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- 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
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- **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 are no longer valid, and those numbers that are unclaimed are returned to the pool.
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#### \* A Message From the CEO \*

# However You Say It, It's Summer

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

et's just get it over with: It's pronounced Ponderay. Lake Pend Oreille, that is. Ponderay.

Do you have a Lake Pend Oreille in your life? I hope, whatever it is, wherever it is, that you do.

Every summer, I take my family to the Idaho panhandle, just north of Coeur d'Alene, to a town called Sandpoint, on Lake Pend Oreille. We fish, we rent a boat, we ride bikes, we enjoy the great down-home Fourth of July festival. We go to bed early and get up late. We get ice cream and Starbucks, and we exhale a little. Okay, a lot.

It's summer, and it's awesome!

Spending time with my family like this is not an option, it's a necessity. Some people see vacations as getting away from work. Well, I see it as balance. It makes my work that much more meaningful, that much richer, when I return. I love my work running the Club, and spending time with my family in the summer makes it even more rewarding.

I know you are probably the same. You might go to Big Bear, or the Central Coast, or Vegas, or you might rent an RV and head up toward Oregon. You do what makes you smile. And when you get back, you're ready again to do your excellent work for the City.



John Hawkins, navigating Lake Pend Oreille in Sandpoint, Idaho.

And here's the important thing: You don't have to spend a boatload. I know I don't. I realized that summer is a state of mind, not a state of savings, while reading our main story on Rec and Parks' Golf Division.

The legendary "Pete" Frey, herself a golf champ, makes it clear that recreation is about passion, not about payouts. Rec and Parks offers some really great deals on their fees. If golf isn't your thing, take advantage of the Dept.'s great swimming facilities. Or the saltwater opportunities at Hansen Dam or Cabrillo Beach. Go hiking; Rec and Parks offers that, too. Or enroll your kids in a summer camp. Or go camping with them! The important thing is to renew yourself this summer. So get going.

I also thought of that when I hung out at the RLACEI golf tournament. I love catching up with our great Club friends there, including Ed Harding, Phil Skarin, the great Hal Danowitz, Americo Garza, and on and on. These guys know just a little about getting outside and having some fun.

This time of year, I'm always blown away by the stories that are part of the LAPD's Medal of Valor honorees. These stories of courage, bravery and sheer guts are simply amazing. My Club hat goes off to all the 25 who did their jobs and kept us safe from harm. You're the best.

And around the Club offices, we're gearing up for the inauguration of the Club Softball League. The Club's "Sports Dude", Robert Larios, is going to putting together pretty cool sports news along the way, so stay tuned.

Have you used the Club's awesome e-Ticket system? I know the Ticket Guy and Rachael Brecher have worked hard to set it up, and deliver another great Club service. So take advantage!

Okay, I'm heading off to have some more summer fun, so that I can keep serving you, our Club Members, to the best of my ability. Take a break, and rediscover your life. You won't be sorry.



(jhawkins@cityemployeesclub.com)

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# Great Service, When You're in Need

The Club's claims service is "excellent, caring and concerned for me and my family. This experience was hard. The Club made this easy for me."

- Robin O'Dell, February 2009

"My experience [with the Club's claims service] was really good. In a time of overwhelming shock and sadness, everyone I dealt with, especially Marla Fisher, was

outstandingly compassionate and supportive. [The book The Fall of Freddie the Leaf] was helpful. It offers valuable insight."

Mary B. Morris, January 2009

The Club's claims service was "excellent in every way. Thank you so much. Marla Fisher was always available for our questions; answered then clearly and helpfully; processed our paperwork promptly; and

followed up with us to ensure that we were taken care of well. But most important to us, her concern for our feelings and the difficulty of our situation was paramount and sincere. We will never forget her kindness. Our family members have read the book [The book The Fall of Freddie the Leaf] and appreciated it very much. To us, the thought was what counted, and we were touched that you sent it to us. Thank you."

- Elizabeth R. Cobb, January 2009

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#### **Total claims paid to Club Members So Far in 2009: \$2,165,148.59** Claims paid:

Life insurance claims paid this month:

\$194,656.43

Life insurance claims paid this year:

\$1,403,298.64 Long-term disability

claims paid this month: \$93,266.16

Long-term disability claims paid this year: \$515,628.47

Long-term care claims paid this month: \$30,008.33

Long-term care claims paid this year: \$166,221.48

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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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# LETTERS To the Editor

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#### LETTER OF THE MONTH

# Wife, Family Remember City Employee Rene Taylor

In memory of my husband, Rene Taylor [General Services/Public Safety, 31 years of City service], I just want to thank all of you who shared in Rene's life and home-going, to know that I truly appreciate all that you did for him in his lifetime here and all that you did to show your love for him in his time of release from this world into eternal life with the Father. [Rene passed away last summer. -Ed.] If I missed sending a thank-you card or

returning a phone call, this is my public apology to anyone I missed. I blame it on my mind, not my heart.

When Rene retired from General Services Department, Security Services, Office of Public Safety in April 2006, he was known as Sgt. "Blessed to Be Here" Taylor.



Keep us, his family, in your prayers. Whatever you did, friend, to console our hearts, we thank you.

If you would like to receive tribute of remembrance of his home-going celebration, you may contact Universal God and Christ Kingdom Society Inc., Church, (213) 296-1080.

Allie Taylor, widow,
 Clerk Typist, General
 Services, Club Member

Hi Allie, thank you so much for your remembrance of your late husband, Rene. We apologize that we do not have the space to reprint your entire letter. But please know that we send our continued condolences to you and your family. –Ed.

#### Deep Thanks for Section On Special Achievements

I feel elated that I belong to the City Employees Club that recognizes and publishes special achievements of its members and family members, keeping all of us motivated as well. No wonder the Club continues to be a success because of its tremendous benefit offerings and its active participation and involvement in the City's events, news and other relevant issues that we're confronted with. *Alive!* is definitely a treasure trove of information, especially the historical archives section.

Thank you, again.

- Cindy S. Cruz, Club Member

Hi Cindy, you're welcome. It's the special achievements of our great Club Members that make that section happen! —Ed.

### Phil Appreciates the Club's Coverage of RLACEI Tourney

I would like to thank John Hawkins and Robert Larios for attending our annual Golf Tournament at the Alhambra Public Golf Course June 2. Their attendance and the newspaper coverage they provided for the newspaper about our event was very much appreciated.

- Phil Skarin, Publicity Chair, Retired Los Angeles City Employees Association, Inc.,

Hi Phil: You're welcome. And thank you for providing the monthly Retirees news. —Ed.

#### Father's Day Tributes Help Him Remember His Own Dad

Although my father passed away 10 years ago, it was still very nice seeing all the tributes to Father's Day in your June *Alive!* Keep spreading the love; you do it so well.

– Angel Samson, Public Works

#### They Love That the Club Is Stepping Up to the Plate

I used to play in the softball league many moons ago. I am so glad the Club has taken it over because I'm sure it's going to be done with professionalism and enthusiasm. Nice going,

– Mike Monitaque, DWP

So the Club has started a softball league? Nice! I bet employees are so very happy and excited that the tradition of employees playing in city sports continues on. I remember when we had baseball, basketball and bowling leagues. Boy, those were the days. Some of my greatest memories as a City Employee were the days I played sports with my colleagues. Fun days and happy memories.

I wish the present employees much fun and enjoyment!

- Roy Garrison, Retired, LAPD

Hi Roy: Keep your eyes open for even more Club sports in the future. — Ed.

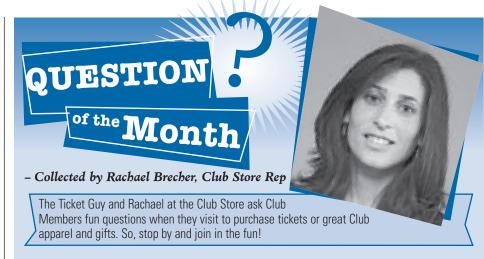
Whoa! Chef Larios is now the "Sports Dude"? What else does he do? Is he thinking of taking over Pete Carroll's job at USC next?

- Joan Hendrickson, General Services

#### Latest Story on Civil War Is Another Hynda Gem

Hynda, you never fail me! Month after month, you provide an engaging article on our great City's past. Hynda, I am most grateful for your persistent dedication to detail on a subject that is so important. This month was particularly fascinating; who knew that the Civil War touched so many lives right here in Los Angeles! Hugs and kisses.

- Mary Rose Wilkens, Retired, Library



# Where was the best place to watch fireworks?



"Dodger Stadium."

– Alfonso, Alice and Rosalina, Rec and Parks

"On my front porch, watching the fireworks at Crescent Valley High."

- Angel Frias, Animal Services, 10 years of City service



"The Rose Bowl."

- Curtis Branch, Retired, 23 years of City service

"The Rose Bowl."
Fernando Miranda, Public Works/Sanitation, 9 years of City service





"The Hollywood Bowl."

- Hans Sosa-Lanza, Transportation, 3 years of City service

"In Fontana, at a local high school."

– Judith Derbyshire, Housing, 23 years of City service

"Dockweiler Beach."

- Karen Heard, Airports, 9 years of City service



"My beautiful backyard."

– Peter Zendejas, Rec and Parks, 27 years of City service



"The big bank in Pomona."

- Raul Fletes, DWP, 10 years of City service



"Almansor Park in Alhambra."

- Raymond Castro, new member, Rec and Parks, 22 years of City service



"Quality is never an accident. It is always the result of intelligent effort."

- John Ruskin

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

# Angel Gomez, **Director of** Member Services

#### Hello again, everybody. **Happy summer!**

This month, we're going someplace unusual under the sea! Normally, Be Alive! takes us high in the hills. But for this month, we're going in the other direction. It's all good!

Did you know there's a Russian attack submarine - right there in Long Beach? There is.

I have always wondered what the inside of a submarine looks like, and how big the inside really is. Sure, I have seen plenty of movies with submarines, but how many of you have ever been on a real submarine? (1)

Oh, wait a minute, my boss, Club CEO John Hawkins just said that he spent four years on an American submarine. Well, he was in the Navy, and I was in the Marines. That explains a few things!

John Hawkins: Angel's right! I spent four years (1983 to 1987) on the fast-attack sub USS Salt Lake City (SSN-716). She was a 688-foot Los Angeles Class that spent most of her time tracking the Soviet's ballistic missile subs during the Cold War, while at the same time trying to avoid being detected by subs like this one, the Scorpion. Taking the tour of the Scorpion really brought back fond, and not so fond,

\$9.95; under 5 are free; seniors (55-plus), \$9.95; and lastly, if you are in the military (with ID), \$9.95. There are also combination tickets sold that include the Scorpion, the Queen Mary guided tours, and the "Ghosts and Legends" special effects show. Those prices are: adults, \$32.95; senior/military, \$28.95; and children, \$19.95.

Wow! It was a real surprise to see how small the submarine walking and living areas were; I thought you would have a lot more room.

#### **History:**

The Soviet-designated "Project 641" diesel electric attack submarine, known to NATO as the Foxtrot Class, was one of the most successful classes of submarines ever in service to the Soviet Navy. Seventynine Foxtrots were built by the Soviet Union, the second largest class of submarines ever built by them. The b-427, code-named "Scorpion," was one of their best! (2)

Built at the Sudomekh Shipyards outside Leningrad (St. Petersburg), the keel for b-427 was laid down in 1971. She was completed and commissioned into the Soviet Navy in 1972. At that time, Scorpion was fitted with all the latest developments in engines, sonar, radar and weaponry. She was indeed "state of art" and truly the pride of the Soviet Navy's undersea fleet! (3)

Assigned to the headquarters of the powerful Soviet Pacific Fleet, based in Vladivostok, and manned by a full complement of 56 sailors, 10 midshipmen and 12 officers, Scorpion sailed out on its maiden voyage into the North Sea where she then turned south for her secret journey down the coast

> of Europe and Africa, rounding the Cape of Good Hope and then into the Indian Ocean. From there she sailed up the coast of Viet Nam, then patrolled and monitored the US Navy, through the Sea of Japan and finally to her new home port, Vladivostok. (4)

> For the next 22 years, the Scorpion's missions were shrouded in secrecy and remain so to this day. As one of the quietest submarines in the Soviet fleet, it is known that Foxtrots were extensively used for surveillance of United States Navy battle groups as well as electronic surveillance of all types.

Although intrusions into North American territorial waters were officially forbidden, we do know that both sides in the Cold War considered submarines as the perfect espionage tool, and rumors of such incursions persist to this very day. (5)

We also know that the Vladivostok Submarine Squadron was regularly tasked with patrolling the Indian and Arctic Oceans, the Sea of Japan and the Pacific Ocean as far east as the North American territorial waters. After the end of the conflict in Viet Nam, elements of the Soviet Pacific Submarine Fleet were



# Russian Attack Submarine In Long Beach Next to the Queen Mary

also assigned to a new base in Viet Nam, and it is likely that Scorpion spent some time on assignment there as well.

It is a real tribute to the submarine forces of both sides in the Cold War that, despite their dangerous proximity to each other for more than 40 years, neither side actually fired a shot in anger. With the collapse of the Soviet Union, the ability and need for the Russian Federation to field the world's largest fleet of submarines vanished. In 1994, Scorpion was decommissioned and ended her 22-year career as a Cold War warrior, replaced by the next generation of Russian Diesel Attack Submarines, known by NATO as the Kilo Class.

In 1995, after long and difficult negotiations, Scorpion was purchased by a group of private businessmen, and with the help of the Russian Navy was taken to Sydney, Australia, for display at the National Maritime Museum. Three years later, she was brought to Long Beach, where she now proudly stands as a monument to all the brave submarine crews of all sides in the Cold War who went to sea in "sharks of steel" and served their countries with honor.

#### Tidbits:

With everything you can see and explore on the Scorpion, there is also a submarine store next to it. You can go inside and buy bank notes from the Soviet Union, coins with a certificate of

authenticity, some really neat Vodka flasks, and also a Russian AK-47 bayonet. Yikes! (6)

The Scorpion is a movie star in its own right, having been featured in many films, TV shows, commercials and documentaries. The Scorpion has appeared as a Russian, American, German and even a Japanese submarine. (7)

Well, thanks again for always stopping by and reading my small section on outdoor and indoor activities.

> Until next time, be safe and Be Alive!

> > — Angel

#### **Directions:**

From downtown, take the I-5 south, and merge onto the I-710 south toward Long Beach. Take the exit toward Piers F-J/Queen Mary. Then, merge onto South Harbor Scenic Drive. Take Harbor Plaza toward Queensway Dr./Pier H/Queensway Bay. Turn right onto the ramp; turn slightly left onto Queens Highway. Your destination is 1126 Queens Highway, Long Beach, 90802-6331.

Another option is take the 110 south to the 405 south and merge with the 710 south and follow the directions above.

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In the small lunch room on the submarine.



This is a typical hatch to go from room to room.



(3) Maps and plotting charts are in this very small navigation room.



(4) Hello? Can anyone hear me?



(6) Inside the Submarine Store.

#### **Submarine Facts:**

**RUSSIAN DESIGNATOR: Project 641 NATO DESIGNATOR:** Foxtrot-Class MANUFACTURER'S NUMBER: b-427

**BUILT: 1972** 

**DECOMMISSIONED: 1994** LENGTH: 299 feet, 6 inches BEAM: 24 feet, 7 inches

DRAFT: 20 feet

**DISPLACEMENT:** 1,952 tons surfaced,

2,475 tons submerged

**BUILT:** Sudomekh Shipyard, Leningrad

(St. Petersburg)

CREW: 12 officers, 10 midshipmen,

56 seamen

MAXIMUM DIVING DEPTH: 985 feet SPEED: 16 knots surfaced, 15 knots

submerged, 9 knots snorkeling

RANGE: 20,000 miles surfaced at 8 knots, 11,000 miles snorkeling 380 miles

submerged at 2 knots

**ENDURANCE:** 3 to 5 days submerged

**PROPULSION:** 3 diesel engines, 2,000 hp each; 3 electric motors, 2 with 1,350 hp and 1 with 2,700 hp. 1 auxiliary motor with 180 hp. Three propeller shafts, each

with six-bladed propellers. TORPEDOES: 22 maximum

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

# Sanitation's



Frank Herrera, RCTO, 7 years of City service, lets David Orpelli, 4, behind the wheel of a roll-off truck.



From left: Ron Cole, North Hollywood Superintendent, 20 years of City service; and Alex Helou, Assistant Director, Public Works/Sanitation.



North Central Recycling Crew, from left: Carlos Chaffino, RCTO, 23 years of City service, Club Member; Robert Morales, RCTO, 1.5 years., Club Member; Jesse Valdez, RCTO, 8 years; Art Sanchez, RCTO Supervisor, 23 years,



At far right is Octavio Chapa, RCTO, 31 years of City service, as he helps the sign-in process for accurate attendance.



From left: Quintin Ellis, RCTO, 19 years of City service, Club Member; Pepe Garcia, Superintendent, North Central, 22 years; Alex Helou, Assistant Director, Bureau of Sanitation, 17 years; Jose Rosas, RCTO, 8 years, Club Member; Robert Sosa, Supervisor, 19 years; and Warren Brown, Maintenance Laborer, 6 years.



From left: Ken Dos, CDO, 10 years of City service; Raymond Keeling, guest; and Michael Lewis, RCTO, 19 years, Club Member.



From left: Albert Harvey, Equipment Mechanic, 2 years of City service; and Jose Flores, Equipment Mechanic, 4 months.



From left: Dan Lucero, Ambassador of Recycling Program; and Desmond Gardner, Maintenance Laborer



Sr. Clerk Typist Toni Chagolla, Club Member, at one of the many fun booths for kids to test their hand at their recycling skills. This booth tested which items belong to



Kim Huynh, MA II, 20 years of City service.



From left: Cathie Chavez, Environmental Specialist; and Linda Granados, MA II.



From left: Jose Rosas, RCTO, 8 years of City service, Club Member; and Quintin Ellis, RCTO, 19 years, Club Member.



From left: Pedro Valencia, Equipment Mechanic, 4 months of City service; and Ed Lee, Equipment Mechanic, 10 years.

# North Central Yard

North Central Sanitation Yard held its Open House May 30.



Eduardo Reyes, RCTO II,



RCTO Raymond Lucas,



From left: Lloyd Gaines, West LA Yard Superintendent; and Alex Helou, Assistant Director, Public Works/ Sanitation.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club

M ore than 750 visitors attended the annual Sanitation Open House May 30 at the North Central Yard in San Fernando.

The visitors enjoyed the free food, tours and raffles, and the tree and mulch giveaways.

This yard is the last to convert completely to liquefied natural gas trucks, according to tour guide and RCTO Jose Rosas, Club Member. He said that the yard still keeps a few diesel trucks on hand for picking up trash at certain locations.

Special thanks to Sal Miranda and Adriana Nunez for their assistance.



From left: Miguel De Anda, Garage Attendant, 6 years of City service, Club Member; Jaccque Lorraine, Sr. Automotive Supervisor, 28 years, Club Member; Ron Mendez, ECH, DWP, 39 years, Club Member; Jung Ho, General Automotive Supervisor, 22 years, Club Member; Tim Capece, Automotive Supervisor, 19 years; and Richard Humanic, Automotive Supervisor, 13 years.



From left: Michael Adame, RCTO, 20 years of City service, Club Member, with his son, Jonathan.



From left: Pat Chebac Reza, Director/ Founder, Fuego Tech, and Monica Rosales provided the free tree giveaways.



From left: James Galante Equipment Mechanic, 5 months of City service; and Ruben Guzman, Equipment Mechanic, 9 months.



Tina and Martin Hernandez, Equipment Mechanic, 8 years of City service, Club Member, and their daughter, Monique.



From left: Kenneth Fox. RCTO, 22 years of City service, Club Member, with his son, Jarod, 11.



From left:; David Barragan Sr., RCTO, 7 years of City service, with his family (from left): son, David Jr.; daughter, Danielle; daughter, Quetzalli, 4; and son, Joaquin, 2.



Armando Gatewood, Waste Water Worker II, 23.5 years of City service next to the Vactor 2100.



Jose A. Castillo, RCTO, 28 years of City service, Club Member, demonstrates the two-man truck, used for narrow streets.



From left: Octavio Chapa, RCTO, 31 years of City service; Jane Parathara Environmental Engineering Asst., 2.3 years



From left: Mario Macias, RCTO, 5 years of City service, Club Member, and his wife, Lessly; Lupe Lowe, sister of Mario Macias; Bethany, niece; Irma, sister; Ray, son of Mario Macias; Marlene, daughter of Mario Macias; Brigette, friend; and Mauro, brother of Mario Macias.

# **Open Houses**



Carlos Rodriguez, who normally fuels the trucks with liquefied natural gas, takes his kids on a ride around the yard.



One of the many vehicles displayed at the open house.



Michael Rolls, RCTO with Felix Alonso, RCTO, behind the grill, keeping the hot dogs and hamburgers coming.



Mr. Recycle makes his appearance to the open house.



Leo Guerra Sr., RCTO, Club Member, with his sons, Leo Jr., and Jeremy.

# West Valley Yard

West Valley hosts open house May 16.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

More than 800 visitors stopped by the annual West Valley Sanitation Yard Open House in Northridge May 16.

Despite the hot weather, approximately 200 trees and between 500 and 600 bags of mulch were given away as part of the City's Million Tree Giveaway promotion.

There were tours, food and raffles. Radio Disney kept the kids entertained.

Special thanks to Sal Miranda and Adriana Nunez for their assistance.



William J. Reese, West Valley Superintendent, Club Member; and Adriana Nunez, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member.



Anthony Hatten, Club Member, is DJ Sweat for the day when he is not an RCTO at North Central.



Solid Resources, from left: Dan Seto, Sr. Systems Analyst;



From left: Nancy Carr, Clerk Typist; and Maria Kostrencich, Legislative Analyst, Club Member.



Tina Navarro, Secretary; and Dominic Charles,



Radio Disney kept the children entertained.



From left: Jon Rondel, RCTO, and Bill Forbes, Equipment Mechanic, Club Member, with an LNG truck on a lift for repair.



Windred White, RCTO.



Karen Coca, Environmental



Juan Tabares, RCTO.



From left: Ramiro Ramos, Equipment Mechanic, and Dave Woods, Equipment Mechanic, next to a Refuse Collection Truck.



Employees cook for the community.



Vincent Le, Programming Analyst. 4 years of City service, demonstrates the Sanitation Website.





Desmond Gardner, Maintenance Laborer, 9 years of City service.

# South LA

South LA yard welcomes more than 750 guests.

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations

More than 750 people visited the South L.A. Sanitation Yard Open House June 6. There were tours, food, raffles and tree and mulch giveaways.

Thanks to Sal Miranda and Adriana Nunez for helping produce this article.



From left: Criselda Dollano, Clerk Typist, 2.5 years of City service; and Marcel Zuniga, Clerk Typist, 19 years.

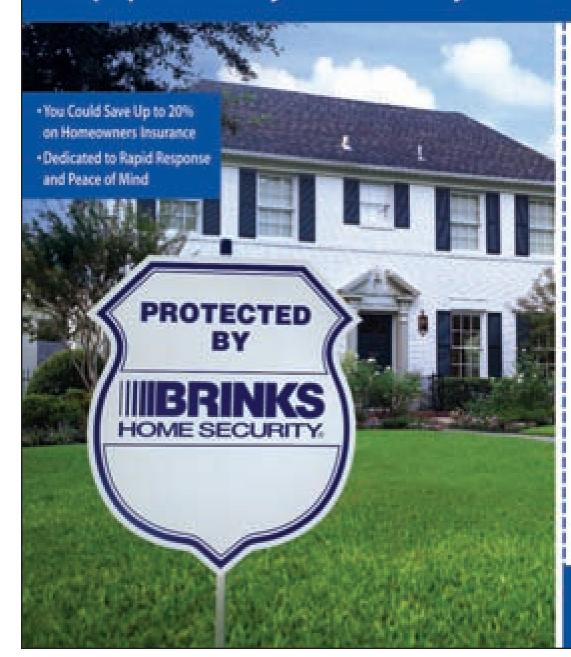


Nancy Carr, Tour Guide, 6 years of City service.









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# John's icture Perfect Contest



ohn Hawkins, Club CEO

"My eight-year-old son, Henry, has taken up diving at the Rose Bowl Aquatic Center.
After a recent
meet in Mission
Viejo, I asked him what he was going to do with his first-and second-place ribbons. The attached photo contains his answer.

> - Karl Guder, General Services

John's comments: Karl, that is too funny -- and a classic kid picture, at that. I'd say that this is definitely a definitely a Picture Perfect!

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> **NEXT DEADLINE: July 15 Happy Snapping!**

#### For June, we have four winners!

Start snapping today, and send us your best results! Winners will receive a \$25 WalMart Card.

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"I was in Makarska, Croatia, this May, and I wanted to share a photo that I took with my camera, a Samsung L200 10.2 MG pix. I took this one in sepia mode for

Damir Tomas, DWP

**John's comments:** Thank you, Damir. I really like the sepia-tone effect of this picture. It works well with the sleeping boats and the hazy sky in the background.

"Sometimes we have to dress in our Class-A dress in our Class-A uniforms and be inspected by our Captain and others. One day, after wearing my monkey suit all day, I came home to a loving dog, Kooper, waiting for me. I thought it would be funny to dress him up in my tie that I had to wear all day long. Needless to say, he hated it as much as I hated it as much as I did and tried to rip it off. Enjoy Kooper in Class A!"

> - Tammy Lindequest, LAPD

John's comments: Tammy, let Kooper know that I completely understand him not unuerstand nim not wanting to wear the tie. I'll do anything to avoid having to wear them myself! Thanks for the entry and for the story behind the picture.



"A view from above Vernal Falls, Yosemite."

- Hector Hernandez, DWP

**John's comments:** I love the contrast of this shot, Hector -- the green moss, the deep brown rocks and the bubbling white water. Wonderful!

- 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
- · 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
- 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
- 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
- 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.



Story by Stella Jew; Photos by Sgt. Paul A.

 $\Gamma^{\text{riends, family, coworkers}}$  and dignitaries attended a luncheon was held April 16 at

the Luminarias Restaurant, Monterey Park, to

celebrate the promotion of Commander Kirk J.

Albanese to Deputy Chief. His new assignment

is the South Bureau, which oversees Harbor,

77th Street, Southeast, Southwest and the

vacated by the late Dep. Chief Kenneth O.

Garner, who recently passed away. Dep. Chief

Albanese's position was filled by the promotion

of Commander Jeffrey L. Greer from a Captain

Congratulations, Deputy Chief Albanese

The Club thanks Stella Jew, Club Member, for

Deputy Chief Albanese filled the position

McLauglin.

South Traffic Division.

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and Commander Greer!

her assistance.



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9/12 Chicago White Sox

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9/22 New York Yankees

This offer is only good through the Club, and there are only two tickets available for each game so act now!

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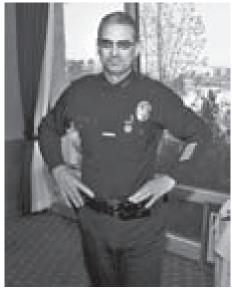
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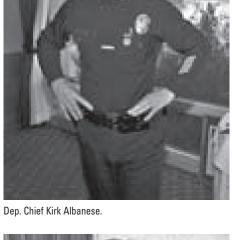
# Kirk Rises Higher

A party honors the promotion of Dep. Chief Kirk Albanese.



Welcome to the party!

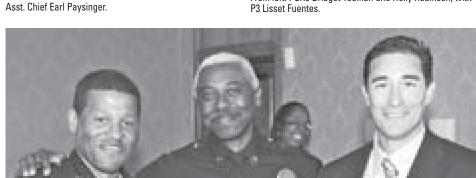








From left: PSRs Bridget Teeman and Holly Robinson, with



From left: Capts. Bill Scott and Greg Allen, with Det. Eric Reade.



Police Administrator Rhonda Sims-Lewis.



Capt. Bill Scott.



From left: Cmdr. Debra McCarthy, Dep. Chief Richard Roupoli and Lt. Jorge Rodriguez.

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From left: Management Analysts Diane Weber and Michelle, with the wife of Dep. Chief Kirk Albanese.



Roberto Negrete, from the office of State Senator (and former City Councilman) Alex Padilla.



Dep. Chief Kirk Albanese speaks.



From left: OSB-SCT Katrice Jackson, Sec. RoseMarie Ruvalcaba, and Executive Administrative Assistant Jamie Tongue-Smith.



From left: P3 Karen Reade, Capt. Bill Scott, P3 Anna-Marie Izzo and SCT Russell Chan.



From left: Dep. Chief Kirk Albanese holds a resolution with Roberto Negrete from State Senator Alex Padilla's Office.



From left: Dep. Chief Kirk Albanese and Asst. Chief Earl Paysinger.



Dep. Chief Kirk Albanese and his wife.

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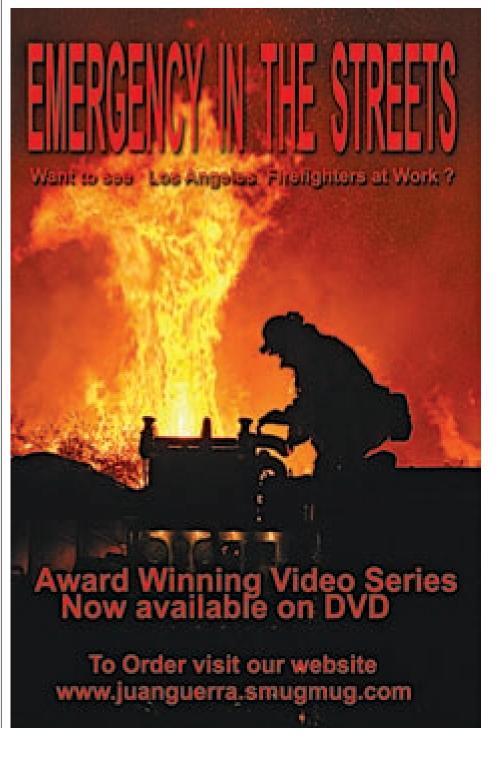
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# On Course for Summer Fun

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Alive! photos by Tom Hawkins

You can be a beginner, or you can be a hotshot," says "Pete" Frey, a two-time ladies' junior champion (at Woodley

Lakes Golf Course; a City golf program legend who once shot a 73; and who has more than 20 years of service with the golf program. "But if you come to one of the City courses to play, there's something for everyone."

"We have such a variety of golf courses," chimes in Chuck Ruiz,

Rec and Parks golf program's Tournament Coordinator. "We cover the whole spectrum."

"And it's affordable," Pete continues.
"You can spend five hours here on a beautiful course, for just \$26 weekdays," she laughs – if you spend five hours on a golf course, perhaps it's time for more lessons. But the City's golf program has that covered too

In these tough economic times, it's good to remember that you can get away from it all for just \$26 weekdays for 18 holes, \$34 on weekends. And there are no membership fees, although a reservation card, which allows you to reserve a tee time up to

seven days in advance, costs \$25 annually.

"And the crowning glory of golf is that, when you're playing, you can't think about anything else," Pete adds. "You have to think about golf."

"Our courses are very well-maintained," Pete Frey continues. "The Golf Division puts a lot of emphasis on how our courses look. The maintenance guys really care about their courses. Look how spectacular they look."

More than one million rounds of golf are played each year on the City's 12 golf courses, or through its Tregman Golf Academy. Few municipal golf programs in the country could accommodate as many golfers. And that means, there's an opportunity for fun for every skill level.

#### Practice,

#### **Practice, Practice**

Never played before? Or you're rusty? No worries – the golf program has you covered. "You get to be a good golfer the same way you get to Carnegie Hall – practice, practice, practice," Pete Frey says. "You have to take lessons from a professional, not your

spouse. Group lessons are available at most course pro shops, and they're affordable.

"And then, when you're ready, go to Los Feliz Golf Course, a nine-hole 'pitch and putt.' You won't get discouraged. Then you graduate to a more challenging course. It's a real personal challenge."

#### **Recent Developments**

- Book a tee time online. Tee times are fully reservable online, or by phone.
- The Balboa Golf Course in Encino has recently been redesigned and remodeled to be a par-72; previously it was a par 70, so it has been made more challenging. This has been done by private donation.

- Hansen Dam Golf Course has a new irrigation system and new cart paths. It's in "spectacular shape," according to "Pete" Frey.
- Five courses have begun to use recycled irrigation water, so they do not have to stop watering during the current water shortage. The courses are Woodley Lakes, Encino, Balboa, Wilson and
- Both the Harding and Hansen Dam courses have been named top 10 public courses in the last two years by Golf Digest.

Harding.

"The Golf Division is very proud of the product we offer," "Pete" Frey says. "We're conscientious, hard-working people who really enjoy our jobs. Come and play a round or two."

Further more

information:

www.laparks.com/golf/index.htm

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A sign at the end of the Harding course in Griffith Park.

# Golf Can Be Affordable

There's no need to pay exorbitant fees to play golf at a private club. Play at one of the City courses, and have a great time. And there are reduced-cost programs for youths as well.





#### Greens Fees (18-hole courses)

	Mon-Thurs	FridayWee	kends/Holidays
18 Holes, resident	\$26	\$30	\$34
18 Holes, non-resident	\$31	\$35	\$39
18 Holes, senior resident	\$17	\$20	_
18 Holes, senior non-resident	\$22	\$25	_
18 Holes, junior	\$6	\$6	\$7*
18 Holes, lifeline (after noon)	\$13	\$15	_
9 Holes/twilight, resident	\$16	\$18.50	\$21
9 Holes/twilight, non-resident	\$19	\$21.50	\$24
9 Holes/twilight, senior resident	\$10	\$12	_
9 Holes/twilight, senior non-resident	\$13	\$15	_
9 Holes/twilight, junior	\$5	\$5	\$6*
9 Holes/twilight, lifeline	\$8	\$9.25	_
Super Twilight, resident	\$10	\$10.75	\$11.50
Super Twilight, non-resident	\$13	\$13.75	\$14.50

#### **Cart Rentals**

Hand cart rental	\$3	\$3	\$3
Electric cart rental, double	\$24	\$24	\$24
Electric cart rental, single w/ \$8 deposit	\$16	\$16	\$16

<sup>\*</sup> Open Tee - Weekend/Holiday Access: Junior golfers will be charged the regular weekend junior rate on weekends and holidays, on a walk-on basis, subject to no existing reservations and no call sheet.

#### **Reservation Card**

There's no charge to reserve a tee time (by phone or online) for any City golf course on the day you'd like to play. But getting a reservation card allows you to reserve a tee time up to seven days in advance. Reservation cards cost \$25 per year, or \$65 for three years. Consider how inexpensive that is, compared to buying a membership at a private club.

#### **Training Prices/Options**

All City courses offer group instruction, which is much more affordable (and fun) than individual lessons.

#### **Junior Golf Month**

During August, eligible youths can play during the week for \$1 when accompanied by a full-paying adult.

#### **Summer Play Program**

During the summer months, youths can join the Junior Summer Play program, where young golfers 7 to 18 years old attend a twice-a-week program for six weeks, including greens fees, refreshments, adult supervision and team play, for \$50. All play must start after noon on weekdays.

#### **Youth on Course**

Through Youth on Course, junior golfers can purchase range balls or play rounds of golf for \$2 or less at participating courses during off-peak hours. The program, sponsored by the Southern California Golf Association (SCGA), is open to young golfers who become certified by organizations including The First Tee or the Tiger Woods Learning Center. Following a rollout phase, procedures will be implemented for certifying any California youngster who wants to participate. For more information, go to www.scgafoundation.org/yoc.html

# The City's Golf Courses

Here's a list of the City's golf courses. There's one for your skill level near you:

#### **18-Hole Courses:**

#### Balboa Golf Course

16821 Burbank Blvd. Encino, CA 91436 Phone: (818) 995-1170 Total Holes: 18 Par: 72 Yardage: 6,609 Rating: 70.7 Slope: 117

#### Encino Golf Course

16821 Burbank Blvd. Encino, CA 91436 Phone: (818) 995-1170 Total Holes: 18 Par: 72 Yardage: 6,789 Rating: 70.9 Slope: 114

#### Hansen Dam Course

10400 Glenoaks Blvd. Pacoima, CA 91331 Phone: (818) 899-2200 Total Holes: 18 Par: 72 Yardage: 6,745 Rating: 71.8 Slope: 121

Chuck Ruiz, Rec and Parks Golf Division's Tournament Coordinator, shows his great form (he's a plus-one golfer).

#### Harding Golf Course

4730 Crystal Springs Dr. Los Angeles, CA 90027 Phone: (323) 663-2555 Total Holes: 18

Par: 72 Yardage: 6,536 Rating: 70.8 Slope: 123

#### Rancho Park Course 10460 W. Pico Blvd.

Los Angeles, CA 90064 Phone: (310) 838-7373 Total Holes: 18 Par: 71 Yardage: 6,630 Rating: 71.2

Slope: 121

#### Wilson Golf Course

4730 Crystal Springs Dr. Los Angeles, CA 90027 Phone: (323) 663-2555 "We Irrigate With Recycled Water"

Total Holes: 18 Par: 72 Yardage: 6,947 Rating: 72.8 Slope: 123

#### Woodley Lakes Course

6331 Woodley Ave. Van Nuys, CA 91406 Phone: (818) 780-6886 Total Holes: 18 Par: 72 Yardage: 6,805 Rating: 71.9

Slope: 119



#### 9-Hole Courses:

#### Harbor Park Course

1235 N. Figueroa Pl. Wilmington, CA 90744 Phone: (310) 549-4953 Total Holes: 9 Par: 36 Yardage: 3,155 Rating: 34.5

Slope: 115

#### Penmar Golf Course

1233 Rose Ave Venice, CA 90291 Phone: (310) 396-6228 Total Holes: 9 Par: 33 Yardage: 2,496 Rating: 63.9 Slope: 99

#### Roosevelt Golf Course

2650 N. Vermont Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90027 Phone: (323) 665-2011 Total Holes: 9 Par: 33

Yardage: 2,478 Rating: 31.3 Slope: 108

#### 3-Par and **Special Courses:**

#### Rancho Park 3-Par 10460 W. Pico Blvd.

Los Angeles, CA 90064 Phone: (310) 838-7561 Total Holes: 9 Par: 27 Yardage: 992

Rating: Unrated

#### Slope: Unrated Los Feliz 3-Par

3207 Los Feliz Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90039 Phone: (323) 663-7758 Total Holes: 9 Par: 27 Yardage: 1,043 Rating: Unrated Slope: Unrated

#### Armand Hammer/ Holmby Pony Course

601 Club View Dr. Los Angeles, CA 90024 Phone: (310) 276-1604 Total Holes: 18 Par: Pitch-and-Putt Yardage: 832 Rating: Unrated Slope: Unrated

#### Tregnan Golf Academy

4341 Griffith Park Dr. Los Angeles, CA 90027 Phone: (323) 906-3858 or Fax: (323) 906-3861 A state-of-the-art junior golf training and practice facility, designed for the youths of Los Angeles.

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# Youth Golf



Tiger Woods won the City's Junior Boys Golf Championship in 1991.

"Golf is a wonderful game to play, and to get your kids to play, too," says "Pete" Frey, the City's Golf Operations Supervisor. "It teaches great values, and it encourages honesty."

The two chief golf programs for youths sponsored by the Golf Division of Rec and Parks are the Junior Golf Program, and the Tregnan Golf

#### **Junior Golf Program**

Rec and Parks sponsors a large Citywide Junior Golf Program. The purpose of this program is to provide an opportunity for children ages 7 through 18 to develop their golf skills, competition skills, and relationships with their peers.

Junior golfers under age 13 must be certified before they will be allowed to play on most of the City's golf courses. To be certified, junior golfers must be able to demonstrate that they can consistently strike the golf ball in a manner that will allow them to keep a normal pace of play, as well

as pass a test covering golf rules and etiquette. Once certified, the junior golfer must still be accompanied by an adult during play. Juniors may apply for certification by having their parents make an appointment with the Golf Course Manager or

Junior Golf Coordinator at the following courses:

Griffith Park Golf Complex (Harding and Wilson Courses):	(323) 663-2555
Hansen Dam Golf Course:	(818) 899-2200
Harbor Park Golf Course:	(310) 549-4954
Rancho Park Golf Course:	(310) 838-7373 or (310) 838-7561
Sepulveda Golf Complex (Balboa and Encino Courses):	(818) 995-1170

#### **Summer Play Programs**

The summer play programs are offered from late June through mid-August at the following courses:

Griffith Park Golf Complex (Harding and Wilson Courses) Hansen Dam Golf Course Harbor Park Golf Course Penmar Golf Course Rancho Park Golf Course Sepulveda Golf Complex

The fees vary by course, but are very economical. Starting times are set aside for play once a week in the early afternoon. On each day of play, guidance is given in the area of golf rules, etiquette, and sportsmanship. Although no formal lessons are given during the program, children are given tips and encouraged to take lessons offered by the pro shop teaching staff. Most of the pro shops offer a special junior rate.

#### **Tournaments**

The City sponsors a large annual Junior Golf Championship Tournament during the spring. This tournament is open to all junior golfers who meet the U.S.G.A. age requirement. Entry forms for this event are made available at each of the city golf courses. This is a wonderful opportunity for junior golfers to compete with their peers, learn good sportsmanship and meet new friends. More than 400 juniors participate annually in this event. This tournament has historically been the "kick off" tournament for the junior golf circuit.

Notable past participants in the City's Junior Golf Program and Junior Championship Tournaments:

- Tiger Woods, PGA Tour player, 1991 Los Angeles Junior Boys Champion
- Amy Alcott, LPGA Tour player, 1971-1973 Los Angeles Junior Girls Champion
- John Cook, PGA Tour player, 1975 Los Angeles Junior Boys Champion
- Al Geiberger, PGA and Sr. PGA player, 1954 Los Angeles Boys Champion
- Kevin Na, PGA Tour player, Los Angeles Junior Boys Champion
- Anthony Kim, PGA Tour player, Los Angeles Junior Boys Champion
- Duffy Waldorf, PGA Tour player, and still holds the record (64) at the Woodley Lakes

#### **Tregnan Golf Academy**

Tregnan Golf Academy's mission is to introduce golf to youths and provide them with the skills, knowledge and confidence to play the game throughout their lives. The focus of the academy is to reach out to young people from urban areas that have little or no exposure to the game of golf by making the Academy accessible, affordable and enjoyable.

Built entirely by private donations and foundation grants, the Tregnan Golf Academy is a state-of-the-art training and practice facility designed primarily for youths. The Tregnan Golf Academy offers:

- three practice holes
- 15-stall, 200-yard driving range
- Putting area
- Chipping area
- Practice bunker, and
- Learning Center.







You've decided you want to play golf, or learn how to play golf, on a City course. What should you do?

- 1. Are you experienced? If you are, then call the course of your choice (see the list as part of this story) and get going.
- 2. You need to take lessons? The pro shop at each golf course offers both individual and group lessons. Call the course of your choice to get started.
- 3. If you've never played before, don't be too anxious to take on the most challenging of the City's courses. Be patient, take instruction, and practice, practice, practice. To that end, most courses offer lighted driving ranges, practice putting greens and practice Have fun! chipping greens.

For more information about Rec & Parks City golf courses and programs go to:

www.laparks.com/golf/index.htm

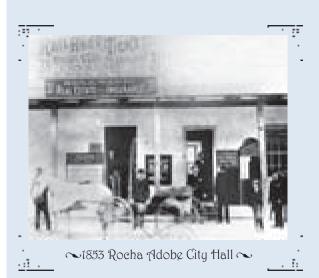




# One City, Five Halls

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#### **1853 Rocha Adobe City Hall**

On April 4, 1850, Los Angeles, with a population of about 1,600 within its jurisdictions, became an incorporated city. The homes of prominent citizens such as Benjamin Hayes and Abel Stearns were the first meeting places of the Common Council. In 1853, the city began leasing space in an adobe on the southern end of town. Traveling south from the plaza on the west side of a dirt road known as Spring Street sat the Rocha Adobe. The building became the first official Los Angeles City Hall under the American flag.

The Jose Antonio Rocha building, across from the present City Hall, was a single story adobe typical for its time, long and narrow with an extended roof over the porch. The adobe housed the offices of the Tax Collector and City Treasurer. A dimly lit room served as the Council chamber, where candles were in good supply in case of late meetings.



~ 1859 Los Angeles City Market and City Hall ~

#### 1859 Los Angeles City Market and City Hall

In 1858, Jonathan Temple began construction on a two-story brick structure. The Council approved the proposal, and in September of 1859 moved into its new chamber. Located on the east side of Spring Street, and a stone's throw to the north from the Rocha Adobe city hall. The building was officially called the Los Angeles City Market and City Hall. Its large clock tower, with a clock facing four directions, boldly rose above the town's predominantly single story adobe skyline.

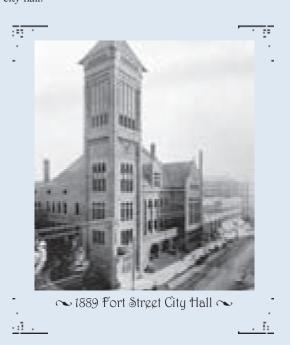
In 1869 the County purchased it and gradually the building became known as the Clocktower Courthouse. Despite the new owner and the new name, the Common Council would continue to meet on the second floor. Later, Mayor Cameron E. Thom declared the need for the government to have its own city hall.



#### 1885 Second Street City Hall

In July of 1884, the Council approved drawings for a new municipal building. The plans were for the first city hall built and owned by the City of Los Angeles. The building, completed in 1885, sat on the north side of Second Street, between Spring and Fort Street. Its brick and stone façade was crowned with a schoolhouse-style bell tower.

Within two years of completion, the three story city hall had become inadequate to serve the rapidly growing city. Population increased from 11,000 to 50,000. Los Angeles was no longer a dusty pueblo. City hall was sold in 1887 for \$120,000, which assisted in the construction of the new 1889 city hall.



#### 1889 Fort Street City Hall

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

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



#### 1928 Spring Street City Hall

Los Angeles began the 20th century with a population of more than 102,000. In 1912, when it was apparent that William Mulholland's dream to pipe water from Owens Valley, 240 miles away to the City of Los Angeles, was to become a reality, the City Council began plans for a new city hall. By 1920, the population had reached 576,000, and according to Mayor George E. Cryer, 80 percent of the City's offices were in rented buildings. The old city hall completed in 1889 on Broadway was outdated and overcrowded, and its tower had been cut down to half its height, as it was discovered to be leaning in 1918.

The new city hall would eventually cost close to \$10 million for site, construction, structures, equipment and furniture. Special legislation was drawn up to allow the new city hall to exceed the City's 150 foot height limit, clearing the way for Los Angeles to build a world-class skyscraper. By 1927, keeping with tradition, when the steel skeleton was completed an American flag was placed at its apex, more than 450 feet above the streets below. At that time it was the tallest building in Los Angeles.

On Friday April 2, 1928, the new city hall opened its doors to the world, establishing itself as the seat of local government. The building was dedicated April 26, 1928. The celebration culminated with President Calvin Coolidge touching a telegraph key at the White House, lighting the Charles Lindbergh Beacon atop the pyramid roof of city hall.

In 1986, almost 60 years after dedication, Project Restore was established under Mayor Tom Bradley to restore and preserve this national landmark. The new agency believed the changes could be realized through an energetic partnership of the community's public and private sectors. By 1998, City Council adopted Project Restore's Master Plan for City Hall's renovation. By 2001, many restoration projects were completed. City Hall was rededicated April 26, 2002, 74 years later to the exact date of the original dedication.

#### Los Angeles City Halls, 1853 to Present

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#### **GENERAL SERVICES**

# A Constructive Day!

General Services/Construction Forces has a day to appreciate its staff.

Story and photos courtesy Maurice Hyett, General Services

On April 29, the Construction Forces division of General Services hosted a staff appreciation day. The lunch event was held in the Construction Forces dock area.

Each spring, as the weather begins to warm and the workload kicks into overdrive, thoughts at General Services/Construction Forces turn to its dedicated employees, who work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep the construction projects moving.

Great demands are placed upon the Division to ensure that each project is built on time and on budget, and a good portion of that workload is bestowed upon those who work backstage, often at breakneck pace, completing assignments in the main offices at headquarters. These are a professional and talented lot responsible for a large complement of key ancillary services:

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- Estimating costs and scheduling new projects
- Developing and letting contracts
- Maintaining payroll
- Purchasing

- Budget and finance
- Tool and equipment issue and management
- Shop production
- Records management and archiving
- Regulatory compliance and legal matters, and
- IT development and management.

And what better way to celebrate these genuine team players than to reverse roles and wait upon them for a change, hand and foot for one special day each year – commemorating those who serve so many backstage and without fanfare, day in and day out. For one day each April, the Division gives back a small token of appreciation in with a luncheon, a certificate of appreciation, flowers, and a good dose of fun and games.

Construction supervisors and superintendents plan, pay for and host the annual spring-time event. They set up the event and prepare and serve the luncheon. Make no mistake – construction supervisors do wear aprons!

Special thanks go to Division Manager Nick Pendorf, who spearheaded efforts to create Staff Appreciation Day, and to General Services Assistant General Manager David Paschal, who supports the event. Both are always quick to roll up their sleeves, serve up the grub, and pitch in at clean-up time.

Hats off to the unsung heroes of General Services/Construction Forces.



and to high above the clouds in the San Bernardino National Forest and its recreational camps.

Learn more about the Division and what it can do for you and your needs, including those pet projects that never seem to get done. Give a call to Nick Pendorf at the construction management offices, (213) 978-2600. Visit the Division online at:

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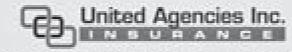
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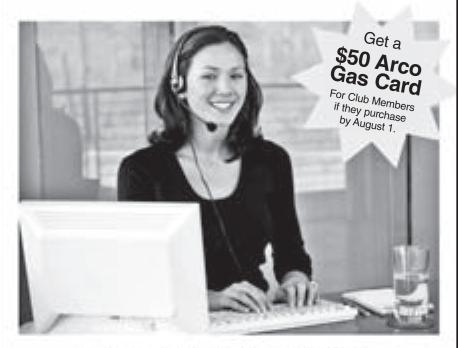
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# Newsbrief

# GET RID OF THOSE ANALOG TVS:

With the switch from analog to digital broadcasting, Public Works/Sanitation reminds residents and the general public to properly discard analog televisions, antennas and other electronics.



"Analog televisions and associated electronics contain hazardous elements that require safe disposal in a special hazardous waste facility," said Board of Public Works President Cynthia Ruiz. those encourage needing to discard these items to bring them to any one of our six S.A.F.E.

Centers for proper handling."

S.A.F.E. stands for Solvents, Automotives, Flammables and Electronics. S.A.F.E. Centers were built to accept hazardous items that do not belong in our storm drains, sewers or the regular trash.

Such items, if not disposed of properly, can pose serious threats to unsuspecting sanitation workers, the community, animals and the environment. Discarding hazardous waste also adversely affects the environment.

Public Works/Sanitation recycles and reclaims a large amount of material from electronic waste, including, glass and plastic (two recyclable items). Silver, copper and bronze can be reclaimed and reused.

"Another advantage of using a S.A.F.E. Center is to help bring Los Angeles closer to our Zero Waste Goal," says Public Works/Sanitation Director Enrique C. Zaldivar. "In 2008 alone, we collected more than 3.5 million pounds of electronic waste. From fiscal year 2002 to present, we collected approximately 13.3 million pounds of electronic waste."

There is no charge to the public to bring electronic discards and any other household hazardous waste to a S.A.F.E Center. Sanitation will also collect large e-waste units at curbside upon request.

#### S.A.F.E. Centers are at:

- Hyperion Treatment Plant Vista del Mar, Playa del Rey
- Gaffey: San Pedro 1400 N. Gaffey St., San Pedro
- Randall: Sun Valley11025 Randall St., Sun Valley
- UCLA: West L.A. 550 Charles E. Young Dr.,
- Glendale/Los Angeles Glendale Water Reclamation Plant 4600 Colorado Blvd., Los Angeles

For additional information on S.A.F.E Center hours of operation or hazardous waste disposal, visit the Public Works/Sanitation Website at: www.lacity.org/SAN/index.htm

Or call (800) 98-TOXIC, or dial 3-1-1.

#### **NEW REC FACILITY:**

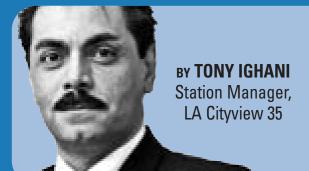
On May 21, Rec and Parks dedicated a new multipurpose facility in South L.A.

The 7,000-square-foot center includes a 2,000-square-foot sport and activity component, two classrooms, staff office space, bathrooms that are Americans with Disabilities Act compliant, a lobby area, parking, landscaping, irrigation system, and more.

The Architectural Division of Public Works/Engineering designed the Recreational and Cultural Facilities Program project, which was built by Tobo Construction, Inc. of Los Angeles. Funding came from propositions A, K, 12, and 40, and the federal Community Development Block Grant program.

In attendance were Councilmember Bernard C. Parks; Jon Kirk Mukri, General Manager, Rec and Parks; Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer, Public Works; and South Los Angeles community members.

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### Sailing Into Summer Programming

On behalf of the entire Channel 35 team, I want to wish all readers of *Alive!* a happy and safe Independence Day. As always, many City neighborhoods host safe firework displays free to the public.

For a complete listing of City events, check out <a href="https://www.lacity.org">www.lacity.org</a> and click on the Calendar of City Events. Get out and have some fun!

#### **Programming Highlights in July:**

### **2009 Inaugural Ceremony of Elected Citywide Officers**

Stay tuned to *LA Cityview 35* for live coverage of the 2009 Inaugural Ceremony of Los Angeles City Mayor, City Attorney, City Controller, and other elected and reelected City Council offices. The event is scheduled to take place July 1 at 11 a.m. on the City Hall South Lawn.

Airs: Wednesday, July 1 at 11 a.m. (live) and 8:30 p.m. (rebroadcast)

#### Aging in L.A.

Four new episodes of Aging in L.A. will make their LA Cityview 35 debut this month.

"Container Gardening for Everyone" – Host Paul Petersen spends the day at Hashimoto Nursery in West Los Angeles, where the talented experts showed him that you don't have to have green thumbs, or a large garden, to enjoy the rewards of growing your own plants.

"Assisted Loving" – It's never too late to go on a date. More active than ever, and keen to enjoy full social lives, widowed, divorced and single seniors can be daunted by the prospect of finding a new companion. In his book, Assisted Loving, author Bob Morris takes readers on the poignant and, often, hilarious journey he embarked on, when his own father wanted to re-enter the dating scene.

"Caregiving 101 on Hoarding" – Department of Aging Family Caregiver Specialists Dr. Anat Louis and Susi Rodriguez Shapiro discuss the challenges of successfully addressing hoarding issues with loved ones.

"Project Chicken Soup" – The comforting properties of chicken soup are loved the world over, but nowhere more so than in Los Angeles, where an amazing band of volunteers at Project Chicken Soup has, for more than 20 years, been providing nutritious meals and comfort to people with HIV/AIDS.

Airs: Thursdays at 8:30 p.m.

#### **Days of Service**

This month, LA CityView 35 presents two more in our continuing series of programs highlighting Mayor Antonio

Villaraigosa's "Days of Service."

"Northeast Los Angeles" – On March 14, Mayor Villaraigosa returned to his roots in Northeast Los Angeles for a Day of Service. Along with thousands of volunteers, including will.i.am of the Black Eyed Peas, he helped plant trees and clean up the neighborhoods of Northeast L.A.

Airs: Thursday, July 9, at 11:15 a.m.; Monday, July 13, at 11 a.m. and 10 p.m.; Thursday, July 23, at 11 a.m.; and Monday, July 27, at 11:15 a.m. and 10:15 p.m.

"Harbor Area" – On May 2, a Day of Service was held in the Harbor Area, where Mayor Villaraigosa visited the site of the Cheryl Green Community Center, named after a 14-year-old girl who lost her life in a senseless gang-related shooting in 2006. He also served breakfast to 180 senior citizens in San Pedro, took to the water with 15th District Councilmember Janice Hahn to clean up trash in Wilmington, and handed out groceries to low-income residents in Harbor City.

*Airs:* Thursday, July 9, at 11 a.m.; Monday, July 13, at 11:15 a.m. and 10:15 p.m.; Thursday, July 23, at 11:15 a.m.; and Monday, July 27, at 11 a.m. and 10 p.m.

#### **DiverseCity**

Premiering this month are four episodes of *DiverseCity*, a groundbreaking, original series produced by the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs (MOIA). *DiverseCity* addresses immigrant and immigration-related issues.

"Making Los Angeles Count in 2010" – Every 10 years, the U.S. Constitution mandates the federal government to count each and every resident of this country. The next decennial census will take place April 1, 2010.

Airs: Monday, July 6 at 11 a.m. and 10 p.m. "The Benefits of Becoming a Citizen of the United States" – Last year, more than one million immigrants—300,000 alone in California—became citizens of the United States, which set a record. However, an estimated eight million immigrants in our country still remain eligible to naturalize and become United States citizens—a significant percentage. In this episode, the benefits of becoming a United States citi-

zen will be highlighted.

Airs: Monday, July 20, at 11 a.m. and 10 p.m. "The Korean and Korean American Community in Los Angeles: A History of Contribution" (in Korean) – This episode will focus on many of the issues covered in the English programs concerning the importance of becoming a citizen of the United States and being counted in the 2010 Census.

Airs: Thursday, July 9, & 23 at 11 a.m. "Integrating Immigrants through Political Empowerment and Action" (in Spanish) – This episode will further address why becoming a citizen of the United States, participating in the upcoming 2010 Census, learning English, and getting involved in local educational reform are effective and meaningful ways to increase the civic engagement and political empowerment of immigrant communities.

Airs: Thursday, July 16 and 30 at 11 a.m.

#### Inside the LAPD

This month, LA Cityview 35 presents two new episodes of Inside the LAPD, hosted by LAPD Public Information Director Mary Grady.

"Chief of Police William J. Bratton" – Watch as Inside the LAPD shows you a day in the life of Chief of Police, William J. Bratton, considered America's top cop.

Ains: Thursday, July 9 and 23, at 2 and 10 p.m. "Rampart Area" – Inside the LAPD takes you through the front doors for a VIP tour of LAPD's new state-of-the-art Rampart Area Community Police Station.

Airs: Thursday, July 16 and 30, at 2 and 10 p.m.

#### **Portfolio**

Portfolio is back! With a new look and energetic format, Portfolio will take viewers behind the scenes of the nation's busiest container port – the Port of Los Angeles. "Portfolio" is the Port's quarterly, half-hour program featuring a variety of topics encompassing community events, environmental programs, waterfront development, business/infrastructure developments, and more.

Airs: Thursday, July 16 and 30, at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

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



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July 16

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July 23

Rosa Calderon, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

July 24

Patty Pulido, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

July 30

Patty Pulido, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

July 31

Norma Angulo, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Note:** The Club Store will be closed Friday, July 3, for the Independence Day holiday.

#### Your United Agencies Reps:



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#### LAPD

# **Detention Officer Graduation**

Police Dept. graduates its new class of Detention Officers.



From left: Sr. Detention Officer Sandra Rodriguez, Club Member; and Sr. Detention Officer Renee J. Cuevas, Club Member.



Principal Detention Officer Michael H. Ellington presents the Honorary Awards.



From left: Detention Officer Blanca Cruz, Club Member; and Lt. Biersborn, Van Nuys.



Deputy Chief Sergio G. Diaz, Commanding Officer, Operations Central Bureau, Club Member, shares the story of his son-in-law's graduation through the detention



From left: SDO Juan Aragon with SDO Edin Chang-

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

The LAPD graduated a class of 12 officers (plus one from the Santa Monica Police Dept.) as part of its newest class of Detention Officers. The ceremony was held May 12 at the Police Academy.

The uniform inspection was conducted by Dep. Chief Terry S. Hara, Commanding Officer, Operations West Bureau. The National Anthem was sang by Bridget Jones. Introduction and presentation of diplomas were conducted by Capt. Clay Farrell, Commanding Officer, Jail Division. The recruit class speech was delivered by Detention Officer and Class Leader Adam Bartels. Additional remarks were delivered by Dep. Chief Sergio G. Diaz, Commanding Officer, Operations Central Bureau, who reflected on his son-in-law's graduation through the detention academy. The commencement address was delivered by Dep. Chief Terry S. Hara, who reminded the graduates that their patience will be tested, but they had the opportunity to work at 10 different state-of-the-art jail facilities. Honorary Awards were presented by Principal Detention Officer Michael Ellington, Senior Drill Instructor.

#### **Special Recognition honors went to:**

- Outstanding Academic Achievement:
   Jorge Moodie Jr.;
- Outstanding Physical Training Achievement: Jorge Aragon;
- Outstanding Uniform Appearance:
  Jerry Lee; and
- Outstanding Overall Recruit: Adam Bartels.



From left: Jennifer Estrada, Jail Manager, Santa Monica PD; and SDO Juan Aragon.



From left: Principal Detention Officer David C. Yuan; and Detention Officer Val Balaton, Club Member.



Training staff, from left: Sr. Detention Officer Renee J. Cuevas, Club Member; Sr. Detention Officer Sandra Rodriguez, Club Member; Principal Detention Officer Michael H. Ellington; Senior Detention Officer Edin Chang-Lucero; and Principal Detention Officer David C. Yuan.

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Traditional site for the LAPD Detention Officer Graduation.

#### The graduates are:

Jorge Aragon, Club Member; Adam Bartels; Natalie Benitez, Club Member; Eboni Bryant; Blanca Cruz, Club Member: Justin Flanagan, Club Member; Juan Hernandez, Club Member; Jerry Lee, Club Member; Jorge Moodie Jr., Club Member; Annamarie Robles, Club Member; Damon Williams, Club Member; Peter Yum;

Special thanks to Principal Detention Officer Michael Ellington and Sr. Detention Officer Renee Cuevas for their assistance in producing this article.

David Bustos, Santa Monica PD.

#### The Club congratulations all the new graduates!



**Detention Officer Jerry** 

**Detention Officer Damon** 

Williams, Club Member,



**Detention Officer Juan** Hernandez, Club Member,

**Detention Officer Jorge** 

Aragon, Club Member.









Detention Officer Eboni Bryant.





Councilman Dennis Zine, Club Member.



**Detention Officer Blanca** 

Cruz, Club Member

**Detention Officer** Annamarie Robles, Club



**Detention Officer Peter** 

David Bustos, Santa Monica Police Department.



From left: Lt. Biersborn, Van Nuys; and Detention Officer





Bridget Jones sings the National Anthem.





Detention Officer Natalie Benitez, Club Member.

Detention Officer Jorge



Moodie Jr., Club Member.



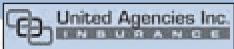
From left: Dep. Chief Terry S. Hara is joined by Capt. Clay Farrell, Commanding Officer, Jail Division, for the uniform

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**BY JEFF GELINEAU** 

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



# Insuring Your Graduate

Tt's the time of year when parents ask I the eternal question: "If they are graduating, how come they still seem so young?

Being a parent of a teenager is tough, but having a teenage driver on your auto insurance is even tougher! You can easily increase the cost of your auto insurance by 200 to 300 percent just by adding a 17-year-old boy.

Here are 10 ways to help reduce the cost of insuring teenagers:

- Insure your son or daughter on your own policy. It is generally cheaper to add your teenagers to your insurance policy than for them to purchase their own. If they are going to be driving their own car, insure it with your company so that you can get a multi-car discount.
- Let your insurer know if your teenager is going away to school. If your kids are living away at school - at least 100 miles from home - you will get a discount for the time they are not around to drive the car. This, of course, assumes that they leave the car at home.
- Encourage your teen to get good grades and to take a driver-training course. Most companies will give discounts for getting at least a "B" average in school and for taking recognized driving courses.
- Shop around. Insurance companies differ dramatically in how they price policies for young drivers.
- Pick a safe car. The type of car a young person drives can dramatically affect the price of insurance. You and your teenager should choose a car that is easy to drive and would offer protection in the event of a crash. You should avoid small cars and those with highperformance images that might encourage speed and recklessness. Trucks and SUVs should also be avoided, since they are more prone to rollovers.
- Talk to them about safe driving. Driving safely will not only keep your son or daughter alive and healthy, it will also save money. As your teenager gets older, insurance rates will drop, providing he or she has a good driving
- Talk to your teen about the dangers of combining driving with alcohol, lack of sleep and distractions. Accidents occur each year because a teen driver was using a cell phone, playing the radio or

- talking to friends in the backseat. Also, teens should be careful not to provide distractions and to exhibit safe behavior when they are passengers in their friends' cars.
- Be a good role model. New drivers learn by example, so if you drive recklessly, your teenage driver may copy you. Always wear your seatbelt, and never drink and drive.
- Institute your own version of a graduated drivers licensing program. A number of states have reduced teen accidents by restricting the amount of time new drivers may be on the road without supervision. If your state doesn't have such a program, you may institute this same policy with your own children. Also, take an active role in helping your teenager learn to drive. Plan a series of practice drives in a wide variety of situations - nighttime, rain and snow. Give them time to work up to challenges including driving in heavy traffic, on freeways, or hitting a complicated intersection.
- Walk! "When I was a kid, I had to walk five miles to the school bus in the driving snow. And it was uphill in both directions!" Good luck with that!

For more information on teen driving, contact the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety at www.iihs.org or the Department of Transportation www.dot.gov

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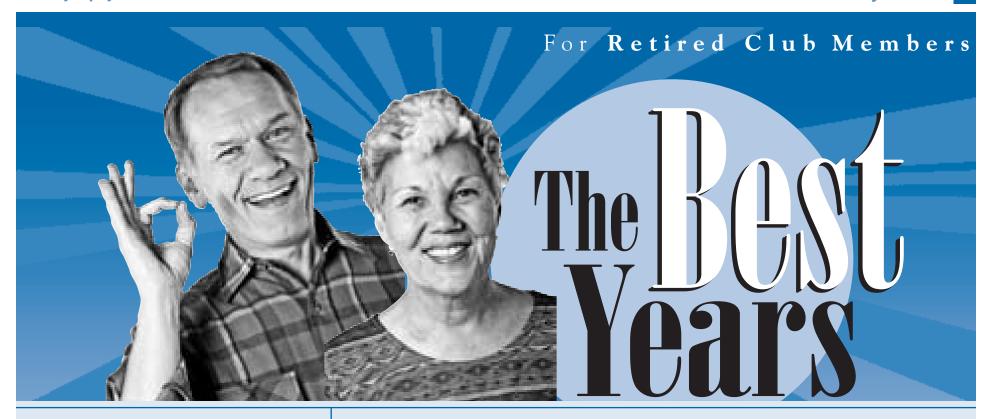
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#### **Change of Address?**

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

Aug. 13: RLACEI Retirees Picnic, 11:30 a.m. at the Grace E. Simons Dodge in Elysian Park. Call (800) 678-4145, ext. 701 for lunch reservations a week ahead.

Oct. 8: Annual Corporation Meeting and Elections, Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Drive; Lunch at 12pm, Meeting at 1pm. Please R.S.V.P

Dec. 3: RLACEI Christmas Party, noon at the Grace E. Simons Lodge. Courtesy taxi rides from parking area thanks to Independent Taxi Owners Association.

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

#### RLACEI:

# Some Changes Reflected In July Retirees Checks

### **President Ed Harding reports:**



Ed Harding

"Our annual Retirees' Golf Tournament June 2 in Alhambra was a big success, thanks to the following people: Phil Skarin and Tom Stemnock, Chairmen; Americo Garza and his registration crew; Bob Okuda and his crew, who calculated the handicaps and trophy winners; and to all those who contributed towards the fabulous raffle prizes, especially the City Employees Club.

"At our awards luncheon, Alex Rabrenovich, Sarah Hill and Krystal Baldwin of LACERS spoke on the economy and the health plans of our retirement system, John Hawkins, CEO of the City Employees Club, gave out some gift certificates and watches; and Robert Larios, the Club's Director of Operations, took photos of the golfers and the trophy winners.

"The Fire and Police Retirees reported that Charter Amendment C, better known as the Remarriage Proposal, passed with more than 60 percent voter approval. Fire and Police Retirees should have member participation by July 1. We hope to eventually obtain this benefit for LACERS members.

"See you all at our annual retirees' picnic Aug. 13, 11:30 a.m., at the Grace E. Simons Lodge in Elysian Park. But, you must make reservations a week ahead by calling the RSVP number, (800) 678-4145, Ext. 701. Chris & Pitts will put on a great buffet BBQ meal.

"Are you planning to retire soon? If you are, you are invited to join the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI), which is the only one exclusively serving the interest of L. A. City retirees, for only \$1 a month. Call one of our board members at (800) 678-4145 for more information.

"Linkined.com is a new social Website that will help you contact other retirees. No cost to join. Go to www.linkined.com and join The Retired Employees of the City of Los Angeles group.

"Do have a poem for this year's contest, or have some news about yourself or other retirees that you would like to share? Send it to Phil Skarin at 5301 Norwich Avenue, Van Nuys, 91411."

# **Director Mary Beetz reports:**



Mary Beetz

Solutions for Caregivers: "If you are enrolled in a LACERS medical plan, you are eligible to receive a caregiver benefit

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- Arrange two free hours of consulting/services with an elder law attorney."

"For assistance, call Evercare – Solutions for Caregivers toll-free at (866) 896-1895.

#### **Legislative Update, Ken Spiker reports:**



"Here are some monthly check changes: health subsidy as income, received for a non tax-dependent. LACERS

"1. July checks will include the annual cost of living benefit. Those retirees retired more than one year will receive the maximum three percent increase

**"2.** The Federal Recovery Act of 2009 requires new withholding tables, which will require a check amount change for some retirees.

"3. The Internal Revenue Code, under a new interpretation, will require LACERS to report a

health subsidy as income, received for a non tax-dependent. LACERS will contact you if you are affected by this new action.

"If you want further clarification and have computer access, check your personal file. Click on the MyLACERS logo on www.LACERS.org and follow the instructions. Only you can reach your own account, where all of your income and deduction information is available.

"Shelly Smith, after serving

15 years as the active employees representative, will leave the Board June 30. Her replacement, Elizabeth Greenwood, received 72 percent of the votes of those voting and, upon confirmation by the City Council, will join the Board at our first July meeting.

"Impacts on Pensions: There are two items of current interest for those of us in the public sector as

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#### **RLACEI Website**

Hal Danowitz asks you to visit the RLACEI Website at www.rlacei.com to find the latest retirement news. If you find it helpful, or have suggestions for improvement, call 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.



#### **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**

• R.S.V.P.	Ext. 701
• 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

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# Grape Expectations

■ Hal and entourage do some wine tasting in Paso Robles.

When someone says they are going to the wine country, the first place everyone thinks of is the Napa Valley. Well, I'm here to tell you that there is great wine country much closer to us, just north on US 101. It is the California Central Coast wine region, which runs from Santa Barbara to Monterey.

My wife, Evelyn, and I had made plans in 2008 to attend the Paso Robles Wine Festival weekend, but another thing came up, and we didn't go. Our cousin's daughter, Debbie, has property in the area and asked her parents (Don and Myrna) and us if we wanted to go up for a few days. We picked the last weekend in January and decided to go up on Saturday and return on Monday. Little did I realize that it was Super Bowl weekend!

We decided to stay at the Paso Robles Inn (1103 Spring St., [805] 238-2660) because it was centrally located and close to Debbie's house. I booked a queen garden fireplace room.

Paso Robles is about 230 miles northwest of Los Angeles along US 101 and about 30 miles from the ocean as the crow

Paso Robles is the fastest growing city San Luis Obispo County; its population by 2010 will be approximately 32,400. The city is known for its hot springs, its abundance of wineries, and for playing host to the California Mid-State Fair. Translated to English, the city name means "Oak Pass" or "The Pass of the Oaks."

The Paso Robles Rancho (25,993 acres) was originally a Spanish land grant. In 1857, the entire rancho was purchased for \$8,000. At the time of the purchase, there was very little where the town is now—only the remains of the original log shanty built by Fr. Juan Cabot of San Miguel Mission around the main spring on the northeast corner of what is now Tenth and Spring Streets. As far back as 1795, Paso Robles was spoken of and written about as "California's oldest watering place"—the place to go for springs and mudbaths. A bathhouse was erected over the sulfur spring in 1888, with a plunge and 37 bathrooms. The following year, work

began on the large Hot Springs Hotel, (today the Paso Robles Inn).

Since the privileges of using the baths were restricted to guests of the hotel and many visitors could not pay the rates of the fashionable hotel, a few businessmen in Paso Robles made arrangements to bore for sulphur water on a lot nearby. A sulfur well was reached, a bath house built, and baths were offered at the affordable rate of 25 cents. The establishment was later offered to the city and is currently the site of the municipal pool.

Evelyn and I drove up to Westlake to pick up Don and Myna and then headed north. We stopped in Isla Vista just north of Santa Barbara for breakfast at the local I-Hop. The place was crowded with college kids from the University of California, Santa Barbara, which made the service

We got to the inn just after noon and settled into our rooms. The room was smaller than I hoped for, but there was a fireplace, and the room was clean. Parking is free, and there is both a restaurant and



Hal and Evelyn.

Paso Robles' growth industry—wine has a long history with the area. Wine grapes were introduced to the Paso Robles soil in 1797 by the Spanish conquistadors and Franciscan missionaries. Spanish explorer Francisco Cortez envisioned an abundant wine-producing operation and encouraged settlers from Mexico and other parts of California to cultivate the land. The first vinevardists in the area were the padres of the Mission San Miguel, and their old fermentation vats and grapevine artwork can still be seen at the Mission, north of the city of Paso Robles. Today, Paso Robles is home to more then 200 wineries and 26,000 vineyard acres.

coffee shop as part of the inn. It also has a nice pool area, but while the weather was very nice, it wasn't pool weather.

We called Debbie and her husband, Bjorn, and they walked over to the hotel from their house.

We started out on our first wine tour. U.S. 101 splits the town in two, and some of the wineries are to the east, and some to the west of the 101. To be perfectly honest, while I do drink an occasional glass of wine, Evelyn is the connoisseur in the family. We headed west on CA 46 and started to drive

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# Party in the Park

#### ■ DWP Retirees Assn. hosts annual picnic.

DWP RETIREES ASSN. — On June 6, the DWP Retirees Association held its annual picnic. The event was held at Whittier Narrows Park.

Thanks to Dolores and Vince Foley, and to Maychelle Yee for their assistance in producing this article.







From left: Jose Nolasco, 32 years of City service; Nick Stassi, 34 years; and Donald Heiter, 32 years, all from Haynes Generating Station.



John and Mary San Marco, John was a Sr. Water Operator from Foothill Area.



From left: Eloy Morales, Charlie Edwards, Donna Lenton, Barbara Contreras, Judy Sanchez, Barbara Heiter, Cecelia Edwards, Annette Spigelmire and Mark Spigelmire.



The two oldest at the picnic (from left): Elias Spiak, Communications Division, 92 years old, and Vaughn Ermoian. 90.









George and Alice Lear, married 66 years in September. George retired from Water Construction after 40 years of City service.



From left: Anna Marie Lasky and Rose Marie Goldstein. Anna Marie retired from the DWP Credit Union, and Rose Marie still works there.



Bill Charles, Water Operations Division, Retired, 24 years of City service.



















through very pretty rolling hills, many of which had vineyards. The wineries look much like the one you see in Napa -- some with large tasting rooms, and others with just small places to taste. Some of the wineries charge for tasting, and others provide it free. I was the designated driver, so I didn't do the tasting, and Don would rather drink martinis, so he didn't, either. Mostly, we sampled the free cheese and crackers and sat out by the vineyards. I did enjoy the drive through the countryside. We stopped at three wineries, and Evelyn even brought a few bottles to take home. We drove back to the inn to freshen up for dinner.

For dinner, Debbie suggested the A.J. Spurs Saloon and Dining Hall in Templeton, just a short drive south from Paso Robles. A.J.'s is a cowboy place, with lots of wooden tables and sawdust on the floor. Before our table was ready, we enjoyed a cocktail while

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listening to a great piano player. The food is pure Western -- steaks, ribs and some chicken and fish. I make it a policy never to eat fish unless I can see the ocean, so I stayed with the meats. The prices are in the \$20 to \$30 range, and you get a lot of food. Except for the entrée, all food is served family-style. To finish off your meal, if you have room, is an old-fashioned root beer float or an after-dinner liqueur. It's great place for the family or large groups; it serves so much food that we took some with us.

Super Bowl Sunday was bright and sunny, with a slight nip in the air. We walked over to Debbie and Bjorn's home for breakfast. No one seemed to be in any hurry to start the wine tour, so after breakfast, Don and I walked back to the inn and read the paper by the pool, while Evelyn and Myrna took a walk around town.

Around 1 p.m., we drove to the east side of the 101 to seek out more wineries. I was trying to hurry them up because the game started at 4 p.m., but I was outvoted. We hit another three vineyards, and the tasters were able to



Breakfast at Debbie and Bjorn's house.

taste to their hearts' content, while Don and I enjoyed the local scenery. The wineries were very nice, every bit as good as the ones in Napa and other wine areas of California.

We got back to the inn in time to join the Super Bowl party in the bar, and we enjoyed the second half.

A lot of local restaurants were closed on

Sunday, so we found a small place on the other side of the town square and had a light meal.

My overall impression of the area is that this is a great place to visit for the wineries, but also a great family place because of its location in central California near Hearst Castle (San Simeon), Pismo Beach and Cambria.

# Legislative Update

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either government employees or retirees. One is yet another initiative by Santa Monica accountant Paul McCauley on public pensions. The other is a bill moving in the Legislature, AB 155 (Mendoza), aimed at municipal bankruptcies.

"The newest McCauley initiative would impose a surcharge on resident taxpayers who receive more than \$40,000 taxable pension income, this being in addition to the ordinary income taxes already levied on any income. The surcharge would range from 20 percent of pension income from \$40,000 to \$50,000, to 60 percent for pension incomes more than \$150,000. For a nonresident who earns a pension from California employers, there would be a 35 percent excise tax on a pension amount exceeding \$50,000. This initiative was just released for circulation for signatures (needs 433,971 with a deadline of Oct.15). The other McCaulev initiative that is still seeking signatures has a deadline of June 22; that initiative would allow

vested pension benefits from state or local government agencies to be reduced by said agencies for existing and prospective retirees. McCauley has fielded similar initiatives in the past, and none has ever made it to a state ballot.

"The State Legislative

bill, AB 155, is in

response to the bankruptcy by the City of Vallejo, which was filed a year ago. The intended rearrangement of that City's finances was to change the Memoranda of Understanding for several of the labor contracts that endangered the soundness of the city budget. AB 155 would require any intended municipal bankruptcy to first be approved by the California Debt and Investment Advisory Commission before filing. Supporting the bill are the California Firefighters Association and other municipal unions, as well as the American Association of Retired Persons; the latter is interested because they worry that bankruptcies could affect pension contracts for anyone. The League of California Cities and the state association of counties are opposing AB 155. The bill has passed its Assembly policy and fiscal committees and is now pending a floor vote by the Assembly; if it passes the Assembly it would move to the

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From left: Walt Naydo, Shogi Fukuma, George Egami and



From left: Fred Ige, Planning, 27 years of City service,



From left: Norm Gottlieb, Chief Accounting Office, 30 years of City service; Faye Gottlieb; and John Bobo.



From left: Steven Uranga, Ruben Munoz, Hector Ramirez and Hans Markus.



From left: Steve Hill, Public Works/Sanitation, 37 years of City service; Billy Johnson, L.A. County; George Walker, General Services, 31 years; and Oliver Cunningham, Public Works/Sanitation, 30 years.



From Building and Safety, from left: Dominic Rescineto, Mike Lee, Richard Sanchez and Phil Kawanoa.



From left: Gail Draper, LAPD/ITA, 40 years of City service; Jim Hamilton; Dan Koenig; and John Vacca.



From left: Dick Hovious, Building and Safety, 27 years of City service; Richard Cooper, Building and Safety, 11 years; Guy Leacher, General Services, 23 years; and Ed Lubrin, DWP, 38 years.



From left: Phil Skarin; Gary Mattingly, former General Manager, Fire and Police Pensions; Michael Koppenhaver; and James Gomez.



Closest to the Pin winners were, from left: Gerald Carrido, Oliver Cunningham, Gil Garnas, Dick Hovious and



Tom Stemnock, RLACEI Director, hands out trophies to (left)



Tom Stemnock, RLACEI Director, hands out trophies to (left) Betsy Melancon for low net score, member/ladies category, and Chris Stemnock for low gross score in the all ladies category.



Vester Pittman for low gross score in the all golfers/front nine category, and to Michael Koppenhaver for low gross score in the all golfers/back nine category.

Tom Stemnock, RLACEI Director, hands out trophies to

(left) George Chapman for low gross score in the guest

men category, and Jim Slayden for low net score in

the guest men catetory.



Phil Skarin, RLACEI Director, hands out trophies for longest drive on the second hole to (left) Vester Pittman and Cathey Bushey.





Planning, 36 years of City service.

From left: Gil Garnas, Public Works/Sanitation, 30 years of City service;, Dennis Vanderhook, Public Works/Sanitation, 35 years; George Chapman; and Frank Martinez

From left: Tom Stemnock, RLACEI Director; Chris

Stemnock; Charles Raush; and James Anderson,



ice; Betsy Melancon, LAPD, 28 years; Larry Miller, Public Works/Sanitation, 26 years; and Jim Olney.



From left: Tom Stemnock, RLACEI Director, presents the award for high gross score/ladies and high gross score/men to Cathey Bushey and Jack Pike. Phil Skarin, RLACEI Director (far right), also presents.

Into the Swing

■ Retirees Assn. hosts annual golf tournament. Club donates raffle prizes.

John Hawkins, Club CEO, and Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations, had a great

time handing out raffle prizes – official City-seal watches – and mingling with all the great

RLACEI members. The Club thanks RLACEI for the invitation and fun times.

Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Operations



Mike Lee won for low net in the member/ men category.



From left: Robert Gomez, Transportation, 31 years of City service; Steve Gomez, Transportation, 3 years; Mike Stawicki, Transportation, 28 years; and Jess Molina.



From left: Ed Anderson, Public Works/Engineering, 36 years of City service; Dave Carlburg; Don Pickens; and Vester Pittman.



From left: Ed Itagaki, Public Works/Engineering 32 years of City service; Mason Beastrom, Public Works/ Engineering, 32 years; Al Tsuyuki; and Roy Yoshioka.



Gil Garnas won for low gross score in the member/men category.



From left: Adam Birkenbach, Harbor, 37 years of City service; Sheldon Russel,; Henry Martinez, Harbor, 22 vears: and Jim Santana, Harbor, 31 years.



From left: Earl Gales, Airports, 34 years of City service; Charles Clement, Rec and Parks, 38 years; Eugene Won, Public Works/Engineering, 30 years; and Leon Davis, Housing, 32 years.



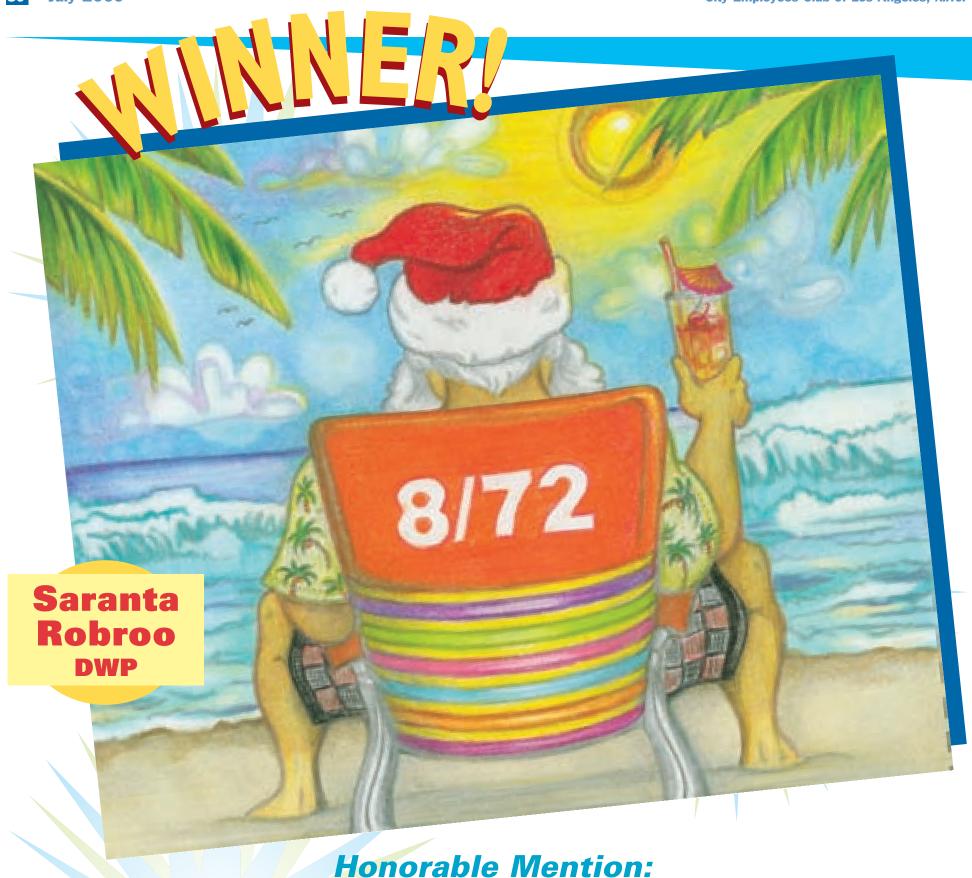
From left: Earl Clark, Harbor 37 years of City service; Jack Pike; Jim Slayden; and Paul Bellia.



From left: Richard Telles, Rec and Parks 35 years; Greg Telles; Ray Telles; and Mike Reyes.



From left: Ezio Briasco, Building and Safety, 30 years of City service; Genevive Briasco; Del Grubbs, Building and Safety, 32 years; and Charles Blake, Transportation, 30 years.





Bonita Calloway Smith, DWP

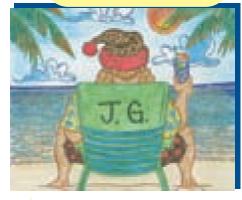
George Fields, Transportation





Phillip M. Orozco, DWP

Jason D. Gatfield,



#### **Other Entries**

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Jaime Arredondo
Carlos Arroyo
Mary E. Bayles
Julie Briones
Kissy Bryant
Cathy Bushey
Vicky Chan
Anthony De La Torre
Patrick Donatien
Sergio Espinoza
John Gale
Julia Galloway
Maribel Gamboa
Jessica Zepeda Grande

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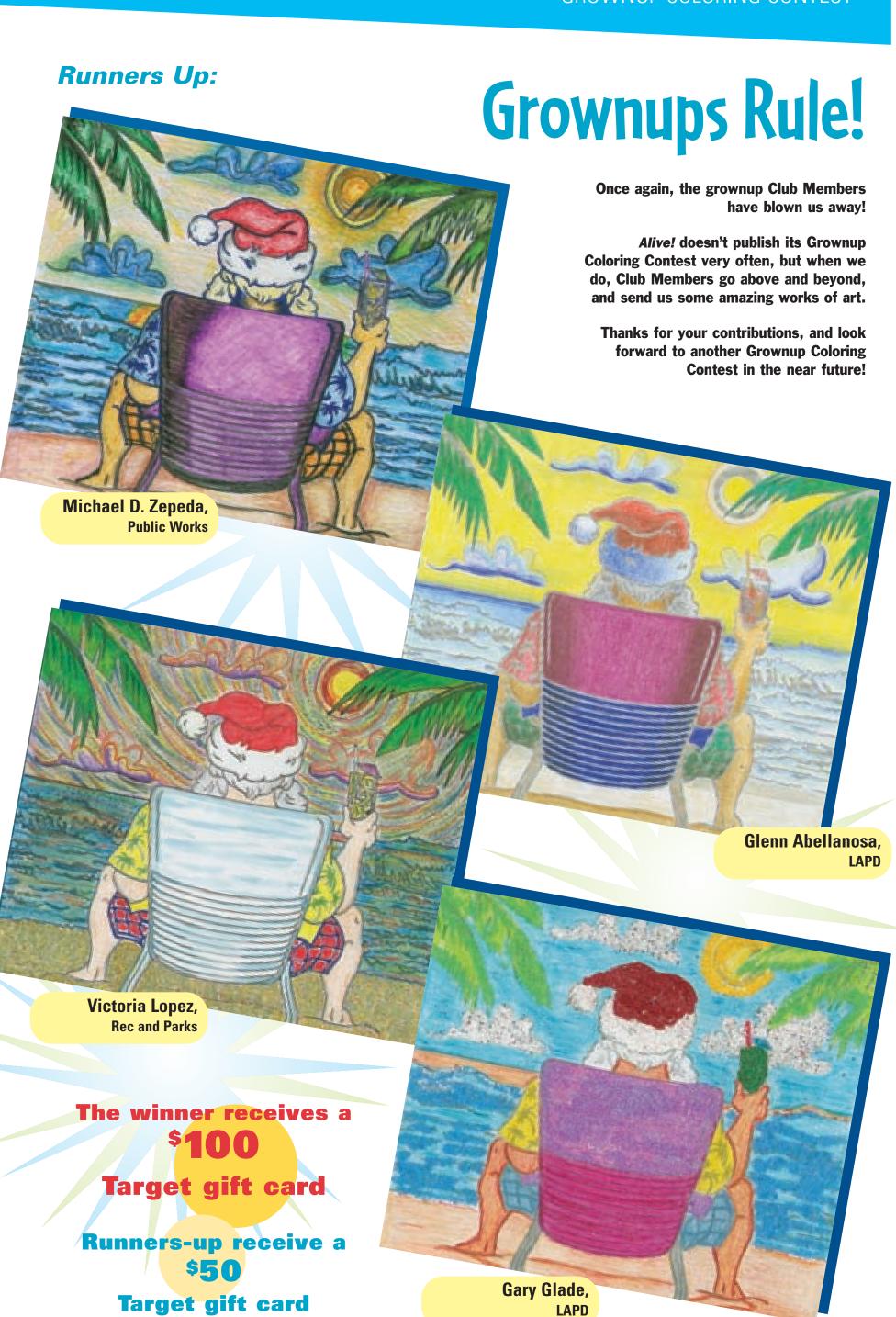
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#### **GROWNUP COLORING CONTEST**



#### LAPD

# Honoring the Bravest

Police Dept. honors 25 officers in its annual Medal of Valor ceremony.

Stories and photos courtesy LAPD

n May 28, the LAPD honored 25 officers – including five women, a record for the event – with the Department's Medal of Valor, its highest honor.

The Medal of Valor is bestowed upon officers who "performed an act displaying extreme courage while consciously facing imminent peril," according to the award guidelines.

The stories of their heroism follow. The Club congratulates each of the 25 officers for earning this prestigious award.

#### OFFICERS HERIBERTO SALAZAR, LAURA GONZALEZ, HAYLEY SMITH, VINCENT ROJAS

# Apartment Fire

On May 5, 2008, in the morning, Officers Heriberto Salazar and Laura Gonzalez, assigned to Devonshire Division, and Officers Hayley Smith and Vincent Rojas, working Mission Division, had just been released from a Command Post in West Valley Division. Both patrol units were driving back to their respective areas when they saw smoke coming from a fire at an apartment complex at Parthenia Street and Owensmouth Avenue. All four officers, without hesitation, rushed to the building. The Fire Department had not yet arrived. Officers Salazar, Gonzalez, Smith and Rojas saw several residents running from the burning complex and realized they needed to get everyone out quickly. They knew that waiting for the Fire Department to arrive wasn't an option, so the four officers risked their own lives and entered the burning building so they could rescue and coordinate evacuation for the residents. Working as a team, Officers Salazar, Gonzalez, Smith and Rojas moved through the apartment complex and as safe-



Police Officer Heriberto Salazar



Police Officer Laura Gonzalez

ly as possible got the residents out of the building. Officer Rojas ran to the back of the apartment building so he could direct people out.

While there, Officer Rojas saw a resident using a fire extinguisher on a burning car. The extinguisher was having little effect, and the area quickly became an inferno. The flames spread through to the apartment complex as well as other vehicles parked in the carport. Officer Rojas told the resident to leave, but he refused. With the whole carport now in flames, Officer Rojas grabbed the man and dragged him to safety. Officer Rojas pushed him behind the building and away from the carport. Without warning, the vehicle exploded. Officer Rojas threw himself to the ground to avoid the flying debris. Unfazed, Officer Rojas stood up and ran back to the front of the apartment complex to help Officers Salazar, Gonzalez and Smith with the evacuation efforts.

With the fire raging in the carport, Officers Rojas and Salazar knew any residents in the apartments above the carport would need to be evacuated immediately. Officers Rojas and Salazar ran into the burning building again toward the apartments above the carport. Despite the flames, heat and thick, black smoke, Officers Rojas and Salazar went into those two units to search for residents and found them empty. But to their surprise, there were still people inside other units of the building who were unaware of the fire. Officer Salazar found a woman with her two children and told her she needed to get out. The woman was skeptical until she saw smoke coming into her apartment. Then there was an explosion. The woman and her children began to panic and frantically ran around the apartment. Under immense pressure, Officer Rojas talked to the woman, assuring her that she and her children would be safe. Officer Salazar escorted them all to safety.

Meanwhile, Officers Gonzalez and Smith were finding other residents who were not aware that the building was on fire. They worked quickly and efficiently to evacuate everyone. Although it felt like an



Police Officer Hayley Smith



Police Officer Vincent Rojas

eternity, within minutes Officers Gonzalez and Smith cleared the complex and relocated the residents to a safe place across the street. As the last residents from the burning building were placed out of harm's way, the Fire Department arrived and assumed command. All of the officers suffered smoke inhalation and were taken to a nearby hospital for treatment. They were all later released without serious injury. Had it not been for the quick actions of the four officers, the residents of the burning building may not have escaped without harm or serious injury.

Officers Salazar, Gonzalez, Smith and Rojas are commended for their heroic actions, courage, and for sacrificing their own safety in an effort to save lives. Without the decisive actions of these four officers, many of the residents of the apartment complex could have died. Officers Salazar, Gonzalez, Smith and Rojas exemplify teamwork, an unselfish response to the needs of the community and dedication to public service.

#### OFFICERS PETER VANDERBURGH, FERNANDO AVILA

### Store Altercation

Sunday evening Sept. 30, 2001, appeared as business as usual at the Macy's Department store in Woodland Hills.

Just after 5 p.m., two men walked into the department store to the fine-jewelry counter to look at a ring. Suspect 1 told the sales clerk he had gotten into a fight with his girlfriend and wanted to buy a diamond ring to make up with her. The sales clerk noticed both men appeared drunk. She had a "bad" feeling about the men, so she asked them to wait and she went into a

small office and called security. She told security there were two drunken men in her department and felt uncomfortable waiting on them.

Moments later, the department store manager arrived to wait on the suspects. Suspect 1 told the manager that he wanted to buy a ring and he reached into his pocket and pulled out a roll of hundred-dollar bills. The manager took a diamond ring out of the display case and placed it on the counter. Suddenly, the suspect picked up the ring, pulled a gun out of his pocket and pointed it at the manager shouting, "Give it all to me!"

The manager began removing jewelry items from the display case and handing them to the suspect, who in turn stuffed them into his pock-



Police Officer Peter Vanderburgh

et. He then turned toward the sales clerk, who was standing nearby, and yelled at her to empty out the cash register. Suspect 2, who had been pacing behind Suspect 1, placed a black plastic bag on the counter. Suspect 1 then began to put the jewelry inside the bag.

The sales clerk walked toward the register at the other end of the counter, but as she walked past the door of the office, she slipped inside, closed and locked the door and called 911. Suspect 2 saw the sales clerk slip into the office and

he began to pace nervously.

Realizing that the sales clerk had locked herself in the office, Suspect 1 began to grab jewelry with a sense of urgency. He placed the gun on top of the counter so he could use both hands. Realizing a window of opportunity, the store manager grabbed the gun off the counter and stepped back against the rear wall and out of Suspect 1's reach.

Without warning, Suspect 1 jumped over the counter and began to fight for the gun with the store manager. The suspect and manager exchanged punches as the manager fought to keep control of the weapon. During the struggle, a shot was fired but luckily no one was hit.

Suspect 2 then ran out of the department store.

Suspect 1 was able to gain control of the gun and pointed it at the manager's head demanding that the store manager remove more jewelry from the display case.

LAPD Communications Division broadcast a "robbery in progress" and relayed that one of the suspects was struggling with the manager and shots were fired.

Senior Lead Officer Peter Vanderburgh and Officer Fernando

Avila was the first police to arrive at the scene. The two officers had never worked together. Officer Avila was one month off his probationary period, and Officer Vanderburgh had 33 years of experience with the Department.

Officers Vanderburgh and Avila entered the store and made their way toward the fine jewelry department. They could hear the suspect yelling and saw him pointing the gun at the store manager's head.

Armed with a 9-millimeter Beretta semiautomatic and a 12-gauge shotgun, Officers Vanderburgh and Avila slowly approached the suspect and the store manager. They identified themselves as police officers and ordered the suspect to drop the gun and raise his hands.



Police Officer Fernando Avila

The suspect turned and pointed his gun at the two officers.

Fearing for their lives and the lives of the store employees, Officers Vanderburgh and Avila opened fire and hit the suspect. Officer Vanderburgh continued to order the suspect to drop his gun, but he did not.

Officer Vanderburgh fired a second shot at the suspect, forcing him backwards against the wall. Still standing, the suspect was again ordered to drop his weapon. The suspect ignored the commands

and again pointed his gun at both officers.

Still fearing for their lives, Officer Vanderburgh fired a third round at the suspect. He fell to the floor behind the counter, still clutching the gun. The two officers went behind the counter, where the suspect pointed his weapon again toward the officers. Officer Vanderburgh fired a fourth shot at the suspect, causing him to finally drop the weapon. Officer Avila then approached the suspect and handcuffed him.

Officer Vanderburgh and Officer Avila are commended for their selfless courage and bravery. Their actions in the face of imminent peril are the result of a level of gallantry not seen in your average individual. Their level of heroism and professionalism are second to none.

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#### **SGT. CHRISTOPHER GOMEZ**



Christopher Gomez

#### Car Fire

Aug. 16,  $\int_{2006}^{1}$ , early in the morning, Sgt. Christopher Gomez, assigned to Newton Patrol, was driving

south on the 110 Freeway from Vernon Avenue, when he saw a black Nissan Sentra get on the freeway going about 100 miles an hour. As the car neared Imperial Highway, it swerved to avoid hitting another vehicle and spun out of control, colliding with the center divider.

Sgt. Gomez raced to the car, which was now on fire. The driver's door was pinned against the center divider, making it impossible to open. Sgt. Gomez saw that the driver was the only person in the car, and realized the man was now trapped inside the burning vehicle. Sgt. Gomez tried to open the passenger side door, but it was jammed. Without hesitating, Sgt. Gomez smashed the passenger window with his police baton. The car's dashboard caught on fire. Sgt. Gomez could hear loud popping noises, could see the flames and feel the heat of the fire. With the passenger compartment burning and with total disregard for his own safety, Sgt. Gomez used tremendous strength and pulled the driver out of the car through the flames and out the passenger door window. After pulling the man from the car, Sgt. Gomez dragged him to safety.

Moments later, a news photographer arrived at the scene and began videotaping the car, which was now completely engulfed in flames. The video is proof that if Sgt. Gomez had not risked his own safety to pull the driver out of the car, the driver would not have survived.

The driver was taken to a nearby hospital, where he was treated for a broken collarbone and smoke inhalation. He said if it were not for Sgt. Gomez' quick action, he would not have been able to get out of the car on his own. The driver said Sgt. Gomez saved his life, and did it without thinking of his own safety.

Sgt. Gomez is commended for his heroic actions, courage and for sacrificing his own safety to save a life, the most generous and courageous offering one can make. Sgt. Gomez' brave and decisive actions demonstrated the noble and gallant efforts that epitomize the selfless professionalism expected of a Los Angeles Police officer. The daring and selfless rescue of the driver of the burning vehicle is admirable and demonstrates the highest regard for public safety.



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#### **OFFICER JESUS CARRILLO**

Police Officer Jesus Carrillo

#### ■ Foot Pursuit

n Sept. 3, 2006, in the evening, Officer Jesus Carrillo of 77th Street Area, Gang Enforcement

Detail, and his partner were on their regular patrol in South Los Angeles. While driving in the area of 83rd Street and Stanford Avenue, the two officers saw a Cadillac SUV with a female driver and male passenger run through a stop sign. As the officers followed the vehicle, they requested information to see if the car had been reported stolen. It had not.

Officer Carrillo and his partner decided to pull the vehicle over for the traffic violation, but the driver of the SUV wouldn't pull over. While following the vehicle, the officers saw what looked like the male passenger reaching under his seat. Relying on their training and experience, the officers knew that the passenger could be hiding contraband or reaching for a weapon.

While the SUV continued slowly down the street, the male passenger suddenly jumped out

of the car and ran down a driveway. Officer Carrillo and his partner chased the suspect. They saw him running with his right hand over what looked like a gun. Both officers took cover and positioned themselves so they could see the suspect from a safe distance. The man, while trying to jump over a wrought-iron gate, caught his clothing on the metal spikes at the top of the gate. With both of his hands clenched on the gate's horizontal support bar, he tried to free his clothing from the gate.

Officer Carrillo and his partner cautiously approached the suspect, telling him to jump down to their side of the fence. The suspect began using his body weight to free his clothing from the gate. Officer Carrillo approached the suspect and tried to pull the suspect to his side of the gate. That's when the suspect's gun fell onto the ground. At this point, the suspect's clothing began to tear, and he reached for his gun. Officer Carrillo thinking quickly, reached through the gate to grab the gun before the suspect could. It was at this moment the suspect's clothing ripped, freeing him from the gate.

The suspect landed on his feet and lunged for the gun, grabbing it just as Officer Carrillo did. Now the officer and the suspect were in a life and death struggle.

During the fight, the suspect turned the barrel of the gun toward Officer Carrillo's neck. Unable to reach for his service pistol, Officer Carrillo wrestled the gun into a position where the barrel of the weapon was now pointed at the suspect. He ordered the suspect to drop the handgun or he would be shot. The suspect continued to fight, forcing Officer Carrillo to fire the weapon in self-defense.

Officer Carrillo is commended for his courage, heroic actions and his mental and physical preparation to handle an armed suspect in a life-threatening situation. His level of preparedness epitomizes and exemplifies the highest traditions of heroism, and maintains the standard of excellence which the Los Angeles Police Department is known for worldwide.

OFFICER JEANETTE FLORES

Police Officer Jeanette Flores

Aug. 9, 2007 at night, Officer Jeanette

Flores and her

partner, assigned

to Hollenbeck Area, responded to a domestic violence radio call. The victim, who was nine months pregnant, told the officers that her common-law husband punched her in the face and stomach and had run from their house. After documenting the woman's injuries, Officer Flores stayed with the victim while her partner went to their squad car to get the reports necessary to document the assault.

While walking back to the victim's house, Officer Flores' partner saw a man standing on the sidewalk who matched the physical description of the suspect. The officer ordered the man to place his hands behind his head and made his approach to handcuff the suspect.

As one handcuff was secured to the suspect's right wrist, the suspect turned clockwise and thrust his left arm around the officer's neck. The suspect now had the officer in a stranglehold. Officer Flores did not hesitate to assist her partner. She jumped on the suspect's back and wrapped her right arm around his neck to

A Case of Domestic Violence

The suspect's attack turned vicious. He used his body weight to drive the officer he was holding head first onto the concrete, knocking him unconscious. Officer Flores was unable to keep her hold on the suspect and tried to distract him with three punches to the head. She heard the unmistakable sound of the unsnapping of the retention strap of her partner's' gun holster. As the suspect reached for her partner's gun, Officer Flores made the split-second decision to save their lives and fired one shot to the suspect's head, ending the deadly threat.

The injured officer was taken to a local hospital, where he was treated for a fractured left clavicle, a concussion and a laceration to the left side of his head. Officer Flores was treated for a sprained right hand.

Officer Flores is commended for her tactics, attention to duty and bravery while engaging a violent suspect who had attacked an officer of the law and was attempting to use a police officer's firearm against them. If it were not for Officer Flores' quick reaction, the suspect would have surely shot, and possibly killed both

Officer Jeanette Flores' tactical skills, teamwork, clear and collected thinking in an exceptionally dangerous situation, and her ability to function under the most stressful, chaotic and perilous conditions embody the finest traditions of the Los Angeles Police Department.

**LAPD** 

# Honoring The Bravest

- Continued



### LAPD MEDAL OF VALOR

SGTS. GINA HOLMSTROM, SEAN KINCHLA, CHESTER MCMILLION; OFFICERS MAURA TERCERO, JEFFREY ENNIS, LYMAN DOSTER, BENJAMIN SANTERO, ENRIQUE ANZALDO, DANIEL SANCHEZ, EDUARDO PEREZ, DENNIS O'SULLIVAN, ROBERT GALLEGOS, DAVID STAMBAUGH, WILLIAM CASEY, JOSEPH RUBERT; RETIRED OFFICER TODD RHEINGOLD

#136641

# ■ Hostage Rescue

On Sunday, July 10, 2005, a 911 call from a desperate 16-year-old girl who told a dispatcher her stepfather had threatened her life, brought LAPD officers rushing to a used-car lot in Southeast Los Angeles.

Southeast Division patrol officers found the teenage girl locked behind a chain-link fence. Her stepfather came out of the car lot office carrying his 19-month-old daughter in his arms. After talking to the officers, the stepfather retreated to his office and returned, carrying the infant and a semi-automatic gun and began shooting at officers and his stepdaughter. The officers broadcasted a "help call."

Officer Gina Holmstrom, assigned to Metropolitan Division, heard the help call, responded and took tactical control of the incident. Officers from several divisions responded. Among them were Officer Maura Tercero, Officer Sean Kinchla, Officer Jeffrey Ennis, Officer Lyman Doster and Officer Benjamin

While the suspect continued shooting at his stepdaughter and the officers, Officers Santero, Ennis and Doster geared up with their urban police rifles, and quickly formulated a rescue plan. Ennis briefed Santero and delegated to him the responsibility of rear guard high

ground. Officers Kinchla and Tercero, without hesitation, volunteered for the dangerous task of being the rescue officers.

With help from the LAPD Airship, Holmstrom devised a plan to safely approach the girl.

Working as a team, the officers moved forward and reached the cover of a police car. There they found several of their fellow officers crouched down, unable to move as they too were under hostile

gunfire. Now close to the Holmstrom teenager. began talking to her, telling her to stay down. The teenager was paralyzed with fear, lying between two parked cars. Realizing a bolt cutter was needed to cut the fence, Kinchla placed himself at great risk and ran from the safety of

cover to retrieve the bolt cutter. After obtaining the bolt cutter, Kinchla returned to the rescue

With the team now ready to rescue the trapped victim, the officers stepped away from their cover and moved toward the gate in a diamond formation. As soon as they left cover, the suspect again opened fire on the advancing team. However, the rescue team was determined to continue their efforts to save the panic stricken teenage girl.

Officer Doster and his partner crawled on their stomachs to the gate and made several attempts to breech the fence with the bolt cutters. However, the suspect fired numerous rounds at them, which impacted within a foot of the officers. At that moment, SWAT personnel, including Officer Enrique Anzaldo, Officer Daniel Sanchez, Officer Eduardo Perez and

Officer Dennis O'Sullivan, arrived to help. While Sanchez and Perez provided cover, O'Sullivan exposed himself to gunfire and opened the gate. Anzaldo then left his position of cover, grabbed the teenage girl and took her outside the suspect's field of fire.

Soon, additional SWAT personnel arrived, including Officer Robert Gallegos, Officer Chester McMillion, Officer David Stambaugh, Officer William Casey, Officer Todd Rheingold

Sgt. Sean Kinchla

and Officer Joseph Rubert.

For the next hour, information about the suspect was obtained and negotiations with the gunman were initiated.

SWAT officers, trained as crisis negotiators, encouraged the suspect to let his daughter go and surrender. Believing the suspect was about to harm his daughter, O'Sullivan fired one round at him. The suspect spun to his left and dropped to the ground out of view.

In their attempts to save the life of the 19month-old, Perez, Sanchez, Gallegos Casey, McMillion and Stambaugh initiated a rescue plan. As the rescue team approached the office entrance, the suspect ran into the office, still holding his daughter, and began firing his weapon through the drywall at the approaching officers

Perez was the first to enter the work bay and provided cover for his fellow officers. As Sanchez ran toward the office, he felt a sharp pain in his right shoulder and knew he had been shot. As the remaining officers lined up along the wall, the suspect continued shooting at them through the dry wall, showering the officers with bullets and debris.

One by one, the officers entered the office providing cover for the officer before them.

Knowing Sanchez was wounded, Gallegos used his body as a shield to protect him and engaged the suspect.

Officer McMillion moved toward the door as the gun battle erupted and provided direction. With bullets and debris coming through the drywall, Rubert and Stambaugh entered the office and extracted physically Sanchez. Anzaldo and Rheingold were the last to enter the bay area to assist with the rescue.

The 16 officers had never trained together for this event. They all responded and trusted one another. Each Officer relied on the training they had received. Each performed with exemplary skill, courage and professionalism. They put their own lives on the line to

save a 16-year-old teenager and a 19-month-old baby they had never met. They never hesitated, no matter the risk. Each Officer is recognized for their bravery, courage, teamwork and willingness to place themselves in harm's way to protect their fellow citizens and brothers and sisters in law enforcement.



Sgt. Gina Holmstrom



Jeffrey Ennis

Maura Tercero

Police Officer



Police Officer



Sgt. Chester McMillion

Police Officer



Police Officer

Police Officer Robert Gallegos



Police Officer Joseph Rubert



Police Officer



Police Officer William Casey



Police Officer Todd Rheingold, Ret.





Police Officer



Police Officer

Eduardo Perez

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#### **CLUB HEADQUARTERS**

# E-Tickets: Your Ticket to Convenience

E-Tickets

Print at home

convenience.



Club Store and Service center now delivers Disneyland, SeaWorld and Aquarium of the Pacific 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, SeaWorld and Aquarium of the Pacific tickets right to your email box.

The test succeeded!

More Disneyland, SeaWorld and Aquarium of the Pacific tickets are delivered via email now outnumber those picked up physically at the Club Store, and those sent by U.S. Mail.

And there's no postage fee. The E-ticket system adds nothing to the Club's already low prices on tickets.

"We're working on bringing other events and attractions to the E-ticket system," said the Club's Ticket Guy, Navin

> The Club is the only City association to offer the E-Ticket service to City Employees. You can't get this service anywhere else.

"People love our E-ticket system," the Ticket Guy said. "Everyone should take advantage of this great Club

#### Here's how to take advantage of the Club's E-ticket system:

- Order your tickets with the great Club discount as you normally would by using the Club Store's Website; by calling the Club's Ticket Hotline; or by fax.
- Your Club ID number is required.
- For now, tickets to Disneyland, SeaWorld and Aquarium of the Pacific 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.

# Newsbriefs

#### **LAFD FIREWORKS SAFETY:**

The LAFD says, never purchase, transport or use fireworks in the City.

Fireworks are a wonderful way to enjoy our Independence Day July 4. And the best way to enjoy the holiday is to attend a professionally produced fireworks show; there are many of them in the City. Each year, the sights and sounds of the holiday get better. So, don't be foolish and risk a permanent life altering injury. You kids are most at risk -- even if you think you know how to use fireworks, your kids will not, but they'll imitate you, if they see you with them - so be safe and sane - leave fireworks to the pros! To learn more about fireworks and burns, visit this Website: www.mysafela.org/burns

In 2008, in the City of Los Angeles there were:

- 71 fireworks incidents (with fire). Cost: \$74,701.
- 11 explosion fireworks incidents. Cost: \$314,500.
- 13 incidents of explosion with no fire.

Fifty percent of all burn injuries from fireworks are to children under the age of five! Cost: A permanent scar!

Did you know: The use or sale of *all fireworks* have been Illegal in the City of Los Angeles since 1942, except at approved shows.

If you see a fire: Dial 9-1-1.

Fireworks in the wrong hands can injure and even kill people. Sparklers burn at up to 1,800 degrees – that's hot enough to melt gold (and human skin, too).

Possession of fireworks could mean a jail sentence of up to one year, plus a \$1,000 fine!

Don't allow animals to be near fireworks, as the sound is very bad for their ears. Keep your pets indoors and away from fireworks events.

Illegal fireworks can start wildfires and brushfires.

The LAFD wants you to stay safe and asks that you think about fireworks safety before you need to call for help! Key resources include: www.readyla.org

www.mysafela.org www.lafd.org www.redcrossla.org/safesummer

#### **BEAUTIFICATION OF GAFFEY:**

On June 20, City officials and community members were set to celebrate the completion of a \$5.2 million beautification project along east side of North Gaffey Street. The project transformed an unsightly dirt strip into an active pedestrian walkway, with trees, shrubs, park benches, sun shelters and lighting.

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The project transformed a community eyesore into an aesthetic community asset.

Expected at the event were Councilwoman Janice Hahn, Club Member; Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., Executive Director, Harbor; Harbor Commissioners; and others.

# OAKLAND RAIDERS

#### RAIDER NATION vs EAGLES

Get Your Tickets BEFORE They Go On Sale To The Public!!!



# WHAT DO YOU CALL AN EAGLE WITH A SUPERBOWL RING? A THIEF!



#### Ticket Prices (Restricted Game—Limited Tickets Available)

\$46.00\* a person (Mount Davis Seats)

\$71.000 a person (Lower Corner End Zone 300 Level)

\$56,00° a person (Lower Corner End Zone 300 Level) \$86,00° a person (300 level Raider side or 2nd tier level)

\$101.00\*\* a person (Field Level 100 Level) \*Price includes 5.16 fees from Cukland, plus a \$5.00, per ticket mark up. \*\*If sonts are available

Order date June 26, 2009. You must place a 50% deposit before tickets are ordered.

The remainder of payment is due when tickets arrive in early August, 2009. SORRY, NO REFUNDSIVI



#### Turn Around Bus \$70.00 per person

Last year 200 loyal Raider fam Johned us in our chartered hus excursion.

Let someone else do the driving (and pay for the gas)! Flush seats, TV's, and a restroom on board for your comfort.

#### Add the Tailgate for only \$20.00 per person

Purchased our tickets somewhere else?
Still join to for that all you can est taligate.

Tailgate Meal to include: Tri-tip, Pork Rosst, Buby Back Riles, Chicken Wings, Carne Asada, Smoke Sannages, Bacon Wrapped Aspurages, Shrimp Kabobs, Steam Corn & Chill Beams. BYOB!!! Ice chests will be provided for your drinks. Water and sodas are included in cost.

2 Satellite LCD TVs with Sunday Ticket for your viewing pleasure.

For More Information or Questions;

Joe Rangel, LADWP Metro Meter Reading Cell 909.519.8683

Email: raiderjo@roadrunner.com

### Philadelphia Eagles

October 18, 2009 @ 1:05 p.m.





A well-equipped weight room was built, thanks through the Proposition Q budget.



From left: Sgt. Daniel Galindo; Lt. Susan Willis; and Tony Lobato, P3.

#### **LAPD**

# **New Harbor Station**

Police Dept. cuts the ribbon on its new Harbor-area station.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

 $T^{\text{he Police Dept. held a rib-}}_{\text{bon-cutting ceremony April}}$ 25 to open its new Harbor Station, 2175 S John S. Gibson Blvd. in San Pedro, which serves San Pedro, Harbor Gateway and Wilmington. More than 1,000 people attended.

The crowd enjoyed performances by several music and dance groups, a fireworks show and food. Tours of the facility were offered.

50,000-square-foot The facility is the new home for LAPD's Harbor Division's 260 patrol officers, detectives and support staff, who have been working out of temporary trailers in Wilmington since 2005, when the nearly century-old Harbor Station was closed for demolition.



From left: Thom Brennan, Commanding Officer, Facilities Management, Club Member; April Richmond, Retired Secretary of Thom Brennan, Club Member; Vince Jones, Program Manager, Public Works; and Sgt. Julie McInnis.



Detective Alvarez served as one of the tour guides to the many visitors who came to see the new station.



From left: Berta Ugas, Sr. PSR 1, Club Member, with her daughter, Tiffany; Commander Andrew J. Smith, Club Member; and Susan Leach, Attorney General of the State



From left: Lt. Lee Sands; and Art Duran, P3.



From left: Maria Gambino, Detention Officer, Club Member; and Richard Mares, Sr. Detention Officer, Club Member.



The new LAPD Harbor Station. Photo courtesy the Public Works/Engineering Newsletter.



From left: Anthony Balderama, P3; Ed Yoon, P2; and Adam Johnson, guest.



From left: Officer Domingo Mairena; Sr. Lead Officer Oscar Lopez; and Officer Kristina Broadhurst.



From left: Sgt. Scot Williams; Jeromy Paciorkowski, P3; and Lt. Robert Long.



From left: Paul Winter, P3; Commander Steve Angulo; PSR Grace Brooks, Club Member; and Officer Terry Shelley.



From left: Troy Cushman, P2; Erika Castellon, P2; and Rene Castro, P2.



From left: First Assistant Chief Jim McDonnell, Chief of Staff, Club Member; and Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor.





From left: Sandra Futami, P3; Kelvin Higa, D1; Debbie Robles, D1; Roger Sandoval, D1; Sid Rodriguez, D2; and Julio



From left: Joe Harris, Detective III, Narcotics; and Commander Joan T. McNamara, Club Member.

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#### **REC AND PARKS**

# Time to Play

Eagle Rock Rec Center hosts opening-day ceremonies for baseball, softball programs.

Story by Angela Bagmanian, Senior Recreation Director, Rec and Parks; Photos courtesy Rec and Parks

On April 25, Rec and Parks' Eagle Rock Rec Center held an opening-day ceremony for its baseball and softball programs.

Some 500 players and 40 coaches representing 40 teams marched to the opening ceremony on beautiful Eagle Rock Park's field three. A parade of teams made its way between hundreds of cheering parents, families and friends. The Opening Day parade brightened the moods of many in today down economy. The ceremony reflected the rich history of the league.

The Eagle Rock Recreation Center Baseball and Softball League includes more than 500 boys and girls ages 5 to 15, split into 40 teams in five baseball levels from T-ball to juniors, and two girls' softball levels: elementary and junior.

Special thanks go to the Bellview, Cypress, Glassell and Highland Park Recreation Centers, which joined our league in junior and baseball and softball divisions.



The singing of the National Anthem by Maya Glasgow, 13.



The presentation of colors by Cub Scout Pack 188.

# Newsbrief

# LAX DIAMOND AWARD FOR RIDESHARE:

Airports received its 13th consecutive Regional Rideshare Diamond Award in May, during a luncheon ceremony at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. The Innovative Rideshare Program Award was presented to Airports for its Redeployment Transportation Assistance (RTA) Program.

The Regional Diamond Awards Program showcases the rideshare programs of employers who reduce traffic congestion by providing their employees with a full range of rideshare commuter options, services and programs. The program's co-sponsors are the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Association, the Ventura County Transportation Commission and the Orange County Transportation Authority.

Airports was honored for its efforts to assist redeployed employees with their new commuting efforts. Redeployment was necessary because air travel decreased nearly 40 percent over the past year and to avoid layoffs, many Airports employees at LA/Ontario International and LA/Palmdale Regional airports had to be reassigned to other work locations. Airports Rideshare distributed memos to each redeployed employee to remind them of the availability of its services and held in-person meetings with them to answer questions, provide customized transit trip plans and vanpool formation assistance.

Through the RTA Program, Airports gained two new vanpools with 13 new vanpoolers, three new carpoolers and five new transit riders from among the 50 redeployed employees. This represented an overall commute mode shift of 42 percent from driving alone to ridesharing.

Airport's multifaceted Rideshare Program includes 63 subsidized vanpools, 75 carpools, public transit incentives, bicycle facilities, commuter advocacy, marketing activities and special events to recruit and retain program participants. Airports distributes LAX FlyAway, Metro, and EZ Regional monthly transit passes onsite and free of charge to Airports employees who commute to work by bus or rail.

This voluntary program is one of the most comprehensive commuter benefits programs offered by an employer in Southern California. Airports' Rideshare Programs save 1,200 vehicle trips per day, seven million commute miles per year, saving more than 500,000 gallons of gasoline per year, and nearly 4,000 tons of carbon dioxide emissions annually. Participants also save thousands of dollars in car insurance and vehicle depreciation costs and countless hours spent on Southern California's overburdened freeways.

# LAPD Communications Division 3rd Annual Golf Classic



BRAEMAR COUNTRY CLUB 4001 Reseda Blvd. Tarzana, CA 91357

(818) 344-5172

Monday, August 31, 2009

Cost: \$130 per player \$520 per team Registration 09:00 AM

Enjoy a complete program of special events, 18 holes of golf (including cart), banch, and an exciting awards banquet...

All for just \$130 / player

- Several "Winner"
   Categories, including:
   LAPD Perpetual trophy, mixed team, and others.
- · Putting contest
- · Longest drive contests
- Closest to the pin challenges
- And Hole-in-One chance for a car

Third Annual Golf Classic - 4 Person Scramble

Monday, August 31, 2009



This year's event will be held Monday, August 31, 2009 at the picturesque Braemar Country Club in Tarzana, 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.

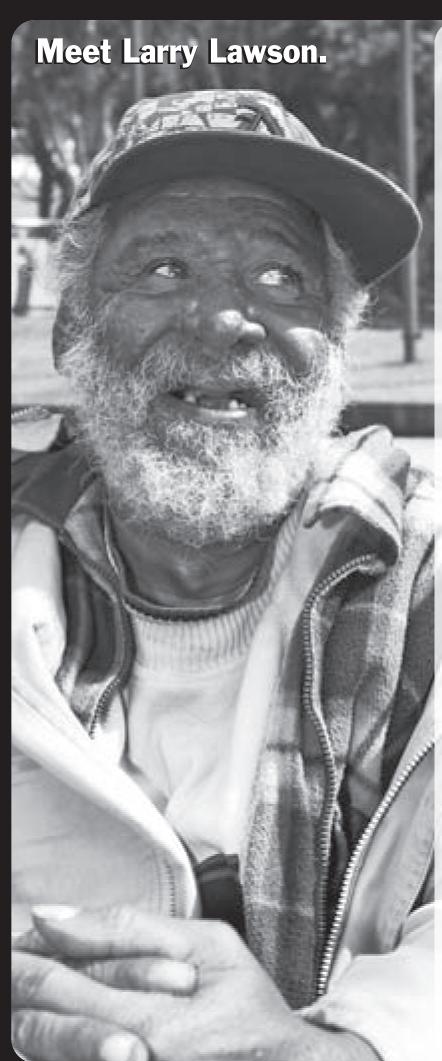
Registration is open. Register early so that you do not miss the chance to golf this beautiful private country club at this amazing price. We anticipate a sell-out tournament. To help us properly plan for this event, please pre-register or sponsor the event by July 31, 2009 at http://lapdcommdiv.dojiggy.com/.

Golf attire is required. Collared shirts and slacks. No steel spikes are allowed on the course. No denim or denim-looking attire allowed.

{ Who are the people you see every day? }

# People We See in downtown Los Angeles.





AGE: "I'm 64 years old."

BIRTHPLACE: "New Orleans."

WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES?

MARITAL STATUS: "Single. I've been married

twice, at the same time. I have two kids who are 19, and the other about 22. **FAMILY:** "I have one brother and three sisters."

FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: "Eating fried flour bread with butter, and dipped in syrup. **RELIGION:** "Baptist, Catholic, Muslim and

Pentecostal -- I tried them all. Back in the 1970s, my religion was crack cocaine, which is what sent me to the streets in the first place.' MILITARY: "No."

WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "Here in Flag Park." **EDUCATION:** "I graduated from Dorsey High

School. TROPHIES: "I had tons of them when I was in high school.'

WHAT WAS THE LAST JOB YOU HAD? "I was a waiter on Amtrak from Los Angeles to New

IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT **WOULD IT BE?** "I would wish to be off the

**FAVORITE SPORTS:** "Basketball."

FAVORITE FOOD: "I like baked beans, and I really like gumbo.

**FAVORITE MOVIE: "Dirty Harry."** 

**FAVORITE ACTOR:** "Clint Eastwood."

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "I never really watch TV, but I used to like comedies like Three's Company and The Cosby Show."

**FAVORITE MUSIC:** "I like the blues, but sometimes it's hard to listen to since it's so sad, and it can be depressing.'

**FAVORITE CANDY: "Chocolate-covered cherries."** LAST BOOK READ: "A Sherlock Holmes book. I can't remember which one.'

THOUGHTS ON THE WAR IN IRAQ: "We really got ourselves into a mess, and it will take a long time to get out of it. I don't think Obama will be able to do it in four years."

LAST THING HE HAD TO EAT: "Last night, I had beans and rice."

DO YOU DRINK? "As much as possible. It's sad to say, but alcohol got me off drugs."

**FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY: "I like it here in** Flag Park.

WHAT HE'D DO WITH A MILLION DOLLARS: "I'd move out of this city, probably up to Sacramento." ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "Don't get

homeless." WHAT THE MAYOR SHOULD DO FOR THE HOME-LESS: "Build more shelters – these people need more shelters. Try sleeping in a wet blanket sometime. All night you're shivering; you then get in a spot where you don't want to move because, as soon as you do, you get cold again. Trying to

find food is tough, too." ORGANIZATION THAT'S BEEN THE BIGGEST

**HELP:** "The Union Mission, but I don't go there anymore because of the restrictions. There are just too many rules.'

WHERE HE'LL BE IN FIVE YEARS: "Hopefully not in this park. Being on the streets is tough.'

The Club gave Larry a McDonald's gift certificate, some cash, snacks and a Club tote bag.

This interview took place April 29 in Flag Park, near the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration.







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.

# Newsbriefs

#### LAPD PURPLE HEART MEDAL:

On May 6, the Los Angeles Police Commission unanimously approved the creation of the LAPD Purple Heart Medal, which will be awarded to the families of officers killed in the line of duty and to officers who sustain traumatic physical injury during an on-duty tac-

"Today, the Commission made a strong statement about its appreciation for the sacrifices our officers and their families make, day in and day out," said Police Commissioner Alan Skobin. "This day, and the LAPD Purple Heart, belongs to all of those who have protected the City we care so much about."

Commissioner Skobin expressed his gratitude to the officers who brought the need for a formal recognition to his attention. "Knowing that it was the right thing to do, these officers did not give up in their quest to create the Purple Heart Medal. I am so appreciative they had the confidence in me to share their passion and commitment for creating this award. I agree, it is the right thing to do, and I applaud my fellow Commissioners and Chief Bratton for their support.'

"I am very glad my fellow Commissioners and I had the opportunity to create this important medal for the LAPD officers," said Police Commission President Anthony Pacheco. "While it will be awarded under very traumatic circumstances, it is an important statement in the Department's commitment to the officers who bravely risk so much for the safety of the people of Los Angeles."

All Commissioners agreed that this new medal is an additional way to express appreciation for the sacrifices LAPD officers make, however, they also expressed their desire to maintain strict criteria for the granting of medal. To begin immediately, the Purple Heart Medal will be awarded to the families of officers killed in the line of duty and to those who sustain traumatic physical injury during an on-duty tactical situation.

The Purple Heart Medal will also be awarded retroactively to the families of officers killed in the line of duty, and to active officers who meet the Purple Heart criteria. Under these circumstances, families and officers meeting the criteria would have six months to submit a request to the Commendations Board through the Division of occurrence. It is estimated that an average of five officers per year will qualify for the Purple Heart Medal.

#### **NEW LAX WARNING SYSTEM:**

Technology that alerts pilots to potential runway safety hazards is now operating at Los Angeles International Airport, thanks to a partnership between the Federal Aviation Administration and the City.

The system, called Runway Status Lights, uses a series of red lights embedded in the pavement to warn pilots if it's unsafe to enter or cross a runway, or to take off. Los Angeles World Airports paid for the \$7 million system; the FAA installed the system and will maintain it.

"Runway Status Lights are a critical safety enhancement for LAX," said Wes Timmons, the FAA's director of runway safety. "This system has proved that it is highly effective in preventing potentially dangerous runway incidents from occurring."

LAX is the third U.S. airport to get Runway Status Lights, following several years of successful tests at Dallas-Fort Worth and San Diego. It's the first airport to have the lights installed on multiple runways.

"With the installation of Runway Status Lights. LAX has established itself ahead of the curve when it comes to passenger safety," said Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. "Through partnership with the FAA, Los Angeles will continue to ensure the utmost safety on the LAX airfield."

Runway Status Lights are connected to LAX's ground radar system. The lights turn red if the ground radar detects a potential conflict between two aircraft or an aircraft and a vehicle. They're installed on eight LAX taxiways and one runway.

Clearance to cross or enter a runway must be given by air traffic control. When the lights go off, the pilot or vehicle driver must verify the clearance before proceeding.

Runway Status Lights are the latest safety enhancement at LAX. The FAA also recently installed the most technologically advanced ground radar system, known as Airport Surface Detection Equipment-X, or ASDE-X, in the air traffic control tower. ASDE-X collects data from more sources than LAX's previous ground radar system, and provides air traffic controllers with color map displays showing the location of all aircraft and vehicles on the runways and taxiways.

#### LAPD

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# Sgt. Laguna Retires

Sgt. Rich Laguna retires from the Police Dept. after 35 years of City service.



Sgt. II Rich Laguna, Club Member, with his grand-daughter Faith.



From left: Sgt. Dennis Quiles; and Bob Organ, P3.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

Friends, family and coworkers gathered May 13 for a retirement celebration for Sgt. II Rich Laguna, Club Member. The celebration took place at the Ahmanson Recruitment and Training Center.

Following graduation in August 1974, he was assigned to Harbor Division. From there he was assigned to Hollenbeck, where he remained for 14 years and was promoted to P-3 and P-3+1. Rich left Hollenbeck in 1990 and was assigned to Training Division as a Drill

Instructor. He was promoted to Sergeant on Halloween 1993 and assigned to 77th Street and then to Newton.

In 1995, he returned to Training, were he was the assistant Officer in Charge of Physical Training, Self Defense and Recruit Coordination Unit, and then Office in Charge of Recruit Coordination.

Congratulations, Sgt. Laguna, on your distinguished career. And thanks to Laura Rangel and Christine Hiltz for their assistance in producing this article.



From left: Sgt. Michael Barela; Sgt. II Rich Laguna, Club Member; and Retired P3 Rudolph Valencia.



From left: LAPD Chaplain Fr. Mike McCullough with Sgt. II Rich Laguna, Club Member.



From left: Matthew, 4; Retired Sgt. Richard Parmelee; Brian Parmelee; and LAPD Chaplain Fr. Mike McCullough.



Sgt. Rich Laguna, Club Member, joined by his son, Jeff, and daughter-in-law, Paulina, walks through a warm reception by current recruits at ARTC.



Back, from left: Justin Fein, MA; and Officer Mark Corral, LAX, Club Member. Seated: Port Police Officer Arthur Kurkowski, Club Member; and Chuck Gioia, P3; Roger Forest, P3.



Standing, from left: Beverly Clark, SMA, Club Member; April Broussard, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member; and Rosaelia Palacios, Clerk Typist. Seated: Carol Coudriet-Portnoff, Clerk Typist; and Sandra Pennis-Wise, Principal Clerk.



From left: Chris Hughes, P3; Rob Nobile, P3, Sr. Drill Instructor; and Manny Ortega, Drill Instructor, Club Member.



Standing, from left: Christine Hiltz, Sr. Clerk Typist; and Nicole Montgomery, P2, Hollywood Division. Seated: Christina Hernandez, MA; Leos Lagita, Clerk Typist; and Security Officer Clarence Jones, Club Member.



From left: Noah, grandson; Taylor, son-in-law; Jaime, daughter; Paulina, daughter-in-law; Jeff, son; Sgt. Rich Laguna; his granddaughter Faith; and his wife, Jodie.



From left: Lt. Anne-Marie Fuller, In-Service Training; Sgt. Kyle Tolliver; and Sgt. Barbara Scallon, Club Member.

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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

Jose Bejar Brittney Colasurdo Sergio Gonzalez Yvonne Morgan Dawnesha Parson

#### **Building and Safety**

Patrick Kong

#### **City Attorney**

Clarence Perry Del San Juan Edward Youn

#### **Department on Disability**

Sheridan Keyser

#### **LAFD**

Lesley Cornejo

#### **General Services**

Minnie Davis Milton Gomez Roy Hindsen III Lisa Johnson Irene Saltzman Genaro Sanchez John Trevgoda

#### **Convention Center**

Michael Carter Richard Fuentes Bruce Johnson Nestor Portillo Edwin Smith Keith Smith Adria Ybarra

#### **LAPD**

Fernando Cazares Nancy Gonzales Robert Gutierrez Margaret Herrera Mario Jimenez Charlene Johnson Jose Leyba Gustavo Marroquin Michiko Murakami Vickie Nguyen Ryan Olds-Kirk Vivian Pappas Magally Reyes Wilma Richardson Rose Ryland Cynthia Salas Michelle Vaca Mariana Vasquez Glen Younger

#### **Neighborhood Empowerment**

Monique Collins

#### **Fire and Police Pensions**

Susan Bautista

#### **Public Works: Sanitation**

Natanel Isaac Robert Morales Norman Pradia

#### **Public Works: Street Services**

Adebola Kannike Lawrence Lacour Ralph Martinez

Jonathan Dizon LaLena Garcia

#### **Transportation**

Michael Ayala Cynthia Guy Charles Harrell Armando Hurtado Katherine Rice Manuel Viramontes Sean Zavala

#### Zoo

Jessica Swearingen

Selamawit Azase Luke Banashek Mark Berry Jiri Blaha David Borman Vahe Boyajian Matthew Bryan Angela Bullard Eduardo Castillo Carlos Castillo Priscilla Chui Tah-Neka Colbert Heriberto De La Torre Abraham Elbancol Iuliana Feldmeier-Borman Jaime Fidello Rocio Flores Anthony Frias Jaime Garcia Val Garrett Sr. Mark Hampson Alice Haves Elmer Hilario Jimmy Huern

#### Janice Johnson Mark Lannin

Blase Lopez

Ismael Martinez

Daniel Mawer

Allan McNeal

Pamela Miller

Boris Milutin

Mario Molina

Thang Nguyen

Binh Nguyen

Femi Oyewole

Richard Pando

Manuel Rivera

Noe Sandoval

Jose Santiago

Kittara Tongkul

Cheryl Ward

U Wan

Efren Rojas

Charles Richardson

JaNelva Seaberry-Williams

Kevin Pham

Julian Mendoza

#### **Rec and Parks**

Tamara Williams

**Other** Mark Adame Sanda Cea Kyle Conconnon Laurence Eisner James Ellis James Flauta Jeffrey Goss

Errol Fortenberry Bob Harvey Mei Ling Hsu Jonathan Huerta David Jackson Gary Jones Larna Jordan Octavio Luna-Garcia Patrick Macis Manuel Swearingen Rodrigo Mendez Eulisses Mercado William Payne Esther Perea Mark Perriseau

Coby Shumway

Richard Sifuentes

Shawn Sotomayor

Raquel Viramontes

Charles Wacker

Traci Walace

# 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**

Albert Campos, DWP, 35 Craig Carpenter, DWP, 6 Stanley Clark, Rec and Parks, 3 Harold Emery, Public Works, 26

#### Retired

Ignacio Alvarez, DWP, 21

Raymond Argento, Public Works, 41

Edna Avery, LAPD, 31

James Ayo, Public Works, 20

Catherine Baskovich, Harbor, 43

Albert Bertolotti, Rec and Parks, 33

Irene Briggs, Harbor, 16

John Brown, General Services, 36

Lillian Candelaria, City Clerk, 26

Edward Carr, Municipal Auditorium, 27

Emil Cretulescu, Public Works, 15

Donald Custis, DWP, 30

Louise Deiparine, General Services, 30

William Devase, LAPD, 31

James Evans, LAPD, 10

Jimmy Griffin, Public Works, 33

Clair Keller, Building and Safety, 13

Kenneth Lesser, Planning, 17

Esther Martinez, Building and Safety, 16

Shigeo Maruyama, DWP, 30

Michael McEneaney, DWP, 36

Paul Mowbray, DWP, 31

Joe Nagano, Public Works, 33

Tatiana Noscoff, Library, 26

Curtis Oplinger, Cultural Affairs, 17

Walter Rand, DWP, 31

Shirley Rich, DWP, 24

Leonard Roberts, Building and Safety, 25

William Ruiz, General Services, 20

Zella Shoulders, Library, 18

William Simmonds, DWP, 36 Gerald Stevens, Library, 26

William Strawn, Public Works, 33

James Thigpenn, DWP, 30

Vadim Tihomirov, DWP, 11

Kenneth Turner, Public Works, 16

Arthur Vorpahl, DWP, 37

John Woods, General Services, 21

Beverly Woodward, ITA, 19



# **Military**



oes 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



NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS
Raymond Atkinson	Chief of Operations	Airports	41	Frank Millan	_	DWP	_
Edward Baines	_	DWP	_	Peggy Mizumoto	_	DWP	_
Biennenido Baligad	_	DWP	-	Kathleen Montes	_	DWP	_
Craig Baugus	_	DWP	- 1	Douglas O'Leske	_	DWP	_
Connie Berumen	_	DWP	-	Loren Peer	_	DWP	_
Gary Bigelow	Pr. Constr. Inspector	Public Works	26	Jennie Perez	_	DWP	_
Robert Clark	_	DWP	AVZ	Choonhee Rhim	Librarian	Library	4
Wanda Clark	-	DWP		Robert Rozanski	_	DWP	_
John Cox	-	DWP	- /A	Frank Rubio	RCTO	Public Works	31
Gary Emory	-	DWP	- 10	Paulo Santos	_	DWP	_
Raul Escobedo	City Planner	Planning	9	Robert Smith Jr.	_	DWP	_
Connie Garrison	_	DWP	- V	Tyrone Tinson	_	DWP	_
John Gates	_	DWP	- ' /	Iose Torres	_	DWP	_
Frank Gearin	_	DWP	- /)	Raymond Torres	_	DWP	_
Alfred Gragg Jr.	_	DWP	- 1	Lory Tuyco	_	DWP	_
Ronald Hoist	_	DWP	- //	Rafael Vargas	_	DWP	_
Richard Huacuja Marcia Kamine	- At C:t Att	DWP	20	Floyd Wallace		DWP	
Stephen Krell	Asst. City Attorney	City Attorney DWP	30	Rosemarie Weisz	Animal Keeper	Zoo	20
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# **Graduations**



Noah Hawkins (left) graduated from Granada Hills Baptist School and was the sixth-grade salutatorian. Pictured with Noah is his brother, Isaiah, and their favorite pal. "Sock Monkey." Noah and Isaiah are the sons of John and Kelley Hawkins. John's the President of the Club. "Congratulations, Noah."



Bryan Sarfaty graduated from Cal State Los Angeles, earning a Bachelor of science degree in criminal justice. He earned membership into the Phi Beta Kappa national honor fraternity and graduated magna cum laude. He's the son of Ron and Jean Sarfaty, LAPD. "We are so proud of him!"



Congratulations!

Frank Duarte graduated from South Hills High School and plans to attend Cal Poly Pomona in the fall. He's the son of Leonor Garcia, DWP.



Angelique Ward graduated from Joshua School and attends the New Vista Middle School. Angelique is the daughter of Lt. Ward, Airports.



Stefani Lyn Frazier graduated from Animo South Los Angeles Charter High School. She plans to attend El Camino College in the fall. Stefani is the daughter of Andrea Netterville, LAPD.



Kyle Moran graduated from Loyola High School. He plans to attend Arizona State University, majoring in kinesiology, in the fall. Kyle's father is Horacio Moran, DWP.



Michelle M. Mendoza graduated from La Habra High School and plans to attend Cerritos College. She's the daughter of Adriana Courseault, Personnel.

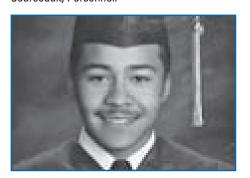
Alive! is delighted to publish graduation photos of Club members and their children. Have a photo of a recent graduation? Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



Michael Jenkins graduated from Beverly Hills High School and plans to attend Cal Poly Pomona in the fall, majoring in either biomedical engineering or electrical engineering. He's the son of Lisa Jenkins, Rec and Parks.



Danilo J. Batson graduated from Valley Christian High School in Cerritos. He plans to attend Azusa Pacific University in the fall, majoring in business finance and musical theater. Danilo is the son of Marleen Batson, Building and Safety, 19 years of City service.



Joseph McGuire graduated from Palmdale High School. He's the son of Darren McGuire, DWP; the nephew of Kevin McGuire, Public Works/Street Services; and the grandson of Marilyn McGuire-Holley, Retired, Public Works/Sanitation.



Krystal Marie Card graduated from Mount San Antonio College with an Associate's degree in arts and communications. She plans to attend Cal State Northridge in the fall and continue her studies in audiology. She's the daughter of Tammy Lindquist, LAPD.



# Quinceañera

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# Weddings

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Arlene Herrero



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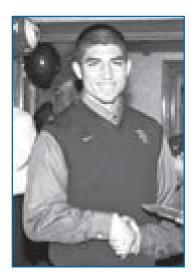
# Life's Important Moments



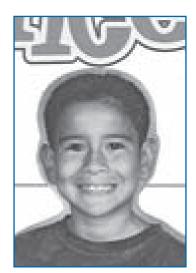
# Special Achievements



On June 3, Cheryl Morris, Senior Lead Officer, Harbor/Port Police, was honored as "Public Servant of the Year" at the Wilmington Superstars Dinner by the Wilmington Coordinating Council, the City of Los Angeles, the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, and the California 55th Assembly. In addition, she was awarded a Certificate of Congressional Commendation for public service by Congresswoman Jane Harman, and a commendation for public service by State Senator Jenny Oropeza, Long Beach.



Congratulations to Eric Wilson II for his football scholarship to Ottawa University as a linebacker. He will be attending as a freshman in the fall. His proud father is Eric Wilson Sr., Electrical Mechanic, DWP.



Moises Garcia was the third-grade president, and a member of the Gifted and Talented Enriched program, at Bursch Elementary in Baldwin Park. He's the son of Leonor Garcia, DWP.

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



Diana Williams, Executive
Administrative Assistant, Board of
Public Works, was honored by the
Board for going above and beyond
the call of duty for her work with the
Public Works High School Internship
Program. She has been the program
coordinator for the last five years.
"The City of Los Angeles works
because we do," she said in her
acceptance remarks. In the photo,
Diana is holding the certificate, surrounded by family members and
Board of Public Works
Commissioners.



Macy S. Guico, a junior at Cantwell Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic High School, has recently received a topten honors award from the school. She received a medal and certificates from the CA State Senate, LA County, and the LA Sheriff's Office. This is the third consecutive year that Macy has achieved academic excellence. She's the daughter of Cynthia S. Cruz, City Attorney's Office. "She is every parent's great source of pride and joy, not only for her faith formation but also for her determination to succeed," her proud mom says.



## Births



Sophia Olivia Sabad, born June 8 to Kristen and Bernie Sabad, and welcomed by big sister, Kristina, 4. Sophia is the eighth grandchild of Lupe Medina, the Club's Administrative Services Representative (and coordinator of the *Alive!* coloring contests) and Red Medina, Construction Inspector, Contract Admin, Public Works.



Jocelyn N. Lorenzo, born May 11 to Edgar and Janet Lorenzo. Edgar is a Senior Water Utility Worker, DWP Western District. With Jocelyn is her sister, Jamie, 5.



Brandon Jeremiah Andrade, born May 6. Parents are Val Hunter, Sr. Management Analyst, Airports, and Henry Andrade.



Dahlia Wynn, born June 9, to Jason Haro and Lindsey Hockridge. Dahlia is the granddaughter of Kurt and Valerie Kaufman. Kurt works for the DWP.



Angelina Mariah Alba, born May 18 to Anthony and Stella Alba. Angelina is the tenth grandchild of Armando Alba, General Services, Retired.

Have a photo of a recent newborn? Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

# E-Tickets

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#### **LAPD**

# **New Property Officers**

Police Dept. presents badges to a new class of Property Officers.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

The LAPD's Property Division held a badge ceremony for its newest graduates May 11. The event took place in the Metropolitan Dispatcher Conference Room.

The new graduates are:

- Veronica Castillo
- Lisa Udompruge-Krueger
- Benjamine Krueger
- Jerome Schwab, and
- Rene Swift-McLaurin.



From left: Adolfo Alderete, Principal Property Officer; and Delvin Brooks, Principal Property Officer.

Welcome remarks were delivered by Terry Carter, Sr. Management Analyst II, Acting Commanding Officer, Property Division. The National Anthem was sung by Dennis Flowers, Background Investigator, LAPD.

Sharon Papa, Assistant Chief and Director, Office of Support Services, addressed the incoming Property Officers. She commented on their importance, especially with the recent gun buyback program, where 1,700 guns were turned in and which now must be inventoried by the property officers.

The administration of the oath and the presentation of badges were handled by Sr. Personnel Analyst Francoise Gardere, Personnel Division. Closing remarks were given by Police Administrator Rhonda Sims-Lewis, Commanding Officer, Administrative and Technical Services Bureau.

Additional guests included Police Administrator Nancy Gennusa, Assistant Commanding Officer, Administrative and Technical Services Bureau.

The Club congratulates the new Property Officers and thanks Cordelia Williams for her assistance in producing this article.



Property Officer Veronica Castillo.



Property Officer Lisa Udompruge-Krueger.



Property Officer Rene Swift-McLaurin.



Property Officer Benjamin Krueger.



The congratulatory cake!



Director, Office of Support Services,



From left: Michele De Anda, Property Officer, Club Member; Carla Astorga, Sr. Property Oficer; and Iksoo Kim, Sr. Property Officer.



From left: Lisa Floyd, Assistant Commanding Officer. operty Division; Khonda Sims-Lewis, Commanding Officer, Administrative and Technical Services Bureau; and Nancy Gennusa, Assistant Commanding Officer, Administrative and Technical Services Bureau



Far left: Sr. Personnel Analyst Francois Gardere, Personnel Division, administers the oath prior to presenting the badges.



Dennis Flowers, Background Investigator, LAPD, sings the National Anthem.



Sr. Management Analyst II Terry Carter, Acting Commanding Officer, Property Division, Club Member, welcomes everyone to the Metropolitan Communication Dispatch Center Conference Room.



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

# Your friend if Waiting for You!

# This Month's Pets For Adoption:

#### SPUNKY

Spunky is the cutest neutered, oneyear-old black and white American Staffordshire terrier. Spunky loves to be around people and to play with his toys. Please give him a home this summer. North Central Animal Care Center -ID#A0991257



#### Lance

Lance is a neutered, nine-month-old black Labrador retriever and chow mix. He is very smart and well mannered. He can sit on command, and he loves taking baths. He would be a great companion for a family with kids!

North Central Animal Care Center -ID#A1030381

#### tung

Tuna is a four-month-old female black and white domestic shorthair cat. She was surrendered by her owners because of allergies. She loves people and gets along well with other cats. She would make a wonderful companion! North Central Animal Care Center -ID#A1035400



### gizmo

Gizmo is a 1 year old neutered orange and white domestic shorthair cat. He is chubby and lovable and likes to be held and scratched behind his ears. Please give him a home to live out the rest of his sen-

North Central Animal Care Center -ID#A1014871



Red is a three-month-old female fawn and white shorthaired rabbit. She brought as a stray to the shelter in January and really needs to find a forever home. Please help Red find a family to love this summer! North Central Animal Care Center -ID#A1006172



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All of the above animals are available for adoption at the North Central **Animal Care Center, 3201 Lacy St.** Los Angeles, 90031.

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# Everyday Heroes inAction

# Factory Fire in N. Hollywood

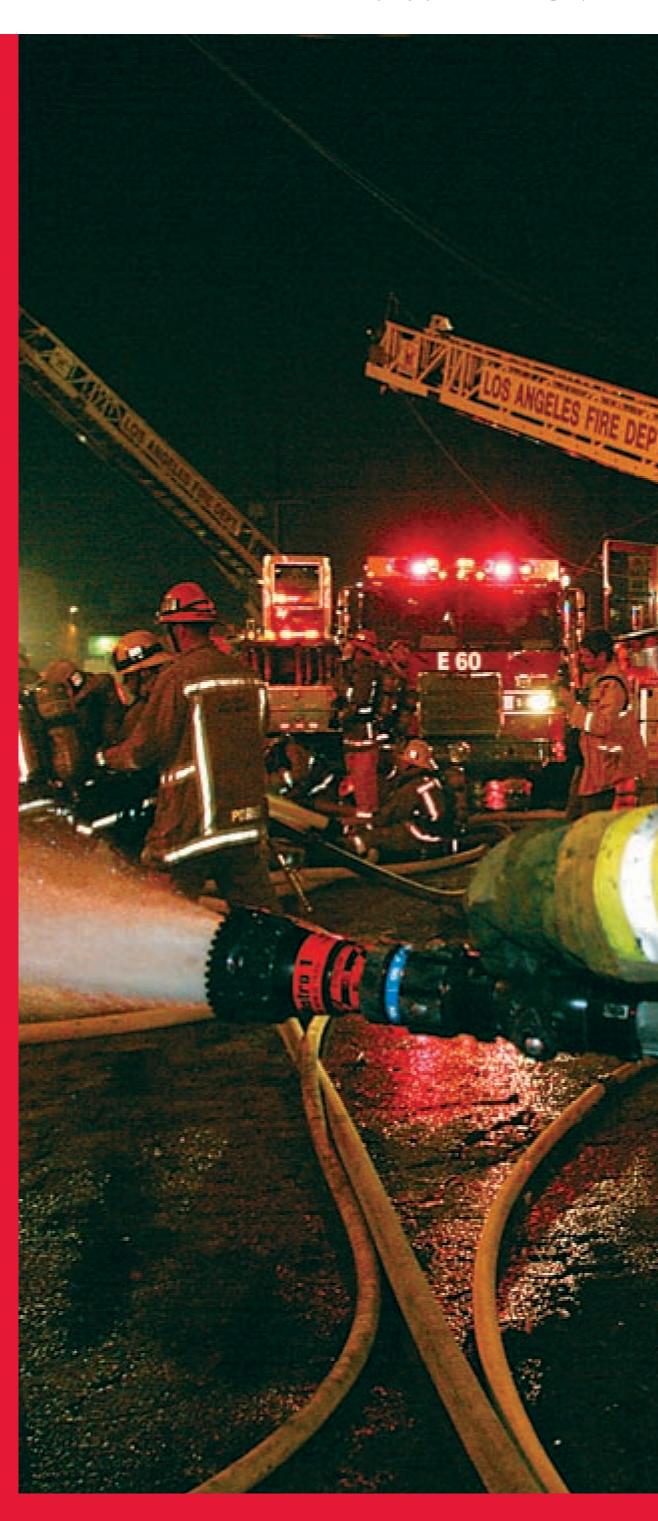
Photo by Juan Guerra; Story courtesy LAFD

n 10:43 p.m. June 1, 23 companies of Los Angeles Firefighters; nine LAFD Rescue Ambulances; three Arson Units; one Urban Search and Rescue Unit; one Rehab Unit; one Hazardous Materials Team; four EMS Battalion Captains; seven Battalion Chief Officer Command Teams: one **Division Chief Officer Command** Team: one dozer; two tractors; two loaders; and a Heavy Equipment Unit, under the direction of Dep. Chief Mark Stormes, responded to a major emergency structure fire at 6914 N. Beck Ave. in North Hollywood.

Firefighters arrived quickly to find heavy smoke and fire showing through the roof from an unoccupied carpet and hardwood manufacturing commercial building. Swiftly extending handlines, firefighters battled fiercely with the blaze. Due to the structural collapse of the roof and the building's walls, fire crews were forced to go into a defensive mode, attacking the fire with heavy streams of water from the roofs of adjacent structures as well as from the street.

Firefighters worked diligently to prevent the spread of the fire to any of the surrounding structures in this commercial area of North Hollywood. The fire was contained to only the one building. Early on in the firefight, one Fire Captain was treated and taken to medical care for fatigue. There were no other injuries reported. Companies continued firefighting efforts throughout the early morning hours, with more than 170 fire personnel continuing the attack with water appliances on the ground as well as several ladder pipe operations.

Thanks to the exhausting efforts of all fire teams the blaze was finally knocked down after a seven-hour stand. Extensive overhauling of the site was initiated, with several companies remaining on scene to watch for hot spots. The cause of this fire has vet to be determined at press time, and the monetary loss is still being tabulated.





















# 1 Italy



"Here is a picture of my wife Lydia and I visiting the Coliseum in Roma in May."

- Paul and Lydia Hernandez, Club Members

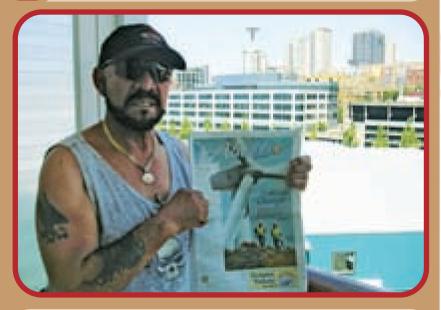
# Balkan Peninsula



"I was in Croatia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina, where I am from, this May for a few weeks. I took this photo in front of St. Michael Catholic Church, which has been in our village [Drinovci, Herzegovina] for about 500 years. It was built by my ancestors and is made out of solid stone."

- Damir Tomas, Club Member

# **Washington**



"This were taken from my balcony on the *Mariner of the Seas* in Seattle."

- Baron (Mr. B) Greenhouse, DWP

# 4 Oregon



"My wife and I were in Portland Ore., and had to drive to Tillamook to see the Tillamook cheese factory."

- James Howlett, Harbor

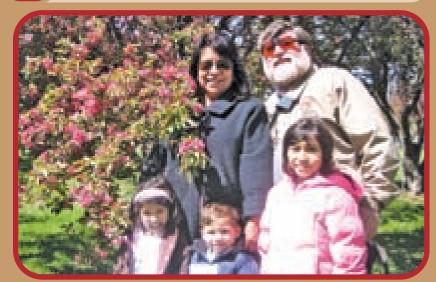
# **Costa Rica**



"I took this picture in Tortuguero National Park in the Limon Province of Costa Rica in April."

- Suzanne Jimenez, City Council

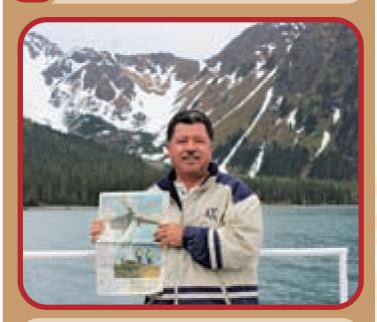
# Washington, D.C.



Lupe Medina, the Club's Administrative Services Representative (and coordinator of the *Alivel* coloring contests), and her husband, **Red Medina**, **Construction Inspector, Contract Admin, Public Works**, in the beautiful Cherry Blossom fields of Washington, D.C. (during the Presidential Easter Egg Hunt) with their grandbabies Emma, Bruno and Hannah.

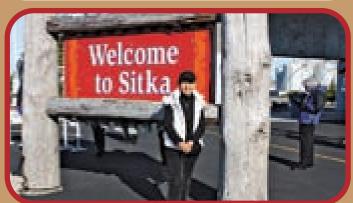


# Alaska



"These pictures were taken in Alaska during our recent trip/cruise. My wife and I traveled to Vancouver, B.C., and cruised to Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, Whittier, Sitka and the College Fjord, Alaska. We also visited Anchorage and Seward. I miss all the City employees, but I'm enjoying my retirement."

- Mike De Leon, Retired, Club Member





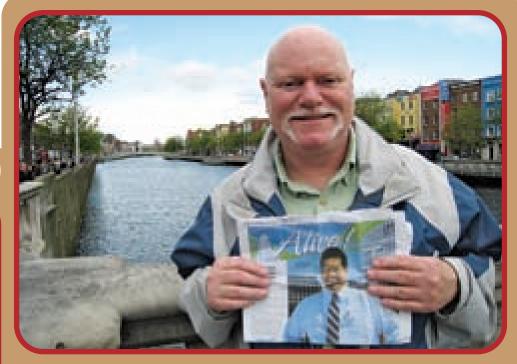
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"My wife, Virginia, and I just returned from a cruise to Northern Europe (Stockholm, Helsinki, St Petersburg, Talinn, Copenhagen, Edinburgh, Barrow and Dublin). Attacked are a accouple of photos from the trip (I couldn't take a photo in a couple of cities, as I left Alive! in my ship's cabin!).

- Mike and Virginia Elling, LAPD (both)







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# (#125453) Cooking with the Club by Chef Robert Larios

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# Simple, and a Little More

Lemon-Garlic Sautéed Green Beans With Shrimp

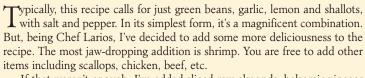
### **DIRECTIONS:**



In a large sauté pan on medium heat, add olive oil, garlic and shallots. Let this cook for about 3 to 4 minutes before going to step 2.



Add the green beans and gently mix. Add salt and pepper.



If that weren't enough, I've added sliced raw almonds, balsamic vinegar and Parmesan cheese. For those who are bit leery of green beans, the addition of butter and copious amounts of garlic will quash the fears.

This is a recipe that is wonderful as a side dish any time of the year.



Add the juice of one lemon, and then the sliced almonds. Now is a good time to add the balsamic vinegar.



Here's the magic to enhancing the flavor of this recipe: Add butter.



# Lemon-Garlic Sautéed Green Beans With Shrimp

# INGREDIENTS:

- 1 pound green beans
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 lemon (the juice of one lemon) 2 tablespoons parsley
- 1 medium shallot
- 6 to 8 cloves garlic
- 1 pound shrimp; size is up
- 1/4 cup raw sliced almonds
- Freshly ground pepper and sea salt to taste
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese



Cooking Tidbit: If you don't have lemons or balsamic vinegar, add more of the one you do have.



As you've entered about 10 minutes into the cooking process and the shrimp has turned pinkish in color and the green beans are cooked through, add the quarter-cup of Parmesan cheese.

# [ A Cook's Dictionary ]

# Balsamic Vinegar:

Made from white Trebbiano grape juice, balsamic vinegar gets its dark color and pungent sweetness from aging in barrels of various woods and in graduating sizes over a period of years. Many balsamic vinegars contain sulfites, added primarily to inhibit the growth of unfavorable, flavor-detracting bacteria

 From the The New Food Lover's Companion, Sharon Tyler Herbst, 1995, Barron's Educational Series.



Plate and enjoy the yummy goodness.





# Fallen Employees Memorial

DWP unveils memorial to employees who lost their lives while providing City services.

Photos by the Bureau of Engineering Newsletter

new civic monument was dedicated May 22 Ahonoring more than 200 DWP employees who lost their lives while providing vital electric and water service to the City.

Councilmember and Club Member Tom LaBonge, DWP officials, and family and friends of fallen DWP employees unveiled the new memorial in front of the DWP's John Ferraro

"As we begin Memorial Day weekend, it is fitting that we honor the City employees and their families who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to the City of Los Angeles," said Councilmember Tom LaBonge. "It's also fitting that we moved the ceremony here from City Hall this year, since the Department of Water and Power has lost more employees than any other department in the City."

With hundreds of DWP employees looking on, the third annual Employee Memorial Ceremony featured the unveiling of a 16-foot-long glass memorial. The memorial is etched with the names of the 218 employees who lost their lives in service to the Department between 1922 and 2008. That number does not include 43 workers who died during construction of the first Los Angeles Aqueduct between 1908 and 1913, prior to records being kept.

"This monument is a testament to the extraordinarily dangerous work that

DWP employees do every day of the week, and which most Los Angeles residents really know nothing about," said David Nahai, DWP CEO and General Manager. "When you look at this monument, you will see that one side is completely full with 218 names, and the other side is blank. I believe we owe it to those whose names appear on one side to make sure that no name ever appears on the other side.'

"Too often we take for granted the usually unseen work and huge risks our DWP workers are forced to take to do their jobs to keep the water and power running for all of us," said Lee Kanon Alpert, President of the Board of Water and Power Commissioners. "Our employees also save lives - lives of the elderly, the infirm and those who are in hospitals, whose very breathing depends on the electricity that runs

Pointing out that the majority of deaths occurred during the Department's first 30 years -- through the 1940s -- Nahai said the

the equipment that keeps them alive."

At the DWP's Fallen Employees Memorial, outside the JFB

Department has elevated safety as its No. 1 priority, illustrated by the formation of a joint safety institute, an annual safety summit, and many other cooperative efforts between labor and management to foster effective safety programs and policies.

"Still, day in and day out, our employees risk their lives to provide water and power to an ever-growing City," Nahai said.

The fallen employees worked for various divisions of the Department. The majority worked in the Power System in Power Distribution, Electric Trouble, Power Operations, Power Design and Construction, and Electrical Station Maintenance.

The memorial's unveiling was witnessed by about 30 family members and friends of fallen DWP employees, including the family of Herman Hermosillo, an electric mechanic who died in 1988. His son, Marco Hermosillo, also a DWP employee, said the memorial was a great tribute. "My father would be proud. This really means a lot to us and to all the families of those who have passed performing water and power work for the City," Marco said.

Charles Bragg, a DWP electric service representative, was best friends with Brian Blaney, an electrical mechanic who died in 1982. "This is impressive and fantastic," Bragg said. "It was time."



At the DWP's Fallen Employees Memorial, outside the JFB



# REVIEWS BY FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS

# MOVIE REVIEWS



#### **Star Trek** Rated PG-13 My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This movie grabs you from the start and doesn't let go. This movie has it all! It's a very entertaining story and a great cast. I loved it.

You meet Captain Kirk, Mr. Spock,

Lt. Uhura, Bones and Scotty, all before they join the Enterprise. I hope we are treated to this cast in another adventure soon. It was also great that the cast included the original Mr. Spock, Leonard Nimov. It would have been nice if they included the rest of the originals, especially William Shatner and Nichelle Nichols. May we all live long and prosper.

- Gail Seltzer, DWP

#### **Star Trek**

#### My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Star Trek is about the early days of James T. Kirk and his fellow USS Enterprise crew. As a film on its own, with no knowledge of the other Star Trek movies and TV series, it is a highly entertaining and amusing piece of sci-fi. Longtime fans and Trekkies will also enjoy the backstory about how Kirk (Chris Pine) and Spock (Zachary Quinto) came to be friends as well as crew members. I predict that this is one Star Trek movie that will live long and prosper.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

#### **Star Trek**

#### My Score: 4 (out of 5)

I'm not much of a Trekkie, but if you watched any of the original Star Trek shows, you will really enjoy this movie. This movie shows how all the characters come together as a young crew for the USS Enterprise. It has a good story line, too, though I still have a little trouble with time travel story lines. It featured a good choice of actors for the parts, especially Zachary Quinto, a great young Spock. Chris Pine also does a great job playing James T. Kirk. This is a great family movie.

- Gwen Lew, DWP



#### **Terminator: Salvation** Rated PG-13

#### My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This movie has some great action and chase scenes and will keep you entertained throughout. Christian Bale did a great job as John Connor, but Sam Worthington as

Marcus really was the heart of the movie.

Even though I enjoyed the movie, there was something definitely missing. In a way it did not seem like one of the Terminator movies. Besides missing Arnold, it felt like something else was missing too.

- Gail Seltzer, DWP

#### **Terminator: Salvation** My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Just sit back and let the movie take you to the time when Skynet still exists and the future of the human race is on the line. This fourth Terminator movie was filled with explosions, futuristic aircraft and amazing special effects; some were a bit overwhelming at times, but thoroughly enjoyable. However, it lacked that certain human character - Christian Bale as John Conner was way too serious. The main character had no humorous anecdotes as in the previous Terminator movies; he was just a hard and dedicated soldier. There were a lot of references to the previous Terminator movies, so, to follow, you should be familiar with the story. Without it, it's just another big budget sci-fi movie.

- Chuck Beas, DWP



#### **The Hangover** Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Okay, it's Shakespeare. The Hangover is a dude flick, an antichick-flick that is crude, lewd, rude and pretty funny. Three friends of a groom-to-be decide to take their buddy to Vegas

(baby!) for one last fling. Once there, they engage in misadventures they can't even remember the following morning. Think a contemporary Three Stooges meets Animal House. For all its insulting rowdiness, it's pretty harmless fun. The frat boys in the audience enjoyed it. So did I.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks



#### **Away We Go** Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Away We Go is a sweet and serious comedy about love, relations and commitment. Burt (John Krasinski) and Verona (Maya Rudolph) are a young couple expecting their first

child. Unsure of where to call home, they visit friends and family across the United States and Canada to find the "perfect place." Along the way, they discover many surprises about themselves. This is a thoughtful and preachy film, but its engaging characters overcame my reluctance.

As an added bonus, the movie's soundtrack includes songs by George Harrison, Bob Dylan and the Velvet Underground.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

# **DVD** Reviews



#### What Doesn't Kill You (2008) Rated R

My Score: 2 (out of 5)

This film boasts an allstar cast and a compelling plot about two small-time Boston hoodlums who try to stay one step ahead of local law enforcement. Although it has all the ele-

ments to add up to a great film, it does not. Some of the plot twists fall flat, and parts of the script feel like we have seen it before and better, in films like Gone Baby Gone and Good Will Hunting. Overall, this film has a lot of potential but delivers a disappointing final product.

- Erin Knight, Public Works



### Marley & Me (2008)

Rated PG My Score: 1 (out of 5)

This film cannot make up its mind. It fails at being a romantic comedy-it's too dark and depressing. Likewise, it fails at being a lighthearted pet movie—it

contains too many adult themes and profanity. I would recommend it only to humorless, middleaged yuppies thinking about adopting a pet and/or having a baby.

- Erin Knight, Public Works



#### The Mysterious **Case of Benjamin Button (2008)** Rated PG-13

My Score: 1 (out of 5)

Watching this film was like being on a threehour Disneyland ride that you want to end as soon as it begins. Nothing in the film is

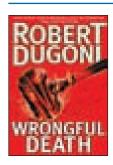
plausible, and the special effects stand out like a sore thumb. The voiceover narration is straight out of an afterschool special. Worst of all, the framing sequences, featuring close-ups of a dying woman in her hospital bed groaning out the memories to her nervously pacing daughter, were completely unwatchable. Hard to believe this was directed by David Fincher.

- Erin Knight, Public Works



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# **Book Reviews**



#### **Wrongful Death**

Robert Dugoni Crime fiction, 384 pages Simon & Schuster

#### My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Attorney David Sloane just won a \$1.6 million wrongful-death lawsuit and then was hired by Beverly Ford,

who wants to sue the U.S. military for her husband James' mysterious death in Iraq. Sloane, a former soldier himself, is compelled to find justice for the widow and her four children in what is certain to become the biggest challenge of his career.

As Sloane is propelled into the federal courtroom, those seeking to hide the truth threaten his family, forcing his new wife, Tina, and stepson, Jake, into hiding, where they become the targets of a relentless killer. Now Sloane must race to uncover what really happened on that fatal mission, not only to bring justice to a family wronged but to keep himself and the people closest to him from becoming the next casualties.

I highly recommend this great thriller by Robert Dugoni, who brings justice to the courtroom for those not able to speak for themselves.

- Linda Rorex. Personnel

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House for Rent Altadena: Freshly painted & cleaned home in wonderful cul-de-sac. Kitchen w/ granite counters, separate laundry area & additional bonus room. Manicured lawn w/ sprinklers, large backvard for entertaining & for dog lovers, specially fenced area. \$2,300 per month. Barbara at (626) 375 3620. 10/08

NoHo Condo for Sale Only \$265,000 - Toluca Terrace starter condo. Lush foliage, tranquil pool, spa, laundry facilities. Well lit 1st level home w/ open floor plan, lots of closet space, remodeled bathroom and 1 car detached garage & back door. 6 months HOA fees paid as bonus to buyer. Barbara at (626) 375 3620.

Room for rent. Free Utilities. \$500 a month. Located in Harbor City off Lomita Blvd. adjacent to the Harbor Freeway. Call (310) 326-3922 from 9am to 9pm.

Room for rent in San Fernando. \$750 MO. Utilities Included. 3 Bdrm,1 Ba,Den,Yard & Drwy. Share W/45 yr old male. Call: Ozzy (818) 312-5351

#### Household Items

New Refrigerator, Kenmore, black, \$175. Great for travel or home usage. 2 ft high, 1 ft 7 inches wide and deep. 2.7 cu. Ft. interior w/ freezer. Norma at (818) 994-6695.

Exercise Equipment: AB Lounger II, \$50 -NEW; Treadmill, Jane Fonda, Motorless, w/ manual- \$25; Misc. types exercise equipment. Call Marie 310-422-0075

Cross-stitched Arts - Beautiful home décor, no frame, prices are negotiable. Call Nida & leave a message (909) 800-3207.

#### Miscellaneous

2009 Oakland Raiders Turn Around Bus Trip. Come join other city employees at our annual trip to Oakland to see the Raiders take on the Philadelphia Eagles on October 18, 2009. Call Joe @ 909-519-8683 or email: raiderjo@roadrunner.com for more info.

2 Cemetery Plots for sale: Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills, Lot 713, Internment Spaces 1 & 2, Eternal Love, Recently Appraised @ \$5,400 each, asking \$4,500 each or better. Please contact Alex at limobug@aol.com

Balloon Wrap Machine w/video instructions and equipment. For sale \$150. Call Nyra @ (310)

Tiffany & Co. Necklaces - Set of Three: Two white gold pendants and one silver, all with diamonds. Guaranteed authentic or your money back, 213-808-8532 or dplazo@lahd.lacity.org

Horseback riding lessons, for kids 8-16 yrs. In Lake View Terrace & Agua Dulce areas. No exp. required. Very affordable. Sponsored by Blue Shadows Mounted Drill Team. Call Janet @ 818-731-3096.

4 Burial Plots, Rose Hills, 4500X4 plots. 323-382-2405

Cemetery Plot - at Eden Memorial ParkHillel Row 18, space 46, \$1200. Contact Eugene Rubin 702-658-3184

Cemetery Plot For Sale. Located in Forest Lawn, Hollywood Hills. Lot 3966, Sp#2 Bell of Peace. \$2700. Contact Douglas or Robie @

Chrome Rims – set 4, 16" Lug nuts & lock, Good Condition \$25.00 per rim. Call Irma at 818-326-1987

#### Travel / Timeshare

Cabo San Lucas timeshare for sale. Studio suite 1 BA; sleeps 4 w/ full kitchen; private balcony overlooks ocean. \$3,000. Please call Gil @( 323) 661-7947.

Timeshare for Rent: Monterey Bay/Marina Dunes \$800 for one week, Sept. 6 - 13 (seven nights). 2 bedrms + 2 baths + murphy bed, sleeps six, full kitchen, ctv, dvd, fp, gas bbq, pool and more. \$800 plus \$100 refundable security. Call Terry at (818) 769-3382. Pls ly msg.

**Orlando, FL Timeshare** at the Marriott Cypress Harbour, 2 bedroom/2 bath, 8 occupants. Easter Week: April 10-17, 2009. Contact Maria Sanchez (323) 719-3727.

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Cancun timeshare for rent. Only \$500 a week (Saturday

to Saturday) anytime. Sleeps 4 with full kitchen, W/D, A/C CATV, VCR/DVD. Ice gallery member. Call Gina @ 818-265-5940 &

MAUI CONDO: Available Feb 28-Mar 28, 2009. The condo is a 1 bedroom w/loft, has AC, sleeps 6, air conditioning and ocean view. \$1250 per week inclusive of all fees and taxes. The address is 3543 Lower Honaapiilani Highway, LaHaina, Maui, Hawaii, 96761. Photos upon

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Greg (951) 235-3815.

I BUY SILVER & GOLD U.S. coin **collections,** large or small. Please call Michael (626) 592-2929.

## Wanted

Vintage stereo/Radio equipment, Receivers. Marantz, Yamaha, etc. 1975 and older. Call (805) 300-2147

perately needed for teen sewing class at Rancho Cienega Sports Complex. Call Lisa Jenkins (323) 290-3142. Wanted: I am looking to rent a single one bed-

room for myself. I can afford \$500-\$600

month. I can also do the cleaning of the build-

WANTED: Donation of sewing machines des-

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they can live there. Call Ivan Forbes @ (818)





non-smoker. Family home, \$500 per month includes all utilities. Call Marta (562) 863-4545 or (562) 879-2028.

LAPD 1984 annual, call Steph 805-368-5295 or email siygen@aol.com.

Wanted: Your Childhood Barbie Dolls and Clothes. I collect dolls from 1959 - 1966 and pay top dollar! I will buy 1 - 1,000 dolls. Clothing, structures, cases. Anything vintage Barbie! Call Cheryl (818) 771-4835.

Wanted: YOUR TOY TRAINS, any age, any size. Call Mike (818)-831-0846.

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Tickets: Priority Mail (2-3 Days)		7.00 X	1	= \$	
Tickets: Standard Mail*	\$	2.75 <b>X</b>	1	= \$	
Tickets: Certified Mail	\$	3.99 X	1	= \$	

**TOTAL** (please include shipping)

\*When using Standard mail, please be aware that the Club cannot be responsible for tickets lost in the mail. \*\*Please be aware that black-out dates and restrictions may apply to the use of discounted tickets.

**Tax** (Only applicable to Hats, shirts, books, clocks, watches, lapel pins and stuffed bears.) **9.25%** 

#### To Order:

BY MAIL: Complete the order form below and mail to:

**Ticket Guy** 

City Employees Club of Los Angeles 120 W. 2nd Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

BY PHONE: (888) 777-1744

BY FAX: (213) 617-1294

BY WEB SITE: Go to

www.cityemployeesclub.com

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and click on Club Store.

### **Member Information**

	State	Zip
Work Phone		
	Work Phone	

#### **Payment Method**

0	Check or Money Order enclosed (please paper clip to order form)
	Make checks payable to City Employees Club of Los Angeles
0	Credit Card Please charge \$ (enter total from above form) to my credit card.
0	MasterCard O VISA CVV Code:*
No. L	Exp. /
Cardl	holder Name

TICKET GUY

Cardholder Signature

- ALL TICKETS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY. PRICES MAY CHANGE.
  DO NOT SEND CASH ALL SALES ARE FINAL NO REFUNDS.
  All checks and credit cards have to be issued by the member. Third party checks and credit cards will not be accepted.
  When visiting Club offices, only the first 15-minutes of parking will be validated. The CLUB strongly encourages that members phone in orders before visiting our office. orders before visiting our office.

- Orders will be processed as soon as received.
  Tickets must be mailed to your home address.
  City Employees Club of Los Angeles cannot be held responsible for money or tickets lost in the mail.
  For your convenience, the Club accepts VISA or MasterCard.
  Maximum 12 tickets per event/theatre/attraction per order.
- theatre/attraction per order.Allow 3 to 7 days for delivery.



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# **TICKET GUY Tips for**

**Visiting the Club Store:** 

· I would strongly recommend that members place their orders by phone using a debit/credit card before visiting. This will help you avoid lines.

· The best time to visit the new Club Store would be around 9:15 a.m. Parking is abundant and portions of downtown are still sleeping.

 When visiting the Club Store, try to bring a co-worker who is not a member. If they sign up, you will receive a \$10 Gift Card. So bring Johnny or Lisa down.

#### For easy ordering, go to www.cityemployeesclub.com





Store

### Men's Watches with City Seal

These watches have been meticulously crafted using only high-quality quartz movements. These new diver watches are made from solid stainless steel and genuine leather.



Men's Silver "AG" Watch ITEM: #4623 PRICE: \$39.99\*



Men's Silver "MA" Watch ITEM: #WTCHMA PRICE: \$39.99\*



Men's Silver Dial Watch w/ Leather Band ITEM: #MWCTY1000 PRICE: \$29.99\*



Men's Silver Dial Watch w/ Two-tone Gold and Silver ITEM: #MWCTYGLD2000 PRICE: \$29.99\*



Men's Silver "RL" Watch, ITEM: #4622 PRICE: \$39.99\*



Men's Watch, Silver ITEM: #WGSM3000 PRICE: \$50.00\* Now \$25



Men's Large Seal, Stainless Steel Band ITEM: #WS2500 PRICE: \$65.00\*



Men's Small DWP Seal, Stainless Steel Band ITEM: #DWPWS2700 PRICE: \$55.00\* Now \$40



Men's Small DWP Seal, Leather Band ITEM: #DWPW3050 PRICE: \$45.00\* **Now \$35** 



Men's Watch, Leather Band ITEM: #SF1000 PRICE: \$25.00\*



Men's Watch, Leather Band ITEM: #SF2000 PRICE: \$25.00\*



Men's Large Seal, Leather Band ITEM: #WL2600 PRICE: \$45.00\*

## Women's Watches



### Women's Polo Shirts



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and click on "Club Store"



### PHONE

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FAX

#### **MAIL**

Complete the order form to and mail to:

#### Ticket Guy

City Employees Club of Los Angeles 120 W. 2nd Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

#### **PICK-UP**

**WE'VE MOVED TO:** The Club Store and **Service Center** 120 W. 2nd Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

- downtown, between **Spring and Main Streets** 

> For Dash routes, go to: www.ladottransit.com/dash/



# Club



### City Button Down Shirts



City Men's Long Sleeve Button Down Shirt Sizes: SMLXL2XL3XL



### City "Bold" Department Shirts

City "Bold" Department Shirts Sizes: SMLXL2XL





ITEM: #D.P.W.LAC1000



ITEM: #D.O.TLAC3000



ITEM: #G.S.DLAC4000



ITEM: #ITATSHT1000



ITEM: #LADBSTSHT1000

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ITEM: #BOSSTSHT1000

ITEM: #HARBORLAC2000

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DEPARTMENT

ITEM: #ASDTSHT1000

ITEM: #L.A.W.A.LAC5000



# City Girl "Classic" T-shirt

City Girl "Classic" T-shirt





### Women's Classic Seal T-Shirt

Women's Classic Seal T-Shirt Sizes: SMLXL2XL



ITEM: #WMNCLSC4000

### Fleece Jackets

Men's Full Zip Polar Fleece w/ Embroidered City Seal



Women's Full Zip Polar Fleece w/ Embroidered City Seal Sizes: SMLXL2XL





ITEM: #CTY3000



ITEM: #WMNFLJKT1000



City Women's - LA Hall One Color Seal T-Shirt





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### Men's Polo Shirts

City Seal Polo Shirt with Stripes



ITEM: #CTYPOLO2000



### City Seal Tank Tops

Women's

Sizes: S M L XL



On white shirt, emblem is pink





Men's Sizes: S M L XL 2XL







# L.A. City T-shirts















White available with front pocket.

Navy Blue

Black



ITEM: #CN1000







ITEM: #MOCS1000







Black White

# Club



**Hooded Sweatshirt** 

### **DWP T-shirts**

DWP "Water" T-Shirt Sizes: S M L XL 2XL





Available Colors:





ITEM: #WTRSDE3000

Kid's T-shirts

"Official City Kid" Kid's T-shirt Sizes: XS S M L XL



ITEM: #KIDOFF2000

Available Colors:





"Future City Employee" Kid's T-shirt Sizes: XS S M L XL



City of LA Full-Zip Hooded Lightweight **Sweatshirt** 









### City Jackets

ITEM: #KIDOFF2000

ITEM#: SUDJKT1000 **City Executive Sueded Microfiber Jacket** Sizes: S M L XL 2XL



Available Colors: Brown



ITEM: #JKT1000

\*Plus tax and shipping





Sizes: 3XL \$3550



**DWP "Classic" Long Sleeve T-Shirt** Sizes: S M L XL 2XL



Size: 3XL (\$16) Available Color:

DWP "Bold" T-Shirt Sizes: S M L XL 2XL

Available Colors:

Front



Available Colors:

Black

Navy Blue

Orange White

White available with

ITEM: #T3000WP

Back

ITEM: #T2003WP

**Water & Power T-shirt** Sizes: S M L XL 2XL

Sizes: S M L XL 2XL

Charcoal

Available Colors:

Blue Dusk









Size: **3XL**Available Colors: \$13 Blue Dusk



ITEM: #T2000WP



Sizes: S M L XL 2XL

Available Colors:

ITEM: #T2001WP



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Hats Hats Hats! High quality embroidered ball caps!

# City Seal Ball Cap with **Department Name**



**Transportation** NAVY: #H2003 BLACK: #H2004

FOREST GREEN: #H1996 NAVY: #H1995 BLACK: #H1998

Member Price:

per hat\*

\*Plus tax and shipping

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:

Navy

Black

# **DWP Ball Cap**



**DWP** Hat BLACK: #DPWH3000





Member Price per hat\*

\*Plus tax and shinning







**City Brushed Twill Visor** 



Available Colors Black

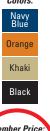


**City Seal Ball Cap** with Script



Seal w/Script NAVY:#H1989





. Member Price \*Plus tax and shipping



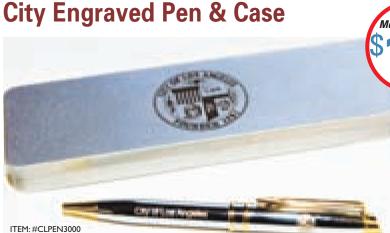
City Seal Merchandise



\*Plus tax and shipping







Member Price: \*Plus tax and shipping

> Elegant electroplated two-tone 24k gold plated and chrome silver pen with solid brass construction.

"City of Los Angeles" is engraved on the pen.







ITEM: #PBCTYFCMP1000

City of LA Expandable Computer Bag



# Club



# Store For easy ordering, go to www.cityemployeesclub.com

# City Seal Mugs

Member Price:



# **Hot Beverage Mug**





ITEM: #MGS1000

### **Identification Holders**

Holders come with Attachable Clear Badge Clip.





## City Seal Lapel Pins

ITEM: #CLAMG3000

Pins are 3/4" in Diameter.



DWP Enamel Lapel Pin #LP4 PRICE: \$10.00\* No ITEM: #LP4



"The Classic" Enamel Lapel Pin ITEM: #LP3PRICE: \$10.00\*



Gold Embossed Lapel Pin ITEM: #LP2 PRICE: \$5.00\*



Full-Color Silkscreened Lapel Pin ITEM: #LPI PRICE: \$5.00\*



City of LA Hall Enamel Pin ITEM: #LPHI PRICE: \$5.00\*



City of LA Hall Silver Finish Pin

### Decals



LA City Decal, 3" Diameter
ITEM: #DECLAC2000 • PRICE: \$2.50\*



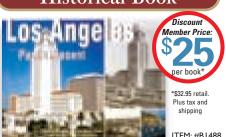
**DWP Decal, 3" Diameter**ITEM: #DECWP1000 • PRICE: \$2.50\*

# City Seal Key Chain





## Historical Book



# City Department Bears Member Price: Each custom made "City Bear" stands 10" tall and is dressed in meticulously per bear\* 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



### City Wall Clocks



Member Price: per clock\*

\*Plus tax and shipping 10" **Diameter Battery** 

**Operated** 

(AA)

ITEM: #WCWSPT3000

Street Services ITEM #BSTS

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