learned?

Nazih: A lot. I didn't know much about wind energy until we got involved with this project. And now I'm thinking about wind energy in my home. You know if I can put a windmill in my home that would be great.

So it's changed you.

Nazih: It's changed me, yes. And now I'm looking at Websites on wind energy. I'm looking at what they're doing in Europe. They are ahead of the United States on wind energy. They're putting a lot of these wind turbine generators in the oceans now. And so it's broadened my knowledge about renewable energy.

Is it exciting to you?

Nazih: It is very exciting.

Bob: It has a positive nature to it because the end result is that it's something that could benefit the society that we live in.

And this is quite a change from all the other projects you have been doing, which have been standard.

Bob: You get into a mindset that you have to do some learning as you go along. Are you prepared to do the learning? I knew nothing about wind turbines when I started this project, so I've moved along the way of knowledge.

Now you might be one of the country's experts. Did you think back when you started your career and trained to do this, did you ever think at the end of your career as you retired you'd be working on the wind?

Bob: Nope.

You have a new career.

Bob: It's a nice way to leave. The satisfaction is we're close to successfully completing it.

Thanks for your time!

Bob: Sure.

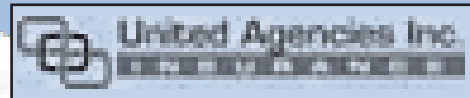
Nazih: You're welcome. ■

REST INSURED



BY JEFF GELINEAU

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



Insurance in Mexico

Driving your car into Mexico carries some specific insurance needs.

You'll need to purchase Mexican auto insurance. No standard U.S. policy will extend coverage to Mexico. If you have time before you leave, purchase your coverage in advance through one of the many quality Mexican insurers online. If you wait until the last minute and purchase insurance at the border crossing, you may find that the coverage you get is not what you expected, and that could be bad news if you have an accident.

For infrequent visits, there are several places online where you can purchase Mexican auto insurance. If you travel to Mexico frequently, or are going for a longer period of time, you should give us a call. United Agencies now has an office that specializes in writing annual policies in Mexico through AIG Mexico. This is a very affordable option if you visit Mexico frequently.

Here are some questions to ask:

1. Will the Mexican insurance company allow you to repair your vehicle in the United States or Canada?

Some Mexican insurance companies require you to fix your vehicle in Mexico. Make sure to purchase a Mexican insurance policy that allows you to fix your vehicle in the country of your choice.

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

It is not uncommon for some Mexican insurance companies to pay only the Mexican hourly labor rate (as low as \$20 per hour) for repairs made in the United States. If this is a concern, look for a policy that offers to pay whatever the U.S. labor rate is, or up to a certain dollar amount per hour U.S. labor.

3. Does the insurance include legal service?

Legal service, which includes attorney fees, court costs and bail, is one of the most important coverages that should be included with every Mexican auto insurance policy. If there are serious injuries or fatalities, you'll need an attorney to guide you through the Mexican court system. Without this coverage, you could spend days in a Mexican jail and pay thousands of dollars out of pocket. All ethical Mexican insurance providers should not make this coverage an option.

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

Most Mexican insurance policies do not include this type of coverage, but some companies will add enhanced travel assistance coverages like medical evacuation – air or land ambulance. A typical air medical evacuation costs between \$10,000 and \$20,000, so it makes financial sense and brings peace of mind to have this coverage.

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

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

Typically, Mexican auto insurance has two different deductibles.

Physical damage deductible: In most cases this is between \$500 and \$1,000. Most Mexican insurance offers deductibles based on a percentage of the vehicle's value. The most common is two percent of the vehicle's value, with a minimum of \$500. If your vehicle is valued at more than \$25,000, then your physical damage deductible could start calculating at more than \$500. In this case, you may want to consider products that offer fixed deductibles.

Theft deductible: In most cases this is between \$1,000 and \$1,500. Most Mexican insurance offers deductibles based on a percentage of the vehicle's value. The most common theft deductible is five percent of the vehicle's value, with a minimum of \$1,000. If your vehicle is valued at more than \$20,000, then your theft deductible could start calculating at more than \$1,000. In this case, you may want to consider products that offer fixed deductibles.

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LAPD

Get Active, Fight Cancer

You are invited to join Team LAPD at the Revlon Run/Walk 2009.

Team LAPD is inviting all walkers/runners who want to raise money to fight women's cancers to participate in the Revlon Run/Walk 2009, a major annual fundraiser, set for Saturday, May 9 in Griffith Park.

Last year, through generous donations from friends and family of the 163 Team LAPD members, Team LAPD raised \$10,000 toward finding a cure for cancer.

You can register directly with Team LAPD at:

www.revlonrunwalk.com/la/secure/TeamWebPage.cfm?pID=42690&eid=850080

Use team code 33.

If you have already registered for the Revlon Run/Walk, you can go online and add yourself to our team.

What you get:

- A Team LAPD T-Shirt (first 250 members)
- A Revlon Run/Walk T-Shirt
- A goodie bag from the event's generous sponsors, and
- Satisfaction from supporting a good cause.

If you are unable to join us for this event but would like to make a donation for Team LAPD, please visit:

www.revlonrunwalk.com/la/secure/TeamWebPage.cfm?pID=42690&eid=850080

Information:

- Irene Gonzalez, (213) 473-9081, Irene.Gonzalez@lacity.org
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At last year's event.

LAPD

LAPD Promotions

Three Captains move up a notch.

Effective March, 29, Capt. II Dennis Kato will be promoted to Captain III, Capt. I Evangelyn Nathan to Captain III, and Capt. I Kelly Mulldorfer to Captain II.

Capt. Kato is assigned as the Assistant Commanding Officer of Metropolitan Division. He joined the LAPD in May 1987. Capt. Kato will become the first Asian American to serve as the Commanding Officer of Metropolitan Division.

Capt. Kato has a Bachelor of science degree in occupational studies from the California State University at Long Beach. He is a member of the Law Enforcement Association of Asian Pacific and the California Narcotics Officers' Association. He is a coach in the Sansei Baseball organization in South Bay.

Capt. Nathan is the Commanding Officer, Wilshire Patrol Division. Upon her promotion and transfer to West Los Angeles Area, Capt. Nathan becomes the second female African American to command an operational Area. Capt. Anita Ortega recently became the Commanding Officer, Hollenbeck Area. Capt. Nathan joined the LAPD on June 29, 1981. She obtained a Bachelor of science degree in business administration from

California State University, Dominguez Hills. She is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy, West Point Leadership Institute, Supervisory Leadership Institute, and Command Development School.

Capt. Nathan is actively involved in the Oscar Joel Bryant Foundation, Los Angeles Women Police Officer Association, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement, FBI National Academy Association, and Association of Black Law Enforcement.

Capt. Mulldorfer is currently the Commanding Officer, Van Nuys Patrol Division. Upon her promotion and transfer,

Capt. Mulldorfer will be the first female captain in Metropolitan Division history. She has been with LAPD since January 1981.

Capt. Mulldorfer is a graduate of the LAPD West Point Leadership Program, the FBI National Academy, and she holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Organizational Management from The Master's College in Santa Clarita, California. Capt. Mulldorfer is a POST-certified Institute of Criminal Investigation instructor and regularly instructs a variety of law enforcement-related courses.



DWP

Luis Castillo Retires

Luis Castillo retires from the DWP after 35 years of City service.

Photos by Art Mochizuki, DWP Public Affairs Photographer

On March 22, friends, family and co-workers attended a retirement luncheon and open house for Luis Castillo, who retired from the DWP after 35 years of City service.

The event was held at Shanghai Red's in Marina del Rey.

Luis Castillo was hired on an emergency appointment as a relief commercial service representative with the conversion task force -- back in the days of tab cards and ledgers, converting to computers -- from January 1974 until June 1976, when he was permanently hired as a meter reader.

Approximately two years into the job, he got hurt and had back surgery in July 1977. He stayed on Workers Comp/Disability from July 1977 through October 1979. He received a 108 Transfer to a Telephone Operator at the DWP in October 1979 and later became a Customer Service Representative in Customer Service Division in February 1981. After working in various positions within that classification, he became a Conservation Service Representative in Systems Development Division from May 1985 until October 1998. After the Hotline Conservation group was disbanded, he returned to Customer Services Division, where he

worked as a Billing Representative. He went back out to the field in his last appointment in Customer Service, as a Field Service Representative in January 1991. Five months later, he was hired as a Water Service Representative for Water Sales in Water Distribution from May to October 1991.

Luis' next assignment as a Water Service Representative sent him to Water Quality Compliance, Cross Connection Control Unit in February 1996. On March 2007, he became the supervisor of the same unit.

Congratulations, Luis. Enjoy your retirement.

Thanks to Belinda Crawford, Assistant Training Coordinator, Water Quality and Operations, DWP, for her assistance.



Honoree and Retiree Luis Castillo.



Supervisor Melinda Rho and Luis Castillo.



Retiree Luis Castillo with Sharon Moore.



From left: Co-workers Peter Skacan and Charles Guel.



Co-workers of Retiree Luis Castillo.



From left: Cheryl Jenkins, Retiree Luis Castillo and Larry Jenkins.



Co-workers of Retiree Luis Castillo.



Retiree Luis Castillo with his wife, Patricia, and daughters.



From left: Melinda Rho, Rod Kurimoto and Jackie Ochoa.



From left: Griselda Garcia, Luis Castillo, Marina Busatto and Belinda Crawford.



Co-workers of Retiree Luis Castillo.



From left: Co-workers Fazi Mofidi and Pepa Esparrago.



Retiree Luis Castillo with his wife, daughters, uncle and nephew.

Newsbrief

YOUTH CENTERS:

City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo, in partnership with Los Angeles Unified School District Superintendent Ramon Cortines, launched a joint venture to plan, develop and construct comprehensive youth centers at five Los Angeles middle schools as part of the City Attorney's Safe Schools Division's efforts to keep kids in schools and out of gangs.

"We have seen that when we work together to create a safer campus with engaging activities for our kids, they respond with better grades, higher test scores, and improved graduation rates," said City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo. "And any gang prosecutors will tell you that the best way to keep our kids out of gangs is to keep them in school, because kids who cut class invariably join gangs."

"I look forward to continuing our work together with our LAUSD partners to help our students across the City realize their dreams, and reach their full potential," Delgadillo added.

The specific school sites currently being identified for the location of youth centers by the LAUSD Joint Use Development Program in partnership with the City Attorney's Safe Schools Division include: Maclay Middle School in the East Valley, Nightingale Middle School in Northeast Los Angeles, Berendo Middle School in Mid-Central Los Angeles, Audubon Middle School in Mid-South Los Angeles and Wilmington Middle School in the Harbor Gateway area. These sites are five of the nine schools participating in the City Attorney's Safe Schools Initiative.

The additional youth centers will encourage kids to spend more time on campus -- and less time on the streets where they can be targeted by local street gangs -- by providing them safe spaces where they can develop and enhance study skills, and participate in sports, arts or civic-minded activities. For example, space identified at Maclay Middle school in Pacoima is slated to be converted into a computer lab for use by Jr. ISEE, an afterschool Architecture and Engineering enrichment program where students will learn about cutting-edge trends in green and sustainable architecture, engineering, construction management and design. Space at other targeted schools will be tailored to the needs of the school, in some cases expanding music programs and technology programs.

Through the partnership, the City Attorney's Office is making a capital investment in the computer lab and the other future youth center facilities for furniture, fixtures and equipment, while LAUSD is making capital investments from its Joint Use Innovation Fund for facilities improvements, upgrades, and expansions of existing facilities.

The plan to jointly pursue youth centers at middle schools is based on the success at Markham Middle School, where the City Attorney and LAUSD together -- in an effort to create a safer environment on and around the campus -- established a youth center at which students receive after-school programming by the American Youth Soccer Organization and the Watts-Willowbrook Boys & Girls Club.

The City Attorney's Safe Schools Division was created in the Summer of 2008 on the heels of the successful Markham Middle School Safety Initiative. The School Safety Prosecutor Program was initiated by City Attorney Delgadillo as a key component of his effort to implement and maintain a comprehensive crime reduction strategy to ensure a crime-free and safe environment in the immediate area surrounding a selected High School, as well as recreational areas frequented by students.

PUBLIC WORKS

Sanitation's Popular Open Houses

Schedule set for record-breaking 2009. Radio Disney adds to recycling message.

Public Works/Sanitation has scheduled its seventh season of Open House events, and everyone is invited to attend for a day of free recycling fun, games, raffles, food and activities. As an added treat, the Radio Disney Rockin' Road Crew will be at each open house to spice things up with some cool music, recycling fun and giveaways.

Attending Sanitation's open house events is a great way for kids of all ages to learn about



Last year, one of many children who learned to operate a compactor on a collection truck.

recycling and other City services in a fun environment. Kids will get a chance to watch trash truck and equipment demonstrations. There will be guided facility tours, information booths and learning activities. Mr. Recycle will be there to greet everyone and hand out raffle tickets. Robo Blue will be there to talk about recycling fun!

The City's Million-Tree program will also hand out free citrus trees to City residents. Sanitation will distribute free mulch recycled from its green waste program. Citrus trees and mulch will be available while supplies last. City residents who want a free citrus tree and/or mulch should come early.

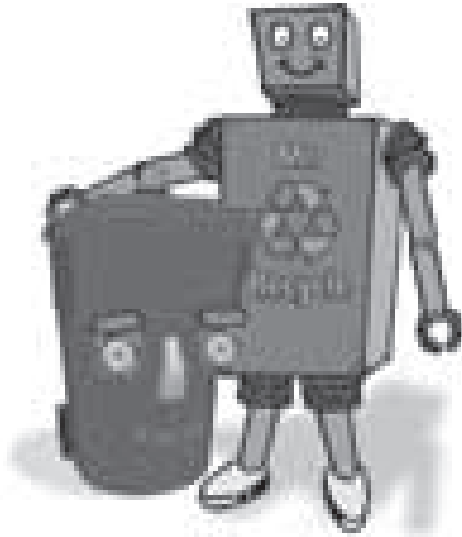
Everyone attending the open houses will get a chance to meet the City's hard-working employees who volunteer their time to meet the community and make sure everyone is learning all they can while having a great time.

Open houses will be held at each of the City's six district yards in Sun Valley, Northridge, Lincoln Heights, South Los Angeles, San Pedro, and West Los Angeles.

All open houses showcase the City's collection and recycling programs to improve recycling awareness and increase recycling practices. They also provide residents with easy access and information to all city services delivered by Sanitation.

Last year, close to 4,000 residents attended Sanitation's open houses, with more than 300 City employees volunteering their time to give back to the community at the free weekend events. This year's 2009 open houses are the seventh in a series.

For more information, call (800) 773-2489 or visit www.lacity.org/SAN.



Following are the dates and locations for the 2009 open houses:

- May 2: East Valley District Yard, Sun Valley
- May 16: West Valley District Yard, Northridge
- May 30: North Central District Yard, Los Angeles (San Fernando)
- June 6: South L.A. District Yard, Los Angeles (Mission Road)
- June 13: Harbor District Yard, San Pedro
- June 27: West L.A. District Yard, Los Angeles (West L.A.)

Newsbrief

DISNEY IN PORT:

The 964-foot *Disney Wonder* will move from Port Canaveral, Fla. to the Port of Los Angeles beginning in 2011.

An agreement calls for the *Disney Wonder* to come to San Pedro in 2011. The vessel could remain for five years and potentially create 2,600 jobs.

Disney Cruise Lines and City officials announced plans in late March to base a Disney cruise ship in the Port of Los Angeles beginning in 2011, which could create an estimated 2,600 jobs in the region.

The 964-foot-long *Disney Wonder* will move to San Pedro to make room for two new cruise ships that will begin operating out of Florida in 2011 and 2012.

If the *Disney Wonder* remains at the Port of Los Angeles for five years, the cruise line could create as many as 2,600 jobs, mostly in the hospitality businesses around the port, and generate as much as \$7 million in state and local taxes, according to an estimate by Harbor Chief Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D.

The Disney line would become the fourth cruise line to launch from the Port of Los Angeles, joining Royal Caribbean, Princess and Norwegian cruise lines. The *Disney Wonder* can hold as many as 2,700 passengers and 1,000 crewmembers.

Congratulations, GRADUATES



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- Their future plans (briefly)
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Digital photos are preferred. Send them to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

If you have a paper print, send a duplicate (we prefer you not send the original) to: **Grad Photos**

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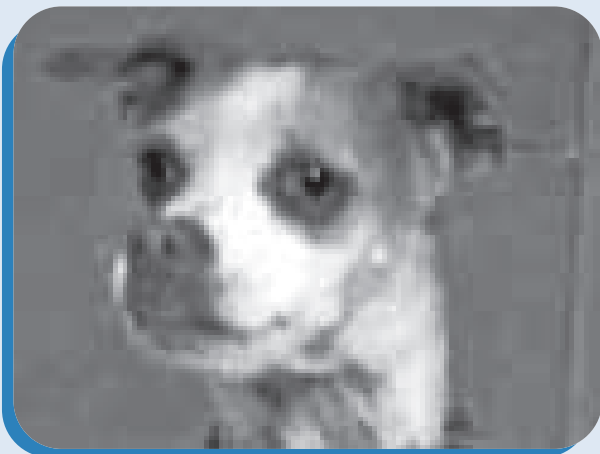
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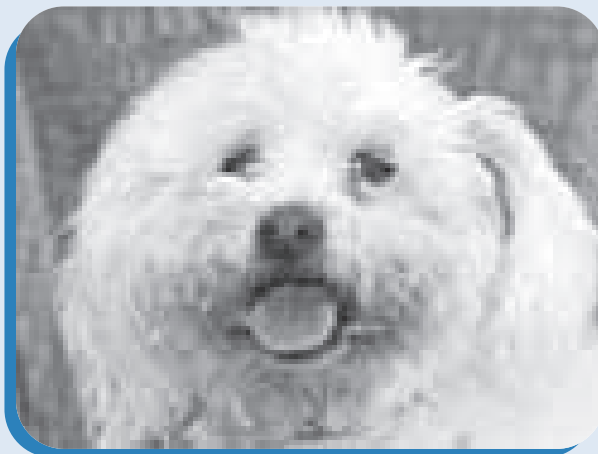
The City Employees Club partners with Animal Services each month to showcase some of the pets that are available for adoption.

This Month's Pets For Adoption:



Lizzy

Lizzy is a beautiful four-year-old female Chihuahua mix. She is very playful, affectionate and calm. She is just waiting for a new family to love. Adopt her today!
ID#A1016734 – Harbor Animal Care Center



princess

Princess is a gorgeous four-year-old spayed poodle mix. She is very friendly and can't wait to play with you. Come adopt this cutie today!
ID# A1015191 – Harbor Animal Care Center.



roger

Roger is an awesome, one-year-old neutered lynx-Siamese mix. He loves affection and attention. He is a big handsome guy looking for a family to call his own.
ID# A1018143 – Harbor Animal Care Center.



Smokey

Smokey is a beautiful four-year-old neutered black tabby cat. He would prefer to be the only cat in the household. He is very friendly, playful and affectionate with people. Please give him a home today!
ID# A0998906 – Harbor Animal Care Center.



Mr. Hop

Mr. Hop is a gorgeous, five-month-old male rabbit. He is friendly and sweet and just needs a loving home where he can just hop and hop! He would love to hop into your arms and go home with you!
ID# A1015260 – Harbor Animal Care Center.

Meet your New Hope coordinator!



These animals are available for adoption at the Harbor Animal Care Center, 957 N. Gaffey St., San Pedro. Contact Adan Lozoya, New Hope Coordinator, (213) 485-8755.

Newsbrief

BOKS RESIGNS:

Ed Boks, General Manager, Animal Services, announced his decision to resign his position April 24. "I have given a great deal of thought to my experience as general manager," Boks said. "As I depart I would like to leave L.A. residents with a call to action that unifies rather than divides."

"The greatest challenge to Los Angeles' no-kill goal is effective, affordable, convenient spay/neuter options. As a community, we must help prevent unwanted pets from being born while our City shelters are filled to capacity with healthy beautiful animals waiting for loving homes. Pet overpopulation is a community problem that requires constructive community involvement and unity to solve."

In his open resignation letter, Boks asked every L.A. pet-loving resident to demonstrate their commitment to helping animals by taking the following actions:

1. If you have a pet, spay or neuter your pet. It is now the law.
2. If you want to help someone who can't afford to spay and neuter their pet, go to www.LASpay.org and make a donation to help provide the surgery for others.
3. Ask your friends, colleagues and employers to match your donation.
4. If you have room in your home and your heart for a pet, adopt one from your local shelter. You can do this by viewing photos of adoptable pets at shelters and rescue groups at www.adopt-a-pet.com or at www.laanimalservices.com.
5. If you love your pet, license your pet. The number-one reason animals die in shelters is because the owner can't be found.

"It is time L.A. pulled together to solve this societal problem," Boks said.

At press time, no timetable has been announced by the Mayor's Office to fill the vacancy.

In a letter to Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Boks listed his accomplishments over the past three-and-a-half years, including development of what is claimed as the most successful municipal pet adoption program in the nation; successfully opening six new state-of-the-art animal care centers; embarking on the Department's first strategic planning process; updating and standardizing policies and procedures to ensure a well-run Department; and building what is claimed as the finest animal care and control medical and executive teams in the nation. "Gratefully, all of this has successfully contributed to the lowest three years of pet euthanasia rates in the Department's recorded history, with every reason to expect continued improvement," Boks wrote.

Boks also mentioned the difficulty of his former position. "Whether you love me or hate me is irrelevant. I simply ask that you now turn your focus to the animals who need your help most. You can choose where to place your energy and efforts and your choice can really make a difference.

"Pet overpopulation is a community problem, and L.A. needs to pull together to solve it. If you do nothing else, please go to www.LASpay.org and make a life saving donation today."

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

For Retired Club Members



The Best Years

City Retiree Associations:

DWP Retirees Association



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

Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association



Warren B. Braun, President
Phone: (323) 283-4441
Fax: (626) 285-1461
E-mail: larfpa@pacbell.net or
9521 Las Tunas Dr. #4,
Temple City, CA 91780

Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



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

Change of Address?

If you change your address, notify Helen Salgado, Membership Chair, at (800) 678-4145 Ext. 713, or write to her at 8372 Arnett Dr. Huntington Beach, CA 92647. Also notify LACERS.

Have News About Yourself?

Contact Phil Skarin, 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411-3910, or call (800) 678-4145 Ext. 709.

Upcoming Events:

June: 2: Retirees golf Tournament, Alhambra Golf Course. Shotgun start at 7:30 a.m.

Aug: 13: Retirees picnic at Grace E. Simons Lodge in Elysian Park.

For reservations to RLACEI meetings and lunches, RSVP to (800) 678-4145, ext. 701.

RLACEI Corner:

Retirees July Checks: Cost of Living Increase



By Phil Skarin,
RLACEI Publicity Chair

President Ed Harding reports:



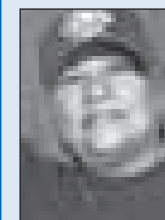
Ed Harding

"I wish to thank all those who called (800) 678-4145, ext. 701 to make reservations to attend at our general membership meeting at the Friendship Auditorium April 19. It made it a lot easier to order your lunches. Those of you who missed that meeting missed a nice barbecued beef sandwich, coleslaw, chips and cookies from the Chris & Pitts BBQ company. I want to thank Americo Garza for arranging the place and the meal, and also John Hawkins and Robert Larios of the City Employees Club for the great

door prizes that they contributed to our raffle.

Thanks to Phil Skarin and Tom Stemnock for all the hard work they're doing to put on our Retirees Golf Tournament at the Alhambra Municipal Golf course June 2. You will find an application to play in *Alive!*

I will see most of you Aug. 13 at our Retirees picnic at the Grace E. Simons Lodge in Elysian Park. Don't forget to call the RSVP phone number for reservations a week ahead. There will be a great buffet lunch by Chris & Pitts.



Mary Beetz

Director Mary Beetz reports:

"As part of the recently passed American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

LACERS Update,
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Legislative Update: Ken Spiker reports:



Ken Spiker

"The March retiree checks for approximately 60 percent of LACERS members will be increased due to the passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Withholding tables had to be changed to allow for the \$400 credit to eligible retirees. This is a one-time tax benefit.

"Our July retiree checks will be increased by three percent. The cost of living index for this year came in at 3.5 percent; one-half of one percent can be banked to be used when the index (CPI) is reported at less than three percent. The maximum allowable increase is an annual three percent.

"The Mayor of Los Angeles has just instructed the Personnel Department General Manager

Margaret Whelan to begin layoff calculations for the fiscal year 2009-10 budget. He specifically called for eliminating 1,600 full-time position authorities, more than 400 of which are currently filled. This steps up the Mayor's actions to continue trimming the budget to avoid an increasingly dangerous deficit of \$530 million

(it was \$430 million just four weeks ago) in the upcoming fiscal year. He is urging the unions to agree to "shared responsibility and shared sacrifice." This directive to the Personnel Department is the Mayor's first signal of the dire straits of the City's finances.

Examples of Bank at July 1, 2009

| <u>Retirement Date (on or before):</u> | <u>Accumulated Bank</u> |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| July 2, 1978 | 28.90 percent |
| July 2, 1980 | 9.678 percent |
| July 2, 1983 | 6.1101 percent |
| July 2, 1987 | 3.900 percent |
| July 2, 2008 | 0.800 percent |

RLACEI Website

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

Contact LACERS

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

The Best Years



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Retiree Hotlines

Who to call? Call the Helpline to reach the officers of RLACEI. For information on problems, activities, meetings or membership, call the helpline. Each officer's extension is listed below.

City Employees Retirement System: (213) 473-7200

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

| | |
|------------------------------|----------|
| • Edward Harding | Ext. 703 |
| • Phil Skarin | Ext. 709 |
| • Michael Karsch | Ext. 704 |
| • Jerry Bardwell | Ext. 706 |
| • Harold Danowitz | Ext. 707 |
| • Jack Mathews | Ext. 712 |
| • Helen Salgado (membership) | Ext. 713 |
| • Americo Garza | Ext. 710 |
| • Tom Stemnock | Ext. 708 |
| • Mary Beetz | Ext. 711 |
| • Neil Ricci | Ext. 714 |

DWP Retirement Plan Office: (213) 367-1722

RLACEI:

Officers for 2009

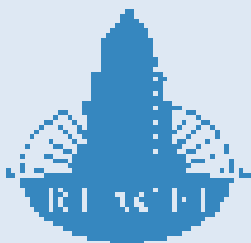
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Kenneth Spiker, First Vice President
Tom Stemnock, Second Vice President
Hal Danowitz, Secretary
Jerry Bardwell, Treasurer

Committee Chairpersons for 2009

Jerry Bardwell, Budget
Hal Danowitz, Bylaws
Ken Spiker, Legal and Legislative
Helen Salgado, Membership
Phil Skarin, Publicity
Tom Stemnock and Phil Skarin, Golf
Tom Stemnock, Audit
Americo Garza, Picnic
Americo Garza, Holiday Party and Installation
Jack Mathews, Senior Citizens
Neil Ricci, Health
Neil Ricci, Nominating
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Mary Beetz



The pool on the ship.

By Hal Danowitz,
Secretary, RLACEI

A Cruise for Christmas

■ Hal takes his family on a Mexican cruise during Holiday Week 2008.

After Christmas 2007, I felt that it might be fun for the whole family to take a cruise during the week of Christmas 2008. With all of the money the family was spending on presents for each other and the grandkids, and the stress of the holidays, it felt that a week's cruise would be a welcome change. The decision was made, and I began looking for the right ship. Going on the cruise were Evelyn and I; JP and Michelle; JP's parents, Effie and Pierre; grandkids Madeline, Isabelle, and Caroline; and friends from San Francisco, Mike and Katharine, and their two boys, Timmy and Alex.



Evelyn, on the pool deck, waits for our cabin to be ready.

We didn't want to fly during the holiday season, so that left either the ports of Los Angeles or San Diego. After checking the Internet and working with my travel agent, we found cruises available on Princess, Holland-America, Norwegian, and Carnival. Holland-America was leaving out of San Diego, and I didn't want to have to make the drive, so I crossed them off the list. I had been on Carnival and, while I enjoyed the cruise, I didn't want the party atmosphere that Carnival has.

That left the choice between Princess and Norwegian Cruise Line (NCL). I have traveled on both lines; with Princess, we have taken more than seven cruises, giving us a pretty high status. We also have high status with NCL, but not as high.

It turned out that for the same type of cabin we wanted, the price on the Princess would be more expensive. But forgetting about the money, I thought that NCL would be a better choice for the kids.

The cost of taking a cruise during a hol-

iday period is always much more than during other times of the year. We also booked this cruise almost a year in advance, which, we thought would give us a better price. But with the downturn in the economy, people who booked later got a better price.

I booked this cruise with a travel agent, one that I have used for a number of years. I have decided that, in the future, I'll do my own booking, using the Internet. If you book with a travel agent, you are unable to talk to the cruise line in general before your cruise. Because I had booked with a travel agent, I was unable to negotiate a better rate when rates began to drop. I asked my travel agent to ask for a better rate, but she was unable to get the job done. In these current times, cruise costs keep coming down. A cruise I'm looking at for this fall has already come down almost \$1,000 per person since the price was first published. I talked to the cruise line about booking, and they told me that I would get the best price available on the day I book until final payment, which is due 75 days prior to sailing, and then the price would be fixed. I told them I'd wait until the 75-day deadline because that is when anyone who is going to cancel will and the price should drop again.

I don't mean to get off the subject of the Christmas cruise, but this is good information to use when booking your next

cruise. Friends who have taken cruises this year all report the ships are sailing at less than capacity.

So we booked the NCL seven-day Mexican cruise on the Norwegian *Star*, which left from San Pedro Dec. 20 and made three stops in Mexico: Cabo San Lucas, Mazatlan and Porto Vallarta. The ship returned Dec. 27.

After I completed the booking, I pretty much forgot about it until about a month before we were to sail. I got on the NCL Website and read up on the Norwegian *Star*. The gross weight was more than 90,000 tons, which puts it in the category of a very large ship. It carried 2,240 passengers (double occupancy) and had a crew of 1,084. On our cruise, there were about 500 children, so there were almost 2,800 passengers aboard.

NCL was the innovator of "Freestyle Cruising," which includes eating when, where and with whom you want. There are 13 different restaurants and dining rooms on board for you to choose from, and you can pretty much dress the way you want to. Some of the restaurants are no-extra-charge, and some have a cover charge of \$10 to \$20 per person.

The children's program was very good and was divided into four age groups. The program was available from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. each day.



Katharine and Effie get some sun.



NCL offered a variety of shore excursions, but having been to these ports a number of times, we decided to do our own sightseeing.

I also checked the various cruise blogs to find out what was being said about NCL and the Norwegian *Star*. It was interesting to read the comments, which in most cases were complaints about the ship. With the size of these ships, you're always going to find problems, most of which are minor and easily fixed. In some cases, it's just the way that the cruise line does business, and if you don't like it, you need to find a different cruise line to travel with.

Overall, NCL did a great job. Their cost-to-value can't be beat, and if you're sailing with kids, I would highly recommend them.



Isabelle, Madeline and Caroline were not too happy about the picture-taking.



JP and Caroline.

As I did on the road trip to my high school reunion [in the last four issues of *Alive!*], I kept a daily diary, which I'll use to narrate our trip.

Saturday, Dec. 20 Departing from San Pedro

Today, the 13 of us packed ourselves into two SUVs and drove from Santa Monica to San Pedro to board the NCL Norwegian *Star* for our seven-day Mexican cruise.

We booked a balcony cabin, and the others had booked outside cabins. Effie and Pierre were upgraded to a balcony cabin. Because Evelyn and I had sailed on NCL before, we were members of the Latitudes, which gave us a discount on the price and some other benefits that I'll outline later.

Prior to sailing, I contacted NCL's media relations department and let them know I was sailing with the family and that I intended to write a travel article about cruising with family. They responded that they would help me with anything I needed, and I would be contacted aboard the

ship. More about this later.

Boarding started at noon, and we arrived at the ship at 11:45 a.m.

We dropped our luggage with the porter and then parked our cars in the lot within walking distance of the ship (parking cost \$12 per day). The check-in process was well organized, and we spent approximately 30 minutes in line before we could board the ship. Our cabins weren't going to be ready until 1:30 p.m., so we found a table by the pool and had lunch (hamburgers, hot dogs, pasta and beer). The food was free; beer and drinks were very expensive, like on most ships. The staff was very attentive; the service was good, and so was the food.

After lunch, we found our cabin on Deck 8 in the forward part of the ship. The cabin was not as large as we have had on either Princess or Holland-America, but it was well organized and clean. We have a queen-size bed and a small couch (which could be turned into a bed), a table and a chair. Both Evelyn and I over-packed, and there was just enough room in the cabin for our things. One problem was that our luggage was too big to fit under the bed, so it took up room in the cabin. This was due to



Michelle, by the pool on the first day at sea.

told it had a 45-minute wait. There was a reservation process you can use to make dining reservations, and later we used it. I also received a Concierge number to call for a dinner reservation, which seemed to come about from my public relations contact. In the end we waited only 20 minutes to get in the Aqua. The service was a little slow to start with, but got better. The food was good, much better than I expected. One funny thing was that the waiter wanted us to order dessert at the same time we ordered our other courses.

After dinner, we saw the evening show, which was a sample of what the entertainment would be for the next seven days. Everyone seemed to enjoy the show, and I was looking forward to the rest of the entertainment.

Sunday, Dec. 21 Sailing down the coast of Baja

We moved the clocks forward one hour the night before, and we slept in past 8 a.m. Evelyn exercised an hour in the gym, and I visited the gym for the first and last time on the cruise. We had breakfast in the Market Café buffet. I found they had pickled herring, and any ship that has pickled herring is all right in my book.

We spent the whole day by the pool, with Evelyn and Michelle leaving only to play bingo, which they didn't enjoy. The weather was still a little cool, but it was nice in the sun. The kids enjoyed the pool and water slides. We had lunch at the poolside grill.

Tonight was formal pictures night, if we wanted to dress up, and Michelle wanted family portraits. We also had invitations, again because of the public relations contact, to the VIP cocktail party with the captain, so we all dressed up a little.

Just Evelyn, Effie, Pierre and I attended the VIP party, which offered good *hors d'oeuvres* and free drinks. There were only about 75 people invited.

After the party, we had dinner reservations at the Giza Sushi/Japanese restaurant. It cost \$15 extra per person; the sushi was okay and worth the \$15.

We ran to get seats for the 8 p.m. show, which was a dance show of '70s music. The dance group was very talented, and the show was great. There were two show times - 8 and 10 p.m., and with the number of kids on board, the 8 p.m. show was always very crowded.

After the show, we took Maddie for ice cream in the Market Café.

I will finish up the cruise next month.



Effie and Evelyn, as the ship sails.

RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

Attending the Public Works/ Engineering "alumni" luncheon

March 19 at the Luminarias Restaurant were: Cliff Albright, Frank Bonof, Larry Burks, Bob Horii, Larry Lewis, Bob Packard, Phil Skarin, Brad Smith, Lucy Torres, Vitaly Troyan, Alex Viurrazaga, Louis Yamanishi and many others.

Frank Bonoff, widowed two years ago, has been attending a bereavement group and developed a warm friendship with a widow named Judy. "Life is good again," he said.

Cliff Albright tutors schoolchildren who need help in reading and math.

Dave Brauns visited old friends and relatives in Minneapolis, including his father, who is a dynamo at 97.

Marsha and Phil Barnow have lived in Prescott, Ariz., since 1997. They celebrated their 42nd wedding anniversary Jan. 8. They traveled to Alaska and the Maritime Provinces in Canada in 2000 and 2004.

Glenn Edward McCloskey, father of James McCloskey, passed away March 10. He had worked for the City as a Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, retiring from Airports in 1988 as a Superintendent. He was proud of his military service in Germany in World War II. He was known as "Grandpa Mac" to his ten grandchildren and six great grandchildren. His wife of more than 55 years, Patricia Mary, passed away ten years ago.

Kenneth Pierce worked as a Custodian at Van Nuys City Hall. He is still cleaning up by recycling, and the money he raises helps support the West Valley Eagles, a youth track club. Wow!

Ron Hale, in addition to hunting and fishing is now an assistant scout master for his son's Scout Troop No. 854 at Fort MacArthur.

Hal Danowitz asks you to visit our Website at www.rlacei.com to find the latest news. You can also e-mail us at rlacei@verizon.net.

An information sheet entitled "**What to do upon the death of a Retire City Employee**" is available by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to Phil Skarin.

The Annual Retirees Poetry Contest will be held again. There are separate categories for members and family members. Valuable prizes will be awarded. Send typed poems on any subject of interest to retirees to Phil Skarin by Nov. 1.

Our Annual Retirees Invitational Golf Tournament could use some more prize sponsors to keep the entry fees low. If you would like to be a sponsor, contact Phil Skarin or Tom Stemnock. Call them also if you need an entry form. An entry form is also in this month's *Alive!*

If you have news about yourself or other retirees that you'd like to share, send it to Phil Skarin at 5301 Norwich Avenue., Van Nuys, CA 91411-3910, or phone (818) 784-0130.

LACERS Update

■ Mary Beetz, continued from page 19

required LACERS to update its withholding tables for the monthly benefits received by our members and beneficiaries. This act provides a one time refundable tax credit of \$250 to individuals who receive government pensions from work not covered by Social Security, such as LACERS retired members.

The new IRS withholding tables incorporate the tax credit, ensuring that all employees/payers begin using these tables as soon as possible, but not later than April 1.

The following will show what your reduction might be under the new act:

LACERS Members with Marital Status of Single and One Withholding Allowances:

- You will have a reduction of federal tax withholding up to \$44.40 per month if monthly taxable income is \$5,848 or less
- The reduction diminishes to \$0 if after-taxable income exceeds \$7,329.

LACERS Members with Marital Status of Married and Two Withholding Allowances:

- You will have a reduction of federal tax withholding up to \$66.70 per month until reaches \$10,445.
- The reduction diminishes to \$0 after taxable income exceeds \$12,676.

LACERS Members Not Impacted by the New Act:

- Members whose taxable income is too high to receive the withholding reduction.
- Members who elected to withhold at a flat amount.

- Member who chose not to withhold.
- Members who had low taxable income with zero withholding in February 2009 retirement payroll.

Consult with your tax adviser: Since the total amount of withholding reduction through the end of year, in many cases, will exceed the \$250 tax credit, we encourage you to consult with your tax adviser on the desirability to adjust the W-4P (Withholding Certificate for Pension or Annuity Payments) to avoid higher tax liability when filing the 2009 tax returns. Form W-4P is available at www.LACERS.org for your convenience.

New MetLife Number: On Jan. 1, MetLife replaced Anthem (WellPoint) Blue Cross as LACERS Dental PPO plan carrier.

LACERS retired members who were enrolled under the Anthem (WellPoint) Blue Cross PPO dental plan and did not submit an enrollment change form your dental plan were automatically transitioned to the new MetLife PPO plan.

For questions about dental coverage, retirees can contact MetLife at the toll-free number dedicated to LACERS members: (866) 526-0981. Retirees can also visit the MetLife Website at www.metlife.com/dental. Although MetLife does not issue I.D. cards, dentists can access www.metdental.com or call the toll-free number to verify PPO coverage.

For questions about your LACERS' Health plan coverage, call our toll-free number (800) 779-8328 or (213) 473-7200 or by email at LACERS.health@lacity.org.



Back row, from left: Bob Cutler, Public Works, 30 years of service, Retired; Larry Tamashiro, Los Angeles County; and Mar Ondoy, Public Works, 28 years of service, Retired. Front: Carol Takafuji, ITA, 38 years of service, Retired; Dorothy Tomishiro, Controllers Office, 36 years of service, Retired; Janet Iwaki-Horsting, Public Works/ Street Lighting, 37 years of service, Retired; and Cliff Cannon, Controller's Office, 31 years of service, Retired.



Director and Picnic Committee Chairperson, Americo Garza, is calm, cool and collected during the meeting.



From left: Robert Howard, Convention Center, 38 years of service, Retired; Quintell Webb, Public Works/Street Cleaning, 30 years of service, Retired; and Charlie Lavender, Public Works/Street Maintenance, 30 years of service, Retired.



From left: Santos Ibarra, ISD, 20 years of service, Retired, and his wife, Armida. They've been married for 62 years!



From left: Tony Alvarez, General Services, Retired; and George Schaad, General Services, Retired.



From left: Leo Rosen and his son, Joel.

Annual Spring Meeting

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations

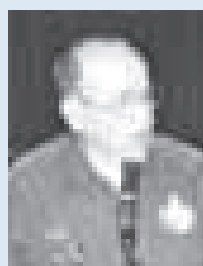
RLACEI — The Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) retirees association held its annual spring general membership meeting April 9.

The meeting and luncheon was held at the Friendship Auditorium.

Thanks to Phil Skarin, RLACEI Publicity Chair, for his assistance in producing this article.



From left: Steve Hochberg and his dad, Sam, Convention Center, 35 years of service, Retired.



RLACEI President Ed Harding starts the meeting.



Treasurer Jerry Bardwell.



Second Vice President Tom Stemnock.



Director and Health Committee Chairperson, Neil Ricci, reads the minutes.



From left: Lois and Henry Starks Jr., Public Works/Street Services, 40 years of service, Retired; and Leroy Richards, Public Works/Sanitation, 37 years of service, Retired.



Ben Reyes, Controller's Office, Retired.

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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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

Setting Standards

A standard is anything taken as a basis for comparison, such as a rule, test or other requirement.

In business there are quotas or other work measurement methods.

But, in our personal relationships,

more subjective standards are appropriate,

such as love, patience, kindness, generosity and self-control.

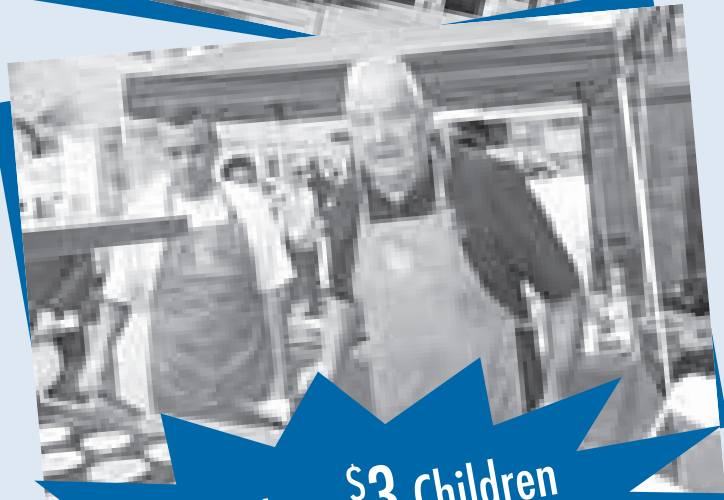
— Phil Skarin

LAFD Historical Society Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Saturday, May 9th
8:00 am to noon



At the LAFD Museum & Memorial
"Old Fire Station 27"
1355 North Cahuenga Blvd.
Hollywood, CA 90028
(323) 464-2727



\$5 Adults + \$3 Children
Come join us for good food, great fun,
and some LAFD history!



**"Wilshire the
Fire Dog"**



GENERAL SERVICES



From left: Kenneth Desowitz, Supply Services Manager II; Steve Jernagin; and Brenton Guy, Senior Storekeeper.

So Long, Steve

Steve Jernagin retires from General Services after 33 years of City service.

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations

A retirement party was held March 24 for Steve Jernagin, who retired from General Services after 33 years of City service.

The party was held at the San Antonio Winery downtown.

Congratulations to Steve for a great career, and all the best for his retirement.

The Club thanks Beverly S. Pleasant, Executive Administrative Assistant III, General Services, for her assistance.



Brenton Guy, Senior Storekeeper, retiree's final supervisor.



Penny Hurley, Retired Personnel Analyst, Personnel, retiree's friend.



Edward Schaack, Supply Services Manager I.



Eddie Jernagin, retiree's brother.



Co-worker and friend Giles Hurley, Stores Supervisor.



Michael Henderson, Architectural Associate II, General Services/Engineering, retiree's friend.



Co-worker and friend Ronnie Cannon, Senior Duplicating Machine Operator.



Kim Bishop, the retiree's sister.



Friend and former Supervisor David Shur, Bindery Equipment Operator II.



Les Stearnes, Retired Warehouse Worker I, retiree's friend and co-worker.



Dejon Jernagin, the retiree's nephew.



Johnny Johnson, Head Custodian Supervisor, Zoo, retiree's friend.



Mom, I want to thank you for always being there for me when I most needed you. You're not only my mother, but my best friend as well. I thank you for all the wonderful moments we have shared. I love you very much, and God bless you.

**- Love you always,
Johana Orantez**



Mom, you told me what you thought, but you let me think for myself. You told me what you saw, but you let me look for myself. You told me where you have been, but you encouraged me to go further. Now I look back and say, thank you, Mom, for teaching me to be a mother.

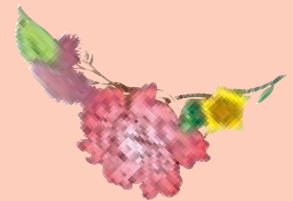
**- Chermaine Fontenette,
Public Works/Sanitation**



Dear Mommy *Querida*, we wish you a very happy Mother's Day with all our little hearts. We love you so much. Sorry for misbehaving sometimes.

**- Your little ones, Maya and
Koppany Horvath (children of
Robbie and Adriana Horvath;
Robbie works at Hyperion)**

Happy



Mother's

Day



Mommy, I love you so much. You have been an inspiration to me. Have a very blessed Mother's Day. I love you.

- Yvette Bentley, LAPD



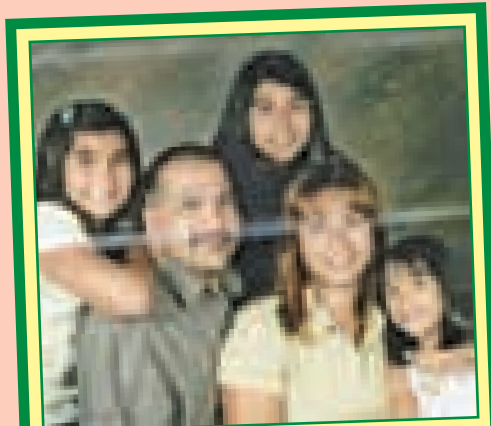
All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel, my mother! Happy Mother's Day!

- L'keva Harris, LAPD



Mother, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for being so wonderful and supportive. I love you and appreciate all you do. Wishing you a Happy Mother's Day!

- Love, Viv (Vivian Zavala)



"Hi, Mom." We hope you have a wonderful Mother's Day!

**- Love, your daughters Suzette,
Nadia and Melissa Gutierrez**



You are the best in my life. You are always inside my heart. I love you very much, Mom. From your loving son from Los Angeles.

- Ismail Nanabawa, Airports



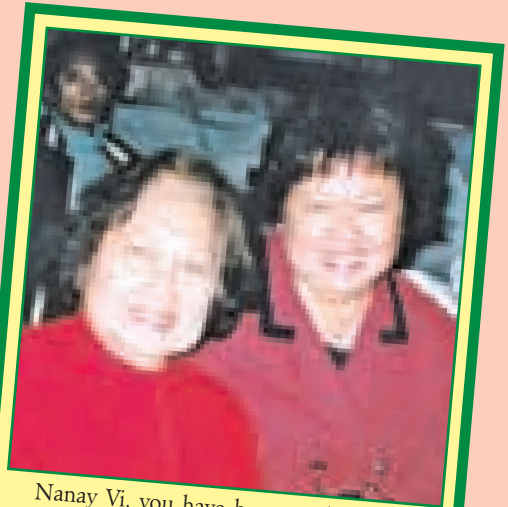
Three generations of love: We love you, Granny J.

- Janice Norwood, Transportation



Wishing you a Happy Mother's Day. Thank you for all you do for us, grandpa and the grandkids throughout the year! Feliz Dia de Las Madres. Te Queremos Mucho.

- Your daughters, Bertha and Leonor



Nanay Vi, you have been my best friend, my confidante, and my angel. This Mother's Day, you are in another place, a place with our Lord and Creator, and I miss you a lot. Thank you for all the 62 years you have shared with me and the blessings of your 85 years of life! I love you very much.

- Leticia Gabagat-Yapana, DWP



To the woman who gives so much of herself and worries more than she should. Love you, Mom. Te quiero mucho, Mami.

- Robert Larios



Mom, I can't express enough gratitude for all that you've done for me. I attribute the person who I am today to the guidance and support you have given me over the years. I love you very much and Happy Mother's Day!

- Faye



Happy Mother's Day to the best Mom and Nana! Thank you for always being caring, loving and being your "unique disco dancing" self. XOXOXO

- Mr. B, Chris, Jay, Michael and Carlos

to all the great mothers out there!

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

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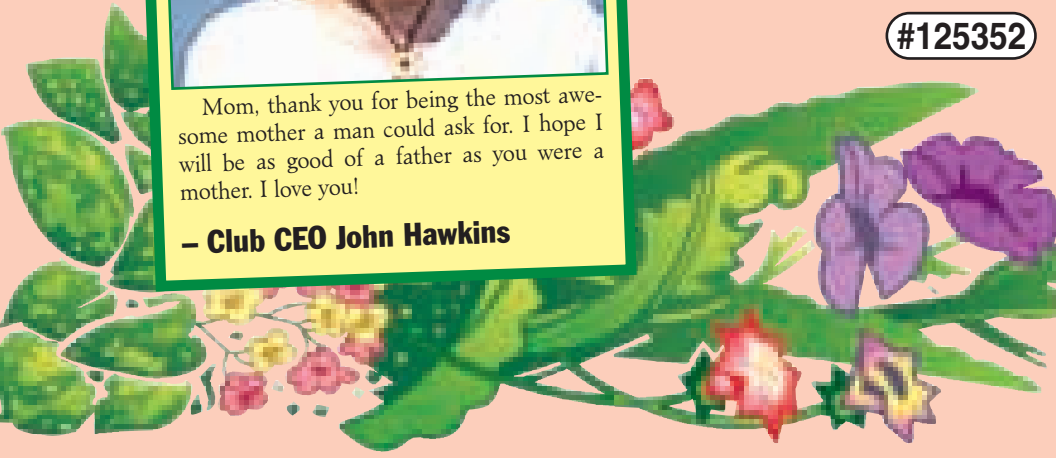
Mom, thank you for being the most awesome mother a man could ask for. I hope I will be as good of a father as you were a mother. I love you!

- Club CEO John Hawkins



Mom, thank you for every stitch that kept me warm. Those homemade oven-baked peanut butter cookies. For taking care of Dad, Sherrill, Sam and all the pets. And for creating a place called home! I love you, Mom!

- Pamela Sue Bond



Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; Photos by Arlene Herrero and Tiffany Sy, Club Counselors

FIRE, POLICE DEPTS. — On March 21, the LAFD and LAPD again joined together to produce another successful St. Baldrick's fundraiser to find a cure for childhood cancer. More than 200 heads were shaved and \$45,000 was raised thus far.

Worldwide, more than 160,000 kids are diagnosed with cancer every year and many of them lose their hair during treatment. Like this year's participants, Fire Station 81 organizers LAFD Firefighter Danny Wu and LAPD Lieutenant Greg Doyle, and Fire Station 112 organizer Engineer Sean Kennedy shaved their heads to support kids with a similar "baldness" in exchange for pledges from family and friends. In the process of losing their hair along with other "shavees," they help find a cure for a disease that sadly takes the lives of more U.S. children than any other illness.

This year's event was special in the fact that in addition to the Fire Station 81 Valley location (regular host Fire Station 89 is undergoing construction), Sean Kennedy also organized a second site at Fire Station 112 in San Pedro. At Fire Station 81, Ryan Compton was there with his LAPD family even while undergoing treatment, and Lt. Doyle's son and cancer survivor, William, was present to spread his energized charm. At Fire Station 112, Michael and Veronica Escobar supported the event in memory of their son, Rocco David Escobar, who passed away just under the age of two in January 2008. Also at FS 81, the LAPD took time to remember fallen Officer Spree DeSha, who tragically passed away in the Metrolink accident and had shaved for St. Baldrick's before in 2006, and planned to shave again this year.

Between the two sites, Councilmembers Dennis Zine, Wendy Greuel and Janice Hahn, Club Member, arrived to support the cause and enjoy the free pancake and sausage breakfast provided by the International House of Pancakes and Starbucks. St. Baldrick's Foundation Executive Director Kathleen Ruddy attended FS 81's event and remained on-site all day to greet participants and assist her crew in handling registration and donations, which again included a generous \$5,000 check from Jay Leno. LAFD and LAPD staged their apparatus for the children to visit, and this year SWAT also provided an interactive display of their equipment. The Fire Boat 2 crew stopped by, much to the delight of the crowd at FS 112, and even took some lucky passengers on a ride! Giddy children with free face paintings and twisted balloons were given backpacks donated by the Los Angeles Firemen's Credit Union. And the talented Magic Castle magicians amazed (and frustrated) everyone with their skills!

The amazing chore of cooking endless pancakes and sausages was effortlessly handled by Task Forces 89 and 14, LAFD Explorer Posts 89 and 38, and the LAPD Harbor Division Explorers. The Banning High School Fire Academy volunteered with enthusiasm at any job handed to them. More money was raised by Fire Station 36's efforts at securing items for the silent auction.

Thanks to all who participated and supported the annual LAFD/LAPD St. Baldrick's Fundraiser. You can still donate online at www.stbaldricks.org and help find a cure for childhood cancer.

Congratulations to all who participated, and thanks to Lt. Greg Doyle, Club Member, and Firefighter Danny Wu for the information.



PSR II and Club Member Martha Ulloa shaves the head of her brother, Joe Delgado, as PSR II and Club Member Deby Herdrich guides the sheers.



From left: Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor, with Will, 10, son of Lt. Greg Doyle. Will has been a cancer survivor for the past six years and counting.



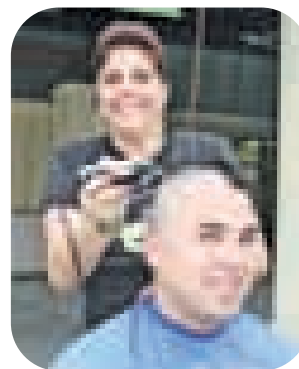
From left: Firefighter Danny Wu, LAFD, and co-organizer Lt. Greg Doyle, Club Member, thank everyone for participating.



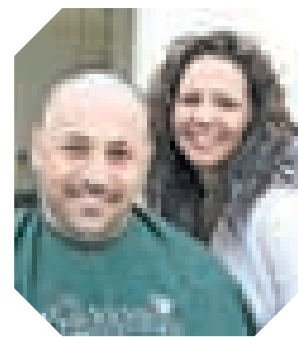
A father and son affair, Eloy Bugarin, 39B with his son, Leonardo, 1.



Joanne Diede, first-year volunteer, with Chad Swanson, Engineer, 58C.



Dane Bulmer, Firefighter 81C, a first-time shavee.



From left: Samar Issa, D1, LAPD Mission, a second-time shavee, with Nancy Robinson.

The Bald and



From left: Susan Rorke, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member, Housing, is a first-year shavee, after reading about the event in *Alive!* She is joined by Club's CEO John Hawkins.



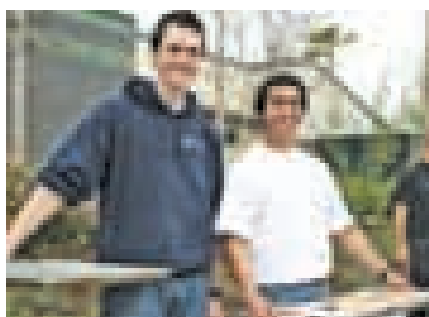
From left: Nina, 15-year-old daughter; and Kris and Lt. Greg Doyle, Event Coordinator, Club Member.



Nish Arzouman, Firefighter 89C, shaves Gabe Olmedo, Engineer 89C.



Allison Yoshinaga, PSR II, Club Member, holds up her hair to donate to Locks of Love.



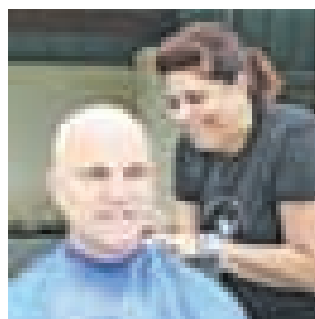
From left: Cody Vlach, Explorer 89; and Jose Avendano, Explorer 89.



Darlene Richarte, Reseda resident, is having her hair prepared as she donates 10 inches to Locks of Love.



Firefighter Danny Wu, shavee and organizer, raised \$3,445.



Mike Wetzel, Engineer 75A, second-time shavee.



From left: Lt. Greg Doyle, Club Member; and Shawnie Livera, PSR III, Club Member.

Shawnie Livera, PSR II, Club Member, before her head shave, raising \$969.



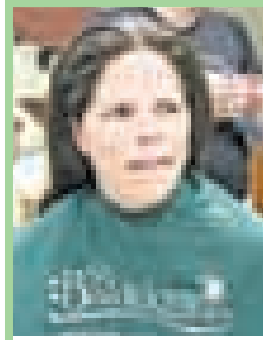
Dustin Bulmer, Firefighter 89A, with Joanne Diede.



Ariana Ulloa, daughter of PSR II and Club Member Martha Ulloa, at the Club Booth.



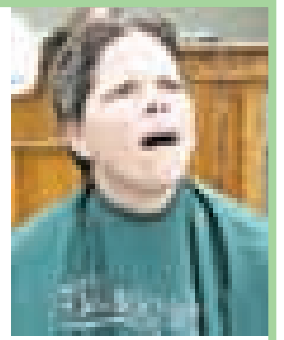
Rick Garcia, Firefighter 89C, first-time shavee.



Sgt. Megan Glaister had her hair shaved in honor of the late LAPD Officer Spree DeSha. Megan raised \$936.



Sgt. Megan Glaister looks impressed with the cutting of her ponytail.



Is that a look of relief on Sgt. Megan Glaister's face?



Haley, 8, daughter of Club Counselor Tiffany Sy, with Will, 10.



George Romero, Apparatus Operator 39A, first-time shavee.

the Beautiful



Together they shaved their heads to honor the late LAPD Officer Spree DeSha, from left: Sgt. Megan Glaister; Justice, 9, son of Det. Linda Pearce; and Officer Laura Gerritsen.



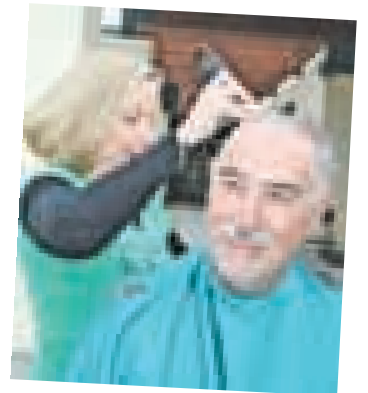
Laura Gerritsen, P2 +2 Valley Traffic Division, a first-year participant and life partner of the late LAPD Officer Spree DeSha. Officer Gerritsen raised more than \$2,100



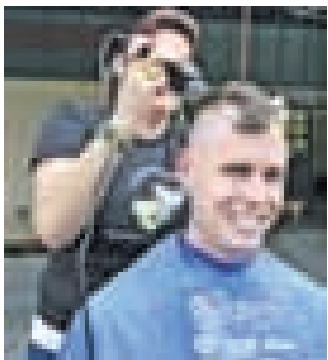
Kathy Lazier with Paul Mitchell cuts Officer Laura Gerritsen's hair.



Through her tears, she honored the late Officer Spree DeSha while Carla Steinhauer, cancer survivor, holds her hand in support.



Deby Herdrich, PSR II, Club Member, shaves the head of John Phillips, Sr. PSR II, Club Member.



Tim Rockey, Firefighter 39A, third-year participant.



Deby Herdrich, PSR II, Club Member, helps four-year old Caitlyn shave her brother Brenden's hair.



From left: Suzanne Piniarski, IHOP of North Hollywood; Lee Hazelquist, AO 89C; and Roger Vazquez, IHOP of North Hollywood.



Steve Hissong, Captain II, 98C.



Anthony, 4, the son of Gabe Olmedo, Engineer 81C.



From left: Mike Baker, P3+1; Mike Peters, K9, P3; and Rich Alba, SWAT.



BEFORE



AFTER

Lt. Doyle helps shed some of Emily's braids.

And still has a smile on her face after her head is shaved.



Emily Zavala, PSR II, Club Member, and first-time participant, raised \$1,195.

HOUSING



The Car Show Team



Here's the planning committee that is producing Housing's fourth annual March of Dimes Car Show, to be held May 16. They are, from left: Willie Andrews, Al Romero, David Whitehurst, Mignon Washington and Carlos Pelaez. Good job, team!

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Newsbrief

HARBOR SOLAR POWER:

The Port of Los Angeles will begin generating one megawatt of electricity via 71,500 square feet of solar panels on its World Cruise Center rooftop by the end of 2009. A \$9 million construction contract was recently approved by the Board of Harbor Commissioners for this first phase of a multi-year solar power generation initiative. Three additional phases are expected to occur in within five years, ultimately generating 10 megawatts of power through 1.16 million square feet of solar panels.

This initial project is expected to generate more than 100 jobs at the Port during construction, which is expected to be completed in late 2009. City officials estimate that the rapidly growing solar industry creates 200 to 400 jobs in research, development, manufacturing and installation for every 10 megawatts of solar power generated annually.

"As we continue to plug more ships into electric power and test electric applications of drayage trucks, hostlers and other cargo-handling assets, our air will be cleaner but our electricity consumption will grow," said Port Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D. "This initiative will help offset that power consumption, ultimately providing a power supply that is equivalent to the electricity consumption of roughly 2,500 homes."

The solar power initiative at the nation's largest container port is part of Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's Solar LA Program, the largest solar power project undertaken by any single city in the world. The Solar LA Project will ultimately create a 1.3 gigawatt solar power network of residential, commercial and municipally owned solar systems that will lower Los Angeles's dependence on greenhouse gas emitting fossil fuels. In addition, future phases of the Port's solar project will contribute toward the mayor's Green Initiative to use 20 percent renewable energy by 2010 and 35 percent by 2020.

The Port has been working closely with the DWP to integrate future phases of the DWP's solar power generation initiative. The DWP will also be assisting the Port with an expected \$3.5 million up-front cash incentive as part of this first phase, the one megawatt project. Energy generated at the Port of Los Angeles will effectively flow back for use at Port facilities.

MAYOR'S OFFICE

Rita Robinson to MTA Board

Mayor appoints Club Board Member and Transportation GM Rita Robinson, and Councilman José Huizar to MTA.

Rita Robinson, General Manager, Transportation, and Club Board Member, and City Councilman José Huizar have been appointed to the board of directors of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. The appointments were made March 26.



Rita Robinson, General Manager, Transportation, and Club Board Member.

"With our passage of Measure R, our effort to aggressively build a modern public transportation system in Los Angeles County demands strong leadership," Mayor Villaraigosa said. "Council-member Huizar and General Manager Robinson have the experience, wisdom and vision to build for Los Angeles a transportation system worthy of a world-class city."

"It is an honor to join the Metro Board of Directors," Robinson said. "Creating much-needed synergy between Transportation and Metro and providing the best transportation options for Los Angeles will continue to be my focus during these challenging economic times."

"I am honored that Mayor Villaraigosa asked me to fill this critical post, and I look

forward to working with him and the entire Metro Board to do all we can to bring Los Angeles' transportation system solidly into the 21st Century," Council-member Huizar said. "To do that we need to continue working on building a world-class bus service while expanding our rail lines and providing Angelenos with quality transportation options that improve their lives."

Metro has a 13-member Board of Directors. Four of the seats represent the City, and are appointed by the Mayor. With these new appointments, those seats are now filled by Mayor Villaraigosa, Richard Katz, Huizar and Robinson.

Councilmember Huizar replaces Councilmember Bernard Parks, who stepped down in January. Robinson replaces David W. Fleming, who ended his service on the Metro Board yesterday to serve on the Metropolitan Water District's Board of Directors.

Congratulations to Club Board Member Rita Robinson for her newest appointment, and to Councilman José Huizar.



Councilmember José Huizar.



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Note: The Club Store is closed Monday, May 25, for Memorial Day.

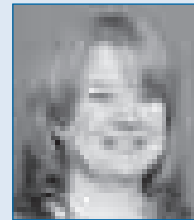
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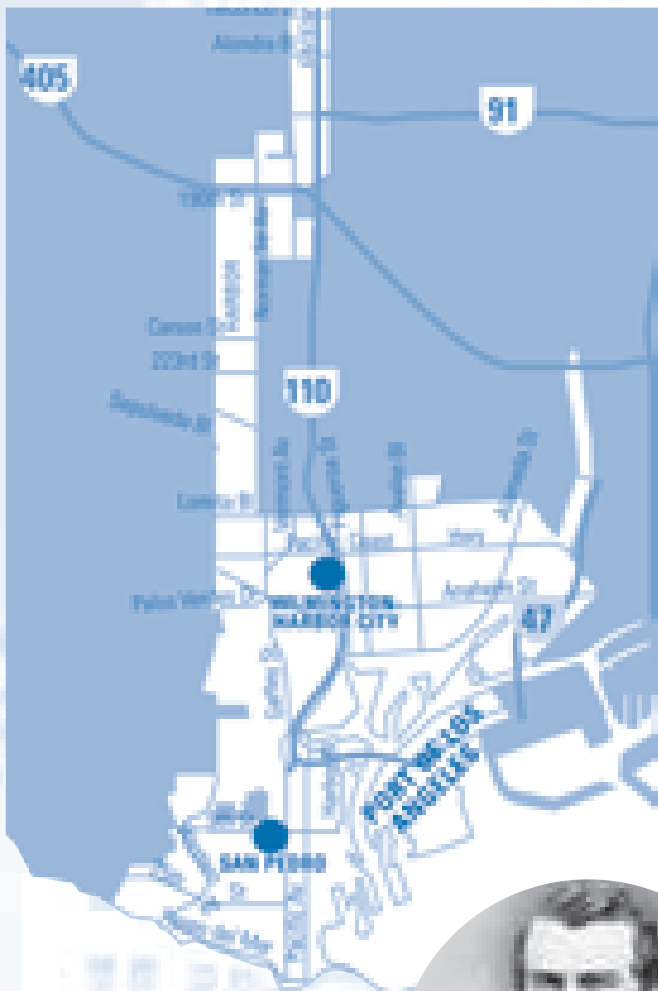
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Annexing the Port Cities

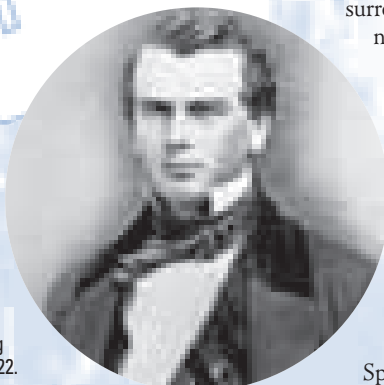


Panoramic view of the Los Angeles Harbor at San Pedro in January 1906. In the foreground is the Pacific Electric Railway track, with the Southern Pacific Railroad boxcars to the rear. Various ships are seen beyond.

■ Here's the story of how Wilmington and San Pedro were the first independent cities to be annexed into Los Angeles.



Phineas Banning at age 22.



Photos courtesy Security Pacific Collection, Los Angeles Public Library Photo Archive, Carolyn Cole, director; and the Port of Los Angeles.

In 1909, the first independent cities were annexed into the City of Los Angeles. They were Wilmington and San Pedro. Today it seems incredible to think why the City found the need to annex those two cities, so long ago, about 30 miles away. But there were reasons: The truth of the matter is that the burgeoning railroads were making a huge impact on the entire country. Along with that, San Pedro had the Pacific Ocean as its neighbor, which would be another gateway, not only to our nation, but to the entire world as a port.

In 1869, the first railroad system in the City of Los Angeles became a reality. It covered a 21-mile stretch from San Pedro to the City of Los Angeles.

By 1876, it gained connection to the newly connected Central Pacific and San Francisco rail system. Nine years later it joined with the Southern California Railroad. This system, known as the Central Pacific Railroad, made a huge impact on Los Angeles flooding the area with new migrants.

But before we move forward, it is important to understand the beginnings of the territory called Wilmington and San Pedro. In 1542, a Portuguese explorer, Juan Rodriguez, sailing under the flag of Spain, was known to be the first European to set foot on what would become American soil. Rodriguez sailed into what would become Rancho San Pedro. As he approached the area, he saw wildfires in the surrounding hills, producing dark plumes of smoke. He named it "Bay of Smokes," from a Spanish equivalent. The name lasted for 50 years until another explorer changed the name to the "Bay of Saint Andrew." This explorer named it for the saint whose feast day was celebrated that day. But his information was incorrect. Later, another explorer in 1734, discovered the error in the name that should have been "Saint Peter." The translation of that name became San Pedro for the martyred bishop of Alexandria, Egypt, in the fourth century.

Wilmington was originally part of the 1754 Spanish land grant of Rancho San Pedro. It was located at the site of a wharf then known as "Banning's

Landing." It was built by Phineas Banning. In 1863, the name was changed to Wilmington in honor of Banning's birthplace, Wilmington, Delaware.

Settlements in San Pedro began in 1769 under Spain. Those colonies became one of California's means to populate the future state. Trade restrictions were encouraged, but smuggling seemed to be the name of the game. When Mexico won its independence, the trade restrictions were abolished. After that, the town of San Pedro flourished.

Mexican governor Fages presented the first private land grant in Southern California to Juan Jose Dominguez in 1784. This allowed Dominguez, the member of the 1769 Spanish Portola Expedition, to graze his cattle on the 75,000-acre Rancho San Pedro. Rancho San Pedro extended from Compton to Redondo Beach to Long Beach. It also included Palos Verdes Peninsula and, of course, San Pedro.

At about the same time, Juan Capistrano Sepulveda and Jose Loreto Sepulveda, the two eldest sons of Don Jose Sepulveda, were granted a judicial decree by Gov. Jose Figueroa of 31,600 acres of Rancho San Pedro, which included the town of San Pedro. This grant was intended to settle the dispute between the Sepulveda and Dominguez families.

By 1835, San Pedro became the most important port on the Pacific coast. But the shoreline had shallow water and mud flats, causing problems. Ships ended up having to drop anchor about a mile off shore; small boats would transfer cargo and passengers to the shoreline. Often the small boats would capsize, and both passengers and cargo would land in the muddy water. During this period, the Sepulvedas built a crude dock landing near Fourteenth and Beacon Streets in San Pedro. It became known as Sepulveda Landing. Two other landing places at that time were "Deadman's Island," later dredged to become part of the current breakwater, and "Rattlesnake Island," which later became Terminal Island.

Phineas Banning, at the age of 21, arrived in San Pedro from Philadelphia in 1851. With his partner, George Alexander, they operated a stagecoach business. A year later, August Timms purchased Sepulveda Landing, then known as Timms Landing. This concerned Banning because the federal government was planning to declare San Pedro as an official port of entry with its own customhouse. Therefore, Banning negotiated with the Sepulvedas

History Comes Alive!

Tales From the City Archives



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

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to purchase a tract of land near Timms Landing, where he built his own wharf. In 1854, Banning, with a group of investors -- John G. Downey; Don Benito (Benjamin) Wilson, former Mayor of the City of Los Angeles; and William Sanford -- purchased 2,400 acres adjacent to San Pedro for port expansion. This land later became known as the city of Wilmington, Banning's birthplace.

In the late 1860s, Banning realized that, for San Pedro Harbor to become a center of commerce, three things needed to be accomplished: (1) build a railroad; (2) construct a breakwater; and (3) dredge the harbor to accommodate large ships and allow them to dock at the wharfs. By October 1869, Southern California had its first railroad, known as the Los Angeles and San Pedro Railroad. This was Banning's rail system. In 1872, the Southern Pacific Railroad purchased this first Southern California rail system. Southern California was now a part of the "iron-horse movement" throughout the nation. The railroads changed the course of the American lifestyle, and Los Angeles would soon become a major player on the national scene. The prior year, Congress voted an appropriation to build a rock jetty from the lower end of Rattlesnake Island to Deadman's Island.

In 1875, competition was transforming the San Pedro port. In Santa Monica a railroad was built to Los Angeles; it was called the Los Angeles and Independence Railroad.

Along with the rail system, a 1,700-foot wharf was constructed. Two years later, the Southern Pacific reduced its rates and drove the Santa Monica rail system to ruin. Two more competitors arose, competing with San Pedro. The Santa Fe Railroad constructed a wharf at Redondo Beach, and shipped lumber from there. On April 13, 1892, the Dominquez family sold Rattlesnake Island to a competing railroad, the Los Angeles and Terminal Island Railroad Company. The name was changed by the new owners to Terminal Island because a terminus to the rail system was established there. Phineas Banning died in 1882, but his vision of making San Pedro a major port of entry to this nation would be realized in the near future.

In 1891, a survey was commissioned for the location and the building of a deep-water port

for Southern California. The survey recommended San Pedro as the site.

Collis P. Huntington, then the head of the Southern Pacific Railroad, began a vigorous lobbying campaign to give Santa Monica Bay the harbor development. By 1893, Santa Monica with a Southern Pacific Railroad extension and a wharf was in full operation.

In 1896, a bill from Congress was approved to fund a breakwater in Santa Monica. But an amendment was passed to the bill, calling for a new commission to review the best location for a deep-water port. *Los Angeles Times* publisher Harrison Gray Otis and U.S. Senator Stephen White pushed for federal support of the Port of Los Angeles at San Pedro Bay. The matter came to a head and was settled and endorsed in 1897, by a commission headed by Rear Admiral John C. Walker. Finally in 1898, San Pedro was selected to be the Port of Los Angeles. In 1888, the War Department took control of an adjacent tract of land and added to it in 1897 and 1910. Many other facilities were established in the port area. For example, it was a

popular port of call for U.S. Navy ships. Other extensions brought the breakwater to a length of nine miles, with a 2,100-foot entrance.

The City of Los Angeles was anxious to control the development of improvements and operation of the Port of San Pedro and Wilmington. However, there was a problem. The City could not annex either site because there was no contiguous land connecting Los Angeles to these Southern cities. So, in 1906, the City purchased a long narrow strip of land, a half-mile wide, from Slauson Avenue connecting the City of Los Angeles to Wilmington and San Pedro. This strip of land is now known as the Harbor Gateway.

During the campaigning for approval of the annexation by the citizens of the two smaller cities, Los Angeles agreed to make at least \$10 million on harbor improvements within ten years. Finally, in 1909, both Wilmington and San Pedro became communities within the City of Los Angeles. On Dec. 9, 1907, the Los Angeles City Council created the Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners, indicating the official founding of the Port of Los Angeles.



View of San Pedro in 1882. Railroad tracks run along the docks. Lumber is stacked onto railroad cars parked on the docks.



Wilmington Warehouses, 1936.



A locomotive of Banning's train, the Los Angeles and San Pedro Railroad, 1869.



Fish Harbor, 1948.

CONVENTION CENTER

A Day for the Earth

Convention Center celebrates Earth Day with a midday festival.



Carpenter Mario Sanchez (left) helps Ashley crush a can. Senior Carpenter David James is in the background.



From the Convention Center Food Services Division, from left: Jorge Romero, Willie Ruffie and Sue Franco show students the biodegradable forks, spoons and knives used at the Convention Center.



Event Manager Haruka Murakami plays "Putt for Green."



Environmental Engineering Associate Zafar Karimi provides information to students from Bushnell Elementary. Zamar works with Public Works/Sanitation.



Luis Aguilar, Secretary, Facilities Services Division; Kings mascot "Bailey;" and Miguel from 10th Street Elementary.



Convention Center Chief Building Engineer Rey Castro (left) explains how solar power works.

Story and photos courtesy Luis Aguilar, Convention Center

On National Earth Day, April 22, the Convention Center hosted its first "Los Angeles Convention Center Earth-Aware, Doing Our Share" community event at its outdoor Gilbert Lindsay Plaza.

One key activity at the festival was the planting of a tree donated by Million Trees LA in commemoration of the Convention Center's LEED-EB certification and commitment to a healthier environment.

The festival was an interactive community event where local students, friends, family and the general public could partake and experience many green-related activities that are happening/implemented at the Convention Center and throughout other City departments and divisions.

The DWP, General Services, and Public Works/Sanitation supported the event.



Convention Center General Manager Pouria Abbassi leads the tree-planting ceremony with kids from 10th Street Elementary.



From left: Convention Center Event Services Director Greg Rosicky and Assistant General Manager Mary Jane Aquino listen to a lecture by Mike Clemens and Greg Dies from Virtual Water Services.



Eighth grader Timothy Le explains his wind turbine to students. Timothy presented this project at the Science Fair, held at the Convention Center.



Event Manager Denise Bell crushes a can with Jazmine from 10th Street Elementary.



Convention Center Administrative Assistants celebrate Earth Day: Luis Aguilar, Adria Ybarra, Julia Lizarde, Heddy Guinto, Amber Leslie, Cristine Villorante, Gwen Miller, Brad Atwell, Denise Chavez, Shirley Krumme, Maria Gutierrez, Ripsime Nikogosyan, Derek Young, Drena Hills, Herlinda Timbol, Lucy Bonilla, Reina Legaspi, Erin Christovale, Ulises Lara, Latina Smith, Raquel Velazquez and the L.A. Kings mascot "Bailey."



Convention Center employee Drena Hills (in hat) plays hoops with Sandra and Kimberly from 10th Street Elementary. A parent watches in the background.



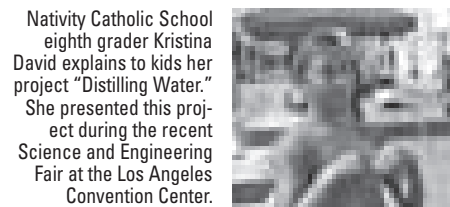
Senior carpenter David James and Executive Chef Rick Wineman bake cookies with students.



Recycling Ambassador Jose M. Alonso from Public Works/Sanitation shares some recycling tips with students.



Art Rios and Michael Rubio observe as Miguel plays "putt for green."



Nativity Catholic School eighth grader Kristina David explains to kids her project "Distilling Water." She presented this project during the recent Science and Engineering Fair at the Los Angeles Convention Center.



Floyd and Maureen from the Science and Engineering Fair show a solar project presented by Cierra Mason at the recent fair at the Convention Center.



Convention Center General Manager Pouria Abbassi welcomes kids from 10th Street Elementary to the Convention Center.



Executive Administrative Assistant Rachel Griffin crushes a can with Brad Atwell.



From left: Club CEO John Hawkins, Assistant General Manager Mary Jane Aquino, Assistant General Manager Phillip Hill, L.A. Kings mascot "Bailey," General Manager Pouria Abbassi, and Chief Building Engineer Rey Castro.

CLUB HEADQUARTERS



E-Tickets: Your Ticket to Convenience

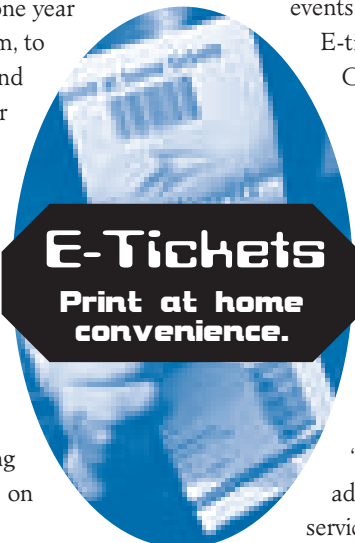
Club Store and Service center now delivers Disneyland, SeaWorld tickets to your email. Take advantage!

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

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- For now, tickets to Disneyland and SeaWorld are eligible for the Club's E-ticket system. More attractions are expected to be added soon.
- Orders will be processed by the Club between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (excepting holidays).
- The Club will send your tickets to the email address of your choice.
- You print your tickets any time and from any computer you choose. Bring those tickets with you, and you're done.
- Did your tickets get destroyed, or did you forget them someplace? You can reprint them from the same email.

Dodger Tickets!

See Page 64 For Discount Tickets

Central City Police Boosters Charity Motorcycle Ride #6

Sunday, May 31, 2009

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| <p>Check-in 9:00 am - 10:30 am Amanson Recruit Training Center 5051 West Manchester Boulevard Los Angeles 90045</p> | <p>Beach Ride 10:30 am - 12:00 pm</p> | <p>Lunch-Music-Prizes 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm Point Fermin Park 807 Paseo Del Mar San Pedro 90731</p> |
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Please join us in supporting the Los Angeles Police Department, Central Area, Community Police Station in raising funds for their crime prevention activities and community youth programs.

The ride starts at the Amanson Recruit Training Center followed by a short and scenic beach ride to Point Fermin Park in San Pedro. At the park you can relax, eat lunch, and enjoy the music, colorful gardens and breathtaking view of the coast.

Your ride donation will include an event pin (first 250 riders), entertainment, lunch from the well-known "Busy Bee Market", and lots of prize giveaways. Pre-register by May 18, 2009 and receive a free shirt on the day of the event.

For further information on the ride, or to obtain sign-up sheets, please contact the Central City Police Boosters Liaison, Officer Marie Kardbon, (213) 972-1876 or email at 27973@lapd.lacity.org.

Please see reverse side for release and waiver/registration form. Please obey all federal, state, and local traffic laws!

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Everyday Heroes *in* Action

Animal Rescue,
San Fernando Valley

Photo by Mike Meadows, EPN

Firefighter Able Avalos of TF-89 pulled a Boxer from a structure fire on Bellaire Avenue. He was able to resuscitate the animal.

Send in your Father's Day tributes!

HIGH-FIVES FOR DAD!

City Employees: Pay tribute this Father's Day... with a photo and message of respect, honor and love, published in *Alive!*



In our June issue, we'll print a photo of you and your dad (or just your dad)... and a two- or three-sentence message of Happy Father's Day from you. Then you can take your copy of *Alive!* and show him what he means to you.

Photos can be either print or digital. But you have to act quickly, as our June issue is fast approaching.

So:

- Send in a print or digital photo of you and your dad (or just your dad). Send digital photos to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com. Send print photos to Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second St., Los Angeles 90012.
- Include a message of Happy Father's Day (up to three sentences).
- Deadline: May 15.



Life's Important Moments

Share Your Good News!



Everyone reads Life's Most Important Moments in *Alive!* Share your news... and send in a photo! Have you gotten married? Had a baby? Graduated? Has someone in your family had a quinceañera? Is a family member in the military? Send in a photo and a paragraph, telling us the details. We love to share your good news.

We're looking for:

- Weddings
- Babies
- Graduations
- Quinceañeras
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Send digital photos (as high a resolution as you can send) to: moments@cityemployeesclub.com
 OR send paper photos (please don't send the only one you have!) to:

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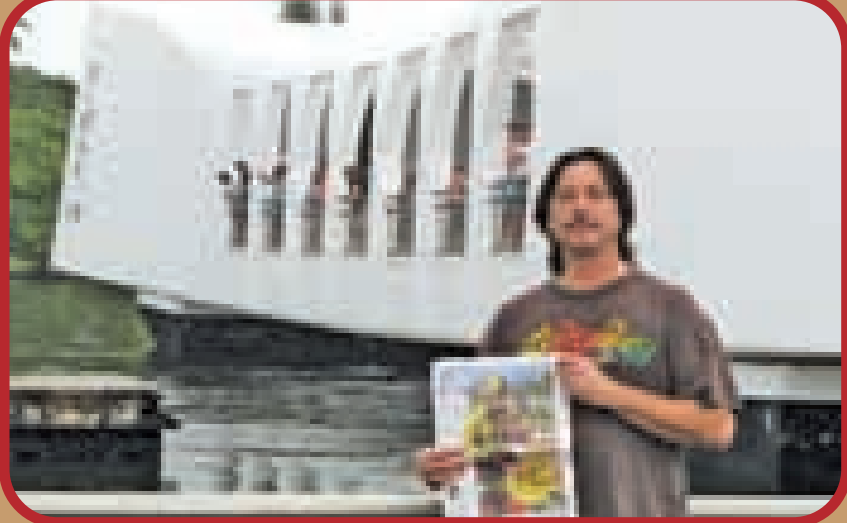


"My wife, Lorraine, and our son, Ryan, went to Sydney during our son's spring break. The photo of us holding a copy of *Alive!* with the Sydney Opera House in the background was taken in 'The Rocks' on the staircase going up to the Sydney Harbor Bridge.

- Erwin Gee, LAPD

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Hawaii

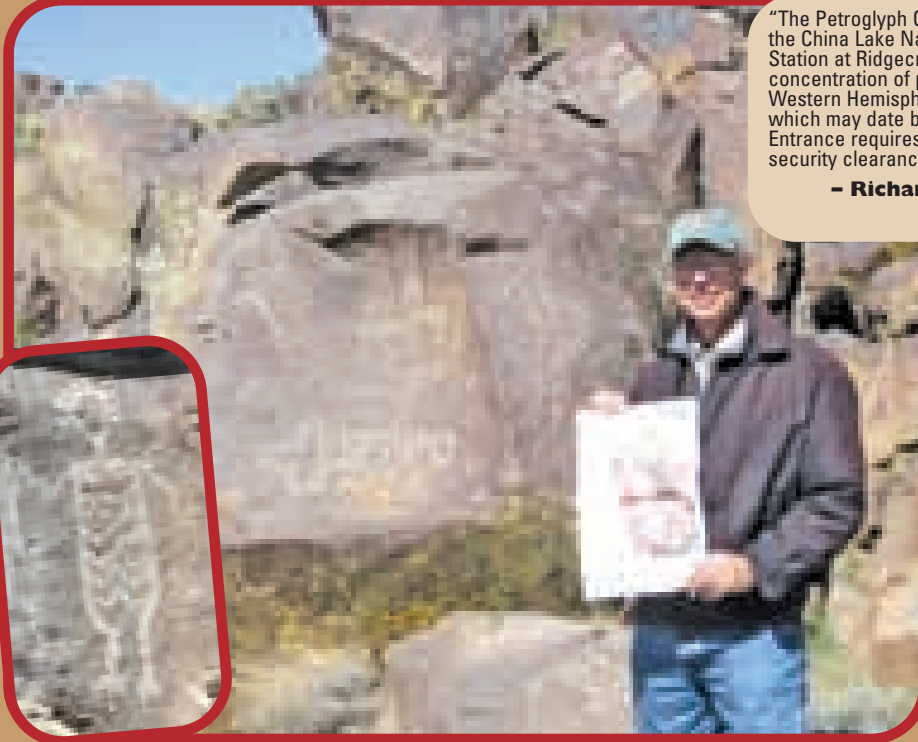


"We were on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, for vacation, visiting the U.S.S. Arizona Memorial."

- Frank Rendon, Harbor

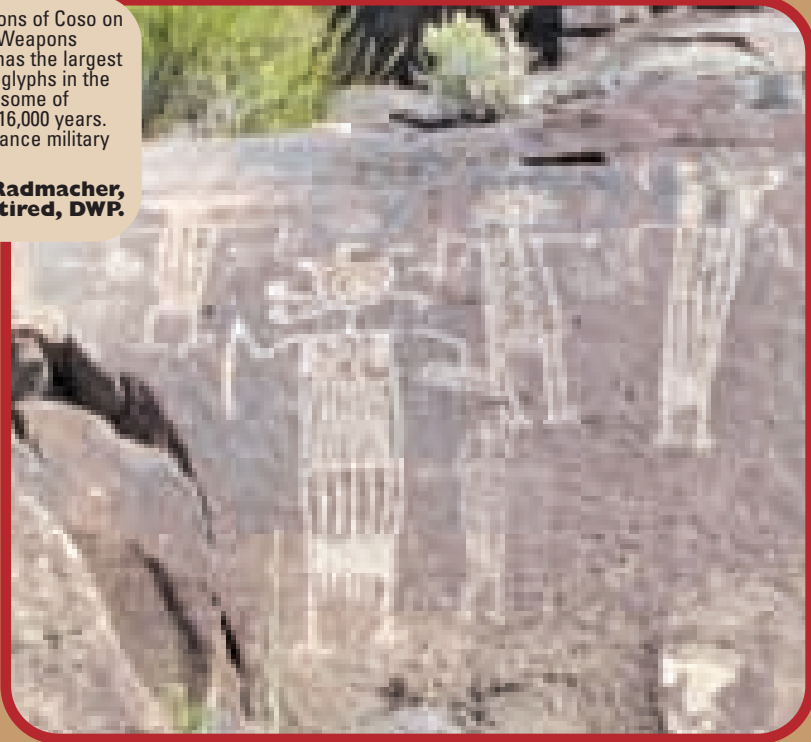
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California



"The Petroglyph Canyons of Coso on the China Lake Naval Weapons Station at Ridgecrest has the largest concentration of petroglyphs in the Western Hemisphere, some of which may date back 16,000 years. Entrance requires advance military security clearance."

- Richard Radmacher, Retired, DWP.



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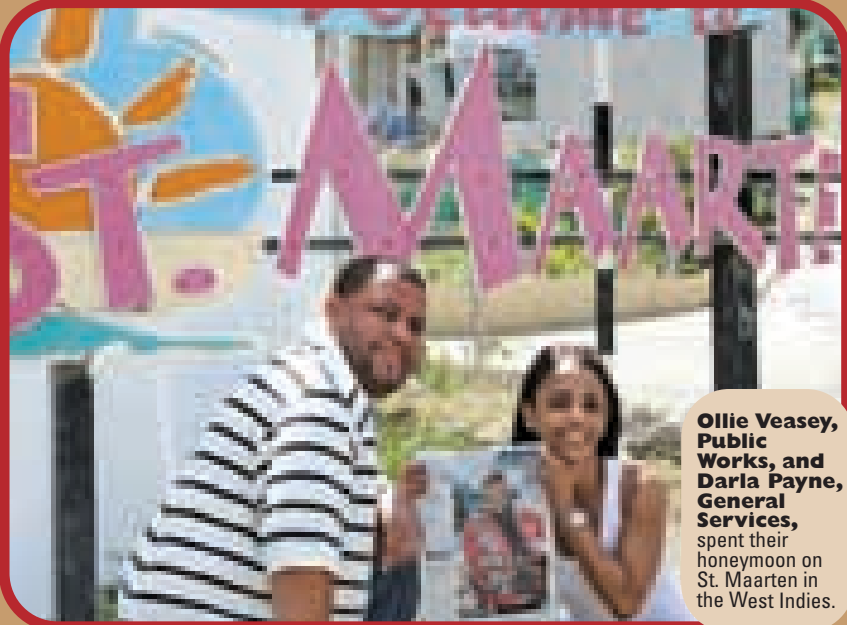
New Orleans



Here's a photo of **Genevieve Jackson** at Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

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West Indies



Ollie Veasey, Public Works, and Darla Payne, General Services, spent their honeymoon on St. Maarten in the West Indies.

Alive! AROUND THE WORLD

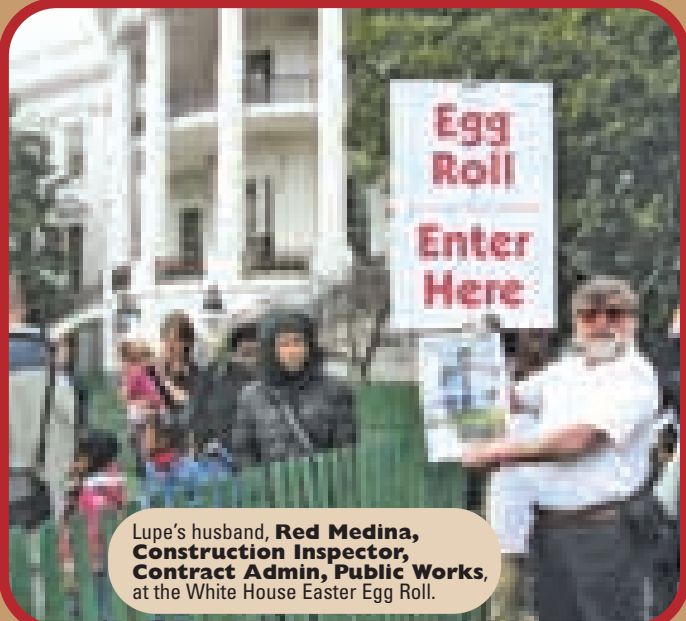


6 Washington, D.C.

The Medinas at the White House! Here are photos of **Lupe Medina**, the Club's coloring contest coordinator ("Coloring With Lupe"), and her family:



Lupe and Red Medina (Nana and Granddad) at the White House Easter Egg Hunt with their grandchildren. **Red** holds Bruno; Emma is seated on the left, and Hannah is on the right.



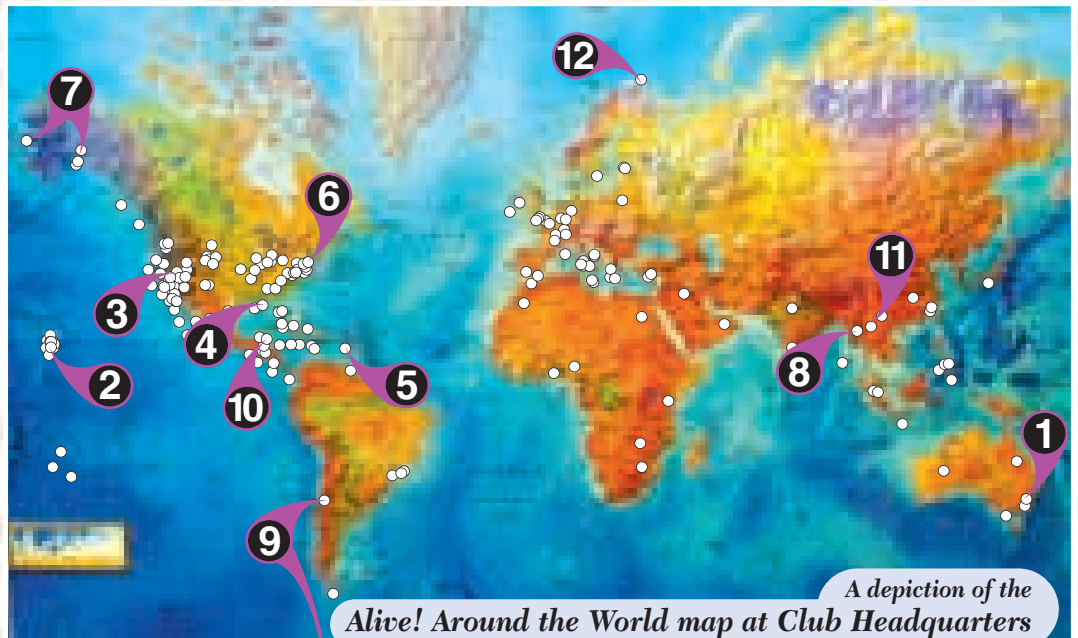
Lupe's husband, **Red Medina, Construction Inspector, Contract Admin, Public Works,** at the White House Easter Egg Roll.

7 Alaska



"I did, I did, I did the Iditarod Trail. These were taken in March at the start and finish of the Iditarod, a dog-mushing race from Anchorage to Nome. I was a spectator flying to the various checkpoints along the 1,049-mile trail."

- **Sharyn Gunter, Retired, LAPD**



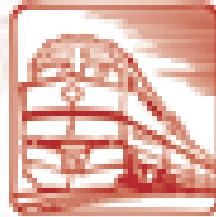
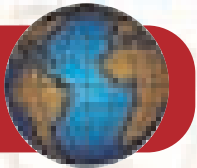
A depiction of the *Alive! Around the World* map at Club Headquarters

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

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Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



8 Myanmar (Burma)



"Here I am at the famous Mid Water Pagoda in Kyauktan City, Rangoon, Burma (Myanmar). Shown in this photo are my son, Salman; my grandson, Fahad, my granddaughter, Zunairah; and me."

- Ismail Nanabawa, Airports

9 Antarctica & Chile



"Here are two photos that were taken on my recent trip to South America/ Antarctica in February. The first was taken on our ship, the *Star Princess*, as we sailed around the Antarctic Peninsula, in front of the Neumaier Glacier. The second was taken in front of the Government Palace (Palacio de la Moneda) in Santiago, Chile."

- Frank Albers, Harbor

10 Mexico



Dariusz Smajdor from the **DWP** celebrates life on the Island of Cozumel, Mexico, with his daughter, Veronique, pediatric cancer survivor.



11 Bangkok

"This picture was taken in front of Wat Arun in Bangkok (Temple of Dawn), situated on the Thonburi bank of Chao Phraya River. One of Bangkok's famous landmarks, the temple has an imposing spire more than 70 meters high, beautifully decorated with tiny pieces of colored glass and porcelain placed delicately into intricate patterns."

- Leticia Yapan, DWP




12 Norway

Here's **Richard Wainer, Retired Chief Deputy City Engineer**, on voyage in April to see the Northern Lights in Norway. The location is Vardo, the northernmost city of any size north of the Arctic Circle, farther north than any city in Alaska and farther east than Cairo, Egypt. Temperature that day was 10 degrees below zero Celsius, or 25 degrees Fahrenheit.



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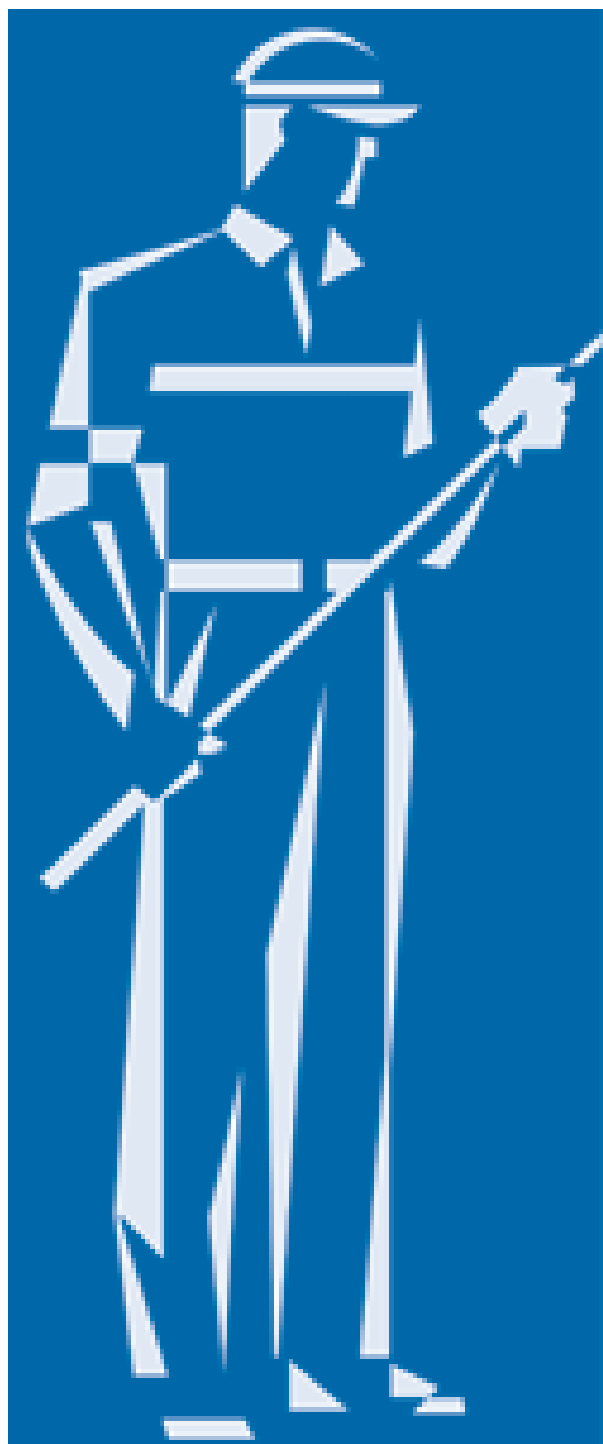
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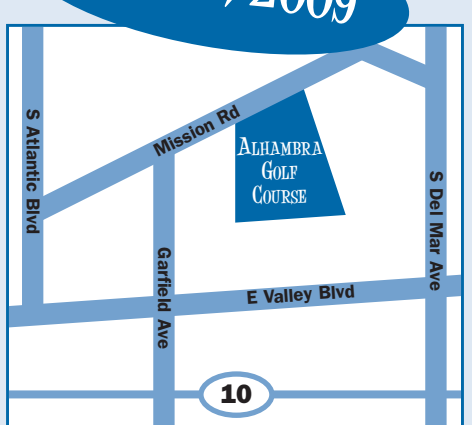
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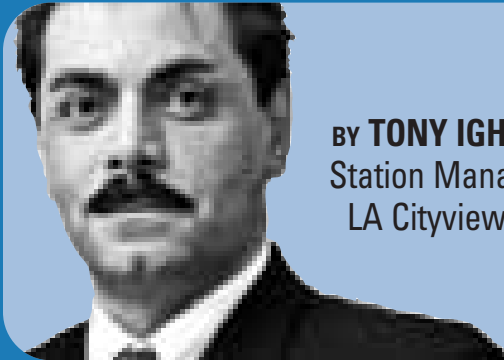
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BY TONY IGHANI
Station Manager,
LA Cityview 35



Budget Hearings Continue

LA Cityview 35's expanded coverage of the Budget and Finance Committee hearings will continue into early May. LA CityView 35 will be providing live gavel-to-gavel coverage of the City's budget hearings for the 2009-10 fiscal year. In addition to the budget hearings airing on Channel 35, the City Clerk will have the budget meetings available on the Internet for on-demand viewing. Just visit www.lacity.org and follow the links to City Council archive meetings.

The mayor's proposed budget includes significant cutbacks to Channel 35 staffing and programming that, if approved by the City Council, will strip a great majority of the original content that the City Channel produces. While this is a very critical juncture for us, it is the same predicament for all City departments across the board. We will be working very closely with our elected officials and departments to make sure that to the extent possible we can continue to provide our viewers quality programming of Citywide importance. Stay tuned.

Program Highlights in May:

Aging in L.A.

Tune in as host Paul Petersen explores in-depth some of the most exciting and challenging issues facing seniors today.

"Fighting Type 2 Diabetes with Kathy Smith" – Fitness expert Kathy Smith shares her new healthy lifestyle program to control Type 2 diabetes.

"James McEachin: A Man of Many Talents" – We talk with actor and award-winning author, James McEachin about his amazing career, as he prepares to star in his one-man play "Above the Call, Beyond the Duty."

"Cooking for One" – Chef Matthew Poley will show viewers how to shop for and prepare simple, delicious and nutritious meals on a budget.

"Elder Wisdom Circle" – Volunteers with the Elder Wisdom Circle talk about sharing their life experiences and wisdom with people who visit their Website for confidential advice on wide-ranging subjects.

Airs: Thursdays at 8:30 p.m.

Disability Forum

Host Mitch Pomerantz, former ADA Coordinator for the Department on Disability, and his guest panelists will shed light on the ADA Amendments Act of 2008; accessibility at LAX; the Center for the Partially Sighted; and the City's Community Development Department (CDD) and their work with persons with disabilities.

"ADA Update" – The ADA Amendments Act was passed in 2008 to restore the employment rights of persons with disabilities that were originally included in Title I of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, but lost in a series of Supreme Court decisions. Paula Perlman, Executive Director of the Disability Rights Center, joins Mitch Pomerantz to discuss changes to Title I.

"L.A.'s Disability Friendly Airports" – Larry Rolon, Coordinator for Disability

Services, Airports; and Gordon Phillips, Project Director of Construction at the Tom Bradley International Terminal; showcase the changes and improvements in accessibility at LAX.

"Center for the Partially Sighted" – As the Baby Boom generation ages, many are experiencing significant vision loss. Dr. Tina MacDonald, Staff Optometrist; and Chris Nelms, Director of Rehabilitation Services at the Center for the Partially Sighted, discuss how the Center helps persons who have experienced partial sight loss to adjust and to function comfortably in their environment.

"The Community Development Department and Persons with Disabilities" – The lion's share of federal dollars earmarked for the City via Community Development Block Grant Funds are funneled through the CDD to scores of agencies. Susan Quigley of the CDD and Les Roberson of Community Centers Inc. join Mitch in a discussion of employment statistics for persons with disabilities, and the rate of joblessness in the City.

Airs: Thursdays at 9:30 p.m.

Golden Guardian

Are you prepared for the "Big One"? The City took part in a statewide, daylong disaster drill, the Great California ShakeOut, which was part of a weeklong series of exercises called "Golden Guardian" to prepare the City for a major earthquake.

Airs: Thursdays, May 14, 21 and 28 at 12:55 p.m.

Kids L.A.

Our theme in this second installment of "Kids L.A." is "kids helping other kids," and we'll travel to the four corners of L.A. to introduce you to these wonderful kids who are doing their part to make a difference.

On the eastside, we'll visit volunteers from Oscar de la Hoya Ánimo Charter

High School, who have come to White Memorial Medical Center in Boyle Heights to be with sick kids in the Pediatric Unit. To the north, we'll visit Van Nuys, where kids at Foundations School Community are fixing up old bikes as part of the "Bikes 4 Kids" program, a not-for-profit project that provides underprivileged kids with donated refurbished bicycles. The Westside comes alive with a team of kid volunteers at "Tree Musketeers," who plant trees for communities requesting them and in memory of loved ones. And on the south side, we make a quick visit to a few local communities who are having their annual spring events.

Airs: Mondays, May 18 and 25, at 10 a.m.

L.A. Business Today

In the first new episode this month, former Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan and businessman, philanthropist and art collector Eli Broad sit down with show hosts Bob and Sharon Jimenez to discuss their business careers, how they got started, where they found success, and how they have forged a deep friendship that has spanned 35 years.

And in the second new episode, Bob Jimenez chats with L.A.-based entrepreneur Bill Mundell about Mr. Mundell's most recent publicly traded endeavor, ZBB Energy Corp., a leading innovator of energy storage systems.

Airs: Mondays, May 18 and 25 at 11 a.m. and 10 p.m.

L.A. Roundtable

"L.A. Roundtable" examines the issues and problems faced by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa during his first term and what problems still lay ahead.

Airs: Mondays, May 18 and May 25 at 1:30 and 8 p.m.

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Newsbrief

HARBOR'S RAIL

INCENTIVE:

The Port of Los Angeles is launching an Intermodal Container Incentive Program that will pay shipping companies \$20 per TEU for each additional container they bring into the Port by rail that exceeds their 2008 level. Intermodal cargo accounts for just over 40 percent of the total container volume at the nation's largest container port. The new incremental incentive program began May 1, and is expected to cost \$900,000.

"Given the nation's current economic climate, we need to help our steamship lines," said Port Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D. "Coupled with the recent rate reduction for our terminal operators, this new program will help the Port remain competitive."

The Intermodal Container Incentive Program is the second of two yearlong cost reduction programs initiated by the Port this year. The Intermodal Discount Program took effect last month, and gave terminal operators a 10 percent discount on each container they transported to or from the Port by rail. That program is retroactive to Jan. 1, and is expected to cost \$13 million.

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



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Central City Honors 5

Central City Police Boosters salutes LAPD Central Area Officers and personnel.

Story and photos courtesy Central City Police Boosters

The LAPD Central Area joined the Central City Police Boosters to honor Central Area Police Officers and personnel at a luncheon awards ceremony Feb. 26.

The annual luncheon provides the business and residents of the community a forum to recognize and support the LAPD in Downtown Los Angeles. The community would like to thank the personnel at the Central Community Police Station for their extraordinary efforts to make downtown safe.

Capt. III Blake Chow, Commanding Officer, Central Area, and former Central

Capt. Jodi Wakefield and Rick Wall were on hand to support and present awards to the following personnel:

- Supervisor of the Year: Sgt. Peter Foster
- Officer of the Year: Officer III Anthony Suviate
- Detective of the Year: Michael Lorenz III
- Civilian of the Year: Iris Lockett
- Volunteer of the Year: Satoru Uyeda

The keynote speaker was Shawn Parr, Go-Country 105 Radio Celebrity and LAPD Reserve Specialist. He was joined by the master of ceremonies, Allan Reno, of Let the Music Play. Guest speakers included Councilwoman and Club Member Jan Perry, Ninth Council District, and Billie Greer, Director of the Los Angeles Office of Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. They recognized the fine men and women of the LAPD Central Area and honored them for their commitment and dedication.



PSR IRIS LOCKETT

2008 Civilian of the Year: Central Area

Public Service Representative Iris Lockett is a 13-year veteran of the LAPD. Iris was chosen as the Civilian of the Year for her dedication, teamwork and hard-working demeanor.

ing demeanor.

Iris has been assigned to Central Area for the past nine years. In this assignment, she has worked Central Patrol Division and as the Area Overtime Coordinator. Her contribution was second to none. Iris is an asset who unselfishly volunteered to take added responsibilities where she sees a need to enhance service to the public; improve patrol operations; and at the same time cultivate a prosperous environment between sworn and civilian personnel. She has been extremely diligent in her ability to be compliant with Central Area's goals as well as the Federal Consent Decree. Iris has also balanced Fair Labor and Standards Act violations and managed overtime issues without any negative audit issues.

Iris is a stellar employee. She is trustworthy

and keeps information; she may become privy to, in the strictest confidence.

On a regular basis, Iris has changed her workdays to meet the needs of the Area and the very stringent rules of Fiscal Operations Division. Iris also avails herself to other units, including the Community Relations Office, Senior Lead Office, and Special Events. Iris coordinates fundraising activities for the Central Station Fund and volunteers her time on the planning committees for the Area picnic and holiday party.

On her own, Iris has learned the complicated Online Overtime system. This was done on her personal initiative in order to ensure a smooth transition for Central Area personnel. She diligently double-checked the unofficial time book against the daily worksheets and properly recorded the information on the DPS official timesheet and any modifications were documented without error.

Additionally, Iris has assisted with the front desk operations and ACC duties. Iris has and will continue to be instrumental to Central Area and the Angelinos of the Central City Limits. Iris has done a superb job and she truly has made an impact to improve the services at Central Area to enhance the quality of life in the community.



SATORU UYEDA

2008 Volunteer of the Year: Central Area

In 1993, a second-generation downtown-area businessman, Satoru Uyeda, recognized the need for a stronger relationship with the LAPD, and the improvement of

security issues within Little Tokyo. Faced with a soaring crime rate, blight, graffiti and panhandlers, the longtime resident initiated a volunteer patrol that blossomed into an integral role within the Japanese community. By year's end, more than 50 volunteers were recruited, and after years of hard work and tenacious effort, the area's streets were cleaned up.

Recognized as the first Community Based Policing program in downtown Los Angeles,

Satoru spearheaded a public safety program now modeled in many parts of the City. The developed area substation, known as the Koban, is a center for assistance and information, and regularly produces safety seminars and training for residents, children, senior citizens, and local businesses. Providing bilingual assistance to residents as well as tourists, Satoru implemented a Koban service, which features Department crime reporting to Japanese-language victims. Working side by side with Department officers and Senior Lead Officers, Satoru has unselfishly committed thousands of hours towards patrol, surveillance and maintenance services.



SGT. I PETER FOSTER

2008 Supervisor of the Year: Central Area

Sgt. I Peter Foster is recognized as Central Area's 2008 Supervisor of the Year. Sgt. Foster is assigned as the Officer-in-Charge of Central Area's Problem-Solving

Unit. During this year, Sgt. Foster continued to personify the characteristics of a proactive supervisor by addressing all issues impacting the area. From the beginning of 2008, he hit the ground running, utilizing all available resources to do outstanding police work, proactive community policing, and to lead the officer he supervises by example.

While supervising the Central Area Senior Lead Officers (SLO), he has started the Entertainment Detail, covering the LA Live area. He personally selected the officers assigned to the unit, and were responsible for

their deployment, ensuring appropriate coverage of the LA Live campus. At one point, he was actively supervising and responsible for 28 officers under his command. Sgt. Foster was also an integral part of the deployment, supervision and staffing of the Los Angeles Lakers Championship games, which took place in June. He was responsible for several squads, and was able to assist in ensuring a safe and enjoyable time for those attending events at the Staples Center. While running the SLO unit, he oversaw the construction of Central's new weight room, not only rebuilding the facility but also obtaining the exercise equipment, televisions and sound system currently in use.

Sgt. Foster also coordinated the Special Olympics' Torch Run and the Tip a Cop fundraiser, resulting in a huge turnout and the largest participation of any Department running team. He also planned, supervised and coordinated Central Area's National Night Out, which turned out to be the largest and most successful National Night Out in the City.



DET. I MICHAEL LORENZ III

2008 Detective of the Year: Central Area

Det. I Michael Lorenz is recognized as Central Area's 2008 Detective of the Year for his dedication, leadership, teamwork and contribution to Central Area's

efforts while assigned as an investigator on the Robbery Table.

Over the past year, Det. Lorenz investigated 237 robberies, arrested 60 suspects and cleared 38 percent of his cases. He did all that while maintaining a zero backlog.

One case that stands out from other, but is typical of Michael's abilities, was the robbery-kidnap investigation of a man who was visiting Elysian Park. The crime was the third in a trend of gang-related robberies in the park.

Michael identified the pattern and kept patrol units focused on the problem. After a plainclothes unit discovered a lead at a store near where the victim was left, Michael coordinated the rapidly developing investigation, writing multiple search warrants, and ultimately arresting three suspects. The robberies in the park abated completely.

Michael stands out by his dedication to his profession and a commitment to continuous improvement. He attended a half-dozen training course over the last year, and he was recognized as the top student in three: the Assault Crimes course, the Homicide course, and the ICI course.

Michael's commitment continues outside the Department, where he is active in coaching youth soccer. He holds three leadership positions in his church, where he was given the Valedictorian Award for the church's leadership course.



OFFICER III ANTHONY SUVIATE

2008 Police Officer of the Year: Central Area

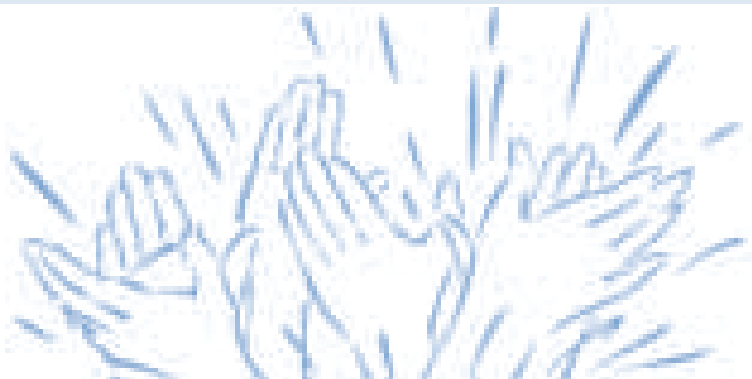
Police Officer III Anthony Suviate is a nine-year veteran who has been assigned to Central Area since January 2002. Suviate has unselfishly made significant contri-

butions to Central Area, the Department and the Downtown community. Officer Suviate's maturity and prior gang enforcement detail experience contributed to the officer's adaptability to work with any assigned officer, or handle any assigned task. Supervisors quickly noted Suviate's technical knowledge and expertise, which was a valuable commodity whenever he worked with new probationary officers. He willingly shared his overall wealth of knowledge, with his fellow officers and supervisors alike.

The one major area of importance was Suviate's knowledge and tactical expertise as well his background with the Department's Community-Based Policing Programs. As the Department moves forward into the 21st century, a continued need exists to improve the quality of life issues within the Downtown Community. Officer Suviate acknowledged this need to further help the community.

Suviate took the time to meet with his Watch Commander and supervisors and discussed the various facets of modifying the current deployment of officers that impact Central Area on their assigned watch. Suviate also suggested additional training methods to assist probationary officers with addressing quality of life issues, reducing the possibility use of force incidents. The recommendations suggested officers utilizing their "verbal judo" skills to alleviate possible negative contacts with homeless people within the Skid Row area.

It is the Department's utmost responsibility to train these new officers with the finest officers available. Officer Suviate fills this need without question. Suviate has continued to be one of Central Area's overall top producers in the area of citations, along with both felony and misdemeanor arrests on a regular basis. Suviate has been commended verbally, as well as with written commendations, and positive comment card entries. Officer Suviate leads by example and willingly follows any suggestions given by his supervisors. This has expanded Suviate's overall knowledge and expertise, which he willingly shares with his probationary partners. In return, Central Area has noted that probationary officers trained by Suviate have excelled, and progressed at a consistent rate, far above other probationary officers.





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The Budget: What's in Store for Your Job?

Budget for 2009-10 proposes budget cuts to nearly every department and leasing some City-owned parking lots. Email us your thoughts.

On April 20, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa submitted a budget proposal that closes an expected \$530 million deficit for upcoming fiscal year.

The plan proposes to maintain police buildup and gang reductions efforts while preventing as many as 2,800 layoffs by implementing shared responsibility and sacrifice by all City employees.

"During these extraordinary times, it is the responsibility of all City leaders to recognize that reform is no longer a luxury; it is a necessity," Mayor Villaraigosa said. "The need for shared sacrifice is not just rhetoric; it is a reality."

The budget proposes a 10 cut in personnel costs. At press time, the exact specifications have yet to be detailed.

Rising unemployment, the housing market crash and the credit crisis have caused City revenues to decline in nearly every category. The Mayor's proposal will balance a budget that faced a \$530 million deficit in the upcoming fiscal year with a combination of spending reductions, private investment and efficiencies, including some departmental consolidations.

The mayor proposed to maintain police buildup and gang reductions efforts while preventing as many as 2,800 layoffs through shared responsibility and sacrifice by all City employees.

The mayor proposed an extensive menu of options, to be considered by the City Council, City employees and union leadership, which would prevent the need for layoffs and maintain a high level of City services by reducing the cost of the existing City workforce by more than 10 percent. The options the mayor presented include unpaid holidays, and reforms to mileage reimbursement, healthcare coverage and overtime.

The Mayor's Office has created a Website for City employees to see the menu of options available to balance the City budget. The Website address: www.keeplaworking.com

The mayor announced that he would cut his own salary by 12 percent, freeze his staff's wages and reduce his office budget by 10 percent.

On April 6, the mayor said that the City could save 580 jobs if every City employee took off one unpaid hour of work per week. The City could save nearly 700 additional jobs if each employee contributed two percent more to their retirement benefits. And if every employee agreed to defer scheduled pay raises, the City could save an additional 1,300 jobs and the services they deliver.

Tell us what you think. What do you think about the City's current budget crisis, and the proposed budget's challenge? Let us know! Write to *Alive!* at: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

DWP

Lineman's Rodeo

City Employees are invited to watch the DWP Lineman's Rodeo, a fun event for the family.

City Employees are given a special invitation to watch the DWP linemen doing their thing during the annual DWP Lineman's Rodeo. The event is not open to the general public.

The event is set for 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 16, at the DWP Truesdale Facility, 11760 Truesdale St. in Sun Valley.

The DWP Linemen compete in a number of events. Winning teams will go to regional and possibly national competition.

The Journeyman skill events include:

- Pole climb
- Hurt man rescue
- Cross arm changeout
- Jumper installation
- Dead end changeout

Apprentice events include:

- Pole climb
- Hurt man rescue
- Secondary parallel
- Temporary service installation

Past activities for the family include a petting zoo, a climbing wall, face painting, jumpers and balloons. Food and drink is expected to be available. The event is free, except for food and drink.

The annual event usually lasts until about 1:30 p.m.



From past years, Hurt-Man Rescue Competition: Hector Avila (Lineman - Palms District) competed in the hurt-man rescue. Other events included the pole climb, crossarm, streetlight, dead-end, insulator, and jumper change-outs.

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Deadline for submission:
June 15, 2009

It's a Coloring Contest!



for Adults!

GROWN-UPS, GET YOUR CRAYONS OUT!

It's time for another Grown-up Coloring Contest! Why let your kids have all the fun? The prize: a \$50 Target gift card. So get coloring, and have fun!

PLEASE COMPLETE:

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Send Entries to:

Club Coloring Adult Contest
City Employees Club of Los Angeles
120 W. Second Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Rules of the Club's Adult Coloring Contest:

- Winning contestants must be Club members in good standing. Everyone is welcome to submit responses, however. (Responses without Club membership numbers will be accepted but not eligible for the winning prize.)
- All responses must be completed by the person indicated: no ringers (including your children!)
- Winning responses will be determined by official Club personnel. All decisions will be final.
- 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.



{ *Who are the people you see every day?* }

No. 17 in a series.

People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.



Meet Derrick Robinson.

AGE: "I'm 46."

BIRTHPLACE: "Los Angeles."

FAMILY: One brother, one sister.

EDUCATION: "High School."

LAST JOB: "I worked at General Label years ago."

RELIGION: "Christian."

FAVORITE FOOD: "Any food but spicy."

FAVORITE MOVIE: "*The Departed.*"

FAVORITE ACTOR: "Matt Damon."

Normally, *Alive!* asks many more questions for this feature. Sadly, Derrick explained to us that his vocal cords were paralyzed and that it was very difficult for him to talk. He also explained to us that he has had more than 10 operations since he was 25. Derrick lifted his shirt so we could see the scars; it was a humbling experience. As a side note, it was stifling hot, and Derrick was sitting in the direct sunlight. There was also a considerable amount of human waste in the immediate area, which added to what was already a sad picture. All this, and just three blocks from City Hall.

The Club gave Derrick plenty of water, some T-shirts and \$20.

This interview took place April 22 at the corner of Crocker and 3rd street.



{ In this monthly feature, Club CEO John Hawkins and Director of Member Services Angel Gomez introduce you to people you see every day, but you might not know who they are. The Club reminds you that we all have names and stories to tell. }

Newsbrief

TIRE'S A SEMIFINALIST:

A demonstration project by the City that turns biosolids into clean energy has been named as a semifinalist for the 2009 Award for Innovations in American Government. The award is presented annually by the Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

The Terminal Island Renewable Energy, or TIRE, project is the nation's first aimed at producing green energy from a renewable bio-resource. The resource is biosolids - the organic materials remaining after treatment of domestic sewage at a wastewater treatment facility.

The TIRE project is the nation's first and only full scale application of deep well injection technology to convert biosolids into green power while simultaneously sequestering greenhouse gases. The earth's high temperature biodegrades organic compounds to generate methane gas to produce renewable energy.

At full capacity in 2012, the renewable energy project in San Pedro is expected to produce about 3,500 kilowatts of renewable power by biosolids conversion. The green energy produced would equal the amount of energy required to power nearly 3,000 homes annually.

"Terminal Island is setting the green standard for innovation, clean energy and renewable power nationwide," said Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, announcing the selection.

"The Innovations in American Government recognition is a testament to this City's unyielding commitment to sustainability, unparalleled investment in alternative energy sources, and unmatched strategy to make LA the cleanest and greenest big city in America."

The Ash Institute's announcement recognizes the TIRE project as one of the top 50 programs representing the best practices in government innovation on City, county, tribal, state and federal levels.

The TIRE system is expected to cost \$3 million to \$4 million to build and will come on line in phases. City engineers plan that Phase I of the project will achieve 50 tons per day of biosolids injection by 2009. That will be increased to 400 tons per day capacity in Phase III by 2011. The TIRE project is slated for completion in 2012.

TIRE project adds to the option available to the City for beneficial reuse of biosolids and will save over a \$1.6 million annually over the cost of the current practice of trucking the material to Kern County where it is spread on agricultural lands.

More than 25 trucks per day currently load and transport LA biosolids away for land application. The TIRE project will eliminate more than 1,500 miles of heavy truck traffic per day with the pollutants, emissions, odors, and dust these shipments create.

Another benefit - the project will utilize brine produced by Terminal Island Water Reclamation Plant, eliminating its discharge into the Santa Monica Bay.

In addition, TIRE will permanently sequester 82,000 tons of carbon dioxide over the five-year demonstration period. Those emissions would otherwise be released to the atmosphere from the land application of a similar amount of bio-solids.

The City calculates that the permanent sequestration of 82,000 tons of CO₂ is equivalent to taking 3,200 automobiles off the streets of Los Angeles for five years.

THE CLUB

Club Scholarship Applications Available

Applications are available online and at the Club Store. Deadline is noon, June 30, 2009.

Pick up your Club Scholarship application at the Club Store, or download an application today!

The 2009 Club Scholarship Program has expanded to 10 awards, and is now accepting applications.

All materials must be physically in the new Club Store and Service Center downtown, 120 W. Second St. by noon, June 30, 2009.

Ten college scholarships are available. Each recipient will receive a stipend of \$1,000.

Those eligible include Club Members, their spouses and their children who are in college or will be attending an accredited college or university in Fall 2009.

"We know that times are tough right now, and we want to do something special to meet the demand," said John Hawkins, Club CEO. "We offer ten awards now."

"Every year, we're amazed at the quality of the applicants. We expect this year to be even better."

You can pick up an application at the Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second St. downtown, or download an application at:

www.cityemployeesclub.com/scholar.asp

"We fully support the dedication of our Club



Jorge Zavala, son of Jose Avala, Airports, received the Club's top stipend last year.

families to taking care of the educational needs of themselves and their children," Hawkins continued. "We want to help them in every way possible. We look forward to giving back."

Eligibility requirements:

- All Club Members and their spouses, and children of Club members under the age 25, are eligible to apply. Club members must be in good standing.
- The successful candidate must attend an accredited four-year college or university full time in the fall semester 2009. Current high school seniors matriculating to a four-year school in Fall 2009 are eligible.
- Candidates will be judged for academic excellence, community service and financial need.
- Ten (10) scholarships will be awarded, in equal amounts of \$1,000 (each).
- Deadline: Applications must be in the Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second St. downtown, by noon June 30, 2009. All applications must be physically in the Club office at that time to be eligible. Sorry, but the Club is not responsible for delays in delivery.
- Decisions will be made by Club personnel and will be considered final.
- Club Store and Service Center address: 120 W. Second St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Send questions to: scholarship@cityemployeesclub.com

COUNCIL / LAFD

Mr. LA ... FD

Councilman Tom LaBonge raises funds to defray LAFD Historical Society's costs for participating in St. Patrick's Day parade.

On March 26, the Bobby Sherman Volunteer EMT Foundation presented a \$5,000 check to Councilmember Tom LaBonge and the LAFD Historical Society. The funds are meant

to defray some of the costs borne by the LAFD Historical Society as part of its participation in the City's St. Patrick's Day parade. Any funds left over will go to the museum's general fund.



Councilman Tom LaBonge (right) accepts a donation of \$5,000 for the LAFD Historical Society. In the photo are (from left) Don Dodd, Treasurer of the LAFD Fire Museum; Ret. LAFD Capt. Jim Finn; Brigitte Poulton, President of the Bobby Sherman Volunteer EMT Foundation; and Councilmember Tom LaBonge.

Bureau Of Street Services

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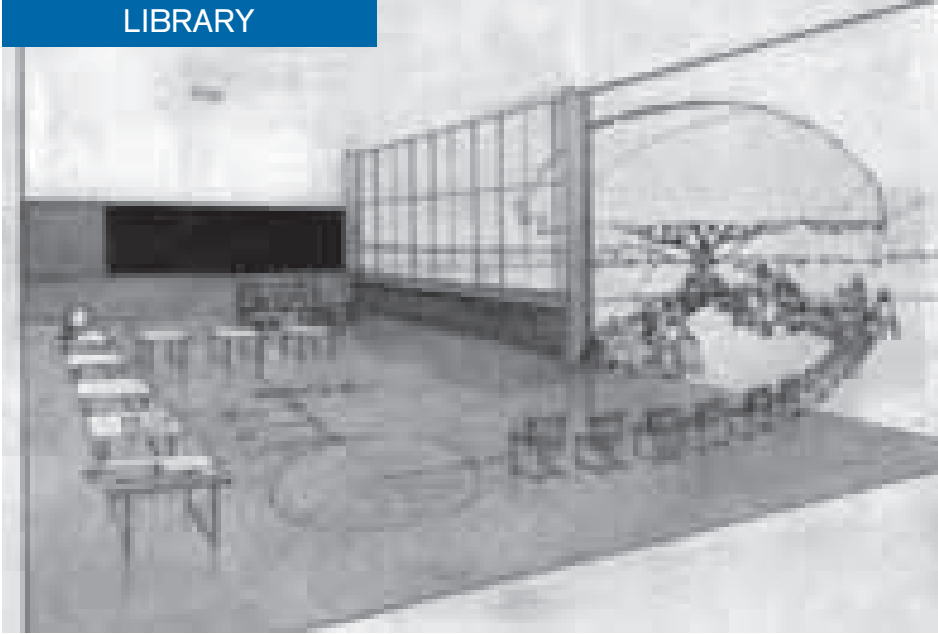
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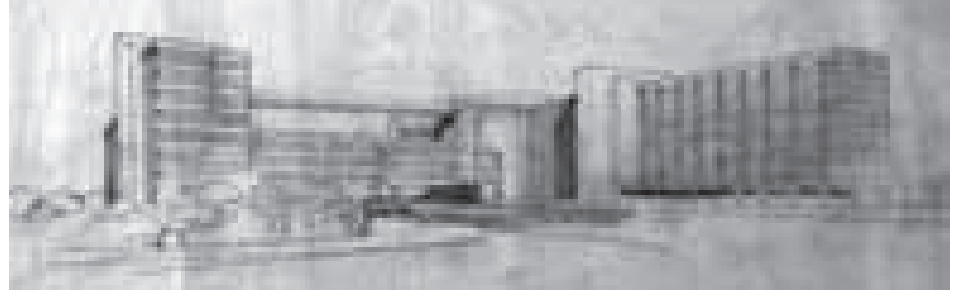
LIBRARY



Corona Avenue School, Los Angeles. 1935. Ink and pencil on linen. Courtesy Department of Special Collections, Charles E. Young Research Library, UCLA.



Heller House, Beverly Hills. 1950. Pencil and crayon on paper. Courtesy Department of Special Collections, Charles E. Young Research Library, UCLA.



American Liquid Gas Company. Late 1930s. Pencil on tracing paper. Courtesy Department of Special Collections, Charles E. Young Research Library, UCLA.



Horse and Serpent. 1915. Pencil, watercolor, and gold paint on board. Courtesy Department of Special Collections, Charles E. Young Research Library, UCLA.

Works by Neutra, on Exhibit

Library exhibits works by noted modernist architect Richard Neutra.

An outstanding selection of travel sketches, figure drawings and building renderings by one of modernism's most important architects, Richard Neutra, will be on display in the exhibit *Richard Neutra, Architect: Sketches and Drawings* from May 3 to Sept. 6 at Central Library's Getty Gallery, 630 W. Fifth St., downtown Los Angeles.

The exhibit is free and open to the public during regular library hours.

The exhibition features choice selections at the Charles E. Young Research Library's Department of Special Collections, UCLA. The pieces range from early pencil sketches from Neutra's student wandering in 1913 to later pastel renderings of his Los Angeles houses from the 1950s. Selected for their artistic quality, the works illustrate Neutra's skill in traditional notions of composition combined with his innovative techniques of architectural representation.

"Not only was Richard Neutra an imaginative and innovative architect, he was also a remarkable draughtsman, and the Department of Special Collections is pleased to have the chance to share its collection of his sketches with visitors to this exhibition," says Department Director Victoria Steele.

Neutra's work in Southern California – characterized by the post and beam structure, cantilevered roof slabs extending into space and an emphasis on the interpenetration of inner and outer space – developed a regional architecture that gained international prominence.

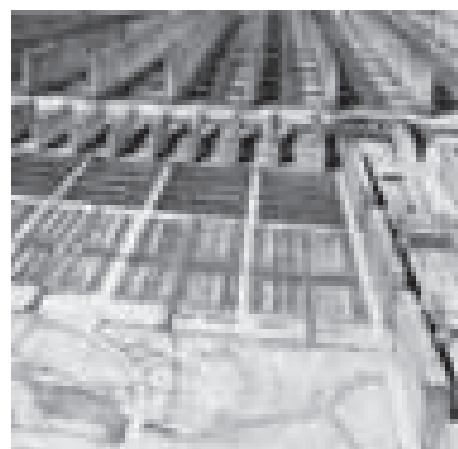
Thomas S. Hines, the exhibition's curator and author of *Richard Neutra and the Search for Modern Architecture*, notes, "While the world's greatest architects have necessarily possessed imagination and skill in planning and conceiving buildings and environments, not all have been great artists and drafters. Richard Neutra was all of those. In the days before computer-aided design, he was supremely gifted in putting pen, pencil and the watercolor brush to paper."

Richard Neutra, Architect: Sketches and Drawings will be accompanied by a free audio

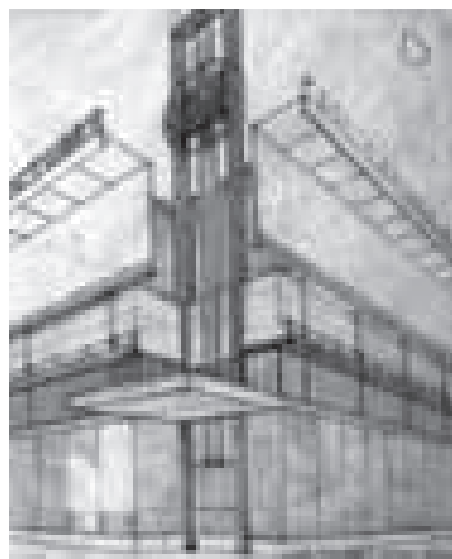
tour featuring a discussion among a group of diverse people on the subject of the artistry and importance of Richard Neutra. Produced by Sandpail Productions, the audio tour includes such voices as Ray Kappe, Kelly Lynch, Sarah Lorenzen, Leo Marmol, Dion Neutra and Victoria Steele. The audio tour will be available in the gallery via cell phone or by download to an mp3 player via the Library's website, www.lapl.org.

Also, ALOUD at Central Library will present a series of talks with renowned architects in conjunction with this exhibition, including a lecture, "Hollywood and Uncle Sam: Richard Neutra in the Great Depression," by exhibition curator Thomas S. Hines at 3 p.m. June 28. For more information, visit www.aloudla.org.

Richard Neutra, Architect: Sketches and Drawings is produced by the Library Foundation of Los Angeles for the Los Angeles Public Library, in cooperation with the Department of Special Collections, Charles E. Young Research Library at UCLA. Exhibits at the Central Library are made possible in part through a grant from The James Irvine Foundation.



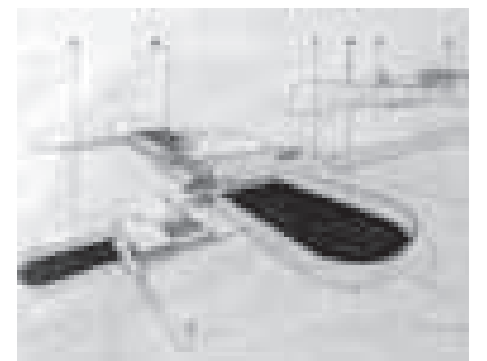
Rush City, Reformed. Late 1920s. Pencil on tracing paper. Courtesy Department of Special Collections, Charles E. Young Research Library, UCLA.



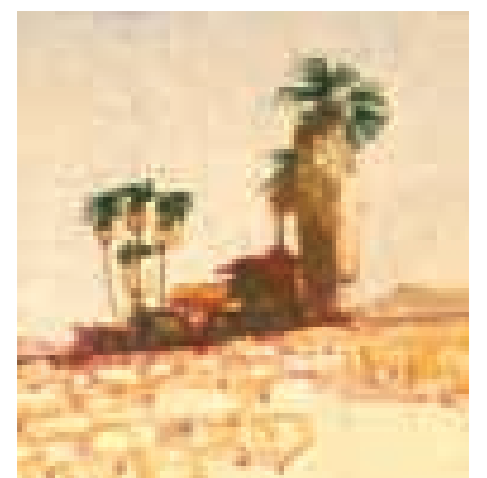
Universal Pictures Building, Los Angeles. 1932-33. Pencil on paper. Courtesy Department of Special Collections, Charles E. Young Research Library, UCLA.



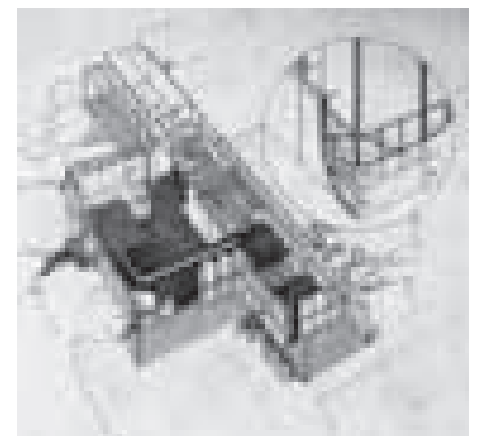
Dione Neutra. 1923. Crayon and pastel on tracing paper. Courtesy Department of Special Collections, Charles E. Young Research Library, UCLA.



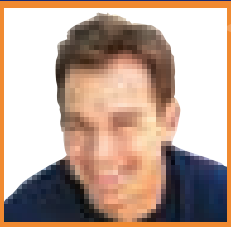
Von Sternberg House, Northridge, California. 1935. Pencil and ink on linen. Courtesy Department of Special Collections, Charles E. Young Research Library, UCLA.



9 Palms, California, Christmas. 1938. Crayon on paper. Courtesy Department of Special Collections, Charles E. Young Research Library, UCLA.



Plywood Model House, Los Angeles. 1936. Pencil and ink on linen. Courtesy Department of Special Collections, Charles E. Young Research Library, UCLA.



John's Picture Perfect Contest



"I call this shot, 'Moonrise over San O'. I may be getting old, but I still surf and hang out with my life-long friends at the beach. Life is good! I took this picture a few weeks ago at San Onofre State Beach after an evening surf session, and my buddies were trying to warm up around the camp fire. One of them said that I should have called it, 'Fellowship Under the Cross.'"

- Tom Garber, Public Works

John's comments: Thank you, Tom, for a visual reminder of the good old days! There's really nothing like sitting around a fire after a good day in the water. Life is good!



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NEXT DEADLINE: May 15
Happy Snapping!

For April, we have five winners!

Start snapping today, and send us your best results!
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"Here's a photo for this month's contest. Hope you like it."

- Elbert Hughes, LAPD

John's comments: Ahhh, the tulip. Many associate the tulip with Holland, but did you know that both the flower and the name originated in the Persian Empire? Yep, that's right. And what a beautiful photo of this group of tulips. Thank you, Elbert!



"At Mt. Pinatubo, the Philippines. This crater formed during the 1991 eruption. Wow!"

- Mike Aubin

John's comments: Thanks, Mike, for this incredible photo. I remember when Mt. Pinatubo blew. My brother was in the Merchant Marines and was called out to help. And yes, "wow" is the best word to describe the hole that was left.



Here is a photo of the Calico Bank of 1881. On a recent trip to Las Vegas, I stopped at the Calico ghost town near Barstow, at around 5 p.m. The sun was beginning to set over the horizon and the light was behind the bank. The photo was converted to sepia tone with Paint Shop Pro Photo X2. I like how the sepia tones make this photo look like it was taken back in the days of the "Old West."

- Carlos Ojeda

John's comments: This brings back memories of our Calico story in "Angel's Be Alive!" column. What a neat place – and what a great photo! Thanks, Carlos.

Runners Up:
Ursula Villanueva, Controller; Pamela Bond, Public Works; Angie Kim, DWP; Erwin Gee, LAPD; Jennifer Smith; Lisa Edwards, Airports

"Here's my seven-year old son and his favorite blanket, concentrating on his favorite movie for the moment: *Kung Fu Panda*."

- Dominique Daito, PSR, LAPD

John's comments: I remember the days of my favorite blanket. Sometimes I wish I could still summon it for comfort; oh, well. Great picture, Dominique!



RULES:

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

Be Alive!



Angel Gomez, Director of Member Services

Vasquez Rocks



1

Angel standing in front of the Vasquez Rock Sign and entrance to the park



2

These are the Park hours of operation.



3

Look for these standing bulletin boards for information

Hello again!

First, I want to thank readers for following this column in *Alive!* It is truly a pleasure to go out and cover interesting places to visit and explore.

So far, we have explored beach paths, bike paths, mountains trails and islands off the coast (Catalina Island). This month, we travel north of Los Angeles to Vasquez Rocks (1). This natural area park is 905 acres acquired by LA County in the 1970s. It is in the Agua Dulce vicinity between the Antelope Valley and the Santa Clarita Valley, just north of Los Angeles and seen easily by motorists driving the Antelope Valley Freeway. Vasquez Rocks has been used innumerable times in motion pictures, various television series and in moving and still photography advertisements, and continues to be used in them today (2).

History:

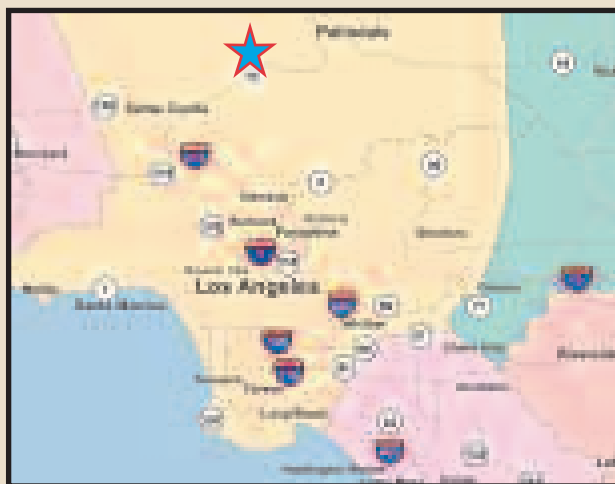
The rock formations are part of the San Andreas Fault (3). In 1873 and 1874 Tiburcio Vasquez — one of California's most notorious bandits — used these rocks to elude capture by law enforcement. His name has since been associated with this geologic feature. Vasquez Rocks was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1972 due to its significance as a prehistoric site for the Shoshonean and Tataviam peoples.

Activities:

Climbing the large sloped rocks is the most popular activity. Other activities include a history trail tour of its previous visitors, the Tataviam Indians and Spanish settlers. Additional activities include campfire nature talks, hiking (4), horseback riding and other equestrian programs, an Easter sunrise service, and lunching at picnic areas in the park. School tours and organized youth group campouts require a reservation from the park management, reachable by telephone at (661) 268-0840. Other uses allowed at the park are movie filming, weddings, and large picnic and party groups, which must be arranged in advance.

Directions:

From Los Angeles, drive north on Interstate 5 to State Route 14. After you leave the Canyon Country portion of Santa Clarita, take the exit at Agua Dulce Canyon Road.



At the end of the off ramp, turn left. The road passes through the southern part of the rocks, and then makes an abrupt right turn. A short distance further, Agua Dulce Canyon Road makes an abrupt left turn, but the park entrance is straight ahead on Escondido Canyon Road. The park entrance is the immediate right. Parking and use of the park is free.



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Angel climbs the amazing Vasquez rock formation.

Do you see the "Cat in the Hat"?

Star Trek fans sometimes recreate the events that transpired at Vasquez in the original series' episode "Arena" (5).

Vasquez Rocks is a popular site for orienteering, where participants find locations within the park's rugged terrain using a map and compass. The Los Angeles Orienteering Club sponsors several events each year here.

Great caution should be taken in hiking this area (6). Always bring a good map (do not rely on the free map given to visitors at the location) and a supply of water. It is very easy to become lost. If a hiker becomes lost, he/she should climb to the highest point available and look at the surrounding area for direction (7), but this isn't always helpful. A map then becomes essential. If you have small children, please make sure you watch very closely, as there are snakes in the area. Usually, they come out to get some sun and then go back into the brush or under rocks. We did see a rattlesnake (8) in the area. I would have saved the mouse, but I was too late (sorry, Mickey). So, go out and explore the area and take a lunch, climb a rock and enjoy the views, they are breathtaking (9).

Don't just read this article, take a short drive up to Vasquez Rocks, and take plenty of pictures. I can't wait to go back and explore more of the surrounding areas. If you make some time and swing by, please send me your pictures. I would love to see them. Here is one fun shot (10).



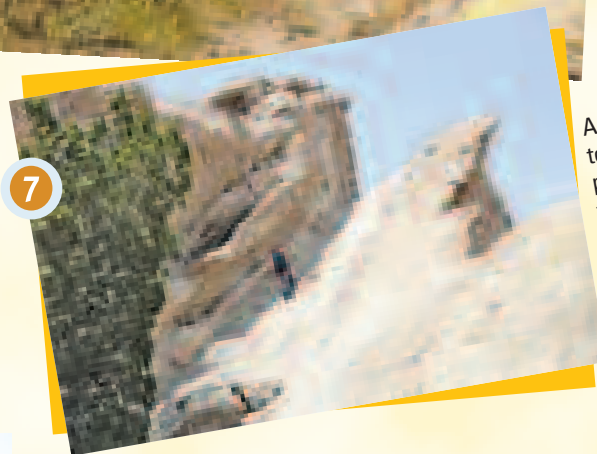
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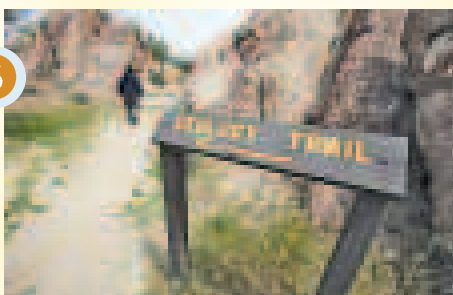
As always, **Be Safe and Be Alive!**

It looks like Angel climbed to the top of a rock formation. Or, did he?



7

Angel climbs to the highest point he can find.



6

There are plenty of side trails to explore



4

Angel passes a portion of the Pacific Crest Trail

DANGER!



8

A small but dangerous rattlesnake. **BE CAREFUL!**

BAKER TO VEGAS RUN 2009

Results of

Baker to Vegas



■ Three Club-sponsored teams participate in annual challenge cup relay race for law enforcement personnel.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; Photos by Arlene Herrero, Fitz Mora and Daniel Wang

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And they're off! The Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Race for law enforcement personnel from throughout the world took place March 14 and 15 in the high desert. 2009 marked the fifth year that the Club sponsored teams in the big race.

The Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay

race is a grueling relay race on foot between Baker, Calif. and Las Vegas, comprising approximately 120 miles of sometimes challenging elevation changes. The race, in its 25th year, is produced by the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club Inc. The Club is grateful for their leadership in this event.

The Club sponsored three teams: LAPD Communications, Port Police and LAPD Rampart. Overall, 247 teams participated, with more than 20,000 participants and more than 1,000 volunteers.

Here are the outcomes of the three teams the Club sponsored:

RUNNING RUNNING RUNNING



The host hotel.



LAPD Rampart Area took third place in their category, finishing at 15:40:10.

Awards Ceremony



Bill Martin, Larry Moore Award recipient, Communications Electrician, DWP, Club Member, and Baker to Vegas support team member for 14 years.



The LAPD Women's Running Team took first place in their category, finishing at 16:18:36.

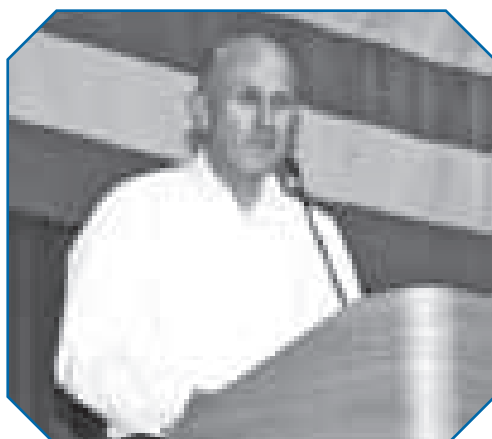
AWARDS



From left: Simone Clinton; Lisa Simmons, wife of the late LAPD SWAT Officer Randy Simmons; Melinda Harleaux; Suzette Gauthier; and Dayna Dorris.



Chief William J. Bratton thanks everyone for attending.



Sherriff Lee Baca shares his Baker to Vegas remarks.



Lisa Simmons, wife of LAPD SWAT Officer Randy Simmons. SWAT officers ran in memory of Officer Randy Simmons.

BAKER TO VEGAS RUN 2009

the Big Race

LAPD Communications Recap By Anita Whited, Team Captain

This was the year of changes for our team. We had six different leg assignment drafts until we got to the final one. And then that one changed one week before the race and then that one changed the morning of the race. Many of the runners were not sure which leg they were going to run until the week before the race. We used two of our alternates, which left us with only one alternate for the entire race.

One obvious goal was for all of our runners to complete their leg with 100 percent effort and injury free. We met that goal. Each runner completed their leg and gave an all-out effort.

We did not meet our time goal this year. When I think of all the changes that occurred and how people responded to the changes, it doesn't even matter. We ran a perfect race. Whatever leg I assigned the runners, they were up for it; they took on the challenge; they showed up on time and got it done. When an alternate was called up, no problem, they had been training and eating properly; they were ready for the challenge. Every runner and support person had a fabulous attitude and did what was asked of them like true champions. We finished the race with no penalties, which was another phenomenal accomplishment.

We have competed in this race for 19 years. The City Club has sponsored us for the last five years.

The race being earlier this year was an added stress. Even though I knew in April 2008 that the race would be early, there's not much that can be done at that time. So I definitely felt rushed toward race day. And our timeline for fundraising was cut short by five weeks, so that was a concern.

I had two Co-Captains this year. One was Maria Coronado: Maria was so dedicated to the sport of running and to the Baker to Vegas running team. She would always show up to each training event and trained through pain and injuries to run a fabulous race. She assist-

ed with time trials, monthly meetings and fundraising. My second Co-Captain was Berta Ugas: Berta made sure that I stayed organized and sane. She assisted with organizing the two training days we had for the runners at the Police Academy, time trials and fundraising.

I had an entire team full of superstars. To have people who can adapt to change, runners and support, show up on time, stay healthy, and finish with no penalties, is awesome. Each and every runner and support person made this a successful race this year. I could not ask for a better team.

Port Police Team Recap By Officer Alex Castillo

This year we had most of the same team from last year, with the addition of some new officers. Are strategy was receive no penalties and win that glory mug every team wants.

This year our strategy was to run as hard as we could and avoid any team penalties (three consecutive years with no penalties). Unfortunately we did not mug this year, but we are getting very close.

This year we assigned different legs to individuals who improved their times during our running trials. And we used some new officers with fresh legs to improve our overall time.

Our team finished one hour and four minutes faster than last year. We were 22 minutes away from winning a mug.

This was our third year participating in the Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay. Every year we have improved; especially this year, we had our biggest improvement. If the Port Police team continues this type of improvement and the discipline of not getting any penalties, we will become a competitive team in the years to come.

One of our biggest team sponsors has been the City Employees Club. The Club started sponsoring us since the beginning of our team in 2007.

We were prepared for the earlier start, even

though we could have used the extra month for training. The only worry I had was the cold weather. There were rumors of possible snow and ice frost, but it actually turned out to be good weather.

Our Captain was Lt. Michael Kettelkamp, and we had a Co-captain, Ofcr. Rudy Meza in charge of Logistics. I was in charge of the runners.

Officer Mark Velasquez stepped up as an alternate runner and ran leg 11 for our designated runner Officer Carlo Oliveri, who got stuck in traffic on his way to his leg.

The Los Angeles Port Police Baker to Vegas Team would like to thank all those officers who stayed behind protecting the Port while the team represented our agency in Baker to Vegas.

LAPD Rampart Team Recap By Mariana Vasquez, Co-Captain

Rampart Station had only 10 returning runners this year. We lost a lot of people when the two new LAPD stations opened, so when we started with the timed trials, we had a lot of new people.

Our number one goal was to have fun and do everything as a team. That included runners and support personnel. We fielded the best team that was representative of the station. This year, we sent a strong team in the station category. It was important that we included our support personnel because without them, we'd be lost. Our additional goals were to travel to and from Las Vegas safely, and to get a mug.

Besides new personnel, we were also faced with the tough economic times affecting everyone else. We were very fortunate that the City Employees Club assisted our team in that endeavor. We are also a smaller division now, and we were lucky that we had family members join us as support personnel during the race.

I would say that we succeeded in what we set out to do. We did not incur any penalties, and we represented our department well. Our team really gelled, and we're so happy with the results.

Rampart Area has participated in all 25 Challenge Cup Relays. This is the second year that the City Employees Club has sponsored Rampart Area. We couldn't be successful without you! Our team also appreciates that fact that you're out there cheering for our runners. That encourages them also. For that, we thank you!

We were worried about the earlier start in that we weren't sure if we would be financially set. The increase in costs of everything to field a team made us work that much harder to ensure that we were ready and able to send a team. Some of our runners also felt the pressure, because they had one less month to prepare to get to where they wanted to be in their running.

The Captain was Rick Ramos. I was the Co-Captain.

This year's superstars were the entire team. Our more-experienced runners assisted the less-experienced ones by pacing them and helping them with their techniques to improve their overall time. Rampart Area, both runners and support, worked hard to make the team successful, and as far as we're concerned, everyone involved was a superstar.

Honorable Mentions

- After years of participation, LAPD Jail Division finished 114 overall with a finish time of 17:11:45, and no penalties.
- Transportation finished the race at 18:24:33 with no penalties, finishing 171 overall.
- LAX finished the race at 17:23:07, incurring a 15-minute penalty, finishing 130 overall.
- City Attorney's Office finished the race at 19:52:17, incurring a 15-minute penalty, finishing 223 overall.

Special thanks to Anita Whited, Officer Alex Castillo, Det. Rick Ramos, Mariana Vasquez and Lt. Michael Kettelkamp for their assistance.

RUNNING RUNNING RUNNING



LAPD Communications, back row, from left: Rick Lopez, PSR II, Club Member; Beth Hicks, Sr. PSR II; Michelle Willis, PSR III, Club Member; Yul Johnson, Sr. PSR I, Club Member; and Whitney Olafson, PSR II. Front: Anita Whited, Sr. PSR, Club Member; Marisol Vielma, PSR II, Club Member; and Sharlene Sutherland, PSR II.



Congratulations to LAPD Communications!



Team 41 LAPD Rampart Area.



Far right: Port Police Chief Ronald Boyd, Club Member, is just in time to see Port Police Sgt. Glenn Twardy, Club Member, at the finish line.



Team Berlin.



Century.

247 TEAMS

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With her game face on, PSR II Marisol Vielma, Club Member, focuses on the task at hand, to start of her team on Leg 1 for LAPD Communications.



The LAPD Jail Division team gathers at Leg 1 prior to start of the race.



From left: Lt. Jeff Bert, OVB; and Commander Andrew Smith, Club Member.



On your mark...



Sgt. Chris Costley, Club Member, runs hard for LAPD Training Division as he is closely monitored by his follow vehicle.

READY SET



GO!



The LAPD Harbor Sharks.



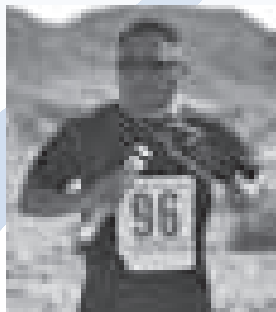
An LAPD Foothill Station runner is transported due to possible heat exhaustion.



LAPD Training Division, from left: Sgt. Laguna, Club Member; Amira Smith, D3; Sgt. Chris Costley, Club Member; and Sgt. Randy Holcom.



PSR Rick Lopez, Club Member, braves the heat for LAPD Communications.



The LAPD Harbor Sharks.



LAPD Mission Station.



LAPD Jail Division.



Sr. PSR Cathy Sotos, Club Member, is behind the wheel of the follow vehicle for LAPD Communications.



LAPD Topanga/West Valley.



LA District Attorney.



LAPD Training Division keeps hydrated.



Lt. Jeff Bert represented LAPD Foothill Station and has drenched his shirt.



Port Police Officer Arthur Kurkowski, Club Member.



Transportation.



LAPD N. Hollywood VTD.



LAPD Foothill Station.



Sgt. Rosario Ferrara, Port Police, Club Member, is deep in his strategy to finish strong.



LAPD Training Division.



LAPD Topanga/West Valley.

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ICE/LA Blue Team.



LAPD Mission Station.



The LAPD Harbor Sharks.



LASD Mira Loma Det. Ctr.



Sr. PSR Anita Whited, Club Member, gives her thumbs-up as she represents LAPD Communications.



PSR Olivia Sandoval, LAPD Communications.



The LAPD Harbor Sharks.



Santa Ana PD.



LAPD Mission Station.



LAPD Topanga/West Valley.



Det. III Amira Smith, LAPD Training Division.



LAPD Jail Division Arredondo.



LAPD Foothill Station.



LAPD Pacific Station.



LAPD N. Hollywood/VTD.



LAPD N. Hollywood/VTD.



Transportation.



Officer Ryan Mullany, Club Member, LA Port Police.



From left: "Cowboy" Connor; Ana Anguiano, guest; and Pete Demetriou, KFVB News 980.



FBI San Francisco.



From left: Kai Anderson, guest; Brandi Holley, PSR II, Club Member; Adriana Herrera, PSR II, Club Member; Carlos Mejia, PSR II, Club Member; and Norma Chacon, guest.

THE EXCHANGE



Inglewood PD at the exchange shoot.



CHP Ventura County at the exchange shoot.



LAPD Foothill Station.



LASD Malibu Lost Hills.



LAPD Training Division.



US Dept. of Labor at the exchange shoot.

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A very tight race: Team 58 Washoe County Sheriff; Team 29 LASD East LA Station; and Team 37 Glendale PD.



LAPD Rampart's Fred Alexander, Leg 1.



A very close race is lead by Team 49 Riverside PD; Team 39 Riverside County DA; Team 27 Orange County District Attorney; and Team 66 LAPD 77th Street Area.



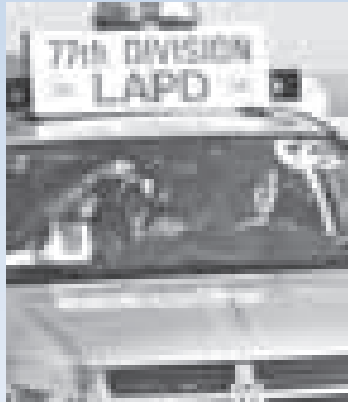
LAPD Olympic Station.



Team 41 Fred Alexander, LAPD Rampart pulling away from the pack; Team 85 Federal Air Marshall-LA; and Team 40 LASD Century Station.



LASD Lakewood Station.



The LAPD 77th Street Area follow vehicle.



Thanks to the motor volunteers for keeping the runners safe.



Team 34 LAPD Metro Blue is closely followed by Team 29 LASD East LA Station.



Team 38 DEA-San Diego.



San Diego Probation.



Team 42 Huntington Beach PD.



Team 39 Riverside County DA.



Team 41 LAPD Rampart Area.



Orange County District Attorney.



Glendale PD.



Team 27 Orange County District Attorney.



Federal Air Marshal-LA.



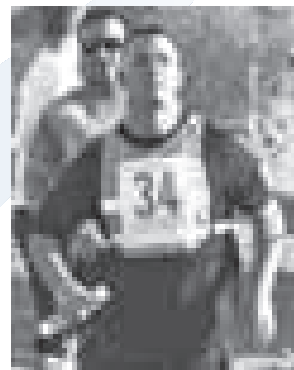
Team 20 LAPD Olympic Station gets a shoulder to lean on.



Team 73 LASD Lakewood Station.



LASD Century Station.



Team 34 LAPD Metro Blue.

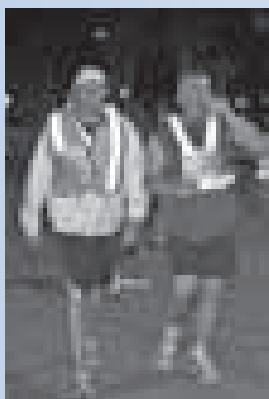


LAPD Metro Black.



Team 66 LAPD 77th Street Area.

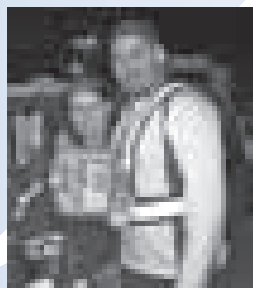
THE HOME STRETCH



Team 200 Calgary Police Service.



Team 437 Sgt. Glenn Twardy, LA Port Police, Club Member.



At right: PSR II Robert Lopez, Club Member, with his catcher.



From left: Debbie Ramsey, PSR III, Club Member; and Quincy Mirage, PSR II.



From left: Brad Gorby and Frank Garcia, LAPD Rampart.



Team 237 LA City Attorney Rocky Delgado.

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FINISH LINE



Dan Borgstrom, K9 Handler, Ventura PD, with Chief Daryl Gates.



From left: Pete Abskharon, Leg 9, P2; Mariana Vasquez, Secretary, Team Captain; and Brad Gorby, Support, P2.



From left: Capt. Sharyn Buck with Chief William J. Bratton.



From left: Berta Ugas, Sr. PSR, Club Member, with her catcher at the finish line.



From left: Jason Abner, Leg 15, P3; and Jeff Bruner, Leg 14 with Metro Blue, P3.



Sr. PSR Berta Ugas, Club Member, flies through the finish line.



From left: Alfredo Aguayo, Leg 11, P2; and Alicia Aguayo, LA County.



Team 166 LAPD Wilshire Area.



From left: Daniel Garcia, Leg 14, P2; and Det. Rick Ramos, Club Member



Team 34 LAPD Metro Blue.



From left: Sgt. Richard Sanchez; Chief William J. Bratton; and Rosie Thompson, P2.



From left: Elden Marquez, Leg 16, P1; Hector Feliciano, Support and alternate runner, and Assistant Watch Commander.



Team 167 LAPD West LA Area.



From left: Joe Franco, Leg 17, P1; and Elden Marquez, Leg 16, P1.



From left: Joseph Getherall, Leg 19, P2, and his wife, Jennifer.



Team 74 LAPD Central-CTD-OCB gets some assistance as he crosses the finish line.



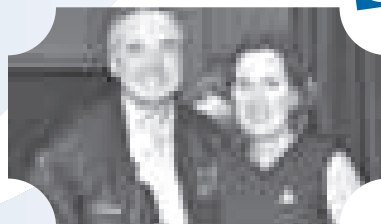
From left: Det. Rick Ramos, Club Member; and Officer Matt Vocke.



From left: Det. Juan Campos, Support; and "Cowboy" Leg 8, P3.



Team 60 LAPD Hollywood Area.



Chief William J. Bratton with Sgt. Mary Kite, Wellness Coordinator.

CONGRATULATIONS TEAMS!



Life's Important Moments

Share your moments!

Did you get married? Have a baby? (Yea!) Get a promotion? (Hooray!) Retire? (Ahhhh.) We want to hear from you. Share your news with the world! Send all notices and high resolution photos with the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com or send paper notices and print photos to: *Alive!*, 311 S. Spring St., Suite 1300, Los Angeles, CA 90013

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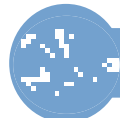


New Members

Welcome New Members!

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

- Airports**
Alireza Aminian
Vincent Calderon
Carlos Celis
Harry Hampton
Lorenzo Hill
Michael Hoffner
David Mingo
Robert Nash
Benjamin Orozco
John Sanderson
Devona Steward
Mary Van Remmen
Velmurugu Vimaleswaran
Aaron Yamamoto
- Convention Center**
Monica Shelton
- LAPD**
David Alvarez
Lorna Cavin
Maria Gemilda Cotangco
Sanjoy Datta
Mark Fassam
Marcia Goodman
Maurice Graham
Honour Henry
Darren Holst
Michelle Island
Dawna Killingsworth
Ata Kirmani
Connie Lee
Lori Lopez
Michael McGowan
Rafael Mora
Shandalyn Parnell
Jesus Toris
Antonio Zamora
- Rec and Parks**
Elizabeth Alamillo
Yesenia Cobian
Isaac Montoya
Diego Ochoa
Arnaldo Rendon-Garcia
Rafael Rodriguez
- LACERS**
Ferralyn Sneed
- Transportation**
Larry Caudillo
Andres Flores
Dwayne Harper
Trina Pena
Orasee Russell
- Office of Finance**
Susan Meza
Armi-Claudine Ramirez
- DWP**
Carlos Arroyo
Arenato Chua
Roberto Gonzalez
Violet Jones
John Nguyen
Vlad Scutelnicu
- Retired Employees**
Radhiah Abdullah
Avonne Arch
Floyd Atkin
Esther Lugo
Terri Nelson
Sharon Yoest
- Other**
Michelle Alvarez
Evnageline Carlos
Ana Casillas
Darryl Coleman
Alcibiades Flores Jr.
Diosdado Garin
Amira Kobaissi
Ahnja Lee
Uwanda Lee
Daniel Lepe
Daniel Logan
Brian Martin
Mary Morris
Kevin Morrison
Hiren Patel
Travis Rivera
Paul Staine
Nick Valverde Jr.
- Public Works:**
Contract Administration
Gerard Conroy
Yono Hong
John OMahony
Jose Ramirez
Lloyd Rein
- Public Works: Engineering**
Ishmael Escobar
- Public Works: Sanitation**
Alejandro Alvarez
Christopher Boykins
David Dumpit
Pete Gomez
Darnell Gray
Kkristin Haynes
Jenny Jacinto
Linda Jeter
Nisheeth Kakarala
Paulina Martinez
Mike Puga Sr.
Maggie Rodriguez
Bennie Scott
Carl Scott
Terry Simpson
Miguel Zermeno
- Public Works:**
Street Services
Brandon Brookman
Jose Camacho
Jeanna Chavez
Louis Clark
Bertha Colbert
Jamie Fleming
- CDD**
Salvador Galeano
- City Attorney**
Leticia Garcia
Ann Rodgers
- ITA**
John Burns
- LAFD**
Mary Reuschel
- Fire and Police Pensions**
Devin Billingsley
- Harbor**
Daniel Aleman
Angelo Cumpian
Markiest Drew
Ramon Hormaza
John Legaspi
Chung Ping Lo
Regina Pacheco
Lloyd Suh
- Housing**
April Aguilar
Ricardo Bohorguez
Maria Brascia
Raimundo Farmer
LaTasha Hamm
Quorsha Pruiitt
- General Services**
Jose Coca
Cecil DuBoise
Carlo Landivar
Mike McCullough
Stephen Paddio
Angela Ramirez
Emilio Sansores Jr.
- Library**
Tyrant Chisholm
Maria Galvan



In Memoriam

Our thoughts and condolences are with the family and friends of the following current and retired City employees who have passed away. The number after the name indicates years of service.

- Active**
Richard Alvarez, Airports, 14
Joyce Corrales, LAPD, 25
Patrick Coyle, Airports, 24
Darlene Goya, LAPD, 28
Jesus Hernandez, DWP, 23
Kelvin Lee, LAPD, 20
Daniel Mourning, Airports, 6
Romeo Ong, General Services, 22
- Retired**
Talib Abdullah, Public Works, 33
Cyril Bauer, DWP, 30
Jimmie Bell, Public Works, 31
William Berger, DWP, 28
Everidge Bernard, Public Works, 22
Alfonso Berru, DWP, 30
Daniel Boster, DWP, 23
Edward Bowers, Airports, 16
Joseph Brito, Public Works, 31
Charles Butler, DWP, 24
Alfred Carpenter Jr., Public Works, 9
Rex Carroll Jr., DWP, 30
Jay Carter, DWP, 42
Edward Chavez, Rec and Parks, 31
Raymond Crawford, Airports, 10
Raul Delfin, DWP, 28
Richard Douglas, Rec and Parks, 32
James Edwards, Public Works, 19
Edward Elkins, DWP, 37
Marguerite Ellison, Public Works, 12
Daisy Ford, DWP, 26
Charles Froessel, DWP, 22
Robert Gartside, DWP, 31
Raymond Graham, Airports, 19
Earnest Grey, Public Works, 26
Mel Harbus, Library, 9
Robert Higham, Rec and Parks, 31
L.E. Holmquist, DWP, 27
Neil Horowitz, DWP, 26
- Cathryn Jennings, DWP, 19
David Jones, Public Works, 24
John Kaldor, City Clerk, 29
Robert Krupar, DWP, 28
Kenneth Kunzler, ITA, 25
James Lester, DWP, 35
Romolo Lona, Public Works, 28
Albert Lugo, Public Works, 33
Vernon Malm, Public Works, 36
Glenn McCloskey, Airports, 22
Donald Milloy, Public Works, 18
James Morgan, DWP, 42
Raul Mota, LAPD, 24
Stephen Oplatka, DWP, 24
Lenice Otto, Library, 13
Beatrice Palomarez, DWP, 13
Clem Piper, DWP, 32
Eugene Radomski, Harbor, 11
Irma Roberts, Public Works, 13
Henry Sahara, General Services, 47
John Sakabu, Controller, 18
Jovita Salazar, Municipal Auditorium, 19
Eloise Schlesinger, Library, 29
Joan Shea, Library, 30
Seymour Sherman, DWP, 33
Margaret Sills, ITA, 12
Freddie Smith, Public Works, 30
Harry Stein, Harbor, 35
Harold Struthers, DWP, 20
Herbert Tom, DWP, 36
Maurice Valero, Planning, 29
Rosemary Vandagriff, Library, 24
Wilson Williams, Public Works, 32
John Wilmore, General Services, 28
Miriam Wolin, Public Works, 12



Military



Does someone in your extended family serve their country as a member of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard? Send us a photo – either formal or on duty, along with your name, City department and relationship to the subject. Send photos to *Alive!* in the Military, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 311 S. Spring St. Suite 1300, Los Angeles, CA 90013. Send digital photos to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



Retirements

| NAME | TITLE | DEPT. | YEARS | NAME | TITLE | DEPT. | YEARS |
|--------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Peter Banks | Maintenance Laborer | General Services | 46 | Thomas Rath | City Planning Assoc. | Planning | 38 |
| Catherine Blessing | Mayoral Aide | Mayor's Office | 12 | Kathryn Richter | Secretary | Rec and Parks | 23 |
| Nicholas Bozigar | Not Disclosed | DWP | Not Disclosed | Thyra Ricks | Crossing Guard | Transportation | 6 |
| Aner De Leon | Security Services | General Services | 12 | Michael Roberts | Not Disclosed | DWP | Not Disclosed |
| William Flores | Sr. Traffic Supv. | Transportation | 37 | T. Rujiravriyapin | Not Disclosed | DWP | Not Disclosed |
| Kenneth Fry | Not Disclosed | DWP | Not Disclosed | John Sanchez | Ref. Coll. Tr. Opr. 1man | Public Works | 22 |
| Diane Grady | Not Disclosed | DWP | Not Disclosed | James Smith | Painter | Harbor | 34 |
| John Griffin | Printing Preparator | General Services | 37 | Lorraine Smith | Management Analyst | LAPD | 35 |
| Walter Gutsche | Heavy Duty Truck Op. | Public Works | 20 | Yolanda Sokolowski | Clerk Typist | Rec and Parks | 9 |
| Glenn Henderson | Not Disclosed | DWP | Not Disclosed | Evelyn Swanson | Delivery Driver | Rec and Parks | 3 |
| Sharon Laurent | Not Disclosed | DWP | Not Disclosed | Barbara Telles | Secretary | LAPD | 30 |
| Jesse Lee | Not Disclosed | DWP | Not Disclosed | Rochelle Turpin | Traffic Officer | Transportation | 28 |
| Alfred Lopez | Not Disclosed | DWP | Not Disclosed | Andrew Wai | Not Disclosed | DWP | Not Disclosed |
| Phyllis Hollis | Sr. Clerk Typist | LAPD | 34 | Sheila Waskielis | Clerk Typist | LAPD | 29 |
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Graduations

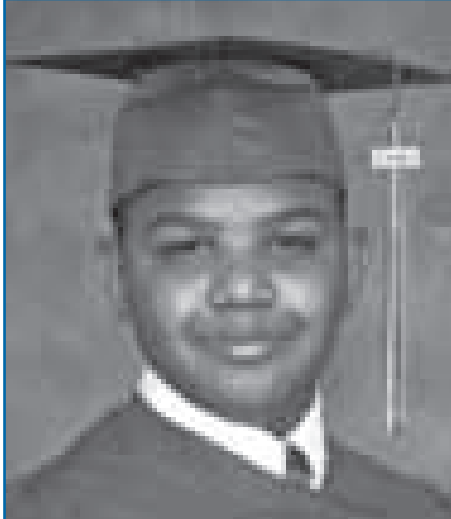


"This is a picture of my two sons. The one of the left, Jamal Kabbani, will graduate from Dumont High School in New Jersey this June. He will attend Santa Monica College. He enjoys playing basketball and is really good! On the right is Samer Kabbani, who will be graduating from San Diego State University with a Bachelor of arts degree. He hopes to be an accountant. He also enjoys playing basketball in his free time and is an entrepreneur." – **Marla Fisher, Club Claims Assistant**

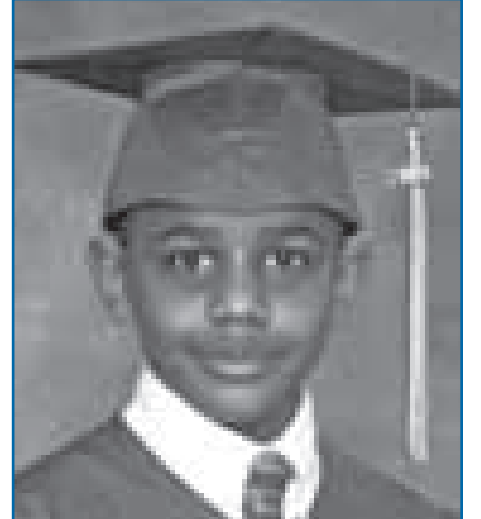


Veronica Carrillo will graduate in May from Loyola Marymount University, with Bachelor of arts degrees in sociology urban studies. Her father is **Albert Carrillo, Street Services Investigator, Public Works**; and her mother is **Araceli Carrillo, Management Analyst II, Public Works**. Dad and Mom say, "Veronica, we are extremely proud of you, are here for you always, and love you so very much."

Congratulations!



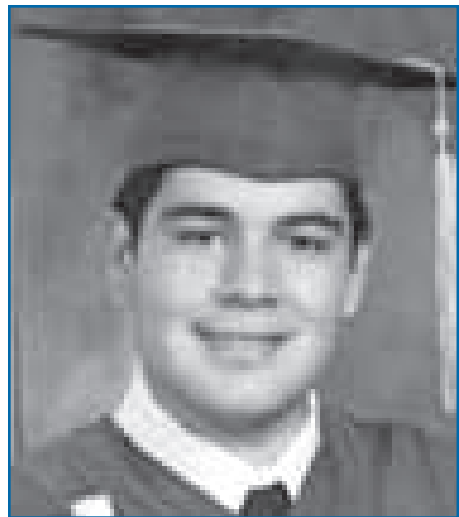
Joshua Smith



Jeremiah Smith

Joshua and Jeremiah Smith, sons of **Kenneth Smith, CDD**, are graduating this year. Joshua and Jeremiah will graduate from Crossroad Christian Academy in Gardena, and will attend Loyola High School next year.

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



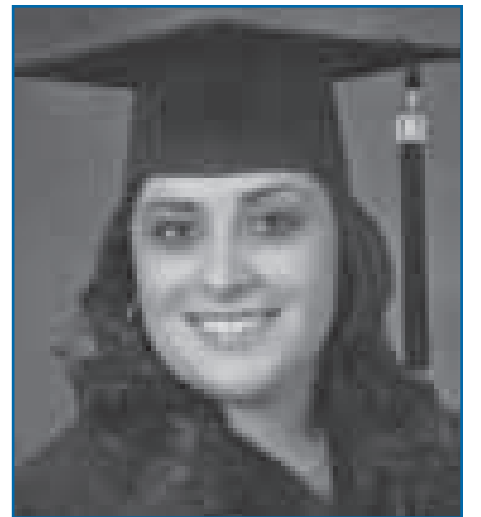
Joshua Ramirez is expected to graduate from Alhambra High School and plans to attend UC Santa Cruz in the fall, majoring in anthropology. Joshua's mother is **Julissa Garcia, Messenger Clerk, Cypress Branch Library, Library Dept.**



"Our niece, Nolah who just turned seven and is living in Tagaytay, the Philippines, has been elected valedictorian of her kindergarten class! She speaks three different languages (English, Tagalog and Visayan). Her mother, Norlie, spends a lot of time with her and her schoolwork, which helps with her wonderful accomplishments We are very proud of her!" – **Ron and Jean Sarfaty, LAPD**



Leah A. Hightower is expected to graduate from Spelman College in Atlanta this May. Leah is the daughter of **Wendy Hightower, Legal Secretary III, City Attorney.**



Gloria Celeste Prado Hurtado graduated from Whittier College with a major in psychology and a minor in Spanish. Her future plans are to earn a Master's degree in psychology/criminology. She is the daughter of Gloria Hurtado Prado, Admn. Coord. II, CA Safe Neighborhoods Division, and the niece of **LAPD Sgt. Francisco H. Hurtado, Retired.**

Special Achievements

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

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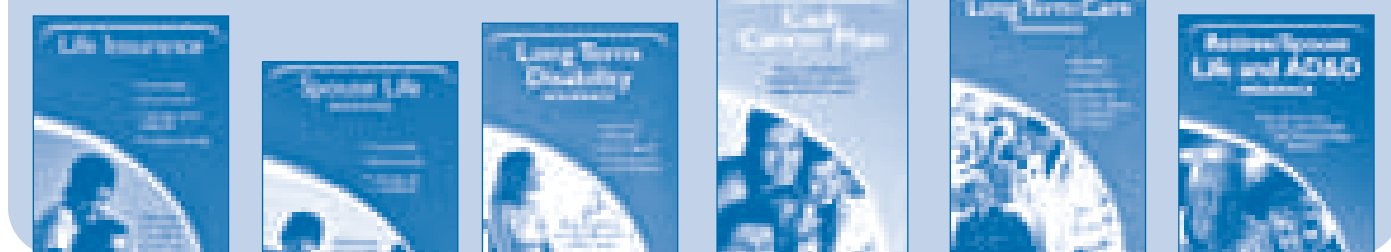
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Arlene Herrero



Tiffany Sy



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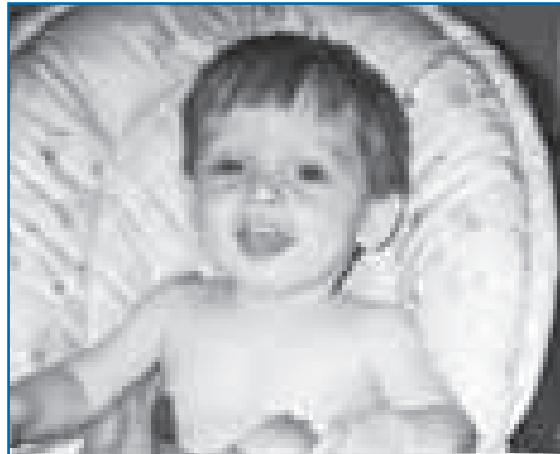
Life's Important Moments



Births



Jaime Cruz, born April 3 to Patty and Carmelino Cruz. Jaime's the nephew of Robert Larios, the Club's Director of Operations and cooking columnist.



Aiden Orona, adopted Feb. 27 by Ramon Orona, Club Member.

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Weddings




Ollie Veasey, Sanitation Wastewater Manager II, Public Works, and Darla Payne, Sr. Clerk Typist, General Services, March 28 at Skylinks Golf Club in Long Beach.

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Newsbrief

Monday, August 31, 2009

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Third Annual Golf Classic - 4 Person Scramble



This year's event will be held Monday, August 31, 2009 at the picturesque Braemar Country Club in Torrance, CA

Registration begins at 09:00 am, with tee-off at 11:00 am.

The cost for this event is only \$130. The price includes: 18 holes of golf, practice balls into a net, shared cart, box lunch, plated chicken dinner and various awards.

There will be an awards presentation and dinner directly after golf. For those that would like family and/or friends to join us for the award presentation and dinner only, the dinner is \$40.00 per person.

Registration is open. Register early so that you do not miss the chance to golf this beautiful private country club at this amazing price. We anticipate a sell-out tournament. To help us properly plan for this event, please pre-register or sponsor the event by July 31, 2009 at <http://lapdcommdiv-doggy.com/>.

Golf attire is required. Collared shirts and slacks. No steel spikes are allowed on the course. No denim or denim-looking attire allowed.

LACEAAA

Asian American Installation Dinner

Employees association hosts 31st annual dinner.



Wendy Gross, ITA, and her husband, Ron.



From left: Mei Tuey Ong, Sanitation; and Albert Young, DWP.



From left: Peggy Yang, LAPD; and Phillip Wong, LAPD Training.

Story by Tiffany Sy and Arlene Herrero, Club Counselors; Photos by Tiffany Sy

The Los Angeles City Employees Asian American Association (LACEAAA) hosted its 31st annual installation dinner.

Mike Fong, Council District One office, was installed as the new president of the LACEAAA.

The festive dinner was held April 2 at the Kyoto Grand Hotel and Gardens. State Controller John Chang made an appearance and delivered a speech addressing California's economic status.

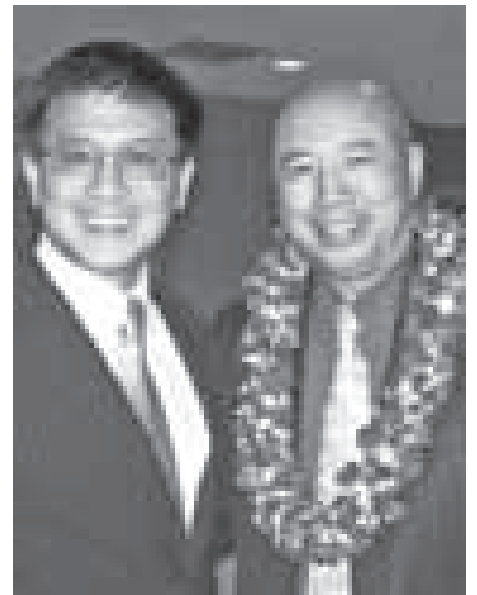
The Club thanks State Controller John Chang, Councilmember Ed Reyes, Phyllis Yogi, Joe Quan and Mike Fong for their assistance.



Club Counselor Arlene Herrero presents Club Member benefits.



LACEAAA members.



From left: State Controller John Chang and Joe Quan.



From left: Cathy Tanaka, Harbor; Phyllis Yogi, Harbor; and Mei Nieman, Personnel.



From left: Marie Yeh, Housing, and Norm Arikawa, Harbor.



From left: Gayle Takahashi, City Attorney, and her husband, Terry Hara, LAPD; and Sheung Quan.



From left: Sharon Chow, LAPD; Marie Yeh, Housing; and Lou Quan, CDD.



From left: Carol Takafuji and Maychelle Yee, LAPD, at the registration desk.



From left: Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; Joe Quan, ITA, Club Member; and Sheung Quan, LAUSD.



From left: Joe Quan; Councilmember Ed P. Reyes; and incoming LACEAAA President Mike Fong.



From left: Dorothy Tamashiro; Marcus Yee; and Ingrid Reyes.

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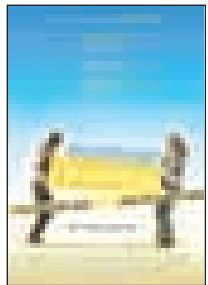
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REVIEWS BY FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS
ENTERTAINMENT

MOVIE REVIEWS



Sunshine Cleaning
Rated R
My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Is *Sunshine Cleaning* another indie gem? Well, almost. Amy Adams stars as a young single mother who needs more money to send her troubled son to a private school. She and her

ne'er-do-well sister (Emily Blunt) decide to go into the biohazard cleanup business.

Here is a comedy that gets points for showing how the main characters learn from their mistakes, but the film is a bit manipulative and predictable. Alan Arkin is wonderful as the girl's conman/father, with a heart of gold, of course.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

(Jason Segel). The "bromance" (a platonic male friendship played out in dude-lingo) that results is funny and very clever. The movie also stars Rashida Jones as Zooey (the fiancé) with cameos by Lou Ferrigno (the Hulk) and the band Rush. Who knew they were still around? This film truly rocks!

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

Paul Blart: Mall Cop

Rated PG

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

This movie stars Kevin James from the TV show *King of Queens*. Paul Blart is an overzealous mall security officer who wants to be a police officer. He must protect the mall that has been overtaken by a gang of criminals trying to steal from the stores. They hold hostages, one being the mall cop's daughter and one his love interest.

This movie was funnier than what I thought it would be. It kept me entertained the whole time.

— Gwen Lew, DWP

series has all the fast cars and nonstop adrenaline-pumping action – unbelievable car chases plus good music, just like the first. It's a good kickoff to the upcoming blockbusters. I highly recommend this movie.

— Chuck Beas, DWP



Bedtime Stories

Rated PG

My Score: 2 (out of 5)

This is an Adam Sandler movie. I expected it to be funnier than it was. Sandler's character grew up in a motel his father owned on Sunset Boulevard and La Cienega Avenue. As an

adult, he works as a handyman for the hotel at the same location. He gets an opportunity to come up with an idea for a new hotel. Since he has been babysitting his niece and nephew and telling them bedtime stories, he uses the bedtime theme for the new hotel.

The movie was a little slow, but I am sure your kids will love it.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

DVD Reviews



We Are Marshall
Rated PG
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

What a great movie this is, and it's based on a true story. Most of Marshall University's football team and coaches die in a plane crash. The university has a hard time trying to find another coach, but finally they get a coach (Matthew McConaughey). McConaughey gets one of the assistant coaches, played by TV's *Lost* star, Mathew Fox, to help coach the team. The problem is they can't get players, and the freshman can't play.

Even if you do not like football, you will like this movie and the story. Bring lots of Kleenex.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD



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

This movie is about a Paris wine shop owner (Alan Rickman) who is told by a friend (Dennis Farina) that California wine is better than French wine back in the '70s. So the shop owner goes on a quest to the California wine country to gather some wine for a "blind" taste test. Here he meets a man (Bill Pullman), who owns a winery and who thinks his hard work and wine has gone bad.

It turns out, this is a true story. I hadn't heard much about this when I rented it, but this movie is a very entertaining and enjoyable movie to watch. It was well worth the rental, and if you're into wine, you will enjoy watching this movie.

— Gwen Lew, DWP



12 Rounds

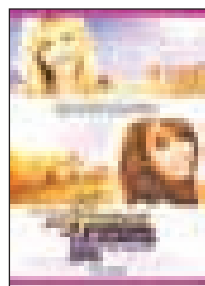
Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This is a great movie starring Steve Harris, John Cena, Ashley Scott, Brian J. White, Taylor Cole and Aidan Gillen. It's about revenge taken upon the hero of the movie after the girlfriend of a thief wanted by the FBI is killed.

12 Rounds involves 12 tasks that our hero has to complete to save his kidnapped girlfriend. This movie is total nonstop action (my kind of movie!) Without any bloody scenes, it is very entertaining and will keep your attention nonstop. There are a couple of scenes that don't make much sense, but hey, it's a movie, and a couple of hours to just enjoy the action is enough for me. And being a dog lover, I like it when the hero takes a moment to make sure his pug is okay after his girlfriend is kidnapped. What a guy!

— Jean Sarfaty, LAPD



Hannah Montana: The Movie

Rated G

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

If I were a tween, I would probably rate the movie a 5. Miley Cyrus is an adorable and multi-talented girl who plays both herself and singing sensation Hannah Montana.

Her father, Billy Ray Cyrus, plays her father in the movie (as well as the Disney TV show), and that makes for perfect father-daughter chemistry.

The storyline was good and the music was very enjoyable. The movie will be loved by young girls and liked by the rest.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP



Paris 36

Rated PG-13

My Score: 2 (out of 5)

It is Paris in 1935, and the Chansonie (the small neighborhood theatre) is being sold to the local fascist. The socialist former owners and entertainers, now out of work and with lives in disarray,

attempt to make a comeback by renting the empty, decaying theatre. Pigoil, the stage manager, hires Douce, a young woman with star power, to help propel the comeback.

Paris 36 is both a drama and musical, but for me, it failed on both fronts. It was slow, tedious and filled with clichés. Some of the music and dancing is entertaining, but not enough for a recommendation.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

I Love You, Man

Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This is a very entertaining film about bridegroom Peter Klaven (Paul Rudd), who is dismayed to discover he has no male buddies close enough to serve as his best man. To correct the situation, he goes on a series of "man-dates," until he finally meets free-spirited Sydney Fife



Fast and Furious

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

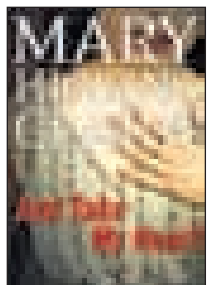
With most of the original cast back, Vin Diesel as Dom Toretto, who's still on the run, joins Paul Walker as FBI agent Brian O'Connor on a quest for a faster and more furious adventure. This fourth film of the *Fast and Furious*

victs him, thanks to the evidence of an ex-con, who testifies that Gregg tried to hire him to kill Natalie. Serial killer Zach Lanning has been stalking Emily while pretending to be a good neighbor. Emily's recent heart transplant has given the attorney extra sensitivity to Natalie's past. As Emily's doubts about Gregg's guilt grow, the action hurtles to a surprising if abrupt resolution.

This is another great suspense novel by Mary Higgins Clark, even though she uses another author's idea for this book, which is similar to Dean Koontz's *Your Heart Belongs to Me*, where a heart transplant patient believes he is being haunted by his donor.

— Linda Rorex, Personnel

BOOK REVIEWS



Just Take My Heart

Mary Higgins Clark

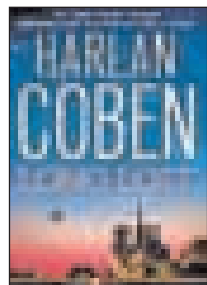
Suspense fiction

336 pages

Simon and Schuster

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

In this intense novel of suspense, the suspect in the murder of famous actress Natalie Raines is her husband and theatrical agent, Gregg Aldrich, whom she was divorcing. Gregg says he is innocent, but Bergen County assistant prosecutor Emily Wallace con-



Long Lost

Harlan Coben

Crime fiction

374 pages

Penguin Group

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Myron Bolitar helps his former lover, Terese Collins, a TV news-woman who dropped out of his life years earlier.

Terese tells Myron that her investigative reporter ex-husband, Rick, has been murdered. Terese has nowhere to turn for help. Myron comes to her

rescue and unravels the mystery of Terese's family secrets and that her daughter may still be alive. Myron and Terese are in danger from unknown assailants and uncover a sinister plot with shocking global implications.

This is the ninth novel by Harlan Coben featuring his character, Myron Bolitar. It's an easy read and an interesting novel.

— Linda Rorex, Personnel

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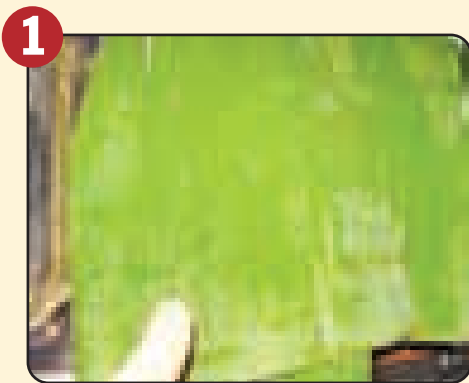
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Seafood Made Easy

Mahi Mahi With Red Pepper-Tomato Langoustine

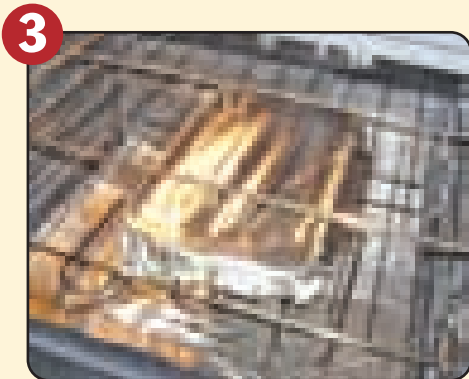
DIRECTIONS:



1 Wash banana leaves and place mahi mahi in the inside part of the leaves, and wrap into a package.



2 Place in a baking pan or Pyrex glass pan and cover with aluminum foil.



3 Place in the oven at 350 degrees F for 40 minutes.



4 In a separate saucepan, pour extra virgin olive oil, langoustine, salt and pepper, diced jalapeño, shallot and garlic. Let brown and then add red pepper-tomato sauce. Let simmer for about 20 minutes.



5 Add Parmesan cheese, parsley and basil.



6 Remove the mahi mahi from the banana leaves.

I've been on a seafood kick the last few months, and I have this fish-langoustine recipe to share. The words mahi mahi (fish) and langoustine may sound like ingredients that would be too hard to find and too hard to cook, but don't be fooled. These ingredients are more common now than ever at local stores. I found the banana leaves, mahi mahi and red pepper-tomato at Trader Joe's and Stater Bros.

When preparing the fish, you may find it already marinated, which works. But if you need to have it seasoned, salt and pepper is really all that's needed. The fish can be purchased frozen, and the same goes for the langoustine. If you can't find langoustine, you may use shrimp as a substitute. As for the red pepper-tomato sauce, feel free to use a marinara sauce instead.

Enjoy!

Mahi Mahi With Red Pepper-Tomato Langoustine

Makes 4 servings

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 large banana leaf, soaked and washed in water
- 1 pound, mahi mahi fish
- 1 jalapeño
- 1 shallot
- 2 cloves garlic
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 pound langoustine (a great substitute is shrimp)
- 2 cups red pepper-tomato sauce
- 2 tablespoons parsley
- 1 tablespoon basil
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese
- Salt and pepper

Cooking Tidbit: *If you don't have access to banana leaves, use aluminum foil.*



7 Plate the fish and douse the red pepper-tomato sauce over the fish.

[A Cook's Dictionary]

Langoustine:
the French word for prawn. These prawns have bodies shaped like tiny Maine lobsters, including miniscule claws.

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

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Ladies' Watches with City Seal



Ladies' Watch, Leather Band
ITEM: #LVVBRN4000
PRICE: \$25.00*



Ladies' Watch, Leather Band
ITEM: #LVVBLK5000
PRICE: \$25.00*



Ladies' Watch, Silver Band
ITEM: #VVR2000
PRICE: \$25.00*



Ladies' Watch, Two-tone gold and silver
ITEM: #VWGSW1000
PRICE: \$50.00* **Now \$25**

Historical Books



Hollywood Views of the Past & Present
ITEM: #B1659



Los Angeles Views of the Past & Present
ITEM: #B1488



Orange County Views of the Past & Present
ITEM: #B1544

Club Discount Price!
(\$32.95 Retail)

Member Price: **\$25** per book*

*Plus tax and shipping

An excellent review of what these areas looked like in their humble beginnings compared to the present day. Photographs by the world famous George Ross Jezek.

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City Button Down Shirts

City Woman's Long Sleeve Button Down Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



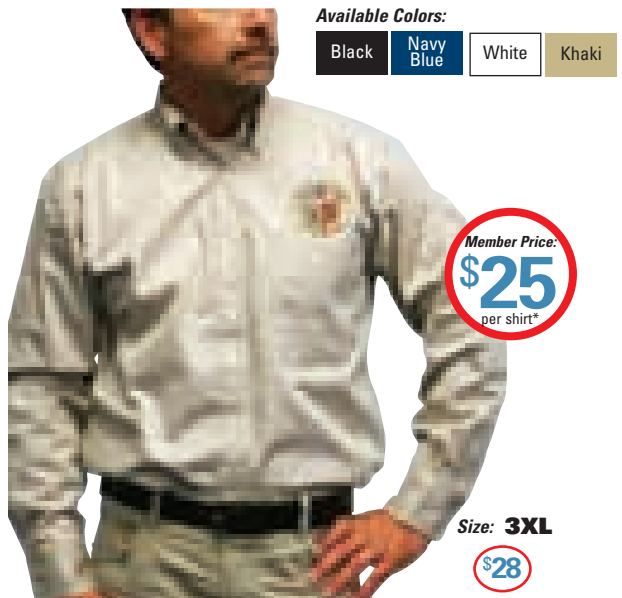
Member Price:
\$25
 per shirt*

Available Colors:

- Black
- Sky Blue
- Khaki
- Navy Blue
- White

ITEM: #WMNLSSTCTY4000

City Men's Long Sleeve Button Down Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL 3XL**



Available Colors:

- Black
- Navy Blue
- White
- Khaki

Member Price:
\$25
 per shirt*

Size: **3XL**
\$28

ITEM: #LSB1000

City Men's Short Sleeve Button Down Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Available Colors:

- Black
- Navy Blue
- Oxford
- White

Member Price:
\$22.99
 per jacket*

Size: **3XL** **\$23.99**

ITEM: #CTYSLST1000

City Girl "Classic" T-shirt

City Girl "Classic" T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL**



Available Colors:
 Crew Neck Style:

- Heather Gray
- Hot Pink
- Cherry

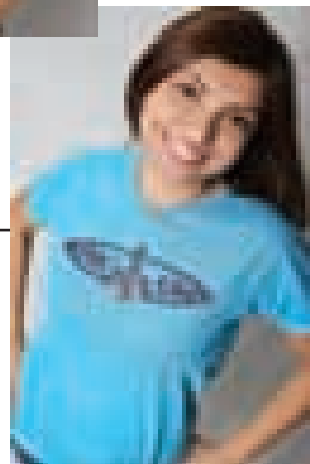
Member Price:
\$10
 per shirt*

ITEM: #T-W1000

City Girl "Retro" T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL**

Available Colors:
 V-Neck Style:

- Black
- Caribbean Blue
- Violet
- White
- Key Lime



ITEM: #T-W2000

Women's Classic Seal T-Shirt

Women's Classic Seal T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Available Colors:

- Black
- Azalea
- Carolina Blue
- Royal
- Red
- Hot Pink
- White

Member Price:
\$10
 per shirt*



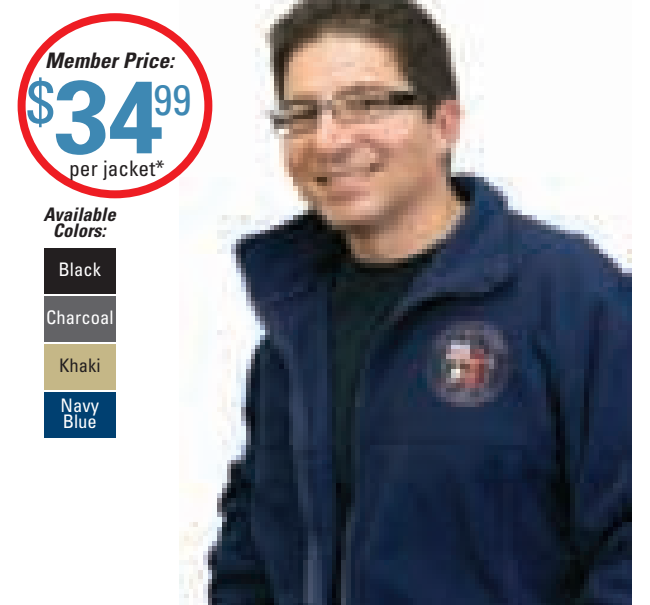
Size: **3XL** **\$11**
 Available Colors:

- Black
- White

ITEM: #WMNCLSC4000

Fleece Jackets

Men's Full Zip Polar Fleece w/ Embroidered City Seal
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



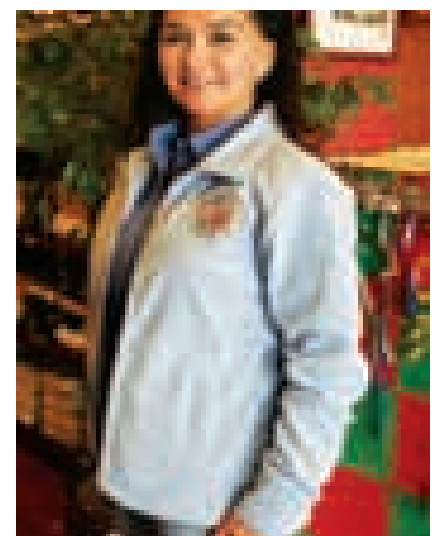
Member Price:
\$34.99
 per jacket*

Available Colors:

- Black
- Charcoal
- Khaki
- Navy Blue

ITEM: #CTY3000

Women's Full Zip Polar Fleece w/ Embroidered City Seal
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price:
\$30
 per jacket*

Available Colors:

- Black
- Stone
- Sky Blue

ITEM: #WMNFKJT1000

Women's T-shirts

City Women's - LA Hall Full Color Seal T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL**



Member Price:
\$11
 per shirt*

Available Colors:
 Crew Neck Style:

- Navy Blue

Available Colors:
 V-Neck Style:

- Black

Size: **2XL**

Available Colors:
 Crew Neck Style:

- Navy Blue

ITEM: #WFCS1000

City Women's - LA Hall One Color Seal T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL**



Member Price:
\$8
 per shirt*

Available Colors:
 V-Neck Style:

- Black
- Heather Gray
- White

On white shirt, emblem is pink

ITEM: #JS1000

City "Bold" Department Shirts

City "Bold" Department Shirts
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

Available Colors:

- Navy Blue

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

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

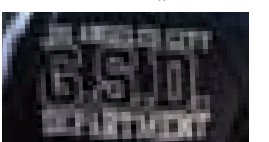
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ITEM: #D.PWLAC1000



ITEM: #HARBORLAC2000



ITEM: #D.O.TLAC3000



ITEM: #L.A.WA.LAC5000
 also available in:

- White
- Green
- Red
- Sky Blue

*Plus tax and shipping

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Polo Shirts

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

Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue White

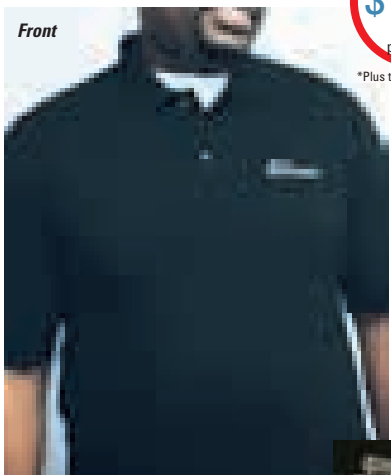
Member Price:
\$19⁹⁹
 per shirt*



ITEM: #CTYPOLO2000

LA City Polo Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Front



ITEM: #PS1000

Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:

Black
 Navy Blue
 Pink
 White

Close-up of Embroidery



City Seal Tank Tops

Women's
 Sizes: **S M L XL**

Available Colors:

Hot Pink
 White

On white shirt, emblem is pink

Member Price:
\$7⁵⁰
 per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping



ITEM: #WTT2000

Men's
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



ITEM: #MTT3000

Member Price:
\$7⁵⁰
 per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:

Heather Gray
 White

L.A. City T-shirts

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



ITEM: #NC1000

Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

Available Colors:

Black Navy Blue

Size: **3XL**

\$13

Size: **4XL**

\$14

Front



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



ITEM: #CN1000

Member Price:
\$8⁵⁰
 per shirt*

Available Colors:

Black Blue Dusk Navy Blue
 Sport Gray Tan White

Sizes: **3XL**

\$9⁵⁰

Sizes: **4XL**

\$10⁵⁰

Available Colors:

Black Navy Blue Sport Gray

Front



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



Back

Member Price:
\$10
 per shirt*

Available Colors:

Black
 Gray
 Navy Blue

Size: **3XL**

\$13

ITEM: #LAC-5000

LA City "Alma Mater" T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Front

Member Price:
\$5
 per shirt*

Available Colors:

Black
 Gray
 Navy Blue

ITEM: #LAC-2000

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



ITEM: #LAC-6000

Member Price:
\$22
 per shirt*

Available Colors:

Black Navy Blue

Size: **3XL**

\$23

LA City Seal T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Front

Member Price:
\$10
 per shirt*

Available Colors:

Cedar Dark Heather
 Metro Blue Military Green
 Sand Sky Blue

Front



ITEM: #MOC51000

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



Front

ITEM: #T1000

Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

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

Available Colors:

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

Sizes: **3XL** **\$13**

Available Colors:

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

White available with front pocket.

Sizes: **4XL** **\$14**

Available Colors:

| | |
|-------------|------------|
| Indigo Blue | Sport Gray |
| Black | Navy Blue |

LA City "Olde English" T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



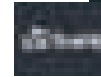
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Member Price:
\$8
 per shirt*

Available Colors:

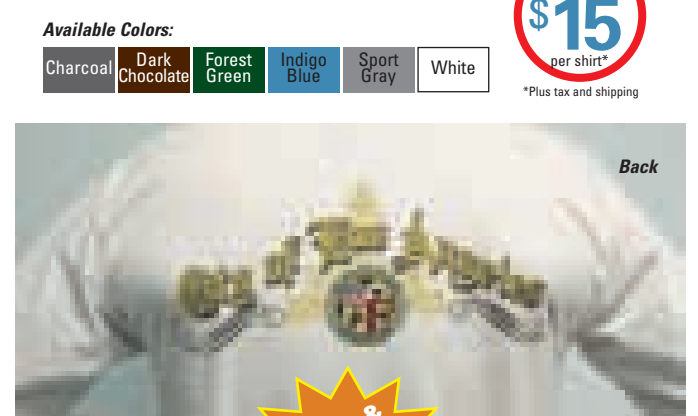
Black Navy Blue

Front



ITEM: #LAC-4000

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



Back

Member Price:
\$15
 per shirt*

Available Colors:

Charcoal Dark Chocolate Forest Green Indigo Blue Sport Gray White

*Plus tax and shipping

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

Available Colors:

| | | | |
|----------------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| Dark Chocolate | Forest Green | Indigo Blue | Sport Gray |
|----------------|--------------|-------------|------------|

Navy & Black LIMITED

Size: **4XL** **\$17**

Available Colors:

| | | |
|-------|-----------|-------|
| Black | Navy Blue | White |
|-------|-----------|-------|

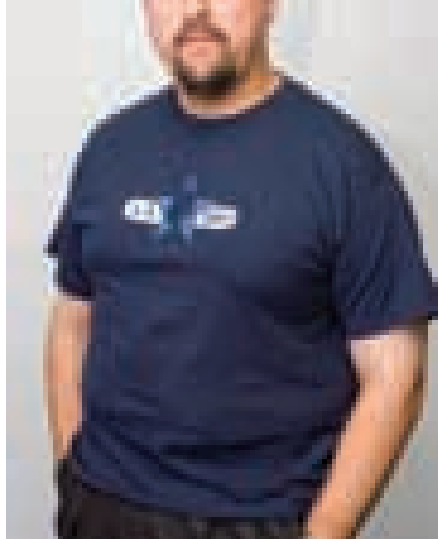
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DWP T-shirts

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

Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*



ITEM: #WTRSDE3000

Available Colors:
 White Navy Blue

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

Member Price:
\$15
 per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:
 Gray Charcoal
 Maroon Carolina Blue
 Sand

Size: **3XL**

Member Price:
\$16
 per shirt*

Available Color:
 Gray



ITEM: #T2500VWP

Navy & Black LIMITED

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

Member Price:
\$8.50
 per shirt*

Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue White

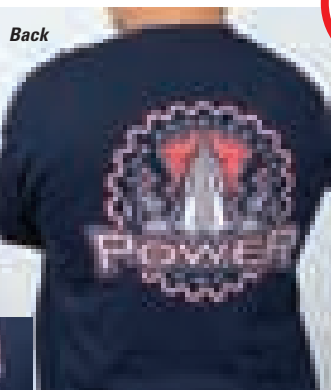
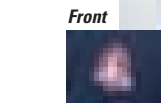


ITEM: #T3000VWP

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

Member Price:
\$10
 per shirt*

Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue Orange White



ITEM: #T2002VWP

Front



ITEM: #T2003VWP

Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue Orange White

White available with front pocket.

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

Available Colors:
 Blue Dusky Charcoal Orange Black Navy Blue White

White available with front pocket.

Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

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

Available Colors:
 Navy Blue Orange White Black



ITEM: #T2000VWP

Size: **3XL**
 Available Colors:
 Blue Dusky Charcoal Black Navy Blue

Size: **4XL**
 Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue



ITEM: #T2001VWP

Navy & Black LIMITED

Kid's T-shirts

"Official City Kid"
 Kid's T-shirt

Sizes: **XS S M L XL**

Available Colors:
 Green Red Royal Blue

Member Price:
\$8.99
 per shirt*



ITEM: #KIDOFF2000



"Future City Employee"
 Kid's T-shirt

Sizes: **XS S M L XL**

Available Colors:
 Green Red Royal Blue

Member Price:
\$8.99
 per shirt*

ITEM: #KIDFUT1000

City Jackets



City Executive Sueded Microfiber Jacket
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Member Price:
\$45
 per jacket*

Available Colors:
 Brown Charcoal Indigo Blue

ITEM#: SUDJKT1000

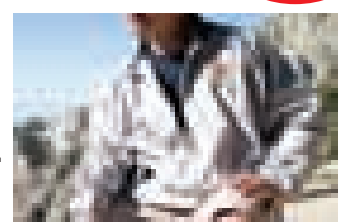
*Plus tax and shipping

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

Available Colors:
 Black with Gray Stripes Gray with Black Stripes

Member Price:
\$32.50
 per jacket*

Sizes: **3XL**
\$35.50



ITEM: #JKT2000



ITEM: #JKT1000

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Hats Hats Hats! High quality embroidered ball caps!

City Seal Ball Cap with Department Name



Transportation
NAVY: #H2003
BLACK: #H2004

Member Price:
\$10
per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping



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

Hats available for these departments:

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

General Services
NAVY: #H1999
BLACK: #H2000

Harbor
NAVY: #H2005
BLACK: #H2006

Public Works
NAVY: #H2001
BLACK: #H2002

Recreation & Parks
NAVY: #H1993
BLACK: #H1992

Transportation
NAVY: #H2003
BLACK: #H2004

Water & Power
NAVY: #H1997
BLACK: #H1998

Retiree
BLACK: #H2007

Available Colors:



DWP Ball Cap



DWP Hat
BLACK: #DPWH3000

Member Price:
\$8
per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping



DWP Hat
NAVY: #DPWH2000

City Seal Ball Cap

NAVY: #H1628
ORANGE: #H1661
KHAKI: #H1988
BLACK: #H1987



City Seal

Member Price:
\$8
per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping



City Seal Ball Cap with Script

NAVY: #H1989
ORANGE: #H1990
KHAKI: #H1991
BLACK: #H1613



Seal w/Script
NAVY: #H1989

Member Price:
\$8
per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping



Seal w/Script
BLACK: #H1613

Available Colors:



City Seal Merchandise

City Executive Portfolio with Pen and Calculator



Size:
9" x 7"

Member Price:
\$20
per portfolio*

*Plus tax and shipping



ITEM: #EXEPC1000

City Umbrella



Member Price:
\$19.99
each*

*Plus tax and shipping

ITEM: #CTYUMB1000

City Engraved Pen & Case



ITEM: #CLPEN3000

Member Price:
\$19.99
per pen*

*Plus tax and shipping

• **Elegant electro-plated two-tone 24k gold plated and chrome silver pen with solid brass construction.**

• **"City of Los Angeles" is engraved on the pen.**

City of LA Portfolio Deluxe Bag

ITEM: #DELBG1000



Member Price:
\$20
per bag*

*Plus tax and shipping

Available Color:

Black

City Hot Beverage Mug

Member Price:
\$9.99
per mug*

*Plus tax and shipping



ITEM: #MGS1000

City Professional Bag

Member Price:
\$25
per bag*

*Plus tax and shipping

Available Color:

Black



ITEM: #BAG1000

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City Seal Lapel Pins



DWP Enamel Lapel Pin - 3/4" Diameter
ITEM: #LP4 PRICE: \$10.00* **Now \$5**



"The Classic" Enamel Lapel Pin - 3/4" Diameter
ITEM: #LP3 PRICE: \$10.00* **Now \$8**



Gold Embossed Lapel Pin - 3/4" Diameter
ITEM: #LP2 PRICE: \$5.00*



Full-Color Silkscreened Lapel Pin - 3/4" Diameter
ITEM: #LPI PRICE: \$5.00*



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



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

Decals



LA City Decal, 3" Diameter
ITEM: #DECLAC2000 • PRICE: \$2.50*
*Tax included



DWP Decal, 3" Diameter
ITEM: #DECWP1000 • PRICE: \$2.50*
*Tax included

City Seal Key Chain



City Seal Key Chain - Silver
ITEM: #LAKC2000



Member Price: \$5 per chain*
Club Discount Price! (\$10 Retail)
*Plus tax and shipping

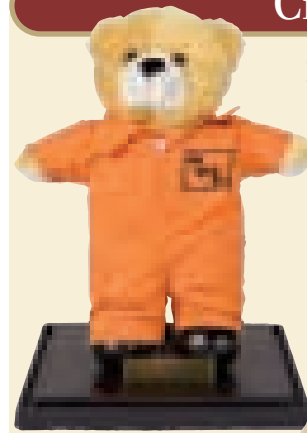
City Seal Key Chain
ITEM: #LAKC001

City Department Bears

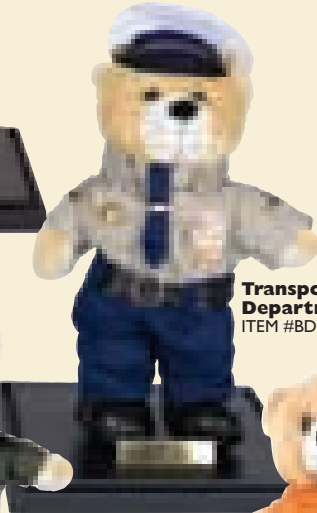
Member Price: \$20 per bear*

Each custom made "City Bear" stands 10" tall and is dressed in meticulously detailed and accurate uniforms. **Stand not included.**

*Plus tax and shipping



DWP
ITEM #BDWP



Transportation Department
ITEM #BDOT



General Services
ITEM #BGSD



Sanitation Department
ITEM #BBOS



Street Services
ITEM #BSTS

Member Price: \$12 per bear*

*Plus tax and shipping

Available T-shirt Colors:

- Blue
- Green



CITY SEAL BEAR
ITEM #TEBY1000

City Wall Clocks

Member Price: \$12 per clock*

*Plus tax and shipping



ITEM: #C8003



ITEM: #WCWSP3000

10" Diameter Battery Operated (AA)

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