



Alive!

Dodger Mania! Club Event Tix On Sale for \$15

Fan Appreciation Day, all you can eat, for \$15! *Whoa!*

THE CLUB — You went crazy for the first Club Special Event last spring at Magic Mountain. And now — here comes another incredible Club Special Event!

Get ready for Club Day at the Dodgers game Sunday, Oct. 4. Check this out:

- It's the last game of the season.
- The Dodgers are headed to the playoffs.
- It's Fan Appreciation Day!
- The Club Special Event tickets are in the right field pavilion — that's right, the *all-you-can eat section!* Oh yeah!
- Hang onto something — the tickets are just \$15! That's less than half price. (Limit of six tickets at that price per Club Member Number. Tickets seven and above are \$30 each.)

"When we sponsored our first Club Special Event at Magic Mountain, you shouted your approval!" says Club Director of Operations (aka: Sports Dude) Robert Larios. "We heard you. We're back with another great Club Special Event — a Dodgers game, at an unbeatable price. "Don't wait! It's gonna be great!"

Tickets are on sale as soon as you read this. They are available online and at the Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second St. 90012. Normal business hours only.

See all the details on page 56.

Club Sports Page: That's A Winner!

New Club sports page debuts in this issue.

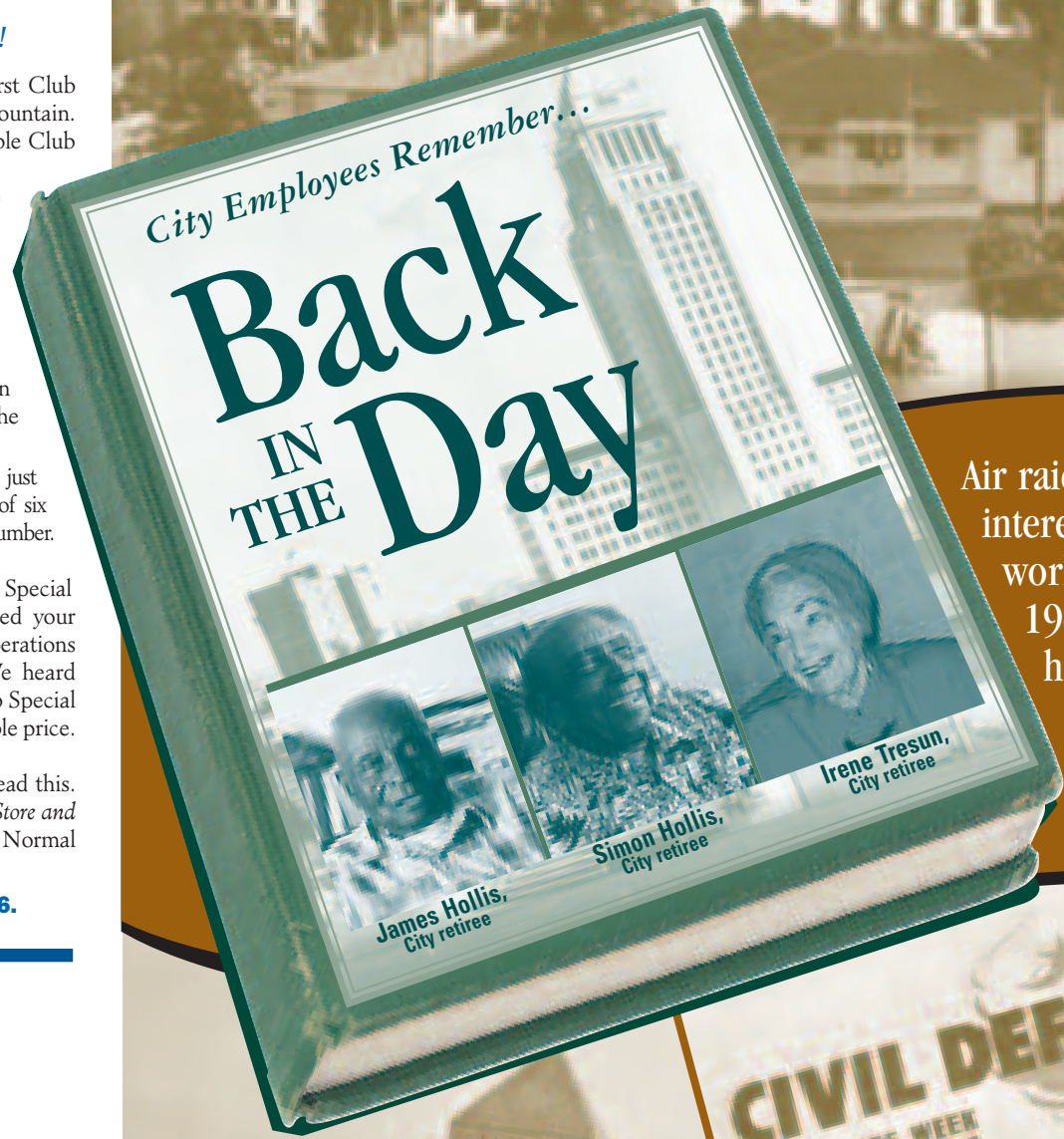
THE CLUB — Two issues ago, *Alive!* brought news of the latest way the Club serves you — the inauguration of the Club Softball League. Eleven teams of City Employees and Club Members, sponsored by the Club, kicked off the season Wednesday, July 8 at Downey Park near downtown.

So it was time to create a page for this great new Club feature. The Club Sports Page debuts with this issue.

"We're very proud of the great games we've had already," said the Sports Dude (the Club's Director of Operations, Robert Larios). "We're going to be updating the scores on the Club Website — but we're going to be printing game photos here in *Alive!*"

"So check it out! And come on out and watch a game!"

Pour another cup of coffee, turn to page 16, and check out the Club Sports Page!



Air raids ... low pay ... and interesting times: Three who worked for the City in the 1940s and '50s remember how it was, and remind current City Employees to be proud.

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** A Message From the CEO **

Looking Back Makes Today Even Sweeter

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

I learned a lot of history these past few weeks.

That happened when I sat down to chat with three long-ago City employees **Irene Tresun** and **Simon & James Hollis**, who, together, have 267 years on this earth.

Irene Tresun remembers Hitler. The Hollis brothers remember slavery – their grandparents were kidnapped from Africa as slaves. That's pretty incredible.



Irene Tresun with Club CEO John Hawkins.

But they remember historic aspects of the City, too – the air raids, the legendary LAPD Christmas parties, the bomb-threat era, racial progress, gender equality progress, and on and on.

With all the great work and innovation going on with the City these days (green initiatives, and so forth), sometimes we can forget to look back and see how things used to be done – and put a face to those stories.

And I think it's also important to remember that past times weren't always great, either. Economically, things are tough all over the world, as well as here in the City. But challenging as these times might be, we could be faced with Irene's nightly ritual – drawing black curtains over her office windows so that enemy pilots and sub captains would not be able to target City Hall in case of a raid during World War II. That's pretty intense.

Or that she had to fight to have one of the two men's rest-rooms on alternating floors be converted into a women's rest-room, so that she and other women employed by the City wouldn't have to climb a set of stairs. And that they weren't making much money.

Here's to Irene, Simon and James, and their hard work that led to a lot of the good things that we have in the City today.

Let's also look forward, to a great Club Special Event coming up Sunday, Oct. 4 – a Club-exclusive day in the all-you-can-eat section of Dodger Stadium, an at unreal price: \$15 per ticket (that price is good for up to six tickets). I tip my hat to the Club's Sports Dude, **Robert Larios**, and Ticket Guy, **Navin Cotton**, for putting together this excellent event. It's the last game of the Dodgers season, before (we hope) they go on to the playoffs. It's Fan Appreciation Day, which brings a lot of other cool features, courtesy the Dodgers. And – have I mentioned the price? Incredible! You know these tickets are going to go fast, so don't wait. They're on sale as soon as you read this, exclusively for Club Members, and on sale only at the Club Store. Hurry, tickets are limited!

Finally, a quick congratulations to **Martín Gomez** as the new head of the Library Dept. He has big shoes to fill, after the excellent **Fontayne Holmes** retired. It seems with tough economic times that the Library is better used than ever. So keep up the good work, Martín.

That's it from me. Enjoy the rest of your summer, and see you Oct. 4 at the All-You-Can-Eat Dodger Game.

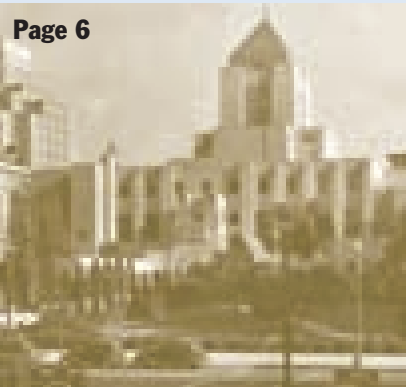
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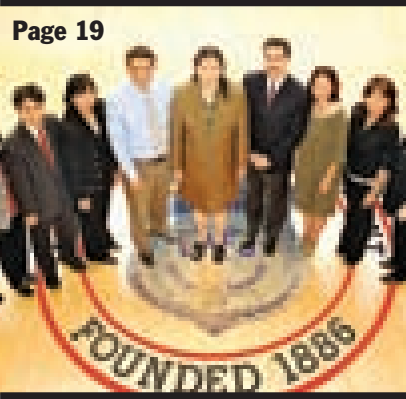
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Approximately 2,000 people were expected to visit the final Sanitation Yard open house this year.

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Great Service, When You're in Need

"The City Employees Club of LA has provided me with excellent service. I am extremely satisfied. They have provided me great help with my claims and supported me with caring compassion through my time of need."

– Oscar San Agustin, January 2009

"Your [claims] service during our difficult time was very kind, pleasant and helpful, and it made some of the pain bearable. There was no confusion. You offered your

help, which was greatly appreciated in more ways than you can imagine. But [I appreciate the service] mostly for your patience in aiding me in such a timely manner. I found the book [*The Fall of Freddy the Leaf*] to be very heartwarming, touching and special. I shared it with others and ordered another for a special friend."

– Vernon Hughes, January 2009

Your claims service was "very good, excellent, prompt, friendly and sincere, with concern for the clients' feelings and needs. I have been a grief counselor and found the book a very appropriate tool for future use."

– John E. Seal, January 2009

Your claims service provided "quick/timely response to requests. Customer service is top-notch!"

– Jennifer Delgado, January 2008

Service From The Heart... When You Need It Most

Trust the Club's insurance and claims services when you need them the most.



The City Employees Club of Los Angeles Celebrating the Lives of City Employees.



Cecilia Talbot, Claims Manager



Maria Fisher, Claims Assistant

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.

Your Club Insurance Dollars at Work

Total claims paid to Club Members So Far in 2009: \$2,375,615.38

Claims paid:

Life insurance claims paid this month: \$53,091.22	Long-term care claims paid this month: \$25,250.00
Life insurance claims paid this year: \$1,456,389.86	Long-term care claims paid this year: \$191,471.48
Long-term disability claims paid this month: \$132,125.57	Cancer insurance claims paid this month: \$0.00
Long-term disability claims paid this year: \$647,754.04	Cancer insurance claims paid this year: \$80,000.00

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These are the faces behind the Club. Our staff is dedicated to helping our members receive the maximum benefit from their membership. If you have questions, concerns or suggestions about your Club, our counselors are ready to help.

Need help? Contact your Counselor:



2003 President's Award Recipient

Arlene Herrero
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Questions? We're here to help.
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Meet the Club Team



John Hawkins
President & CEO

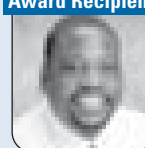


Brian G. Trent
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Director of Operations "Sports Dude"

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Navin Cotton
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Angel Gomez
Director of Member Services



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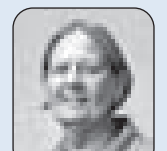
Marla Fisher
Claims Assistant



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Controller



Trinh Pham
Senior Accountant



Katie Hesselstine
Application Coordinator

2007 President's Award Recipient



Alan Bound
Information Technology Programmer

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Summy Lam
Information Technology Business Analyst

LETTERS To the Editor

Tell us what you think! talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Robert Has More Ideas About Nuclear-Powered Speedy Rail

Thank you for printing the article in City Employees Club publication *Alive!* in June. When I re-read the article, I looked at the projected calculations for 200 units times \$2 million per month, and it should equal \$400 million per month revenue, not \$4 billion per month. I apologize for not catching my error earlier.

In the meantime, I have contacted Jim Jones, Vice President of Hyperion Power Generation Inc. that I submitted the article and that the California High Speed Rail Authority might benefit greatly by considering using nuclear power units along the 800-mile route as no power towers, access roads, etc. would be needed to provide electrical power for the trains. As an additional benefit, thermal energy could be used to heat and chill homes and buildings that the train passes through, greatly reducing monthly costs for energy and heat or chilling homes (especially in rural regions of California where no other utilities are available). This might help to win support for the project to pass through communities and cities impacted along the route.

I have to be more careful in my research, as elevated high-speed trains (MALVEVs) are not high-speed rail trains. High-speed rail trains use steel track and steel wheels. So I was corrected by Kris Deutsch, the Public Relations Representative for the California High Speed Rail Authority.

– Robert James Lavelle, Public Works

Badge Holder Seems to Fit Most of Gerry's Big Needs

Hey Club Store! I really like that badge holder your guys have there. A buddy of mine bought one, and everyone in our office wanted to get one for themselves. It's sturdy, too. And you can't beat the price! It's like buying a drink at Starbucks, except you don't have to go every morning to get your fix! Thanks Ticket Guy and store staff.

– Gerry Gilroy, General Services

The Office Depot Discount Is Still One of Club's Best Deals

I went to Office Depot and bought \$110.34 worth of stuff, but when the cashier ran my credit card that I linked my Club discount with, it came down to \$68.55! *Whoa!* That is some discount. I love it! And I love the way the Club is saving me moolah.

– Tina Harmon, Rec and Parks

Hi Tina, you're right – the Club's Office Depot discount, despite being one of the oldest Club promotions, is still in effect, and still saving Club Members tons of money. Are you getting your Office Depot discount? Talk to your Club Rep, or inquire at the Club Store. —Ed.

The Rockets Red Glare Over San Diego Make a Great Sight

Hey! I have an answer to last month's Question of the Month about where the best place to watch fireworks is. It's the San Diego Bay. Anywhere around the harbor will get you great views. You should see New Year's Eve as well!

– Frank Moore, Retired

Hi Frank, Rachael Brecher produces the Question of the Month at the Club Store. So make sure you stop by sometime soon and participate in this fun feature! — Ed.

Club's Sports Dude Has More In Store, If He Can Swing It

I really liked the story on the city's public golf courses. I had no idea that they were so affordable. Isn't the Sports Dude the same guy known as Chef Larios? Boy he gets around, huh? Does he sleep?

– Gina Marquez, DWP

Hi Gina, yes you are correct – the Sports Dude is Chef Larios. Not that we were trying to hide it! Robert is a multitalented guy. — Ed.

History Feature on City Halls Sheds Light on Previous Buildings

That was a beautiful article on the different City Halls of LA. Little did I know there were several before the one we have now. Please thank Hynda Rudd for the education, because now I sound like an authority when talking to colleagues around town and in the office.

– Marie Lloyd, City Attorney

Hi Marie, I think you just thanked Hynda yourself! She's a treasure. — Ed.

QUESTION of the Month



– Collected by Rachael Brecher, Club Store Rep

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

What do you love about the summer?



“Spending time with family.”

– Velma Wade, Transportation, 22 years of City service (pictured with her family, of course)



“Beaches.”

– Hubert Gomez, General Services, 2 years of City service



“The City zoo and the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.”

– Edwin Overbeek, General Services, 10 years of City service



“The long daylight hours, the weather, and beautiful sunsets.”

– Cheryl Evans, LAPD, 15 years of City service



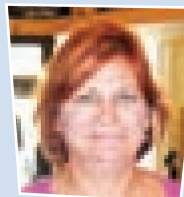
“The sunshine.”

– Rosalina Ortiz, Rec and Parks, 9 years of City service



“Riding my motorcycle.”

– Milton Tate, DWP, 24 years of City service



“Jacuzzi weather, traveling, and spending time with family.”

– Debbie Kennedy, Public Works, 35 years of City service



“The beach.”

– Cindy Serrano, General Services, 13 years of City service



“The kids are out of school, so we can spend more time together.”

– Richard Musquiz, General Services, 5 years of City service



“Visiting family from Phoenix.”

– Olivia Moreno, Airports, 5 years of City service

Corrections



In the story on the new DWP fallen employees memorial on page 50 of the July issue of *Alive!*, the two photos were inadvertently miscredited. The photos were taken by Art Mochizuki, photographer for the DWP. *Alive!* appreciates the photos that were supplied by the DWP and apologizes to Art for our oversight.



Something to  Think About

“Commit yourself to quality from day one. It's better to do nothing at all than to do something badly.”

– Mark McCormack, sports marketer

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

The *Alive!* Interviews

Back

Three retired City employees with more than three-quarters of a century of experience, recall the good times and the hard times – and remind current City Employees to be proud of what they do.

Alive! photos by Tom Hawkins and John Burnes; archival photos courtesy Security Pacific Collection, Los Angeles Public Library Photo Archive

The *Alive!* Interviews

Irene Tresun

Irene Tresun started working at City Hall the day after the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 1941.



Irene Tresun, 90

BORN: Ukraine, Russia

GREW UP IN: Vienna, Austria; Brussels, Belgium; and Berlin, Germany

MOVED TO NEW YORK: 1933

MOVED TO LOS ANGELES: 1935

GRADUATED, UCLA: 1939

CITY CAREER: 1941-49

Controlling Division (Controller's Office); Public Works/Sewer Maintenance (now Sanitation); the Civil Service Dept. (now Personnel).

Job Interviews and LAPD Holiday Parties

Alive! Tell us about your first days working for the City.

Irene Tresun: Okay. I was hired as clerk steno.

Stenographer?

Irene: Yes, the week right after Pearl Harbor. My first assignment was in the Controlling Division.

The controlling division is now the Controller's Office.

Irene: That's right. My first day I arrived at 8 o'clock, of course, and the Deputy Controller by the name of Alexander, said that [the Controller] will be here about ten o'clock. And at ten o'clock he rolled in, drunk. He was famous for that, actually. I don't think he tried to even hide it. And Alexander did all the work.

I was there for only about a month and then I got some kind of lateral promotion to the Bureau of Assessments, which at that time was a very important department. And then I went to Public Works. I was there almost a year. When they discovered that I went to college and that I could write and talk, they said I could handle the in-service training, which I knew nothing about of course.

They wanted you to be a trainer.

Irene: I didn't do the training. I set everything up.

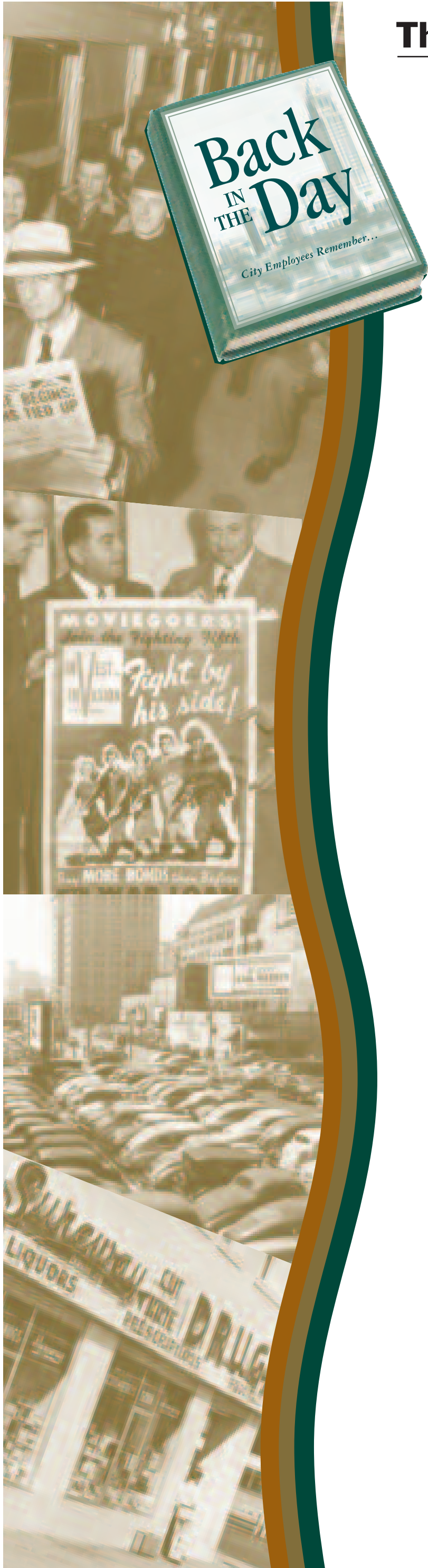
I had an invitation to go through the North Outfall sewer in a boat, which I declined.

In a boat *inside* the sewer?

Irene: Right! Inside the sewer, which is why I declined. I said, "I really don't think that's anything I would enjoy." He said, "It's fabulous. It's beautiful." I said, "It may be beautiful to you, I don't think it would be beautiful to me." And so I never had that pleasure.

So, you were in Public Works and you were the secretary to the director?

Irene: Yes, to the Maintenance Director.



IN THE Day



Irene Tresun shares her memories with Club CEO John Hawkins.

But they asked you to work out of...

Irene: Out of class.

To do more than that.

Irene: Right. And I was dating somebody in the Bureau of Budget and Efficiency, which is now the Office of the CAO. He said, "Look, there's an exam coming up for Personnel Aid, and you should take it." And I said, "No, I don't want that." I had met two or three people [from that department], and they were all brains with no personality. And I said, "Besides, I can't pass that exam. It's written for all these brains. I can't pass it." So he bet me a dollar that I could, and lo and behold I passed the written exam.

[The job interview came at an unexpected time, and she was not prepared for it.—Ed.]

And the first question they asked is that stupid question, "Why do you want this job?" And I said, "I don't know that I want it." "Then why take the exam?" I said, "Because I didn't want to lose a bet." Later on they told me they'd never had anybody give them that kind of answer, and they were so stunned that they gave me the highest score.

But I don't recommend those kinds of answers!

And then...

Irene: Then I started working in the Civil Service Dept., and I took some extension courses in public administration. I stayed there, was promoted eventually to personnel technician — it's called personnel analyst now. And then I got an offer to go [outside of the City] to work for a management consultant, one of the first in the country. And that was an opportunity I couldn't turn down and so I worked for him.

That's when you left the City.

Irene: Yes. December 31, 1949.

Most of your time was...

Irene: Writing exams.

What kind?

Irene: Every kind. A lot of police promotional exams, and that was probably my most important assignment.

I learned how to drink in the police department at Christmastime. They had the best Christmas parties. Police Department headquarters, by the way, were on the Temple Street floor then. It's now called second floor of City Hall. At

Christmastime, all the doors between all of the offices were open, and you'd start at one and you went all the way down. By the time you got through, you hoped you could still walk.

How were you treated as a woman professional?

Irene: From the time I became a Personnel Aide, I was treated like a professional. And that was very rare in those days for a woman.

I never intended to be a secretary. Women had a hard time getting into the professions and being treated as professionals until way after World War II. The man sitting next to me and I were equals, not just in money but in respect. We talked as equals.

The City treated you fairly.

Irene: Yes. It was very unusual. I got promotions.

Mayor Fletcher Bowron

Who was the mayor when you were working for the City?

Irene: Fletcher Bowron, the entire time that I was there. We all adored him. He's another one who liked to imbibe a bit. The last day before the Christmas break, everybody in City Hall was invited to come to the mayor's office for a drink. The civil service department personnel always decided we would go in the afternoon, but by that time he'd had quite a bit [to drink]. He would be in such a good mood then. He was such a nice person. He didn't know any of us, but he'd always say hello when he'd meet you in the hallways, and always very friendly.

The man had a fabulous background, too. He reformed L.A. after [Mayor] George Shaw was impeached in L.A. Fletcher Bowron was appointed to head the commission that investigated the corruption and got rid of Shaw. So the man was very capable.

When City Hall Was Young

Do you remember where your offices were, in City Hall?

Irene: Yes, when I first started, it was Room 11, which is 211 now. Then police examining moved onto what was then the 22nd floor, which is now the 24th floor. Scoring and examining moved up there. It was an unfinished floor, by the way, with naked bulbs hanging. They hadn't finished City Hall from the 22nd floor up.

The first to move into City Hall in 1928 was seven floors of Superior Courts. The county and the City were working together and were housed together, really, until 1957, when the Superior Courts Building was built. We had elevator operators in those days. That disappeared in the 1960s, when all the floors were renumbered. That's the reason it was renumbered — the elevators became self-service rather than operator serviced.

What were your hours working at City Hall?

Irene: They had staggered hours throughout the City. We worked from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and others worked from 8 to 5. That was done for transportation as much as anything. Most of us used public transportation at that time. Most of us didn't have a car. There were streetcars on Hill Street, on Broadway, on First Street, and on Temple, or we had buses.

What did you wear?

Irene: Strictly professional. Most of us women wore high heels and suits or something like that. We would've been fired probably if we showed up in anything such as what they wear today. It just wasn't done.

Where did everyone eat?

Irene: I can't say everybody. There was no cafeteria, not even a snack bar, in City Hall at that time. Most people brought their lunch and ate wherever they could. Some of us ate across the street, in a place called Simon's. Or Wimpy's, which served hot dogs and burgers.

What was up on the 27th floor when you were working there? Where the Tom Bradley Room is now?

Irene: It was supposed to be the art gallery. But when I was there, they had a huge plan of the civic center, the way that they had hoped that the civic center would be. Sometimes, during lunch, when we had time, we'd go up there and admire it because it just looked so fabulous. And that plan still exists somewhere. Last I heard it was with the Natural History Museum, but it's not with the city. It should be with the city really.

But they didn't have receptions up there.

Irene: No, they were held off the mayor's office, if they had any.

Fears of an Air Raid

So, you started working the day after the attack on Pearl Harbor. What was that like?

Irene: We were expecting to be attacked any time. Those of us who worked for the Air Defense Command [Irene worked there at night. — Ed.] were particularly aware of protecting the coast against air attack. The Air Corps was somewhat prepared — the Air Defense Command had its headquarters at Eighth and Flower — and was to have a dry run Dec. 11, to see whether or not they could make air defense work. Dec. 7, of course, came ahead of that.

What did the City do? Did the City have war efforts?

Irene: On the eighth floor, there



Irene Tresun, as she appeared during the period when she worked for the City of Los Angeles.

was a huge open room, and that was the center of the City's war effort. The L.A. Police Department had five deputy chiefs; and one was put in charge of some sort of war effort. And what they did, we never learned. And Water and Power was probably involved, too, and Public Works. The various air raid wardens fell under Public Works.

Do you remember any air raids? I know that there were some famous air raids that happened where the City got blacked out; do you remember City Hall blacking out at night or anything like that?

Irene: It wasn't just City Hall. Any kind of sign at the rooftop level had to be extinguished or taken down. And there were several buildings, in Los Angeles, that had stained glass ceilings, actually, at the top. Those had to be painted over. And the Lindbergh Beacon on top of City Hall [the blinking beacon at the top of City Hall] had to be extinguished, too. It's back up now, very ceremoniously.

[All the City's beacons] had to be taken down because planes flew much lower than they do today. From 5,000 feet, a pilot could actually

— See "Irene", page 10



Irene Tresun in her Hancock Park home.



The *Alive!* Interviews

Simon Hollis

Simon was one of the first black security officers at Public Works.

Alive!: How did you start working for the City?

Simon Hollis: I came from private industry, Revere Brass and Copper. We started to see a lot of guys get sick there. They discovered that they were getting what they call a copper itch.

That doesn't sound good.

Simon: You swell up, and when I left, three of them had passed [died], so I thought I'd better get out of there. So I took the exam for a security guard at the City of L.A. And I passed, and I decided to work for the Water and Power Board for vacation relief. But then there weren't a lot of openings, but they decided I couldn't stay. I was three days short of having my probation period. And City Hall made me do the whole probation over. I wasn't too happy about that; it didn't make sense, but I survived.

So your first job at the DWP was part-time. When you became full-time that was with ...

Simon: Public Works.

Did you choose Public Works, or did it choose you?

Simon: It was a mixture of both. It wasn't hard, and it wasn't easy; this was the first time they'd had black officers over there. They hired 13 black officers, and they put them all on graveyard shift.

I worked graveyard three mornings, and then I worked Saturday and Sunday daytime. I was a relief officer. Now that was beautiful on the weekend because you met a lot of people every walk of life, from every country.

How much were you making when you were working for the City, do you remember?

Simon: It was \$227 I think ...

A week?

Simon: A month. \$227 a month. When I started I believe it was \$160, \$170, something like that. It took you five years to reach the top.

What did you like most about working as a security officer? Did you ever think of leaving that job and doing something else in the City?

Simon: Well, I had nine kids so little money didn't do me no good. I had to have big money. So my brother James and I had trucks together. Dump trucks. I helped build every freeway in L.A. I'd work as a security officer at night, and drove trucks in daytime.

And then sleep whenever you could. What did you like about being a security officer?

Simon: I enjoyed it especially on weekends because we did a lot of tours, and you met a lot of people from all walks of life, all countries, and that was beautiful. You got a chance to talk to a lot of different people. And then they had all the shows and things going on down there.

Was *Dragnet* filming during?

Simon: Yes.

Did you ever see Jack Webb?

Simon: Yes. I saw a lot of guys. See, where City Hall South is, all that was dives, you know. Bars.

I'll give you a secret; maybe you know it. Did you know that a tunnel runs from City Hall to the

police station [Parker Center]?

No I didn't know that.

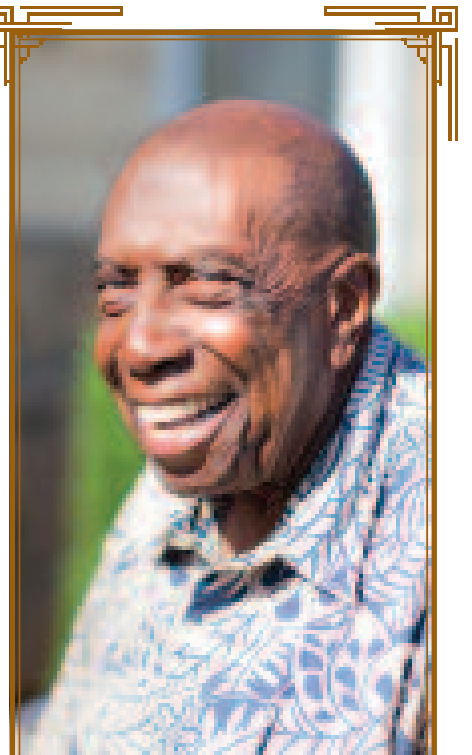
Simon: I knew you didn't know it.

Is it still there?

Simon: Yeah it's still there.

Scary Moment

What was the scariest moment when you were a security officer?



Simon Hollis, 82

BORN: Yazoo City, Miss.

MOVED TO LOS ANGELES: 1954

CITY CAREER: 1954-82

Security guard, DWP (temporary); Security guard, Public Works at City Hall, and then at Barnsdall Art Park.

Simon: Do you know where Barnsdall Park is? Barnsdall Art Park?

Simon: Yes. We had a bombing up there one night.

A what?

Simon: A bombing.

We had a Russian exhibit, and the Jewish people weren't too sold on that. We had been threatened for about two months that they were going to do it. And that last night they did it. Fortunately, nobody got hurt.

Now you weren't working at City Hall anymore.

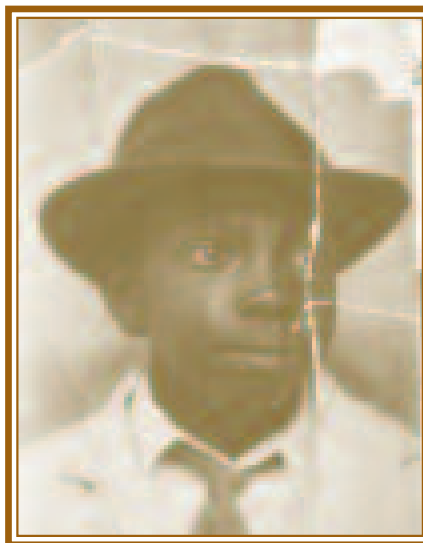
Simon: Right. I worked at City Hall for 13 years. The rest of the time was up at Barnsdall Park. I supervised up there. Public Works.

When was the bombing?

Simon: It must have been 1974 or '75.

And no one was hurt?

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Simon Hollis in his youth.



Club CEO John Hawkins (left) chats with Simon on the steps of Simon's front porch.

The *Alive!* Interviews

James Hollis

The Central Library's first black security guard.

Alive! When you got out of the service, what made you work for the City?

James Hollis: I went home first, to Mississippi. My grandfather bought a farm out there out in the country after slavery [*James' grandparents were former slaves – Ed.*] and we still own it.

Anyway, so I went home to Mississippi. I stayed two weeks to visit my dad and mother; they were still living. Then I came here and I was here four days and I got a job. It wasn't what I wanted, but I got a job in construction. It paid good. But when you finish this building or whatever, then you move on to the next building. I didn't want that. So then after that I had an army buddy, and he said, "Let's try working for the City, but the pay is less," which it was much less. And then we started working for the City. I worked first at Water and Power.

What was your first job in the DWP?

James: I'll never forget. It was terrible.

It was terrible?

James: Yes.

What did you do?

James: Everything.

How many years were you at Water and Power?

James: Right about three years, four years.

Do you remember what you got paid then?

James: Yes, I remember what I got paid at Water and Power. I got \$125 per month.

Were you a security officer at the DWP, or were you an office person?

James: They had you doing everything. But they didn't have assignments where you could advance to power lines and other things. That's what I wanted to do for them. No, no.

So you weren't a security officer.

James: I did everything. They just called you for anything, whatever they need.

I see. But you weren't able to get to what you wanted to do?

James: Nothing, no. That's the reason I quit. I got away and started looking for something else.

Why did they not have ...

James: Back at that time, they didn't hire black people, and I'm telling you just like it was.

Back at that time, see, I was there when Councilman Lindsay passed the exam for a clerk. [*Gilbert Lindsay served the City Council for more than 30 years. He was the first black Councilman in the modern era. —Ed.*]

For a clerk?

James: For clerk. And they bypassed him for a long time. Finally somebody, some of his friends, some of my own, some of the white guys, said, "No, we're going to stop this." Others said, "Look it here, he can't sit up here with white people in the white place." I'm just telling you like it was. But he managed eventually to come from the basement all the way to the Council room and chairman of the board. He didn't ever forget it, though, but he didn't use it against them, God love him.

And then what?

James: I resigned from Water and Power and went into the trucking business with my brother, Simon. And then after that I thought about

the time I had and I could use that time to transfer over to the City.

The military time or the DWP time?

James: DWP time. So then I went back to the City, and I kept my trucking business. And then I said well, they're going to hire guys to work in the Library. And I thought this is what I've been waiting for. Then I took the exam for that. To work security in the Library.

How many years were you at the library?

James: How many years was it? It was in the 1950s.

Bomb Threats

What was the scariest moment at the Library?

James: We had bomb scares for a while, every other day, particularly at night. But you get hardened to it. And being an ex-GI, it was kind of hard to scare me. We'd have to clear the Library, whenever they said that they received a call of a bomb going off.

One night, somebody called. That's when the police started getting those calls. You've

got all of these people in the library, and you have to clear the library, store rooms, etc.

And you didn't know if it was going to go off at any moment.

James: They didn't tell us exactly where. They said it was in the library. And then you can't leave. We're supposed to be the last people to leave.

So the first time it was the scariest.

James: Right. After that ...

You kind of got...

James: It's similar to being in the military where you can get hardened to it.

Why did they have bomb threats at the library? What was the reason?

James: We were told later that somebody wanted to go home early that night, so they would have somebody from the outside call in.

That's the oldest one in the book.

James: Yes. That's why we stopped eventually — when we had bomb threats, we wouldn't clear the library, and we stopped getting the calls.

That was risky.

James: But they put fear in your heart. All of that was scary.

Second Jobs

At the library, how much were making?

James: I forgot now, but it was pretty good. It wasn't enough to qualify to buy a house like this.

That's why you had to do the trucking.

James: Yes. I was making \$200 on the outside.

Did you like working for the City?

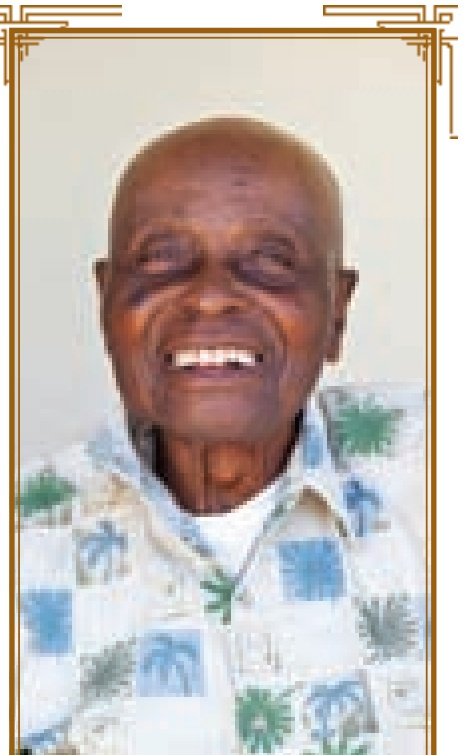
James: Yes. But all of the guys that I know always had something else going, particularly if they could do any thinking.

Were there any rules against working a second job?

James: No. Everybody was doing it. Even the guy who was the head of the library — he taught one class at USC.

Really?

James: Yes. And the guy who was second in command, he taught one class at USC, too. You looked the other way because that money just wasn't enough to qualify you to take a loan. It wouldn't qualify me for this house. I wanted some of the finer things in life.



James Hollis, 95

BORN: Yazoo City, Miss.

MOVED TO LOS ANGELES: 1946

CITY CAREER: 1946-79

Staff employee, DWP; Security guard, Central Library

Advice

What advice would you give a City Employee today?

James: Do your job. Stay with it. You might have to go back to school, and then if your job call for a Master's or a Ph.D. and you're young enough, go on back to school. I found that, every time I would take a class, it would help me.

Absolutely.

James: Even in the military. That's why I continued to go to school, because every time I complete a class or complete some particular requirement, I'd advance. So, even if you're in civil service, go back to school. At least it helped me and it helped a lot of fellows I know.

It's good advice. Thank you so much, James. I had a great time talking to you today.

James: Okay, great. ■



James Hollis, in the service during World War II.



James Hollis explains a point to Club CEO John Hawkins.



Back IN THE Day

City Employees Remember...

Irene

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see a match being lit. So nothing like that was allowed.

And we had to have our drapes drawn. But if that wasn't enough, then special blackout curtains had to be put up. Air raid wardens went up and down the streets. If you could see light, they'd ring your doorbell and say, "You've got to do something about this because this is dangerous."

Was that every single night?

Irene: Oh yes.

Oh, wow.

Irene: We went into war mode almost overnight.

Do you remember any air raids?

Irene: I remember the famous one we called the War Over L.A. in February 1942. It was on a Monday. Around 2 a.m., all hell broke loose. We could hear what's called *ack-ack*, the anti-aircraft guns. And the sky was lit up with just everything. It went on for about an hour.

Impersonating an Officer

What other stories do you remember?

Irene: Well, here's one story. Because I was so involved with the LAPD through these exams, I got to be friends with a captain. And he called me one time. This was in the spring of '45. And he said, "Would you and one of your friends like to be policewomen for tonight?" "Policewomen?" And then I said, "What's the assignment?" He said, "Well, as you know, George Patton and Jimmy Doolittle are in town each with about 100 or 200 of their men." It was a morale-boosting trip but mainly selling war bonds. "And they're going to have a dinner for them, the whole lot of them, tonight at the Coconut Grove. And we're sending two policemen and two policewomen as security." Can you imagine having just four people as security with 200 people, high-ranking?

And I said, "You've got policewomen." He said, "No, they don't want them to look like policewomen." So I said, "Sure. My friend, Bunny, and I will be there." Her nickname was Bunny. She was also working on the police exams. I said, "We'll be there."

So we got there. A sergeant came out. He looked around, and he came towards Bunny and me. And he said, "Would you like to be my guests for this evening? I've got these tickets, and I'd like to take you two in." When we came in, they announced his name, "and his two wives."



Irene Tresun and Club CEO John Hawkins, in front of her Hancock Park home.

The Wrong Restroom

Irene:

There was another thing that I remember. Most of the people, prior to the war, who worked at City Hall were men. So they had two restrooms for men on every floor. And the alternate floors had one for men and one for women. Well, most of the clerical positions were taken over by women during the war. We complained about the restrooms. Why should we have to go up or down, when the men can just walk on the same floor?

So one summer they decided to change it so that there'd be one of each on each floor. They changed it during vacation time, and I walked into what now was a women's restroom. There was a man there. He said, "You're in the wrong restroom." And I said, "No, I'm not. You're in the wrong restroom." He said, "Well, have you ever seen equipment like this in a women's restroom?" I said, "No, but that's going to be changed. Look at what the door says." So it was a very embarrassing moment for both of us.

And another thing – and this was disgusting. There were spittoons all through City Hall, in those days. They were just everywhere.

City Pride

Was there a lot of pride working for the City?

Irene: Oh, yes, there was a lot of pride. Government service held a lot of pride in those days.

What would you have to say to current City Employees about pride in what they do?

Irene: They should have a lot of pride, because we made history. We had a Japanese American police officer in the 19th century, the only one in the United States. We had a policewoman back in the 19th century. We've been ahead of most of the country for most of the time that the City has existed.

In 200 years, there just is no other city like us. We're the only large city in the world that didn't have a natural harbor in the country now. We were totally disconnected from the rest of the country, by 3,000 miles, until the railroads came in. But everybody knows Los Angeles. We've been in the forefront of so many things.

Employees of the City help make Los Angeles what it is, on a daily basis. And from a selfish point of view, they get better pay than most places. When they make salary studies, we always come out well on top. And City Employees have benefits that are so much greater than what the average person has.

I guess you made friends working for the City.

Irene: Oh yes, very much so. They were most of my best friends to the day that they died. I'm the last one left.

Thank you, Irene.

Irene: You're welcome. ■

Simon

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Simon: No, no one was hurt.

Were you there when the bomb went off?

Simon: We had four S.W.A.T. officers from the LAPD, and four of us. We all got along good, but with the experience I had with bombs [in the military], I started to get shaky about it.

After midnight and everybody left, we would sit down and play cards. For some reason, that started to bother me. I said, "You know, this is bad, all of us sitting in the [same] building. We could get wiped out here real easy." So that particular night I decided not to. I said, "I'm going to take a break." I didn't want to sit there together; we were sitting ducks, because we'd been threatened constantly back then. So I went outside, and I walked around. When I came back to go inside, I stuck the key in the door. It didn't sit at all. When I set the key in the door and turned it – boom! All I saw was that art gallery – it blew the end of it off.

Wow!

[A news report from the era details the incident, which occurred April 5, 1972. The explosion during a exhibit of Soviet art, damaged an approachway to the museum. Evidently, no one was hurt. The exhibit had been picketed in the weeks leading up to the incident. —Ed.]

A Haunted Co-Worker

Was the City a good place to work?

Simon: Yes, I enjoyed it. I had a lot of fun.

Remember any interesting characters?

Simon: Working graveyard, you just didn't run into many, because most of the time it was just four or five of you or whoever worked.

But I do remember one guy I worked with. He was a police officer from New York. The reason he was out here was because he had killed something like eight people back there. People were trying to kill him, so he came out. They saved a [security guard] spot for him. He was good guy because he really knew police work.

He killed eight people? In the line of duty?

Simon: Yes. Only two incidents bothered him. It was terrible to see it. At night sometime he would just walk and pace, and bang on desks. He said, "Hollis, that second guy, I didn't intend to kill him." [The officer tried to stop a burglary while it was happening. —Ed.] He ran around to the unloading dock, and when he got there the [suspects] were coming out. And he yelled to them, "Halt." The first guy start shooting, and [the officer] dropped him, and then killed the second one, too. And that ate him alive, ate him alive.

That's a tough thing, being a cop, and the judge and jury right there.

Simon: Right, right.

Simon, thanks for your time. Now let's go visit your brother, James!

Simon: Let's go! ■



James (left) and Simon Hollis, brothers who remain very close after more than eight decades of life together.



John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins, Club CEO

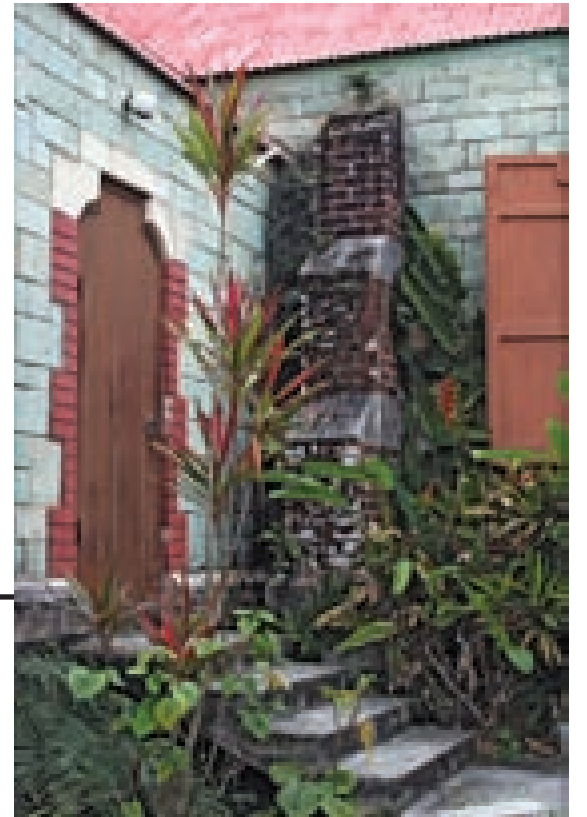
WIN \$25 Walmart Card
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 Happy Snapping!

"I took this picture on my last trip to Michigan in May. It is the Old Mariners Church on Jefferson Avenue in downtown Detroit. It is an active church with a non denominational parish, and is situated right at the entrance to the Windsor Tunnel, next door to the GM World Headquarters. I took this photo with a .8-second shutter speed and the tungsten lighting setting on my Canon A510. I really liked how the colors and shadows came out in this picture. I hope you agree."

- David Bunjac, General Services



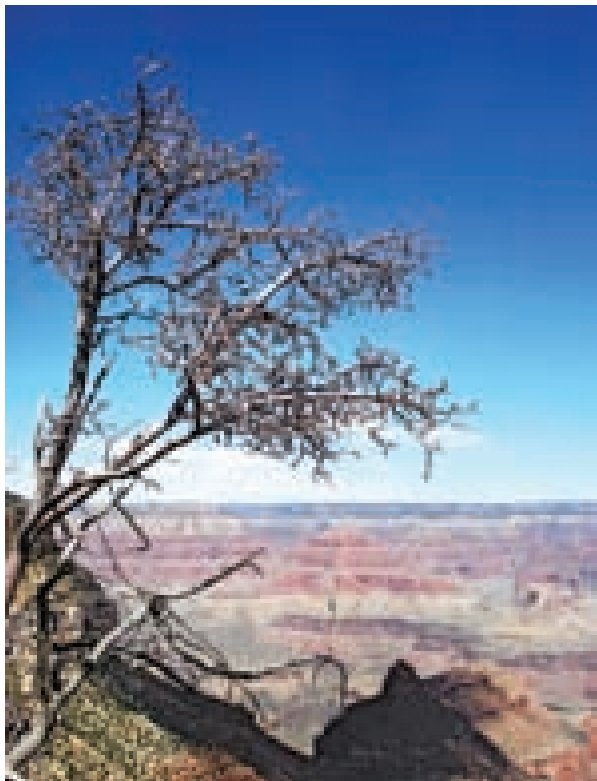
John's comments: Thank you, David, for this fantastic photo! Also, just a bit of trivia, this church is mentioned in the song, *The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald* by Gordon Lightfoot. It's here where the church's bell tolls 29 times every Nov. 10 to mark the anniversary of the sinking of that ship and the 29 lives lost. It's a very touching song and definitely a classic.



"I shot [*"Colors of Antigua"*] this last April during a cruise I took through the Caribbean. This one in particular is from the island of Antigua. Thanks."

- Jorge De La Cerda, DWP

John's comments: Jorge, a perfect title for a picture perfect! Many would have walked right past this, never thinking of taking a picture. But you saw the photographic potential. Nice work, Jorge!



"The Grand Canyon -- a picture will never do it justice, but that doesn't stop us from taking one. This is a view from the south rim of the Grand Canyon during spring break 2009."

- Carlos Aranda, DWP

John's comments: Carlos, you are absolutely right, a picture will never do the Grand Canyon justice; you really have to see it with your own eyes. But you did the best that can be done with this awesome photo. Thank you for beautifully capturing one of my favorite places in America!



"A view from above Vernal Falls, Yosemite."

- Hector Cardenas, DWP

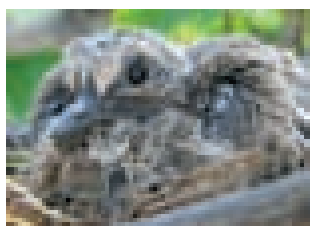
John's comments: I love the contrast of this shot, Hector -- the green moss, the deep brown rocks and the bubbling white water. Wonderful!

Runners Up:

Glenn Y. Abellanos, Frank Frias, Brian Doherty, Sally Deveze, Dominique Daito, Juanita Segura-Campos, Silver Fregoso, Renee Ramirez

Those Amazing Animals!

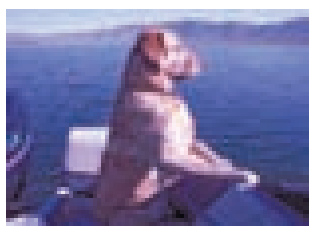
Hello everyone -- for some reason this month, we here at the Picture Perfect feature were flooded with photos of animals. Awesome; we love it! I just couldn't let all these photos go without printing them. Keep 'em coming! -- John



"My daughter, Amanda, took the picture. We had a Mommy Morning dove with a nest in our backyard lemon tree."

- Jim Blythe

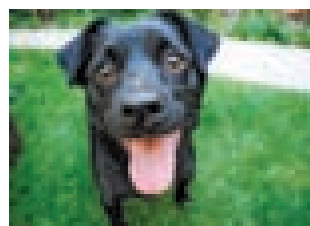
John's comments: It looks like Amanda has some amazing talent! It's not easy getting so close with such a clear picture...and the depth of field she captured is superb! Nice work, Amanda!



Here is a photo of my best friend, Scout. We were fishing at Lake Crowley north of Bishop last week. As you can tell, he is looking at something. Well, I found out about a second later what it was, when he jumped in the water and went after some ducks. I guess he can't wait till October to go duck hunting."

- Bud Eyerly, Building Repair Supervisor

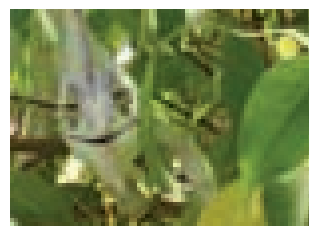
John's comments: Bud, this is one of photos where the story makes the photo all the better. Everyone needs a best friend; it looks like Scout has you as his best friend, too.



"This photo was taken recently of my dog, Shank, playing outside with his other buddies. He was adopted from the East Valley Animal Shelter in January, and is now a happy little dude, as evident in the picture. We believe that he is a cocker spaniel and beagle mix."

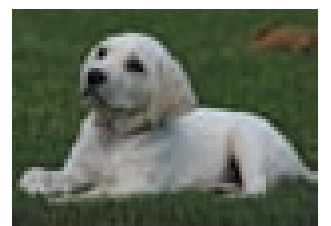
- Ruben Zaragoza

John's comments: First, thank you for adopting from the City Shelter. And yes, you can really see how happy Shank is! Secondly, this is a wonderful photo. It would be a great photo for an advertisement for the shelter... Thank you Ruben!



From Laura Gonzalez Ellis.

John's comments: A great close-up, Laura ... and I've never seen an animal with such a big smile! This is a one in a million shot. Nice work!



"My husband and I recently visited family in Wisconsin. Molly May is the newest member of our family. She is so sweet, but her nickname is Molly Monster due to her rambunctious attitude."

- Gail Sutherland, DWP

John's comments: You really captured Molly May in a classic pose, Gail! She looks so calm in the photo it's hard to believe she's the rambunctious type. But I know looks can be deceiving; we have a six-month-old German Shepherd, and she looks very calm at first, too. But the truth is, she never stops going. Thanks for sharing, Gail!

RULES:

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

LAPD

Marie, John ... and Some Mojo

Marie and John Mardesich retire from the LAPD after 28 years of service.



Retirees Marie and John Mardesich.

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations

Friends, family and coworkers held a retirement party for John and Marie Mardesich, who retired from the LAPD after 28 years of City service each. Their privately owned Police Dog, Mojo, ended his service at the same time.

The party was held June 19 at the Odyssey restaurant in Granada Hills.

Marie Mardesich retired after 27 years of service with LAPD. Her last title was Sr. PSR II in the Communications Division. Her husband John Mardesich retired as a Police Officer 2+G, Command Pilot after 28 years.

Marie spent her entire 27 years in the Communications Division, the last 17 years as a supervisor. For the past six years, she has been assigned as a Sr. PSR II at the Valley Communications Dispatch Center.

John worked for more than 28 years, with 20 years in Air Support Division, first as an observer and then as a pilot. In 2005, he proposed an ancillary duty assignment as a bloodhound handler to Deputy Chief Hillman, who thought it was a great idea. Mojo the Police Dog was unique in that he was privately owned (not owned by the Dept.) and that his handler was not part of a K9 unit (like the patrol dogs, bomb dogs, narco dogs, etc).

John and Mojo, K9-166, worked as part of the Department's newly formed trailing program as a trailing dog. Bloodhounds have the distinction of being able to scent-discriminate. Mojo worked numerous cases. On some cases, Mojo was able to locate evidence that assisted

detectives later on by providing DNA, etc. He also did some cases where he corroborated evidence collected by detectives by connecting it to the suspect. Mojo worked for five years (that's 35 years in dog years).

John and Marie would like to continue working him in Utah for the Washington County Sheriff's or St George Police Depts.

"The City was a great place to work," Marie tells *Alive!* "There were so many talented people, so many lasting relationships. I'm looking forward to retirement."

Congratulations to Marie, John and Mojo on their exemplary service, and here's to your great retirement.

The Club thanks Jean Sarfaty, LAPD Communications and Club Rep, for assisting us in producing this article.



Police Dog Mojo, retires as well. He has 5 years of service



From left: Sgt. Piceno, PM Watch Commander, 20 years of service; and Kim McClendon, PSR II, 6 years of service.



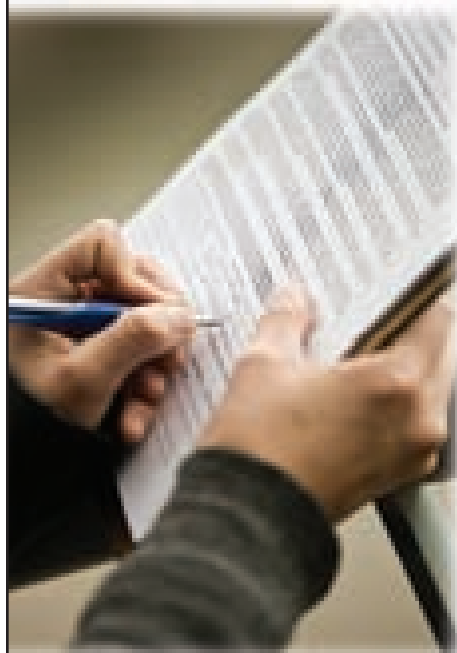
John Mardesich and Mojo.



From left: Cathi Pearson, Sr. PSR I, Club Member, 30 years of service; and Charlotte Reaves, Sr. PSR I, 14 years of service.

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Mike and Patty.



Marie Mardesich in the beginning and the end of her LAPD career.



John Mardesich in the beginning and the end of his career with the LAPD.



Jean Sarfaty, Club Member, Club Representative, LAPD; and her husband, Ron.



From left: Judy Ruiz, PSR III, 35 years of service; Debbie Hendrich; and Sue Lefre, PSR III, 24 years of service.



April Hoff, Sr. PSR, 13 years of service.



From left: Patty Santille, Deby Herdich and Kathy Kravitz.



From left: Kim McClendon, PSR II, 6 years of service; Vickie Arujo, PSR, 19 years of service; Martha Ulloa, PSR II, 8 years of service; Lt. Vargas; Isabel Gonzalez, PSR II, 25 years of service; John Phillips, SR. PSR II, 30 years of service; and Beth Hicks, Sr. PSR II, 31 years of service.



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Director of
Member
Services

The Grunion Run

Hello everyone!

Can't sleep at night and need something to do? I've got something for you – a grunion run.

You will have a few days in August to go out to Cabrillo Beach in San Pedro, right next to the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, a Rec and Parks facility, and see these little fish come up on shore and spawn. I was lucky enough to go in July and actually see the grunion come on shore and do their thing. I have to say it is exciting, and the look on the kid's faces is priceless. If you have children and want to take them out late one night during the week (including Friday), this is a real treat.

I took my family and one of my son's friends to enjoy this nocturnal event. I would say it's about 30 miles from downtown Los Angeles, and very economical, too. You can park right at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, and the parking is about \$1 per hour (maximum charge is \$9). We arrived at 10:17 p.m. and left by 12:38 a.m. The total cost was \$3. We brought a small cooler and filled it with sandwiches and chips and a couple of juice bottles. The boys had a blast, and my son's friend, Adrian, really enjoyed going, too. It was his first time, and he loved every moment. (And he will love having his picture in the paper!) **(1)**

Although we didn't make it in time, the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium also offers a lecture and information session before each grunion run. The aquarium opens at 8 p.m. on those dates (see below), and the charge for the program is \$5. But you don't have to participate in that to attend the grunion run.

What Are Grunion?

There are a few things you must know before you go. First, do you know what grunion are?

They are fish, members of the New World silver-sides family, *Atheriniopsidae*, along with the jacksmelt and topsmelt. They normally occur from Point Conception, a few nautical miles west of Santa Barbara, to Point Abreojos, Baja California. Occasionally, they are found farther north to Monterey Bay and south to San Juanico Bay, Baja California.

To hunt the little fish on your own – to grab them with your bare hands and place in a bucket – you must do the following:

- Get a fishing license. You must purchase a license at a sporting goods store. Many fish and tackle shops and some Walmarts and Kmart's also sell a fishing license in California. Lots of parents want to take their kids to do the grunion run. **(4)**
- Find out about your local beach curfews along the California coast. While technically you may be on the beach to fish after curfew, most places with curfews will not offer parking, so that eliminates many beaches where grunions spawn (lay eggs).
- Be sure the location you visit actually has grunion runs. There is a grunion program offered to the public at Cabrillo Beach in San Pedro on several



nights of the season. Call (310) 548-7562 for details.

(Information courtesy the California Dept. of Fish and Game.)

Grunion Spawning Activities

(5) California grunion spawn at night on the beach, from two to six nights after the full and new moon, beginning a little after high tide and continuing for several hours. As a wave breaks on the beach, the grunion swim as far up the slope as possible. The female arches her body, keeping her head up, and excavates the semi-fluid sand with her tail. As her tail sinks, the female twists her body and digs, tail first, until she is buried up to her pectoral fins. After the female is in the nest, up to eight males attempt to mate with her by curving around the female and releasing their milt as she deposits her eggs about four inches below the surface. After spawning, the males immediately retreat toward the ocean. The milt flows down the female's body until it reaches the eggs and fertilizes them. The female twists free and returns to the sea with the next wave. The whole event can happen in 30 seconds, but some fish remain on the beach for several minutes. (The Gulf grunion spawns during the daytime, and has smaller eggs.)

Spawning may continue from March through August, with possibly an occasional extension into February and September. However, peak spawning is from late March through early June. Once mature, an individual may spawn during successive spawning periods at about 15-day intervals. Most females spawn about six times during the season. Counts of

maturing ova to be laid at one spawning ranged from about 1,600 to about 3,600, with the larger females producing more eggs. A female might lay as many as 18,000 eggs over an entire season. The milt from the male might contain as many as one million sperm. Males may participate in several spawnings per run.

The eggs incubate a few inches deep in the sand above the level of subsequent waves. They are not immersed in seawater, but are kept moist by the residual water in the sand. While incubating, they are subject to predation by shore birds and sand-dwelling invertebrates. Under normal conditions, they do not have an opportunity to hatch until the next tide series high enough to reach them, in 10 or more days. Grunion eggs can extend incubation and delay hatching if tides do not reach them, for an additional four weeks after this initial hatching time. Most of the eggs will hatch in 10 days if provided with the seawater and agitation of the rising surf. The mechanical action of the waves is the environmental trigger for hatching, and the rapidity of hatch, in less than one minute, indicates that it is probably not an enzymatic function of softening the chorion, as in some other fishes.

The hatching of grunion eggs can be watched by collecting a cluster of eggs after a grunion run and keeping them in a loosely covered container of damp sand in a cool spot for 10 to 15 days. Then, add one teaspoon of sand and eggs to one cup of sea water and shake gently; the eggs will hatch before your eyes in a few minutes.

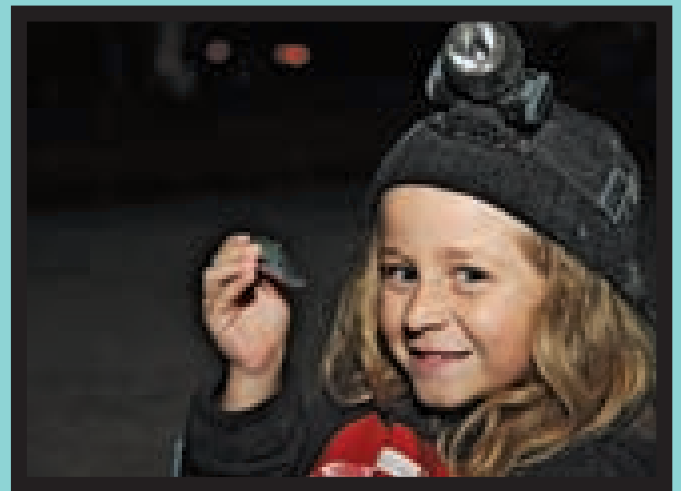
at Cabrillo Beach | in San Pedro



(1) Family friend Adrian and my son, Angel, grabbed a few grunion. Look at the fun they are having. Priceless!



(2) My son Angel pretends to eat a grunion. Don't worry, no grunion were hurt during our visit.



(3) My other son Aden got his hands on another one.

Upcoming Dates

Here are the upcoming dates and approximate times for grunion runs at the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium in August:

- Aug. 5: 9:30 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
- Aug. 6: 10:05 p.m. - 12:05 a.m.
- Aug. 7: 11:35 p.m. - 12:35 a.m.
- Aug. 8: 11:05 p.m. - 10:05 a.m.
- Aug. 20: 9:55 p.m. - 11:55 p.m.
- Aug. 21: 10:40 p.m. - 12:40 a.m.
- Aug. 22: 11:25 p.m. - 1:25 a.m.

The times offered are merely guidelines, offering a two-hour span in which spawning runs may occur at Cabrillo Beach in Los Angeles County. Subtract five minutes for San Diego, and add 25 minutes to find the time for Santa Barbara. The best runs normally occur on the second and third nights of the four-night period. The second hour is usually better. **(3)** Grunion can be captured by hand only during open season, and you aren't allowed to dig holes to trap them. While you can take all you want, don't be wasteful.

Take only what you will eat. **(2)**

Lastly, I always need to be reminded to bring chairs, blankets, warm clothes and extra shoes. Your shoes will get very wet; once you see the grunion, you will forget about the water and try your best to catch these little guys.

I hope you can make the trip. If not to San Pedro, there are other beaches north and south of there that will also have grunion run schedules, too.

Oh, one more thing: Don't forget the flashlight!

**Until next time,
be safe and Be Alive!
— Angel**

Directions and Parking

• The Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is on the shore at Cabrillo Beach in San Pedro, between Point Fermin and the Port of Los Angeles.

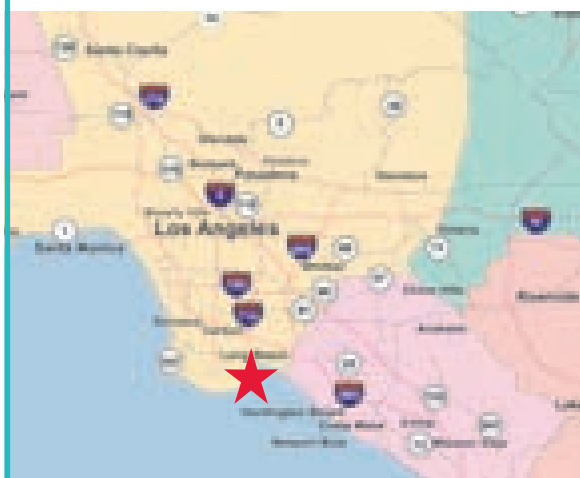
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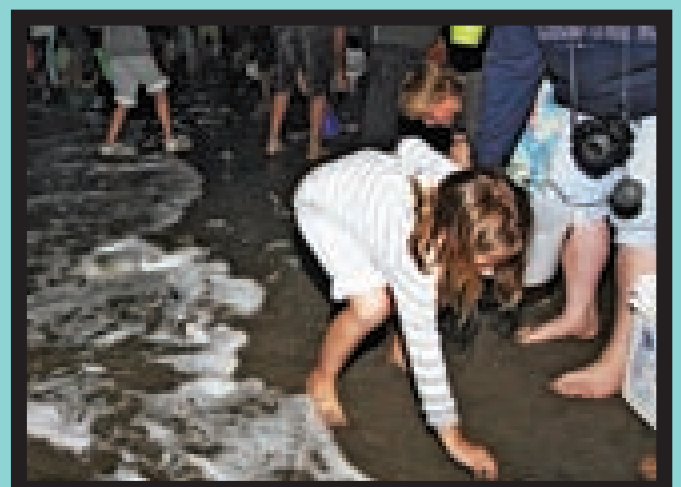
- Take the Harbor Freeway (110) south
- Exit at Harbor Boulevard in San Pedro.
- Turn right onto Harbor Boulevard.
- Turn right onto 22nd Street.
- Turn left onto Pacific Avenue.
- Turn left onto Stephen White Drive.
- Proceed to Cabrillo Beach parking lot.

Cabrillo Beach Parking

- \$1 per hour (\$9 max) for cars, \$2 per hour (\$15 max) for boats and oversized vehicles.
- Parking is free with a member parking pass.



(4) Adrian, Angel, and Aden each caught a grunion. They were so happy.



(5) Lots of people try their best to catch grunion.

CLUB SPORTS



The Club's Sports Dude, Robert Larios

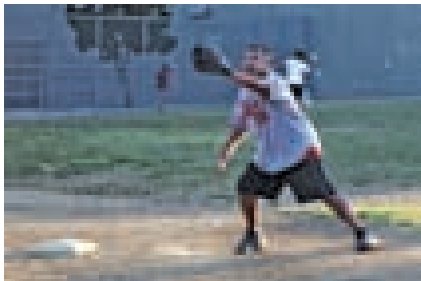
News from Sports Leagues sponsored by the City Employees Club of Los Angeles

August 2009

Club Sports in Action!



The legendary Kenny Hill, DOT, member of the Hitmen Team.



Gerry Cervantes of the the Hitmen ready to catch the fly ball.



LEFT TO RIGHT (Center): Jacobi Patterson, Manager of the Warriors Team high-fives Alfred Lopez, manager of the Sluggers Team after their game at Yosemite Recreation Center.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Manny Ortiz, DOT, Manager of the Enforcers Team; Chloe Ortiz - Daughter, Logan Ortiz - Son, Lorena Ortiz - Spouse



Lillian Valera, DWP, Senior Utility Accountant. Sluggers Team



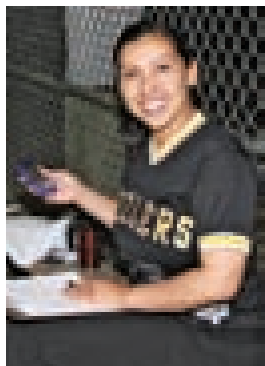
Johny Sosa, Bureau of Engineering, Office Engineering Technician III



Ron Haywood, DOT, Enforcers Team



LEFT TO RIGHT: Carlos Rodriguez, Department of Transportation, Manager of DOT-GERS; Game Umpire; Gerry Cervantes, Manager of the Hitmen



Lisa Pallares, Department of Transportation, Manager of reigning champions Guzzlers



LEFT TO RIGHT: Sergeant Jose Juarez, Sergeant Traci Tapp, Captain Arnold Esqueda, Sergeant Christopher Schnyder, Sergeant Earlie Jones, Officer K.K. Wells, Officer Francisco Salas, Sergeant Mary Harrington, Sergeant Patrick Chee, Sergeant Annette Young, Officer Damien Burris, Clerk Typist Patrice Ingram (General Services), Sergeant Renwick Ingram



BACK ROW: Ron Haywood, Luis Hernandez, Patricia Berrios, Myndahlee Jennings, Chrissine Angeles, Lisa Jones, Milan Romero, Corey Brejel

FRONT ROW: Manny Ortiz, Cesar Ponce, Jorge Trejo, Marc Corona, Robert Glover

Club League Debuts!

On Wednesday, July 8, the Club Sports League officially began with a full schedule of softball games. Eleven teams signed up for this inaugural season.

The games began at Downey Rec Center, Shatto Rec Center and Yosemite Rec Center. Due to a lighting problem at Downey (we hope it's rectified by the time you read this), the Downey games have been moved to Cheviot Hills Park.

The teams are:

- Bravo Tango
- DOT-GERS
- LAX Jets
- Enforcers
- Guzzlers
- Head First
- Hitmen
- I'd Hit It
- Reservoir Dogs
- Sluggers
- Transformers
- Warriors

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City Employees Club of Los Angeles Softball League 2009

Team Standings (as of July 22, 2009)

TEAM	GAMES PLAYED	WINS	LOSSES	WINNING PERCENT	GAMES BACK
LAX Jets	3	3	0	1.000	
Hitmen	3	3	0	1.000	
Sluggers	3	2	1	1.500	1
Guzzlers*	2	2	0	1.000	0.5
Enforcers*	2	2	0	1.000	0.5
Warriors	3	1	2	3.000	2
Bravo Tango*	2	1	1	2.000	1.5
I'd Hit It	3	1	2	3.000	2
Reservoir Dawgs	3	1	2	3.000	2
Head First*	2	0	2	0.000	2.5
Transformers	3	0	3	0.000	3
DOT-GERS	3	0	3	0.000	3

* Game was postponed and will be played at a later date.

Game Scores

July 8, 2009

HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	LOCATION
Sluggers: 16	Warriors: 9	Yosemite
Transformers: 0	Reservoir Dogs: 1	Shatto (Forfeit Win)
Enforcers:	Head First:	Downey (Postponed)
Bravo Tango:	Guzzlers:	Downey (Postponed)
Hitmen: 9	I'd Hit It: 6	Yosemite
DOT-GERS: 0	LAX Jets: 1	Shatto (Forfeit Win)

July 15, 2009

HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	LOCATION
LAX Jets: 12	Sluggers: 4	Yosemite
Bravo Tango: 4	Hitmen: 10	Shatto
I'd Hit It: 13	DOT-GERS: 10	Cheviot Hills
Head First: 4	Guzzlers: 7	Yosemite
Reservoir Dogs: 0	Enforcers: 24	Shatto
Warriors: 1	Transformers: 0	Cheviot Hills (Forfeit Win)

July 22, 2009

HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	LOCATION
Enforcers: 9	Warriors: 3	Shatto
Guzzlers: 14	Reservoir Dogs: 6	Downey
Bravo Tango: 1	Head First: 0	Yosemite (Forfeit Win)
Hitmen: 17	DOT-GERS: 4	Yosemite
Sluggers: 9	I'd Hit It: 6	Shatto
Transformers: 6	LAX Jets: 11	Downey

Game Locations



Downey Recreation Center
1772 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA, 90031

Shatto Recreation Center
3191 4th Street
Los Angeles, CA. 90020

Yosemite Recreation Center
1840 Yosemite Drive
Los Angeles, CA. 90041

Cheviot Hills Park
2551 Motor Avenue
Los Angeles, CA. 90064



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The Banning Museum is a facility of the Department of Recreation and Parks and is operated in cooperation with Friends of Banning Museum.

Club Special Event:

Dodgers Last Game: \$15! All-You-Can-Eat

See page 56.

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BY JEFF GELINEAU

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



Jewelry Needs Extra Coverage

Bling, bling!

A common question we get is, "Does my homeowners policy cover my jewelry?"

While a basic homeowners policy will provide you with a small amount of coverage, you really should add a low-cost endorsement to properly protect jewelry and other valuables.

After you've thanked your special someone for that extra-special gift, don't forget to contact your insurance agent. Most homeowners policies limit coverage for personal valuables, and you could fall far short of replacement value if your brand new Patek Philippe watch is lost or stolen.

Homeowner's policies generally cover your possessions up to 50 percent of your total coverage. So if you have a \$300,000 policy, your home furnishings and equipment are insured for as much as \$150,000.

But most policies also place limits on specific kinds of items – promising to pay a maximum of, say, \$1,500 for *all* of your jewelry in the event of damage or theft. Other categories that usually have reimbursement limits include silver flatware, firearms, coins, stamps and furs. (Read the "contents and additional coverage" section of your policy for the details.) Accidental loss is generally not covered. So if you lose your engagement ring, you're out of luck.

To raise your coverage limit and ensure that you're protected in case of loss as well as theft, contact your insurance agent and ask either to add an endorsement to your policy or to "schedule" the item. (You may need a written appraisal, although a detailed receipt may suffice.) Once you set a value and schedule the item, you're covered for the full amount if it is lost, stolen or destroyed. That makes the claims experience easier because there doesn't need to be an investigation into the value. Plus, there's no deductible for scheduled items!

Extra coverage is *inexpensive*. Several companies charge an average of 85 cents per \$100 of coverage for jewelry kept at home and 35 cents per \$100 for items kept in a vault. (Actual prices vary by company and geographical location.) Even if you have scheduled your jewelry, you should review the amounts that you have insured them for at least every three years.

Here are five ways to help protect your jewelry:

- **Report it!** Check with your insurance agent to find out whether expensive jewelry is covered under your existing policy. They may cover it only up to a certain amount and not the entire replacement cost.
- **Maintain it.** Have your jewelry inspected regularly. This can prevent loss of loose stones, faulty clasps and worn prongs. You can also have an updated appraisal done at the same time.
- **Hide it.** Don't make it easy for burglars and others in your home to find your jewelry. Protect your jewelry and other precious possessions by securing it in a safe or a hiding place in your home. Consider storing infrequently worn jewelry in a bank safe deposit box.
- **Inventory it.** Take a home inventory to help get your insurance claim settled faster and more accurately.
- **Insure it.** Insure your jewelry to assure that you can replace it if it is lost, stolen, or damaged.

Feel free to call our agency if you have any questions about insuring jewelry, would like to get a quote for your home or auto policy through us, or would like a question answered on any type of insurance.

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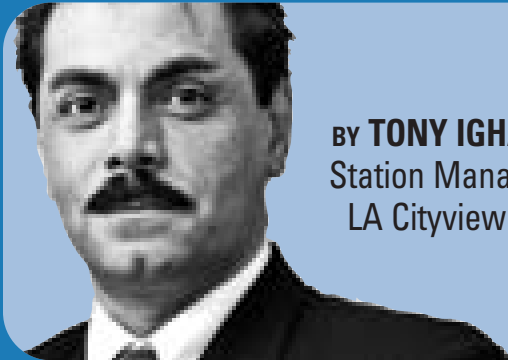
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BY TONY IGHANI
Station Manager,
LA Cityview 35



LA CityView 35 Garneres Seven Emmy Nominations

As the new fiscal year begins, so will our commitment to maintaining as many relevant and quality programming on LA CityView 35 as possible, given the deep budget cutbacks.

With that in mind, it is particularly meaningful to share the following news with our *Alive!* readers. On July 9, the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences announced the nominations for the 61st annual Los Angeles Area Local Emmy Awards. It is with great pride that I congratulate our partner City departments, my staff and our production teams for their outstanding work, resulting in this year's seven nominations. In terms of total number of nominations, we are tied with KTLA and have exceeded several other major local stations, including KABC7 and KCAL9. The nominations:

- *LA Fire in Action*. Dept. partner: LAFD
- *End Homelessness*. Dept. partner: Council District 11
- *Survey L.A.* Dept. partner: Planning
- *Pedestrian Awareness*. Dept. partner: Transportation
- *Outdoor Electric Safety*. Dept. partner: DWP
- Outstanding non-news director: Steve Miller.
- Outstanding non-news director: Robert Manciero.

Again, I offer my sincere congratulations to everyone, and I wish us great luck during the award ceremony, scheduled for Aug. 29.

Program highlights for August

Aging in L.A.

Join host Paul Petersen as he explores some exciting and challenging issues facing seniors in Los Angeles today.

"Together in Transition" – Paul Petersen talks with expert Catherine Fritz about making the emotional and practical transition to a new home as easy as possible.

Airs: Thursdays, Aug. 6 and 20 at 8:30 p.m.

"Braille Institute" – In its 90th year, the Braille Institute provides a wide array of free services for not just the legally blind, but anyone with visual impairment.

Airs: Thursdays, Aug. 13 and 27 at 8:30 p.m.

Disability Forum

A wide range of topics are featured on the latest series of *Disability Forum* programs scheduled for August:

"Guide Dogs for the Blind" – Host Mitch Pomerantz welcomes Keith Tomlinson, Senior Field Manager of Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Airs: Thursday, Aug. 6 at 9:30 p.m.

"Robert David Hall: A Working Actor with a Disability" – Actor Robert David Halls, who plays the coroner on CSI, visits with Mitch to talk about his career as an actor with a disability.

Airs: Thursday, Aug. 13 at 9:30 p.m.

"One Advocate's View of Disability Rights Today" – Disability Rights Advocate Ruthee Goldkorn, owner of No Barriers, a private consulting business that helps small businesses comply with ADA codes, discusses the state of access in public facilities for persons with disabilities.

Airs: Thursday, Aug. 20 at 9:30 p.m.

"People with Disabilities in the Media" – Mitch Pomerantz talks with two actors, Rick Boggs and Gene Feldman, both members of the SAG/AFTRA/AEA Tri-Union

Performers with Disabilities Committee, about the "Inclusion in the Arts and Media of People with Disabilities" campaign.

Airs: Thursday, Aug. 27 at 9:30 p.m.

DiverseCity

Last year, more than one million immigrants— 300,000 alone in California— became citizens of the United States, setting a record. However, an estimated eight million immigrants in our country still remain eligible to naturalize and become United States citizens—a significant percentage. Host Gabriel Sandoval, Deputy Counsel to the Mayor, and his guests will highlight the benefits of becoming a United States citizen and will demystify the naturalization process.

Airs: Tuesdays, Aug. 3 and 17, at 11 a.m. and 10 p.m.

Faces of L.A.

Faces of L.A. looks at going green, as Julia Russell and Lee Wallach, give us a tour of their eco-friendly homes.

Meanwhile, Mike Spound tells us about his love of the game as a Little League coach of the Woodland Hills Sunrise League; and Coach Miguel Villegas, of Windward, tells us what it takes to become high school basketball state champions.

Serving families and communities are Areva Martin, co-founder and President of Special Needs Network; and Betsy Pfromm, President and CEO of LA Child Guidance Clinic.

Wilma Berry gives a brief history of the Azusa Street Mission and Historical Society. Assistant Principal Dana Stephens shows us Colfax School. We learn how music director, Larry Newman, brings his love of orchestra music to schools.

Airs: daily

L.A. Roundtable

LA Cityview's Emmy-winning public affairs discussion series, moderated by award-winning journalist and reporter Dave Bryan, returns with four provocative new programs dealing with topics of great importance.

"S.O.S. – Save Our State!" – In this edition, we try to pick up the pieces of the rubble that's left of our dysfunctional state government. How do we get out of this mess and ensure that it doesn't happen again?

Airs: Mondays, Aug. 3 and 31 at 1:30 and 8 p.m.

"Medical Marijuana: Gateway to Legalization?" – There has been a flurry of events recently that are propelling the issue of medicinal marijuana, and the possible legalization of all pot, into the mainstream national dialogue. *L.A. Roundtable* has a great panel ready to cut through the smoke and try to clear the air on this controversial issue.

Airs: Monday, Aug. 10 at 1:30 and 8 p.m.

"One-on-One with Police Chief Bill Bratton" – After having run five other police departments around the country, including those in Boston and New York, Chief Bill Bratton has become a fixture here in Los Angeles. A recent poll showed that his public approval rating is 66 percent, much higher than that of the mayor or the governor. What's the secret of the Chief's success, and what are his plans for the future?

Airs: Monday, Aug. 17 at 1:30 and 8 p.m.

"One-on-One with Rick Caruso" – Rick Caruso is the king of fashionable shopping malls in Southern California, spreading what's known as "Caruso Style" from Marina del Rey to Glendale to the Fairfax District. His two best-known projects are The Grove and The Americana at Glendale, but he has many others in the works.

Airs: Monday, Aug. 24 at 1:30 and 8 p.m.

Newsbriefs

BICYCLE PARKING:

To help Angelenos choose alternative modes of transportation, Los Angeles City Council President Eric Garcetti announced June 24 the installation of more than 50 new bicycle racks on Hollywood Boulevard between La Brea and Vine. Working with Transportation, Garcetti developed a pilot program that transformed into bicycle racks parking meters made obsolete by the City's new Park-and-Pay system.

"This new program will provide more bicycle parking to make it easier for residents and visitors who want to use bikes to get around the neighborhood," said Council President Garcetti. "We want to make it as easy and attractive as possible for people to ride a bike rather than drive a car, especially for short trips."

To expand bicycle parking capacity, Transportation is installing "meter hitches" that convert the poles of former parking meters into bike racks. The racks have a central vertical pole with two half circles extending outward on either side so that multiple bicycle locks can clasp to the pole. On top of the pole is a small metal sign of a bicycle, denoting the pole as bicycle parking. Fifty-two meter hitches were installed last night as part of the first phase of the program.

"Transportation is encouraging people to stay healthy, and reduce traffic congestion along with pollution, by taking advantage of the new bicycle racks in Hollywood. Be sure to ride safely," said Rita L. Robinson, General Manager, Transportation.



OFFICERS SAVE A LIFE

Two Los Angeles Police Officers saved the life of a man who was unconscious and not breathing when they arrived on scene of an "Unknown Trouble" radio call.

On July 22, at around 3:40 p.m., Hollenbeck Police Officer Christopher Gonzalez and his partner, Officer Victor Martinez, were on patrol when they responded to the 1600 block of Ricardo Street in the Boyle Heights area for a call involving an open 911 line with screaming heard in the background.

Officers Gonzalez and Martinez arrived on scene six minutes after receiving the call. What they found when they arrived were several people screaming and frantic over a 65-year-old family member who had lost consciousness and was not breathing, lying on the couch inside the residence.

Gonzalez and Martinez immediately took control of the situation. They began by clearing the living room floor so that they could lie the victim down on a solid, flat surface to begin Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). Officer Martinez began chest compressions while instructing and assisting a family member in performing rescue breathing on the victim. Officer Gonzalez also assisted in the CPR process.

After administering CPR for approximately three minutes, the victim regained consciousness and began breathing on his own. LAFD personnel arrived and continued to treat the victim for an apparent heart attack. He was taken to Los Angeles County-University of Southern California-Medical Center (LAC-USCMC), where he was admitted and listed in stable but critical condition.

LAFD personnel, as well as the doctors in attendance at LAC-USCMC, commended Officers Gonzalez and Martinez for their life-saving efforts and agreed that the victim would not have survived had they not acted in such a quick and competent manner.

Martinez and Gonzalez exemplify the highest standards of the LAPD. Hollenbeck Area Patrol Captain Paul Hernandez said, "These officers are heroes. Just ask the family members of this man who was revived from the brink of death and given another chance at life."

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

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LA Cityview 35!

LAFD

Civilian Employees: You're the Best!

Fire Dept. honors its top civilian employees.

Story and photos courtesy Lorraine Kwiatkowski, LAFD

On May 27, the LAFD honored three civilian employees and one group, and gave certificates of recognition to five others as part of its 18th annual Civilian Employee Recognition Luncheon.

The event was held at the Empress Pavilion Restaurant downtown.

Honored were:

- Michael Prendergast, Prof./Special Skills
- Rosa Mercado, Clerical
- Lou Hua, Shop Maintenance, and
- The Accounts Receivable Unit, which received the Fire Chief's Group Award of Excellence.

Certificates of Special Recognition were given to John Alvarez, Eva Bencomo, Adolfo Rodriguez, Leslie Vontoure and Anita White.

Principal speakers were Fire Chief Douglas Barry and Civilian Employee Recognition Committee Chair Mary Reuschel.

The Club congratulates all those who were honored for their excellence.

Fire Chief's Group Award of Excellence
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE UNIT
 Nelson Magtibay, Polly Wong, Emma Pangilinan, Erlanda Macatula, Liberty Maglunog, Silvia Pena, Laura Kakita, Sammy Wong, Roberto Garcia and Maricel Martin.



The Accounts Receivable Unit was one of the busiest units in the City, processing more than \$137 million in revenue for fiscal year 2008. The unit handles a high volume of billing and collection transactions daily.

Despite staffing issues, the unit was able to process accounts in a timely manner and in accordance with the City's policies and guidelines.

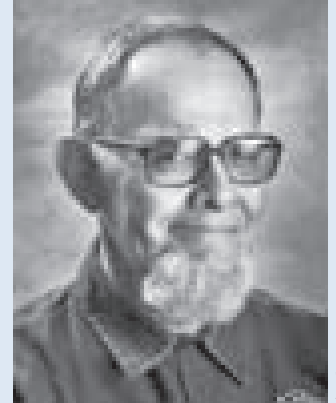
Each member of the unit takes pride in their work, and they work well together, especially during times of high volume.

The LAFD maintained high marks in cash

receipt categories of the Controller's Certification and Fiscal Monitoring Program due to the staff's extensive knowledge and experience in all aspects of accounting systems and procedures. The Accounts Receivable Unit was rated as the most efficient and knowledgeable among all City departments in the last internal control audit, conducted by the Controller's Office.

For these reasons, the Accounts Receivable Unit receives the Fire Chief's Group Award of Excellence.

Certificates of Special Recognition
JOHN ALVAREZ
EVA BENCOMO
ADOLFO RODRIGUEZ
LESLIE VONTOURE
ANITA WHITE



John Alvarez



Eva Bencomo



Adolfo Rodriguez



Leslie Vontoure



Anita White

Clerical Category
ROSA MERCADO
 Sr. Clerk Typist
 Arson/Counterterrorism Section



Rosa began her City career Sept. 11, 2000, as a Clerk Typist in Public Works/Street Lighting. The following year, she was promoted to Sr. Clerk Typist, Finance, where she was assigned to the public counter of the tax and permits unit. Her sunny disposition earned her loyal customers who would patiently wait for her, even though other clerks were readily available.

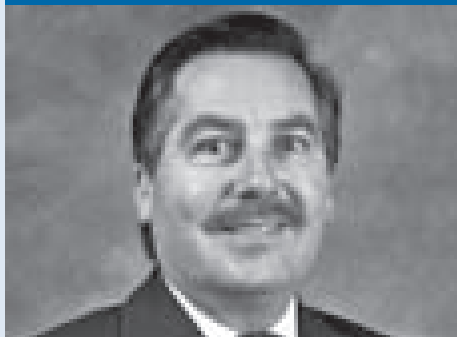
In January 2005, she transferred to the Fire Dept.'s Arson/Counterterrorism Section, where she tends to the public counter. She is responsible for multiple phone lines, prepares letters to insurance companies, and collects fees for requested fire reports.

Rosa has established an excellent rapport with the investigators as well as the customers who routinely do business with the department.

But her true passion lies in being a dedicated wife and mother. She has been married for ten years to her high school sweetheart, Enrique, of the LAFD's Supply and Maintenance Division. She is also the proud mother of three beautiful girls -- Alicia, Andrea and Amanda.

For her years of dedication and exemplary service to the Fire Department, she is recognized for her hard work and accomplishments.

Professional/Specialized Skills Category
MICHAEL PRENDERGAST
 Senior Management Analyst I



Michael began his career with the City in 1989 as a Worker's Compensation Analyst, Personnel. He was promoted to the LAPD as a Management Analyst I, and then to the Police Commission. While there, he was promoted to Sr. Personnel Analyst I.

In 2003, Michael was promoted to the LAFD's Emergency Services Bureau. In that capacity, he responds to the needs of both civilian and sworn members of the department.

His duties now include responding to incidents as a Deputy Finance Chief, and he is the Bureau's Budget Coordinator. He is also the Bureau's Travel Coordinator.

Michael has touched the lives of many sworn personnel in ways that many do not know about. Although there is no official "funeral coordinator" in the department, Michael has been entrusted with working with the unions to coordinate the financial assistance and negotiate funeral expenses on behalf of the families of deceased members. He demonstrates sensitivity to families regarding funeral arrangements.

Michael, who was born in England, and his wife, Karen, have been married for 23 years. They have a daughter, Lauren.

Michael's hard work, dedication and can-do philosophy in the Emergency Services Bureau have set him apart, and his daily efforts are appreciated as Employee of the Year.

Shop Maintenance Category
LOU HUA
 Warehouse and Tool Room Worker II
 Supply and Maintenance



Lou began his City career May 13, 1985, with the LAPD as a Warehouse and Tool Room Worker. Soon, he was promoted to the LAFD as a Warehouse and Tool Room Worker II.

He has demonstrated exemplary management, including the maintenance and organization of the tool room.

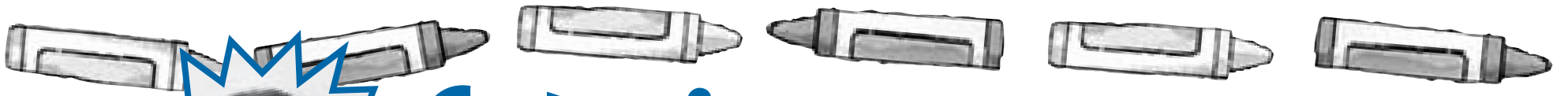
When arriving at Lou's counter, guests are always greeted with a smile, excellent customer service, and a "how may I help you."

He is extremely knowledgeable with all the tools and supplies he's responsible for. He's also knowledgeable with new products that come on the market. This helps maintain the vast inventory of all tools available to shop personnel.

Lou is well known and liked among his peers. He works well with Civilian and Sworn personnel. He is always willing to go out of his way to ensure everyone's needs are taken care of first.

In his spare time, he enjoys camping, fishing and collecting antique magazines, lithographs and watches. He also enjoys traveling to all parts of the world.

For his hard work and dedication to the Fire Department, he is honored as Employee of the Year.



Coloring with Lupe!

The *Alive!*
Children's Coloring
Contest

Compiled by Lupe Medina,
Administrative Services Representative

Color this fun picture, have an adult send it in, and you could win four free tickets to SeaWorld!

We want to know about you! Tell us a little about yourself:

Your name _____ How old are you? _____

When is your birthday? _____ What is your favorite television show? _____

What is your favorite snack? _____

What is the first name of your best friend? _____

Why do you want to go to SeaWorld?: _____

For parents/guardian to complete:

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Job title and department with the City: _____

Parent/guardian phone number: _____

Child's address/state/zip: _____

Submit to:

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

Deadline for submission:
September 15, 2009

The Club will do everything it can to gather all the submissions, but it cannot be responsible for lost or misdirected mail.

Good luck, and have fun!

WIN
4 free
tickets to

SEAWORLD



An award package will be given for each age group:

- * Ages 5 and under
- * Ages 6 to 7
- * Ages 8 to 10



For Retired Club Members



The Best Years



By Phil Skarin,
RLACEI Publicity Chair

City Retiree Associations:

DWP Retirees Association



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

Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association



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

Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



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

Change of Address?

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

Have News About Yourself?

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

Upcoming Events:

- Aug. 13:** RLACEI Retirees Picnic, 11:30 a.m., Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park Dr.
- Oct. 8:** RLACEI annual Corporation Meeting and Elections, Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr. Lunch at noon, meeting at 1 p.m.
- Dec. 3:** RLACEI Christmas Party, noon, Grace E. Simons Lodge in Elysian Park. Courtesy taxi rides from the parking areas, courtesy of the Independent Taxi Owners Association.

Reservations to these events: (800) 6578-4145, ext. 701.

RLACEI:

California Budget Mess Not Affecting Us, So Far

President Ed Harding reports:



Ed Harding

"It seems that every time I read the obituary column, I have lost a friend or coworker. David Reed died in June after a lengthy illness. He had been the Assistant Director, Public Works/Street Maintenance, now called Street Services; our hearts go out to Dave's wife, Jeannie. We all knew her as Jeannie Nishi, before she married Dave. She was secretary to the Director, the greatest gal you ever want to meet.

"I hope you are enjoying a fabulous summer. I know I am. Martha and I will be at Topaz Lake for a week and then two weeks at our second home in Minden and the Lake Tahoe area.

I am looking forward to seeing a lot of old friends at our annual Retirees Picnic on Thursday, Aug. 13 at 11:30 a.m. at the Grace E Lodge in Elysian Park. A great buffet will be served by the Chris & Pits BBQ firm. Complimentary taxicabs will take you from the parking areas to the lodge. Please call for reservations a week ahead. You may bring a guest."

Our golf tournament on June 2

at the Alhambra Golf Course resulted in some outstanding scoring. Trophies were awarded to:

Member, Men:

- Gil Garnes, low gross.
- Mike Lee, low net.
- Ezio Briasco, second place, low net.

Guest, men:

- George Chapman, low gross.
- Jim Slaydon, low net.

Member, ladies:

- Chris Stemnock, low gross.
- Betsy Melancon, low net.

All Golfers:

- Vester Pittman, low gross, front 9.
- Michael Koppenhaver, low gross, back 9.

Closest to the pin:

- Gerald Carrido, 7;
- Oliver Cunningham, 8;
- Gil Barnas, 11;
- Dick Hovius, 13; and
- George Chapman, 15.

Longest drive:

- Vester Pittman and Cathy Bujshy.

Director Mary Beetz reports:



Mary Beetz

On July 23, at the Friendship Auditorium in Griffith Park, LACERS held its second Medicare seminar of the year for its

Medicare-eligible retirees. LACERS staff explained LACERS' Medicare requirements relative to Medicare Parts A, B and D. LACERS' health plan representatives were also present to discuss LACERS' medical plan options to the seminar attendees.

LACERS' next wellness seminar, *Your Food, Your Health; Facing the Food Challenge* seminar, will teach retirees how to eat to stay healthy, read food labels and safely handle food. All LACERS retirees should have already received their invitations to this event, which will take place Thursday, Aug. 27 from 9 a.m. to

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Legislative Update, Ken Spiker reports:



Ken Spiker

"The City Council's once approved Retirement Incentive Program (CIP) is still in negotiations with the City's employees unions. Sources report it may take months before there's any agreed-upon settlement. No actuarial study has been prepared or released, thus the savings to the City's general fund and the cost

to the retirement fund (LACERS) is unknown.

Impact on LACERS: The City Council recently adopted in concept a Retirement Incentive Program (CIP) that would provide eligible LACERS' members with incentives in the form of benefit enhancements and/or cash payments to take early

retirements. The stated goal of the RIP would be to retire 2,400 LACERS members.

In anticipation of the RIP, LACERS has been preparing to process the 2,400 retirements in a matter of months. Normally,

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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.

The Best Years



Playa Grande Resort.



By Hal Danowitz, Secretary, RLACEI

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

RLACEI:

Officers for 2009

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

Committee Chairpersons for 2009

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

Directors

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An Uncrowded Cabo

■ Hal and Evelyn take the grandkids to the Cabo San Lucas timeshare.

It is time for our annual trip to our timeshare in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. This year, my wife, Evelyn; Effie, the other grandmother; and I took the three grandkids with us. Pierre, the other grandfather, decided to skip the trip.

Last year we went without the kids, and it wasn't during spring break, so it was very quiet in Cabo. This year, with the economy in such bad shape, I didn't know what to expect.

We booked our flight on Mexicana Airlines, and we arrived at the Bradley Terminal at LAX about two-and-a-half hours before our flight. The Mexicana check-in area is on the lower level and is much easier to use than before they moved. We checked in without problems and then put our luggage through security. The kids – Madeline, 12; Isabelle, 10; and Caroline, 8 – handled their own bags.

When we arrived at the gate, we had about an hour wait before we could board the plane. This was better than two years ago, when the plane was more than five hours late in leaving Los Angeles. This time we left on time, and the flight down was great; the kids played games on my computer or listened to music on their iPods. We even were served a box lunch and a free movie.

We landed on time and cleared customs and immigration, and then looked for our car and driver, who was to take us to the Playa Grande Resort. When you leave the terminal, you are besieged with time-

share people. Last year, without the kids, we did the timeshare option, but Evelyn said "no way" this time. After fighting our way through the throng of people, we found our transportation, which I had booked online with TransBaja.

The drive from the airport to the resort is about 45 to 60 minutes, depending on traffic. We wanted to stop at a market, so our driver took us to the large supermarket about halfway between the airport and the resort. Evelyn and Effie did the shopping while I waited in the car with the kids.

After they were done shopping, we finished the drive to the resort. We checked in and had our first problem: This was not our normal timeshare week, so we didn't have our regular units, which connect. They gave us two units side by side, but they were not connecting. I asked them to change our accommodations, which they did. We took two rooms on the ground floor, and I wasn't sure it I would like it. But it turned out great for the kids.

The town did not seem as crowded as I had remembered from the last spring break, and as the week progressed, we saw half-empty restaurants. The best indicator was that the pool area at the resort was not very busy.

After we settled in, it was time for dinner. We walked to one of my favorite restaurants, Pancho's Restaurant and Tequila Bar (Hidalgo and Zapata), where we have eaten on each trip. The restaurant was crowded, and we sat outside. As

usual, the food and service were very good.

The one thing I like about the Playa Grande is the location on the Pacific side of the Baja tip, which makes it a short walk into the main center of Cabo.

Sunday morning, we sat through the Playa Grande's owners update, a timeshare presentation. We do this each year for the free breakfast and the \$50 gift certificate. It takes only a couple of hours, and we don't have to leave the resort. While our resort was sold out, the timeshare organization is building at least two more in the area. As we sat there, a number of units were sold.



Evelyn and Michelle.



Hal with the grandkids in the pool.

ADVENTURES WITH HAL!

After the timeshare presentation, we booked a snorkeling cruise for the three kids and I, using the two \$50 gift certificates.

We spent the rest of the day by the pool, just relaxing. The weather was in the mid-80s and sunny. That was the norm most of the time, except for two days, when it was very windy.

As we walked into town for dinner, we



Maddie and Isabelle in the kayak.

passed a restaurant we have never gone to, and after they offered us free margaritas, we ate there -- The Shrimp Factory (Blvd. Marina at V Guerrero). I was impressed with the food, and the price was very reasonable. We had walked past it many times and never gave it a try. I put it on my list to eat there next year, too. The kids loved it, too.

Monday was a do-nothing day, and we spent most of it by the pool. Late in the afternoon, I took the kids to the putting green, and we took a couple of turns around the nine-hole putting course. Evelyn even managed to exercise a couple of times in the resort's cardio room.

We had dinner that evening in the resort's Calima Restaurant dining room, and I was not impressed. The food and service were mediocre. Since we have been coming to Playa Grande, the one weakness has been the inconsistent food and restaurant service.

Tuesday was the snorkeling cruise. The kids and I took a taxi to the Marina where the cruise was to start. It sailed up the coast to Chileno Bay, where we stopped and snorkeled. Our tickets included lunch and all you could drink. At the dock, we were put on the smaller of the two catamarans, which held only 16 people, eight of which were under 12 years old. The other boat had at least 40 people on board. The kids loved the ride to the Bay, which took about an hour and 15 minutes. They made friends with the other kids, and they all sat in the front of the boat in the netting over the water. On the way out we were provided fins and goggles. Both Maddie and Isabelle are strong swimmers, and when we got to the bay, they jumped in and did their own thing. I stayed with Coco, and we snorkeled together. I had her use a "noodle," which helped her in the water. We saw a few fish, but not as many as I had hoped for. After about an hour, we had to get back

on the boat, and we sailed to the Marina. While we were returning, we had a lunch of tuna sandwiches, chips and guacamole. Even with the small amount of time to snorkel, it was still fun to sail up the coast.

By the time we got back to the resort we were pretty tired and decided to have room service for dinner.

What the kids didn't know was that their mother, Michelle, was flying down that day to spend the rest of the week with us. We spent the day around the pool. Isabelle and Coco painted ceramics to take home to their friends.

We waited for Michelle to land around 5 p.m. before we had dinner. She called us from the airport, saying she couldn't find

San Lucas: Lover's Beach, behind the arch between the Sea of Cortes and the Pacific Ocean, accessed by water taxi only. They are in the process of building a foot path from the Pacific side, so people will be able to get there by foot; Solmar Beach, on the Pacific Ocean in front of our resort, which is not good for swimming; and Medano Beach on Cabo San Lucas Bay, which is Cabo's main beach and is safe for swimming and water sports.

We wanted to spend the day at Medano Beach, and we took a water taxi from the Marina. It cost between \$2 and \$3 per person, depending on your negotiating skills. Once we got there, we rented an umbrella and settled in for the day. The kids wanted to ride the banana boat again (they did it on the Christmas cruise), and then Maddie and Isabelle took a kayak out in the bay. I was interested to see how they would work together in paddling the boat. They did return and were still talking to each other, but barely. Cruise ships stop at Cabo every day except Friday and Sunday, so the beach was very busy (this was about a month before the swine flue outbreak) with cruise tourists.

We had dinner at the Office (Pasco del Pescador), where we have had breakfast many times, but this was our first dinner and it was very good. The food and service were good. We will go back, for it is really a Cabo institution.

Friday was our last full day, and Michelle just wanted to lie out by the pool, so we all just relaxed for the day.

We wanted to try a new restaurant for dinner, and Michelle recommended La Golondrina Trading Post (Paseo del Pescador). We took a taxi to the restaurant, which is a large garden patio. The menu is written on the wall, and the portions are very large. The kids ordered just appetizers, and we ordered regular meals. Evelyn and I could have split a meal. The food and service were good, but it was quite expensive. Eating outside also had the problem of seeds falling off the mesquite trees. It took a while to get the check after the power failed. I would go back, but would order differently.

Before we left for the airport Saturday morning, we had breakfast at Mama's Royal Café (Hidalgo between Zapata and Madeno), where the food was good, but for some reason the service was a little slow.

Our car picked us up for the ride to the airport. We breezed through check-in and security and waited in the terminal for our plane to leave. They have changed the layout of the terminal, so that all restaurants are behind security, making the wait much nicer. The best part was that our plane left on time for Los Angeles.

I still enjoy Cabo, and we are looking forward to returning next year with the kids.



Hal and Effie.

her ride, and she had to wait until the next flight landed before she could get a ride to the resort. She didn't arrive at the resort until after 7 p.m., and we decided to eat in the Calima again. It wasn't any better.

The kids were happy to see their mother, but any discipline went right out the window.

There are three main beaches in Cabo



Maddie, Isabelle and Coco on the snorkel cruise.

RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

Louis Nowell, Councilman of the First District from 1963-77, passed away at 94. He had previously been a member of the Fire Department.

Mary Sims was recently reported to be deceased. Not true!

Robert Bass celebrated his 80th birthday July 18 at a surprise party arranged by his four daughters at El Dorado Park.

This just in via the City Employees Club Website: "Hi Phil. This is for the retirees' news column. I know that I appreciate reading about what others are doing. Thanks for your efforts!

Arlette Menard retires (again!): After retiring from DWP in 1998, Arlette earned a Master's degree in library and information science from San Jose State University while teaching ESL for the LAUSD. After four years, she has recently retired from her position as school librarian from the William Hart School District. Off to the next adventure! Her motto: It's never too late to have new experiences and to make a contribution. P.S. That was her son, Vincent Rojas, as a Medal of Valor honoree in the July issue of *Alive!*

Planning to Retire Soon? If you are, Helen Salgado, Membership Chair, invites you to join the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI), which is the only one exclusively serving the interests of L. A. City retirees, for only \$1 a month. Call one of our Board Members at (800) 678-4145 for more information.

Do you have a poem for this year's Retirees' Poetry Contest? Send it to Phil Skarin by Nov. 1. It can be on any subject or style of interest to retirees. There are member and family member categories. There will be valuable cash prizes. Also, if you have news about yourself or other retirees, that you would like to share, send it to Phil Skarin at 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, Ca 91411.

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 him at (800) 678-4145, ext. 707.

The Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System (LACERS) is located at 360 E. Second St., 2nd floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Phone (213) 473-7200 or (800) 779-8328. Call them if you have questions about your health plans or to arrange direct deposit of your retirement checks, change your tax withholding, beneficiary or have changed your address.

Change of address for RLACEI members, notify Helen Salgado, Membership Chair in writing at 8372 Arnett Drive, Huntington Beach, CA 92647 or call (800) 678-4145, ext. 713.

Legislative Update

■ Ken Spiker, continued from page 21

LACERS processes approximately 500 retirement applications in a given year.

To assist those members who are anticipating retirement through the RIP, LACERS has been reaching out to active members to provide retirement readiness seminars and counseling. Special emphasis has been placed on encouraging active members to prepare for the retirement process by applying for any service credit purchases that they qualify for and making sure that they have the documents they will need.

Members should visit www.lacers.org for updates about the RIP, news regarding their retirement benefits and a schedule of educational seminars available through LACERS.

The proposed RIP also will impact the LACERS Fund in such ways as:

- LACERS will have to pay more in retirement allowances and health subsidies than anticipated.
- Because the additional benefits were not funded during the working years of the members, these benefit payments will increase LACERS' unfunded liability.
- The additional benefits presumably will also decrease LACERS' funded ratio and liquidity, especially since there will be a two-year lag before active member contributions are increased to offset the additional costs of the RIP.

If the unions ratify the RIP and the Council formally adopts it, the LACERS Board will consider the length of time the City has to pay the additional contributions to fund the RIP.

Turmoil in Sacramento, by Michael Karsch:

The breakdown in addressing the increasing state budget deficit continues into the 2009-10 fiscal year. While there is a budget in place that was accomplished in February, the deficit has grown beyond the actions taken by that budget document and the deficit now stands at more than \$26 billion. The state is now issuing IOUs for many state vendors, and the Legislature continues in session with only one focus -- saving the state budget. Three furlough days per month are now in effect for state employees, on top of a 5 percent salary cut. The national credit rating agency Standard & Poors has put the state on credit watch "with negative implications" due to the state's chronic and unresolved budget deficit. The rating agency fears that the budget problems "increase the risk of missed payments" on outstanding bond issuances. The debt amounts to \$59 billion in general obligation bonds and \$8.1 billion in appropriation debt. In the large state pension system, the California Public Employee Retirement System, consideration is being given to "smoothing" the financial support of the system's expenses (pensions of retirees) by postponing pension contributions from one fiscal year to another. This was attempted by the City of Los Angeles last year to help the City in its deficit situation, but was not enacted. What CalPERS is considering would not impact the City's pensions. But the overall state budgetary deficit and downgrade in credit rating can have a ripping effect on our City and others, such as the likelihood of taking \$2 billion in property taxes from local governments statewide, although such must be repaid with interest in three years.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

Anchors for the Storms

When the storms of life are threatening our stability, we look for an anchor to help us ride out these storms.

These storms could include problems areas of health, finances, employment or personal relationships.

An anchor is something that makes a person feel safe and secure.

Anchors could be family, friends, neighbors, inspirational writings and your personal faith.

So, it's a good idea to have some anchors available before the storms arise.

– Phil Skarin

LACERS Update

■ Mary Beetz, continued from page 21

1:00 p.m. at the Friendship Auditorium in Griffith Park, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90027. Free parking is available onsite. To attend this event, simply RSVP by calling LACERS at (213) 473-7200, (800) 779-8328 or (888) 349-3996 TDD or register online at www.lacers.org. Space is limited and our events fill up quickly, so be sure to reserve your seat today, if you haven't already done so.

Open Enrollment: LACERS 2010 health benefits open enrollment period will start on Oct. 15 and continue through Nov. 15. Open enrollment meetings will be held in Los Angeles, Van Nuys, Ontario and San Pedro,

as well as Las Vegas. At these meetings, LACERS' members may speak with health plan representatives about their health plan choices for 2010. There will be health screenings at each location and refreshments will be served. Look for LACERS Save-the-Date Flyer to be mailed in August for more details.

LACERS is also redesigning the 2010 health benefits guide to help retirees compare health plans more easily and better understand each plan's benefits.

LACERS update information is available at www.lacers.org.

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LAPD

So Long, Brenda and Lille

Brenda Smith and Lille Pruitt retired from Police Dept. after a combined 71 years of City service.



The retirees, from left: Brenda Smith, Senior Management Analyst, LAPD, and Lillie Pruitt, Sr. Management Analyst, LAPD.

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations

Two longtime veterans of the LAPD – Brenda Smith and Lille Pruitt – were given a combined retirement luncheon reception.

Brenda retires with 31 years of City service. Lille retires with more than 40 years.

The reception was held July 14 at Shanghai Red's in Marina del Rey.

Lillie Pruitt's career with the City started as an Office Trainee, LAPD, in 1977. She was a Clerk Typist, General Services, in August 1980, and then a Sr. Clerk in the Treasury Dept. and the DWP.

She became a Management Aide in the LAPD in August 1986, and a Management Analyst in Public Works/Engineering in May 1989. She was a Sr. Management Analyst with three promotions at the LAPD from October 1994 through the present.

Brenda Smith's career with the City began in 1968 as a Student Worker in Building and Safety. She was a Clerk Typist in Building and Safety from 1970-75, and a Sr. Clerk Typist in General Analysis and Budget Services through 1985. She became a Management Aide/Analyst in the LAPD in 1985, and was promoted in 1988.

She was a Sr. Management Analyst in Public Works/Sanitation from 1993 to 1998, before she returned to the LAPD as a Sr. Management Analyst in the Training Division, from 1999 to the present.

After welcome remarks by Michael Ellington and an invocation by Fr. Mike, lunch was served. Speakers included Deputy Chief Sandi Jo MacArthur, Commander Stephan Jacobs, Capt. John Incontro and Capt. Michelle Veenstra.

The retirees then made their remarks before a song was sung by Sandy Mack and a video presentation by Evonna Smith.

The Club congratulates Brenda and Lille, and wishes them a great retirement. *Special thanks to Laura Rangel, LAPD, for her assistance.*



Welcome by Michael Ellington, PDO, Club Member.



Sandy Mack sings for the retirees.



- 39 Franklin Street (now Court Street)
- 40 Third St.
- 41 Spring St. School
- 43 Dan Street Residence
- 44 Al Mapa Residence
- 45 Col. Vinland Residence
- 46 Site of Times Building
- 47 Fort St (now Broadway)
- 48 Billy Duffum Residence
- 49 Henry Decker's property (John Milner used to live here) Site of City Jail
- 50 Wooden Water Pipe Line
- 51 Hill Street
- 52 Old man Bear home, father of Henry Bear
- 53 Central Park
- 54 Site of Third Street Tunnel
- 55 St Vincent College
- 57 Gen. C. Tiffany Residence
- 58 The Hazard Pavilion
- 59 Harley Taft Home site
- 65 Old Oakland Stage Corral
- 67 Bannings hay barn.

The City's First Health Checkup



Los Angeles in 1869, a decade before Dr. Walter Lindley issued the City's first annual report on the health of its citizens.

Check out the City Health Officer's report from 1879.

Photos courtesy Los Angeles Public Library, Photo Archive, Christine Rice, director; and the Honhold Mudd Library Special Collections, Claremont McKenna College

From 1850 to 1888, the City lived under the Act of Incorporation from the State of California Senate. In 1878, our City received its first charter from the state fathers. As our City evolved, it became necessary to add more City officials. But one of the important advances in this 1878 charter was to mandate department heads, including the mayor, to write an annual report to be handed over to the Common (City) Council. This report was to be given at the second meeting in November of each year.

In 1878, the rights, powers and duties of the Council included many items relating to having a healthy environment in our City, such as:

to prevent the introduction or spreading of any loathsome, contagious and other diseases into the city; to make regulations and provisions for the removal of persons affected with any contagious or loathsome disease to a suitable hospital, provided and prepared by the city or other party for that purpose...

Also, a responsibility of the Council and new mandates for department heads, including the mayor, was to prepare a comprehensive report about the department activities during the past year. Thus was born the department annual report, which continues to this day. In 1878, there were only eight annual reports, including one by the mayor. Once the Council reviewed and accepted the reports, they were printed and bound and retained in the City Clerk's archives for distribution.

It is now time to introduce the first Health Officer's report to our readership. On Nov. 13, 1879, Dr. Walter Lindley, M.D. the City's Health Officer, wrote the Department's first annual report to the Honorable Council of the City of Los Angeles. Lindley

began his report by listing favorable progress during the prior ten-month period relating to sanitary conditions and the collecting of vital statistics.

The Sewer Systems

Lindley wrote: "I look with especial pride to the system of sewerage that your Hon. Body have inaugurated by small pipes. The large sewers ... were first used in Los Angeles are being discarded by Sanitary Engineers the world over." He continued: "During the year the Temple Street sewer and the Fort Street sewer have been constructed to the great advantage of the city near those streets." It should be noted that on Feb. 19, 1890, Fort Street became known as Broadway.

On the same subject, Lindley stated that a great need for the city was to have a sewer built on Alameda Street that would drain First, Commercial and Aliso Streets, Chinatown and the vicinity of a new depot. He stated that this project would take about a year to complete. He also noted that there were demands for Spring Street to have a sewer system. Other demands from citizens related to property owners who lived in the vicinity of where the main sewer empties. Dr. Lindley noted: "Very soon it will be the city's imperative duty to either have the sewage disinfected or to extend the main sewer farther from the city."

Chinatown

The Chinatown referred to in Lindley's annual report was the first of three in the City of Los Angeles. It became a reality in the 1870s on the eastside of the Plaza, where Union Station now stands. The grungy, neglected street was known as "Negro Alley" or "Calle de los Negros." It became home to Chinese workers who were building the railroads. It soon was known as "Chinatown." Much of the area included overcrowded tenements, markets, eateries, native temples and such. This was also the area of the 1871



James Toberman was mayor of Los Angeles twice, from 1872-74 and again from 1878-82.

History Comes Alive!

Tales From the City Archives



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

Chinese Massacre, where 19 Chinese men and boys were hung and 11 white men risked their lives to restore order and protect the Chinese. But *that* is another story!

"This is the crying sanitary evil of Los Angeles," Dr. Lindley wrote. "The Chinese are crowded into a number of old dilapidated buildings in the heart of our city. Their habits of living are filthy in the extreme. Soon after I had the honor of receiving an appointment from you, I attempted to enforce the cubic air law that requires 500 cubic feet in the clear for each person in a sleeping apartment. The attempt was ineffectual mainly, I believe, because of the prejudice against what is called Chinese persecution. The death rate [is unusually high like in San Francisco]."

Dr. Lindley concluded this subject by noting that in spite of the unusual cases of death in Los Angeles, he would show that the death rate in the mortality report was not excessive.

In February 1879, the Council appointed a committee composed of the Chief of Police, City Engineer and Health Officer to report on a plan to improve the sanitation problems of Chinatown. Two plans were established. The first was to condemn the buildings and have them vacated. The second was to recommend that a sewer be built on Alameda Street and the extension of Los Angeles Street. Dr. Lindley claimed it would probably take another year to see the second project carried out.

Diseases

During the few years previous to the report, Los Angeles had been relatively free from scarlet fever and diphtheria. During the year previous, there was only one death of the former and four from the latter within the City. Dr. Lindley then thanked the Council for cooperating with him in his efforts to preserve "the health of our beautiful city." He then thanked Mayor James R. Toberman "for being always accessible [sic] when I desired his authority to take any steps in the Health Department. His Honor has displayed a knowledge of sanitary and hygiene questions and an intelligent interest in the health of the people" of this city.

Haven for Invalids

Dr. Walter Lindley reported that Los Angeles had become known all over the world as a resort for invalids. But, he continues, "It behooves us for that reason as well as for the preservation of the lives of our own families to put it in the very best sanitary condition." He then characterized Los Angeles as a soapbox advertisement ending with his diatribe about the "Chinese Problem:"

We have the health-giving sun almost every day in the year, we have the ocean breeze just properly tempered by hills and orange groves, we have the best altitude for health, we have pure water pouring down from a mountain stream, we have porous soil and excellent drainage, we have the most equable temperature in the civilized world, we have in fact everything God could make this a healthful city and yet we allow that rotten spot - Chinatown - to grow and pollute the air we breathe and poison the water we drink.



An illustration of the City's first Chinatown, circa 1878.

Dr. Lindley continued with the subject of illness and dying here in Los Angeles and its ramifications on the population. He noted that a large part of the population was elderly, who want to spend their remaining years in a warm climate. Lindley claimed that this increased the mortality rate. Also, because invalids moved to Los Angeles because of diseases they acquired elsewhere, they often died when they arrived.

Consumption was often the case. Death statistics in County Hospital were often inmates who had not been residents of the City; they were also counted in the mortality report.

Finally, the last group Lindley counted in the mortality report was the native Californian population. He noted that these people "totally ignored all ordinary hygiene and sanitary [protection]. I desire to express my thanks to Dr. Den for his assistance in encouraging the native population to take proper sanitary precautions."

Births

For the ten-month period from Jan. 1 through Nov. 1, 1879, in the City of Los Angeles: The total number of births from January through October was 223: males, 119; females, 104.

Mortality

For the ten-month period from Jan. 1 through Nov. 1, 1879, in the City of Los Angeles:

The total number of deaths, including stillbirths, was 175. Estimated population was 16,000. Annual rate per thousand: 13.1. "Fifty of the deaths in this report occurred in our hospitals," he reported.

Causes of Death

Dr. Lindley reported the following causes of death:

"1. Zymotic (Infectious Diseases): Scarlet Fever; Diphtheria; Croup; Whooping Cough; Typhoid Fever; Diarrhea; Dysentery; Cholera Infantus; Cerebral Spinal Meningitis; Syphilis; [and] Alcoholism.

"2. Constitutional (Physical Weakness): Rheumatism;

Cancer; Hydrocephalus; and Testicular Meningitis.

"3. Local Diseases: Peritonitis; Epilepsy; Apoplexy; Heart Disease; Bronchitis; Pneumonia; Gastritis; Enteritis; Hepatitis; Bright's Disease; Tetanus; [and] Cystitis.

"4. Developmental Diseases: Marasmus (Wasting Away); Old Age; Teething; [and] Still Born.

"5. Violent Deaths: Burned by Kerosene.

"6. Unable to Decipher: Masturbation."

Dr. Walter Lindley

Dr. Walter Lindley (1852-1922) was born in Monrovia, Ind. His medical education was on the East Coast, as well as his early years as a practicing physician. At 23 in 1875, he moved to Los Angeles, where four years later he was the Health Officer for the City. He had been a widower twice, and at 44 he married a widow, Florence Hardie, sister of Drs. John Randolph and Francis L. Haynes. John Randolph was not only a physician, but also political progressive. He became the father of our 1925 Charter, which was viable for 75 years. Dr. Lindley had four children.

After moving to Los Angeles, Dr. Lindley became involved in politics, philanthropy and his medical practice. He helped organize and establish the Young Men's Republican Club of Los Angeles and became its first president. He established the Free Dispensary of the Medical College on Requesena Street, which treated underprivileged people at no cost. Prior to his being the City Health Officer, he held the same position for the county, where he set up free vaccinations for children attending school and established a system for registering births and deaths. As the City Health Officer, he issued the first health circular, warning the public about the outbreak of scarlet fever.

Dr. Lindley felt Los Angeles needed a medical school. In 1885 he and others established the College of Medicine at the University of Southern California. During his lifetime, he served as dean and on the faculty of obstetrics and gynecology. He, along with others, published the first medical journal in Los Angeles. It was entitled, the *Southern California Practitioner*, and was published for 36 years.

Dr. Lindley opened a private practice in 1886, which became known for more than 20 years as Lindley's private hospital. His two brother-in-laws joined him. The facility was at 315 W. Sixth St. Also in the 1880s he helped found the Los Angeles Orphans Home. A decade later, Lindley opened a reform school originally named the Whittier State School; later to be called the Fred C. Nelles School for Boys. The school no longer exists.

In 1907, Walter Lindley ran for mayor on the Republican ticket. Sadly, he came in third to Democrat Arthur C. Harper. On Jan. 20, 1922, Dr. Walter Lindley died at home of a cerebral hemorrhage at 70. He was survived by his wife and four children.

A Civil War Answer

On another matter: In my June column on the Civil War, I asked for information about troops stationed downtown on Main Street in Los Angeles. I had previously either read or heard about it, but could not find it to include in the article. Fortunately, Lee Nichols found it and e-mailed me what I had been looking for.

He found it in one of the editions of the City's bible, Harris Newmark's *Sixty Years in Southern California, 1853-1913*. Mr. Nichols' edition states:

By the end of July (1863), troops had been sent from Drum Barracks to camp in the city - for the protection, so it was asserted, of Union men whose lives were said to be in danger, although some people claimed that this movement was rather for the purpose of intimidating certain leaders with known sympathies for the South. This military display gave Northerners more backbone; and on the 26th of September a Union mass meeting was held on Main Street in front the Lafayette Hotel.

The Lafayette Hotel was across the street from the prominent Bella Union Hotel, which sat somewhere in the vicinity 300 Main St.

Lee Nichols is a retired public relations director from Airports and Rec and Parks. He is now at the LAX Flight Path Museum. Thank you, Lee. I am most appreciative for your help.



The City's first Chinatown, 1882.

HARBOR

Perfect Attendance

Port honors 170 for their perfect attendance.

On June 25, Harbor recognized 170 employees who achieved perfect attendance during the 2008 calendar year. This year's event was held at the Drum Barracks Civil War Museum in Wilmington.

Deputy General Manager John Holmes shared the Department's appreciation for the employees' outstanding attendance record.

Christopher Bobo and Bent Christensen were acknowledged for accomplishing ten consecutive years of perfect attendance, and Masa Morimoto was honored for 15 years of perfect attendance. They each will receive \$500 for their achievement.

Martin Chavez, Human Resources, Harbor, prepared and conducted the program. Western Medical Group donated two sets of Dodger game tickets, won by E.M. Scott and Edwin Contreras. The City Employees Club provided raffle items, which included Angels tickets, Wild Rivers tickets, movie tickets, City Logo watches and caps. Each winner selected their own prize.

The winners were: Todd McElhane, Marcel Van Dijk, Jason Ho, Benjamin Small, David Bickel, Christine Men, Richard Joe, Minerva Gutierrez, Jonathan Cuevas, Michael Sharp, Dolores Canez, Jose Robledo, Angel Lim, Kelvin Wei and Zizhan Lui

The highlight of the event was the drawing by Mr. Holmes for eight \$500 prizes. To qualify for the drawing, an employee could not have been absent from work during the 2008 calendar year. One-hundred and seventy employees qualified for the drawing, which was won by: Rica Marie Viola, Real Estate; Joann Esparza, Engineering; Richard Joe, Engineering; Todd McElhane, C&M Paint Shop; Glen Litle, C&M Roofers; Regina Grant, Port Police; William Houser, Construction; and Kristine Bosnich, Wharfingers.

Everyone had a great time relaxing on the lawn under a gentle summer sun, enjoying ice cream sundaes, the company of fellow employees, and exploring the history within the muse-

um while being entertained by accomplished pianist Emma Clarke, playing a 1864 Steinway piano from within the museum.



Drum Barracks Museum Director Susan Ogle welcomes the Port employees to the wonderful facility.



John Holmes, Port Deputy Executive Director of Operations, digs deep to find a perfect attendance winner.



Todd McElhane, C&M, won \$500.



Jason Ho, Engineering, enjoys his ice cream sundae and his City Employees Club watch.



Emma Clark entertains the perfect attendance honorees on the Drum Barracks 1864 Steinway piano.



Bob Teruel and Guillermo Luke of Western Medical Group with Dodger ticket winners E.M. Scott, C&M, and Edwin Contreras, Engineering.



Marcel Van Dijk and Michael Barnes, from the Port's Marketing Division, enjoy the program.



The City Employees Club raffle winners, from left: Todd McElhane, C&M; Marcel Van Dijk, Marketing; Jason Ho, Engineering; Ben Small, C&M; David Bickel, Construction; Christine Men, Treasury; Minerva Gutierrez, Engineering; Johnathan Cuevas, Engineering; Mike Sharp, C&M; Dolores Canez, Engineering; Jose Robledo, Engineering; Angel Lim, Engineering; Kelvin Wei, Information Systems; and Zizhan Lui, Engineering.



From left: Martin Chavez, Attendance Program Coordinator, with the \$500 perfect attendance winners: Ed Litle, C&M; Rica Marie Viola, Real Estate, Todd McElhane, C&M; Richard Joe, Engineering; and William Houser, Construction. They pose with John Holmes, Deputy Executive Director.

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An actual testimonial, dated June 25, 2009:

Dear Cecilia [Talbot], Club Claims Administrator:

I have a short true story, a much-needed thank-you and a definite 'huge hug' for the many [moments] of relief you and the staff have shown me within the last two years.

On Friday, July 13, 2007, I was diagnosed with cancer. I'm single with no children, and alone. I was in a state of shock, to say the least, and concerned about my future.

I live in San Pedro and take three buses to downtown Los Angeles. A very wonderful friend met me at my job (City Attorney's Office) and went with me to your office the following Wednesday.

All the way to Los Angeles, I kept thinking – no worries, you are insured. Every pay stub shows my deduction to LACEA. I insured myself adequately, thanks to my immediate supervisor, Eva Farlow Malbough, who asked LACEA to come speak to me and two other new employees at the office.

I purchased cancer, long-term, short-term and accidental care insurance. [Later] I increased my coverage to the maximum benefit.

The Standard Insurance offered by the City ceased paying me (they pay up to two years, 50 percent of my salary). I wasn't worried – why? Because LACEA long-term insurance policy continued to pay me!

My recovery, complications and surgeries (seven surgeries within a 22-month span) haven't been a picnic. I'm getting healthier in physical therapy and gaining strength in a worry-free financial situation due to the fact that I had direct payment via a payroll deduction for a very wise independent decision back in November 2001.

You and the staff had always told me, 'Don't worry, Miss Jake – you've got lots of insurance if you get ill.'

I wish special thanks to the late Mr. [Howard] Pompel and to you for handling my questions and my tears. You, my dear, are an angel, and I'm giving you a hug!

Regards,

Miss Jake

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COUNCIL

A Man of the Street

When he saw a Public Works/Street Services team patching a street in Toluca Lake, Councilman and Mr. L.A. Tom LaBonge, Club Member, brought popsicles out for everyone.
Nice thinking, Councilman!



Club Special Event:
Dodgers! Oct. 4!
See page 56.

LIBRARY

New Head Librarian

Martín Gomez returns to LA from San Mateo to become the City Librarian.

Story and photo courtesy Library

Martín Gomez, a 30-year veteran of urban libraries in San Diego; Brooklyn, NY; and San Mateo, Calif.; has been named the City of LA's chief librarian, the equivalent of a departmental General Manager.

Gomez will oversee the department's \$129 million budget and 1,100 employees and the administration of the City's library system, which serves four million people, the largest population of any library in the United States.

"I look forward to working with the mayor, members of the City Council, the Library Commission and Foundation and library staff to strengthen the library as an essential part of the city," he said. "It is an honor and privilege to live and work in a world-class city. I want the Los Angeles Public Library to be the premier model of urban librarianship."

For the past 30 years, Gomez has been one of the nation's top library reformers, advocating greater access to library resources in urban communities. After receiving his Bachelor's degree from the University of California, Los Angeles and his Master's degree in library sciences from the University of Arizona. Gomez's first career job was as a branch librarian at the San Diego Public Library. As director of the Oakland Public Library, Gomez led a successful effort to merge the African American History and Museum Society into the city's public library system. He also spearheaded a digital revolution at the Brooklyn Public Library, the country's fourth largest library system, by ensuring the library had the proper technological infrastruc-



Martín Gomez, City Librarian

ture. Gomez has served as president of the Urban Libraries Council, a North American nonprofit association of more than 190 major urban public libraries that serve populations of more than 100,000 people. Most recently, Gomez was Director of the San Mateo Library System.

He serves on two nonprofit boards based in New York City: Sesame Workshop and Poets House. He is a past president of REFORMA, the National Association to Promote Library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking, and a former director of the Executive Board of the American Library Association.

Interim City Librarian Kris Morita will return to her role as Assistant General Manager of Libraries.

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GENERAL SERVICES

Goodnight, Irene

Irene Saltzman retires from General Services after 25 years of City service.



Irene Saltzman, Property Manager, General Services, Access Management, 21 years of City service.

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations

Family, friends and co-workers held a retirement luncheon for Irene Saltzman June 30 at the Mayfair Hotel downtown.

She retires as Property Manager after 25 years of City service.

Irene tells *Alive!* that she will now spend much time with her grandchildren, travel and plan a family wedding. "Let's hope the economy improves for everyone. In the meantime, I wish to say that my time in the City was a wonderful journey, and I'm ready for the next chapter."

Have a great retirement, Irene!

The Club thanks Lethu Tran, Real Estate Trainee, 20 years of service, and Angela Yeung, Real Estate Officer, 25 years of service, for their assistance in producing this article.



At the retirement luncheon.



At the retirement luncheon.



From left: Frank and Irene Saltzman; 32 years of marriage.



From left: Lethu Tran, Real Estate Trainee, 20 years of service; Angela Yeung, Real Estate Officer, 25 years of service; and Genna Lopez, Sr. Real Estate Officer, 9 years of service.



From left: Jennifer Lamb, Management Analyst II, 6 years of service; and Joi Oubre, Facilities Manager, 14 years of service.



Standing: Irene Saltzman. Seated, from left: Faye Kayne, Irene's oldest daughter; and Rob Kayne, Irene's "number one son-in-law."



At the retirement luncheon.



From left: Sonya Flint, Executive Administrative Assistant, 25 years of service; David A. Paschal, Assistant General Manager, Property Management, 11 years of service; Dan Eason, Maintenance Superintendent, 23 years of service; and BJ Fulkerson, Maintenance Superintendent, 10 years of service.



From left: Joe Ramirez, Title Examiner, 6 months of service; JoAnn Kishi, Sr. Real Estate Officer, 8 years of service; Lavivanh Tang, Real Estate Officer II, 23 years of service; and James O'Camp, Real Estate Officer, 9 years of service.



From left: Trang Nguyen, Real Estate Officer, 14 years of service; and Lourdes Owen, Deputy Director, 30-plus years of service.



At the retirement luncheon.



From left: David Robertson, Property Manager, 14 years of service; and Stephanie Clements, Sr. Management Analyst II, 13 years of service.



From left: Edward Stapleton, Sr. Real Estate Officer, LAX; Alecia Simona, Real Estate Officer, 3 years of service; and Lilian Kim, Accounting Clerk, 2 years of service.



From left: Lynda Johnson, Sr. Management Analyst, Harbor, 22 years of service; Chuck Rubin, Sr. Management Analyst, General Services, 21 years of service; and Bruce Aoki, Sr. Management Analyst, 21 years of service.



From left: Joy Huang, Management Analyst, 16 years of service; Eugene Van Cise, Management Analyst, City Clerk, 4 years of service; and Jack Scott, Sr. Real Estate Officer, 9 years of service.



From left: John Sheppard, Real Estate Officer, 24 years of service; David Bloom, Clerk Typist, 4 years of service; and Ann Alavi, Sr. Management Analyst, 20 years of service.



From left: Jessye Scott Stafford, Sr. Management Analyst, 23 years of service; Thome Brennan, Police Administrator, LAPD, 21 years of service; and Ethelda Zari, Sr. Management Analyst II, 16 years of service.

PUBLIC WORKS



Shelia Shannon-Thomas.

Shelia Retires

Shelia Shannon-Thomas retires from the Bureau of Street Services after 21 years of City service.

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations

A full luncheon reception with entertainment, family, friends and coworkers was held in honor of the retirement of Shelia Shannon-Thomas, Public Works/Street Services. She retires with 21 years of City service.

The reception was held July 9 at the Proud Bird Restaurant in Westchester.

The host introduction was performed by Melissa McGriff. The host was Wanda L. Moore, Retired, Mayor Tom Bradley Office. The Rev. Harold M. Pittman sang a solo, and the Rev. S. L. Drake, Pastor, Greater Ebenezer M.B.C. said the invocation.

After lunch and a video presentation, a solo was performed by Anthony Jones, and a poem was read by Irene Key, Retired, Public Works/Street Services.

Presentations were made by the Bureau of Street Services; Joyce Garret, Retired, Transportation; and Sally Smith, Retired, City Council. A mime presentation was performed by Gregory Williams. Further presentations were made by the Public Works/Street Services Black History Committee and the Engineers and Architects Association.

After a dance presentation, the retiree, Shelia Shannon-Thomas, made her remarks.

Special thanks go to the Retirement Committee, Pamela Ostrander, Coordinator: Donovan Chung; Shanell Drew; Gladys Galandeynes; Ely Ginete; Starquisha Johnson; Lucia Liongson; Merlo Manaois; Mai Nguyen; Melanie Roberts; Joannie Benjamins; Niema Curley; Melodie Farnum; Susy Gomez; Margaret Kelley; Helen Ovando; Sylvia Rodriguez; and Mona Youngblood.

Program participants included Vanessa Bailey, the DJ; Fred Thomas, the photographer; Ron Henderson, the videographer; Jackson Limousine Services; and the City Employees Club.

Both Robert Larios, Director of Operations, and Cecilia Mulckerrin, Claims Administrator, attended the event.

Congratulations to Shelia! The Club wishes you a great retirement.



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GENERAL SERVICES

A Constructive Day!

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

Story and photos courtesy Maurice Hyett, General Services Construction Forces Division

On April 29, General Services' Construction Forces Division hosted a staff appreciation day. The luncheon event was held at the division's Piper Technical Center facility.

Each spring, as the weather begins to warm and the workload kicks into overdrive, thoughts at General Services Construction Forces Division 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 those demands is bestowed upon those who work backstage, often at breakneck pace, bustling assignments in the main offices at headquarters. These are a professional and talented lot responsible for a large complement of key ancillary services:

- Customer service
- Administrative services
- Designing and drawing-up plans, specifications, and construction documents
- Estimating costs and scheduling new projects
- Developing and letting contracts
- Keeping payroll
- Purchasing

- Budget and finance
- Tool and equipment issue and management
- Shop production
- Records management and archiving
- Regulatory compliance and legal matters
- IT development and management, and
- Chief cook and bottle washer, of course!

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 the form of 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 enthusiastically 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 Division. Synchronized with the talented craftspeople working hands-on and steadfast at the construction worksite, a building rises, and the entire team salutes it.

About the Construction Forces Division

The division works hard at building, restoring and remodeling City buildings and facilities throughout the City, the county, and beyond – from the surf at San Pedro lighthouses, to the valleys at municipal, police, or fire facilities ... to LAX, the Convention Center and City Hall, 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. Call Nick Pendorf at the construction management offices, (213) 978-2600. Visit the division online at: www.lacity.org/gsd/construction/construction.htm.



{ Who are the people you see every day? }

No. 20 in a series.

People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.



Meet Andre.

AGE: "I'm 45 years old."
BIRTHPLACE: "Altadena."
WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES? "1976."
MARITAL STATUS: "Single, never married."
FAMILY: "I have two brothers and two sisters."
FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: "Hiding Christmas presents."
MILITARY: "No."
WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "Usually at the Senator Hotel (Project 50)."
EDUCATION: "I made it to the 10th grade. After that, I just didn't want to go to school anymore."
TROPHIES: "No, but I won a karaoke contest in Palm Springs."
WHAT WAS THE LAST JOB YOU HAD? "In 2004, I worked in Westwood at U-Dogs. I was slinging hot dogs."
IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE? "\$10 billion."
FAVORITE SPORTS: "I like billiards."
FAVORITE FOOD: "Pasta. In fact, I make a great pasta dish, *fettuccine Alfredo*, with sundried tomatoes."
FAVORITE MOVIE: "*JFK* and *Malcolm X*."
FAVORITE ACTOR: "Laurence Fishburne."
FAVORITE ACTRESS: "Angela Bassett."
FAVORITE TV SHOW: "*Two-and-a-Half Men*."
FAVORITE MUSIC: "Pop."
FAVORITE CANDY: "Snickers."
THOUGHTS ON THE WAR IN IRAQ: "Sad. It's not where our beef was."
LAST THING HE HAD TO EAT: "Chicken. I cooked it myself."
ORGANIZATION THAT'S BEEN THE BIGGEST HELP: "Project 50."

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

This interview took place in July at Second and Spring Streets downtown.

Newsbriefs

SUMMER SAFETY:

The LAFD offers the following information to keep you safe this summer.

Drowning is the number one cause of death for children under the age of five in many states, including California. Non-fatal injuries often include brain damage, resulting in memory loss, learning disabilities, or worse.

The key thing to remember is that you don't have to join the ranks of CDC's statistics. Pool safety is easy to learn, and it will contribute to the safety of your family and friends, the same is true for other activities, including the use of BBQ grills and fire pits. Follow our checklist (right) and stay safe this summer! To learn more about pool and BBQ safety, visit this Website: www.mysafela.org/accidents



Pool checklist: If you have a pool in the City of Los Angeles, remember to have:

- Four-sided barrier installed
- Pool access gates w/locks
- A "pool safety net" when out of season or not in use
- Adult supervision at all times
- Floating alarm device installed
- Toys in pool only when occupied
- CPR training completed
- Mobile phone by the pool
- Rescue equipment on hand
- Buddy system rules in place.

BBQ checklist: If you have a barbecue in the City of Los Angeles, remember:

- Keep matches and lighters away from kids of all ages
- Do not squirt starter fluids into an open flame of any type
- Do not remove hot coals from barbecue
- Dispose of cool barbecue coals in metal can with tight lid only
- Never barbecue indoors
- Obey all posted signs and never barbecue in an illegal area

When the heat is on: **Don't forget that heat can kill you and your pets.** Stay safe and save a life!

Never leave children, older adults or pets in your car. It may seem cool when you leave, but a vehicle interior can heat up to killer temperatures within minutes. Don't risk the health of your children, parents, or pets. Take them with you, or arrange for alternate supervision.

Always keep water on hand during the hot summer months. Dehydration often goes unnoticed until there is a medical problem to address. If someone is thirsty, quench that thirst fast!

Your Los Angeles Fire Department wants you to stay safe this summer. Invest the time to learn about pool and barbecue safety! Key resources include:

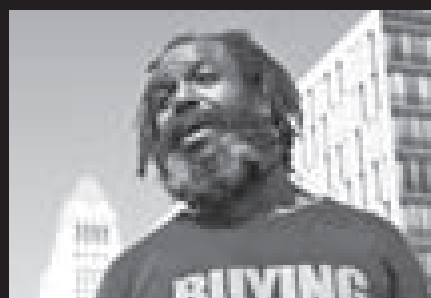
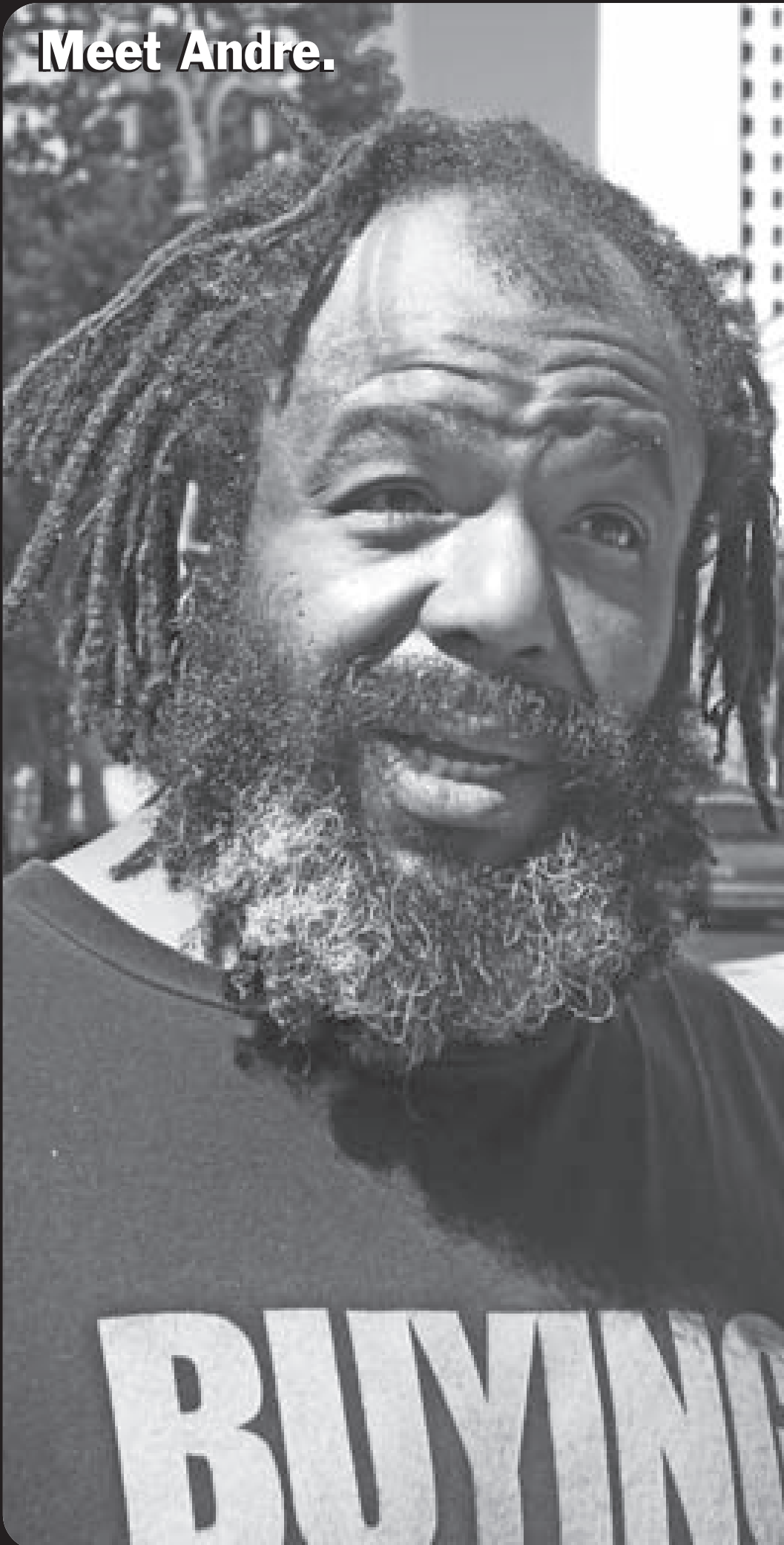
- www.poolsafety.gov
- www.lafd.org
- www.mysafela.org
- www.readyla.org
- www.redcrossla.org/safesummer

NEW HOLLENBECK:

At noon July 11, the LAPD's Hollenbeck Area Community Police Station officially became operational at its new location. The address of the new facility is 2111 E. First St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90033. The new phone number, also effective July 11, is (323) 342-4100.

At the same time, the Hollenbeck Station's previous location at 1936 E. First St. will permanently close. Phone calls and visits to the station on Saturday, July 11, should be directed to the old location before noon and the new location after noon.

A formal grand opening event at the new station will be scheduled at a later date, to be determined.



{ 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. }

LAABP

Scholarship Luncheon

Black Personnel Assn. awards scholarships to deserving youths.

Photos by David A. Fossett

Eleven college-bound students were honored recently by the Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel (LAABP) with \$20,000 in scholarship funds.

The gala reception, co-sponsored by the Oscar Joel Bryant Foundation, was held at the City Club in downtown Los Angeles and attended by more than 100 people.

"The LAABP is extremely proud of these outstanding young people and we are pleased to contribute to their education," said Cora Jackson-Fossett, LAABP President. "Each student expressed complete confidence and dedication to achieving their future plans, and I am certain we will hear of their accomplishments in the years to come."

"Also, I want to acknowledge our Scholarship Committee, who did an outstanding job in coordinating the entire application process," she added. Susan Huntley served as chair of Scholarship Committee and was assisted by Isophine Atkinson, Lance Bailey, Anthony Brown, Amber Johnson, Jo Ann Moss, Angela Sherick and Jackie Staten.

The scholarship recipients were rated in five categories: academic honors, community involvement, extracurricular activities, essay response, and grades (G.P.A. and S.A.T. scores).

The following youths received awards:

- **Cristen Brown** is a culinary arts student at El Camino Community College. He will attend California School of Culinary Arts this fall.
- **Ciara Dowdy** is a student at Bethune

Cookman University where she is majoring in Criminal Justice.

- **Erin Ford** graduated from John Muir High School and will attend Tuskegee University this fall. Her major will be psychology/pre-med.
- **LaToya Greene** graduated from Crenshaw Arts Technical Charter High School. She will attend Paine College and major in psychology.
- **Spenser Melendez** is a graduate of Quartz Hill High School. This fall, she plans to attend Antelope Valley College and will major in nursing.
- **Jasmeen Sims** is a student at Cal State/Dominguez Hills majoring in sociology.
- **Jasmine Sims** is a student at Cal State/Dominguez Hills majoring in sociology.
- **Nicole Sims** is enrolled at Cal State Los Angeles. Her major is education/English.
- **Brittany Usher** is a graduate of St. Mary's Academy. She will attend Cal Poly/San Luis Obispo and major in biomedical engineering.

■ **Monet Williams** is a student at Cal State/Long Beach, where she is pursuing a Master's degree in criminal justice.

■ **Tiara Wilson** graduated from King/Drew Medical Magnet High School. She will attend Loyola Marymount University this fall and major in creative writing.

In addition, the LAABP presented \$400 book awards to seven young people. They were Derl Howard, Leticia Love, Denise McGee, Jeania Moore, Haileigh Nelson, Travis Roberts and Jules Sharp.

The LAABP is the official representative for City of Los Angeles employees of African American heritage. Incorporated in 1972, the LAABP advocates equal employment within the City's workforce and increased opportunities for people of color to attain management and executive positions. Among the services the organization provides are career development seminars, mock interview program and networking forum.



Students receiving scholarships and book stipends included (seated, from left) Jeania Moore, Monet Williams, Brittany Usher; and, standing, Derl Howard, Spenser Melendez, Cristen Brown, Tiara Wilson, LaToya Greene, Jasmeen Sims, Nicole Sims, Ciara Dowdy, Jasmine Sims, Erin Ford and Haileigh Nelson.



The LAABP Executive Board includes (from left) Shelia Brooks-LeFridge, Corresponding Secretary; Cora Jackson-Fossett, President; Adriene Murphy, Director-at-Large.



The LAABP Executive Board includes (from left) Terrence Montgomery, First Vice President; Sharon Loudd, Treasurer, and DeMarlo Sims, Second Vice President.



The Scholarship Committee consists of (from left): Lance Bailey, Susan Huntley, Jackie Staten, Isophine Atkinson, Amber Johnson, Jo Ann Moss and Anthony Brown. Not pictured: Angela Sherick.



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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**
Yu Hu
Glenn Ito
Connie Kan
Martina Marroquin
Melissa Molina
Jignasha Pandya
Ramon Perez
Diulio Villanueva
- Animal Services**
Armando Jimenez
- Building and Safety**
Jack Smith Jr
- City Attorney**
Leticia Benavidez
Kenneth Mattfeld
- City Controller**
Wai Wong
- LAFD**
Stephen Colombel
Rey Delgado
Kevin Lillenberg
Rodger Polk
- General Services**
Horace Adams
Carlos Callejo
Robert Damian
Angela Edeza
Josue Esquivel
Christopher Hernandez
Ahmad Johnson
Hermosillo Lomeli
Julio Lopez
Marco Montano
Romeo Prado
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David Shubin
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James Sonne
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Christina Malloy
Erica McAdoo
Antonio Mezquita
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Jodie Jennings
Charles Lee
Antonio Marmolejo
Francisco Mendez
Miguel Montano
Frederick Moody
Michael Ruiz
Alex Vidal
Thomas Williams
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John Rocha
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Vince Ewing
Douglas Harvey
Juan Moreno
Abram Tejada
Steven Weisner

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Jose Delgado
Anthony Elias
Catalina Falla
Darnell Franks
Manuel Garcia Jr
Tony Martinez Jr.
Alberta Medrano
Christopher Mora
Rosalina Ortiz
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Georgina Tellechea
- DWP**
Victor Carreon
Omar Diaz
Ruben Estrada Jr.
Gabriel Fisher
Eloy Perez
Regina Perez
Spencer Tutty
- Retired**
Agnes Carr
Fernando Dominguez
Teena Farris
Leatrice Franklin
Jeanne Reed
Joyce Sysak
- Other**
Maria Aguilar
Sergio Amaro
Earl Anunciado
Vinh Au
Mario Carillo
Glenis Ford
Genrik Gevorkyan
Alexis Hebert
Deborah Herndon
Robert Hodel
Cameron Johnson
Hai Nguyen
Keyur Patel
Raymond Reynoso
Karen Rodriguez
John Salistean
Lyllette Scott
Sheila Stewart
Larry Stiner
Kien Truong
Patrick Zois



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**
Bert Dimilanta, Public Works, 20
Victor Gomez, Convention Center, 6
Cruz Guardado, Rec and Parks, 6
Jeffrey McDonald, Airports, 28
Jeffrey McIntyre, Building and Safety, 23
Nelson Vitug, Public Works, 22
- Retired**
Masaje Abe, Public Works, 25
Yolanda Acosta, Transportation, 9
Salvador Altamirano, City Council, 21
Andres Alba, DWP, 19
Robert Bloeser, Building and Safety, 25
Ulysses Brooks Jr., DWP, 29
Katie Brown, Airports, 11
Michael Carr, Public Works, 30
John Catone, General Services, 26
Frances Childs, DWP, 27
Lorraine Cobern, Transportation, 10
George Crawford, Public Works, 30
Robert DeContreras, DWP, 27
Carmyl Denton, Consumer Affairs, 6
Rose Dragatto, DWP, 13
Llewellyn Dudley, Rec and Parks, 30
Andrew Evans, Transportation, 32
Ola Fashaw, General Services, 11
Belle Gorelnik, Personnel, 10
Claude Grant, Public Works, 38
Pearl Griffin, Transportation, 10
Robert Guerrero, Public Works, 25
Jessie Hall, Transportation, 33
Odess Harville, ITA, 17
Broya Holcomb, Public Works, 36
Frankie Jones, Public Works, 32
Rufus Jones, DWP, 31
Sam Jones, DWP, 28
Fremont Laws, DWP, 15
- Irma Long, DWP, 22
Annie Low, DWP, 7
Kevin Lutz, Zoo, 32
Leticia Manriquez, Harbor, 28
Bennett Marks, Public Works, 27
Carlos Martinez, LAFD, 18
Pat Marquez, DWP, 17
George Matsura, Rec and Parks, 26
John McKeon, DWP, 11
Arthur Moreno, Public Works, 31
Gloria Nealy, DWP, 28
Modesto Nevarez, Airports, 27
Douglas O'Leske, DWP, 8
Leonora Olson, Public Works, 25
Ronald Painter, DWP, 16
Eva Parker, LAPD, 28
Michael Payne, Library, 18
Ernest Ramos, Library, 19
David Reed, Public Works, 36
James Robinson, DWP, 22
Morton Rosen, Public Works, 45
Theodore Russell, Public Works, 26
Dolores Saavedra, DWP, 21
Howard Schar Schmidt, Rec and Parks, 23
James Scott, DWP, 22
Carlton Sullivan, LAPD, 34
Stanley Sysak, Public Works, 34
Florence Taylor, Transportation, 14
Paul Thuesen, Public Works, 38
Robert Thurston, LAPD, 21
Anita Wiesenfeld, DWP, 17
Dwain Williams, Public Works, 40
Peggy Yoshimoto, Rec and Parks, 26



Retirements

NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS
Frank Boyd	Sr. Security Officer	Airports	26	Timothy McNamara	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	Public Works	28
Linda Chatman	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	34	Ricardo Sarria	Wastewater Coll. Worker	Public Works	19
Laura Chick	Controller	Controller's Office	20	Georgette Todd	Pr. Librarian	Library	45
Robert Gluck	Airport Maintenance Sup.	Airports	32	Ruby Turner	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	Library	33
Caryn King	Pr. Contractor Insp.	Public Works	29	Anita Willis	Induct Com. Fin. Ofcr.	CDD	15
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Births



Isaiah Josiah Isaacs, born May 19. He is the great-nephew of Shirley J. Gaskins, DWP.



Natalee Haley Hernandez, born May 22 to Marco and Maria Hernandez. Marco is a Traffic Officer II in the Transportation/Hollywood Division's Bike Squad.

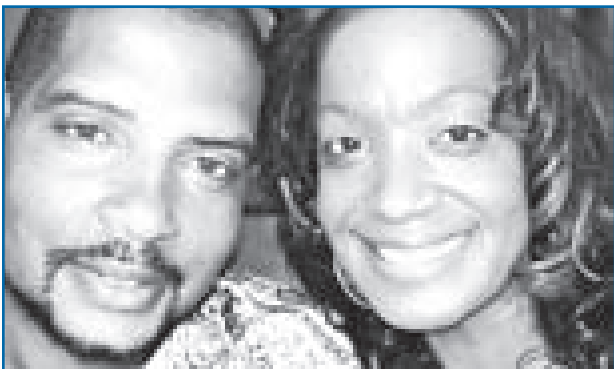


Collin Joseph Sousa, born June 16 to John Sousa and Elena Watts Sousa. John is a Police Officer, Airports/LAX. "We are so proud to welcome the new addition to our family!"

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



Special Achievements



Quintin H. Ellis Sr. and Kimberly Ellis celebrate 24 years of marriage this month. They have been blessed with a beautiful family and strength, love and health. Quintin H. Ellis Sr. works at the North Central Sanitation Yard, Public Works, with 19 years of City service.

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



On June 20, Cecilia Moreno, Community Relations Advocate, Harbor, was named Volunteer of the Year at the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce Annual Installation and Awards. Also, she was recently honored by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa as one of five City Angels.



Weddings

Rebecca Pereida and William Lantz were married May 23 in Marina del Rey. Rebecca is a PSR, LAPD/Valley Communications Center, and William is an Officer in the LAPD/North Hollywood Division.



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



Military



Does someone in your extended family serve their country as a member of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard? Send us a photo – either formal or on duty, along with your name, City department and relationship to the subject. Send photos to *Alive!* in the Military, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 311 S. Spring St. Suite 1300, Los Angeles, CA 90013. Send digital photos to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



Quinceañera

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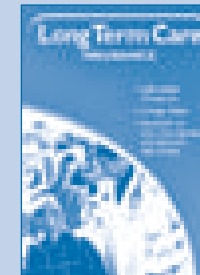
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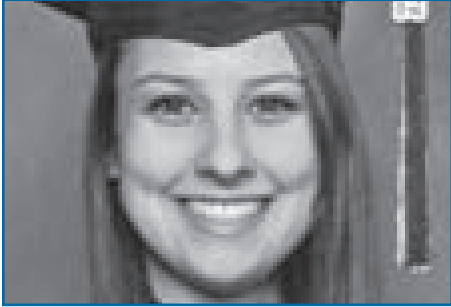
Life's Important Moments

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

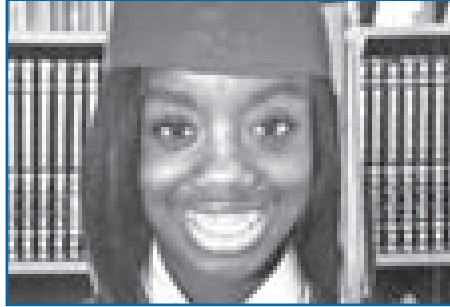


Graduations

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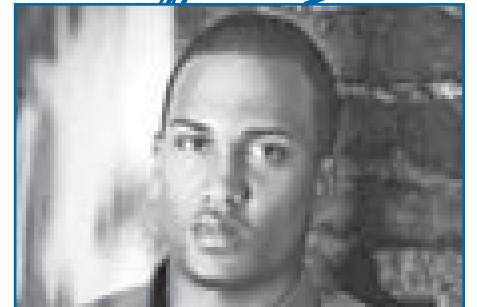
Tiera David graduated from Cal State San Marcos with a Bachelor of arts degree in sociology. She is an intern for the City of Oceanside in the human resource department and will continue her education in the fall. Tiera is the daughter of Richard David, Electrical Repair Supervisor, DWP and Arlene David, Clerk Typist, Zoo.



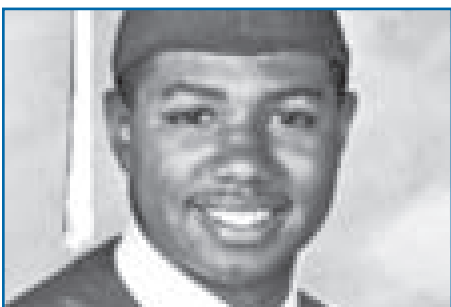
Sydney Young graduated from Wilder's Preparatory Academy Middle School in Inglewood. She has been accepted into St. Mary's Academy with honors as a member of the Green Tie Class of 2013. Sydney is the daughter of "proud parents" Charlette and Fred Starkey. Charlette works for Personnel.



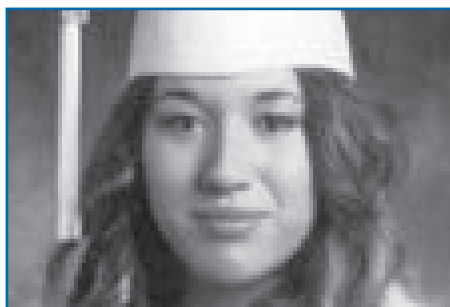
Joel Berry graduated from Verbum Dei High School in Los Angeles. He now attends Cal State Los Angeles, where he majors in kinesiology and will participate in track and field. He is the son of Sescillie Berry, Public Works/Sanitation.



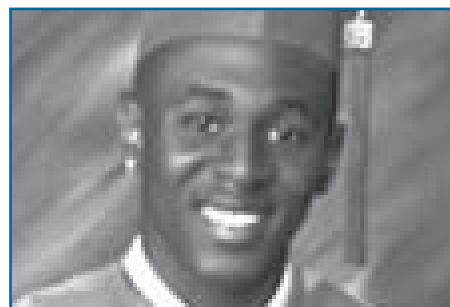
Palani Segee Jr. graduated from Los Angeles Center for Enriched Studies (LACES). He plans to study biology with an emphasis on reptiles at Cal State Fresno. He's the son of Palani Segee, Public Works/Street Lighting.



Matthew Ellis graduated from the Academy of Academic Excellence The Lewis Center in Apple Valley. He attends Boston Reed College and plans a career in pharmacy med. He is the son of Quintin H. Ellis Sr., Public Works/Sanitation, North Central Yard.



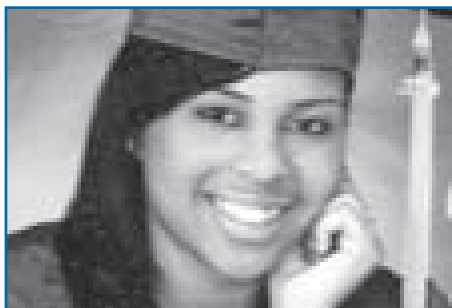
Monique Herrera graduated from Immaculate Heart High School and plans to attend Cal Poly Pomona, where she'll major in biology. Monique's father is Billy Ray Morris, Public Works/Sanitation, West Valley Yard.



Richard Nworisa graduated from Hollywood Performing Arts High School in Los Angeles. He plans to pursue a career in acting. He's the son of PSR Glenda Richardson, LAPD Communications.



China Keys graduated from Susan Miller Dorsey High School in Los Angeles. She plans to attend Santa Monica College in the fall, majoring in criminal justice. She is the daughter of Lu Jeena Ennis, Transportation.



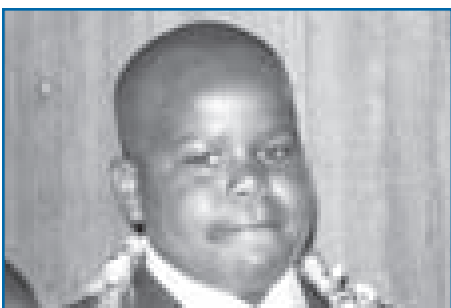
Megan Burnett, graduated from Millikan High School in Long Beach. Her interests are sociology, criminal justice and performing arts. Her proud mother is Mildred Longino and proud grandmother is Helen M. Reese, Retiree, DWP.



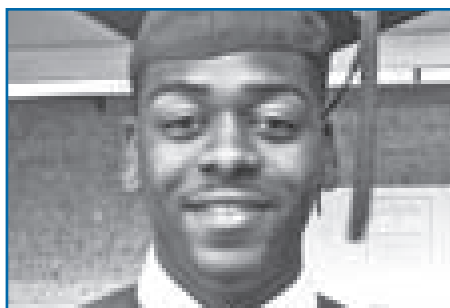
La Toya Greene graduated from Crenshaw Arts Tech Charter School and plans to attend Paine College in Augusta, Ga. in the fall, where she'll major in psychology. La Toya is the granddaughter of Judia Hall, Planning/Personnel.



Denise Mendez graduated from Nia Educational Charter School in Altadena. She will be attending Pasadena City College and plans to become a pre-kindergarten schoolteacher. She's the daughter of Jorge Mendez, DWP.



Daniel Stringfellow graduated from Leapwood Avenue School in Carson and will attend Pioneer Middle School in Tustin Ranch. Daniel is the Platinum Student of the Year and maintained a 4.0 GPA. His mother is LaRonda LaMothe, LACERS.



Cristen Brown graduated from El Camino Community College with a degree in liberal arts. He plans to attend Le Cordon Bleu Culinary Arts School in Pasadena. He's the son of Michelle Brown, Public Works/Sanitation.



Andrew Davila graduated from kindergarten. He attends Glenoaks Elementary School. He is the son of Josie Davila, LAPD. "Mom and Dad are very proud of their son."



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



Gabriel Abcede graduated from Pacific Palisades High School. He's the son of Redentor Abcede, LAPD.



Artesia Cox graduated from Markham Middle School in Los Angeles. She plans to attend Locke Academy. Her father is Ron Cox, DWP.



Jayme Leilani Beatty, 5, graduated from pre-kindergarten at Belaire School in West Covina. She is looking forward to kindergarten. She's the daughter of Chris R. Beatty, LAPD.



Angel and Aden both moving up, Angel going to 4th grade and Aden going to 1st grade. Congratulations boys! Mommy and Daddy are very proud of you! We love you very much!!

PUBLIC WORKS

A Beach Party

Contract Admin holds its annual employees party/March of Dimes fundraiser on the beach.

Story and photos by Tiffany Sy, Club Counselor

On a breezy Saturday afternoon May 16, City Employees of Public Works/Contract Administration brought their families and friends to Dockweiler Beach in Playa del Rey to raise awareness and funds for the March of Dimes. Although the sun had a difficult time peeking through the overcast of clouds, it was warm enough to enjoy the coast in shorts and a T-shirt (preferably one sold at the Club Store!).

Among the crashing sounds of waves rose laughter and cheers from participants, who played games including a three-legged-race, tug of war, and sponge war. Boeing engines roared up ahead as LAX planes emerged closely from the clouds and as a result, at any given moment you would find George Stofila on his loudspeaker to compete with all the background noise. The aroma of barbecued food permeated all around from the fire pits.

Contract Administration spared no time in grilling hot dogs, hamburgers, hot links, chicken, smoked salmon and *carne asada* (to name a few of the delicious items served). There were also plenty of raffles, including a diamond necklace, prizes donated by staff, and Club Store merchandise donated by the City Employees Club.

George and Nora Stofila deserve a huge and special thanks for their effort in making all of this happen. All in all, it was a fantastic day!



Barbara Nielson, Club Member.



George Stofila ensures that everyone has fun!



From left: John Reamer and Russ Strazella.



Robert and Maureen Moore.



From left: Ernie Ortiz, City Employee, Retiree, and his wife, Sandy; Mark Claus; and Sue and David Tang.



From left: Nora Stofila, Event Organizer, with Haley Chen.



Tom Cazares won movie tickets donated by the Club.



From left: Diego, Marino Laborte, Orlando Eligio and Jomelle.



Future City Employees!



Enjoying the sun.



Johann Choi, his wife Hannah (Club Member), and daughter, Danielle.



From left: Peter and Irene Rhyu, with Joseph Rhyu, Building and Safety.



Games, including tug of war, were part of the party agenda.

the pet club

Your friend is waiting for you!



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

This Month's Pets For Adoption:

charlene

Charlene is a four-year-old female Jack Russell/Basenji mix. She is a sweet little girl that would be great in a home with other dogs. She loves to be a lap dog and wants to be the center of attention.

ID# A1039425 – East Valley Animal Care Center.



daisy

Daisy is a one-year-old female Chihuahua. Daisy is not housebroken because she previously was an outdoor dog, but she is a fast learner. She is good with other dogs and cats.

ID# A1043647 – East Valley Animal Care Center.



charlie

Charlie is a three-year-old neutered Norfolk Terrier mix. He was surrendered to the shelter with his brother, Dodger, due to landlord reasons. Charlie is great with people, children and other dogs. He will need some housebreaking training, but he is eager to learn!

ID# A1045142 – East Valley Animal Care Center.



dodger

Dodger is a two-year-old male Norfolk Terrier mix. He was surrendered to the shelter with his brother Charlie. He is a great, friendly, family dog and is hoping to find a home where he and Charlie can live together. Please adopt the pair!

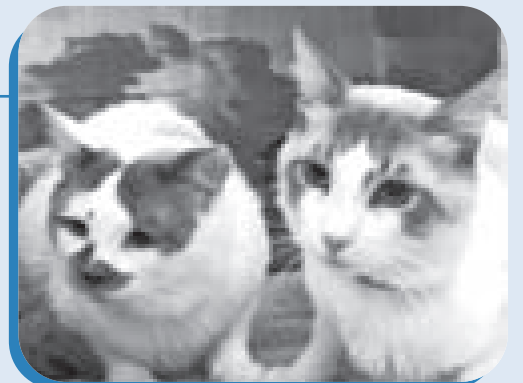
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lennox & howie

Lennox and Howie are unaltered male tricolor Siamese/Snowshoe littermates. They are litter box trained, love people, other cats, and small dogs. They are best buddies and really want to be adopted together!

ID#s A1037500 & A1037497 – East Valley Animal Care Center.



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Little Tujunga Brush Fire

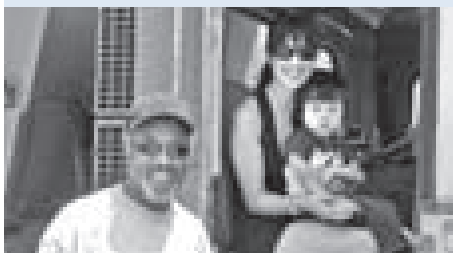
Photos by Juan Guerra. Information courtesy LAFD

A 130-acre brush fire broke out July 5 in the Little Tujunga Canyon section of Angeles National Forest. The fire started around 1:45 p.m. near 13000 Little Tujunga Canyon Rd., near where the Marek Fire started last year. Three helicopters, two air tankers and about 250 firefighters, including City and county personnel, as well as U.S. Forest Service firefighters, had the blaze 60 percent contained as of 6 p.m. One firefighter suffered a minor injury, it was reported. No evacuations were ordered and no structures were threatened. Reports from the scene indicated moderate winds in the area and medium to heavy brush.



PUBLIC WORKS

Sanitation's



Isaiah Lucas, RCTO II, 22 years of City service, at a side-loading Refuse Collection Truck.



Phillip Valenzuela, RCTO II, 20 years of City service, Club Member, stands next to a truck that demonstrates bulky item collection.



A demonstration on how to get rid of bulky items.



Radio Disney cranks the tunes.

West LA Yard

West LA event completes the Sanitation Open House season for 2009.

Almost 2,000 guests were expected to attend at the Public Works/Sanitation West Los Angeles Yard's Open House, held June 27.

There were truck rides and demonstrations, lessons on recycling, free food, games, giveaways, visits by Robo Blue and Mr. Recycle, and entertainment by Radio Disney.

Special thanks to Sal Miranda, Assistant Divisional Manager, and the entire crew at the West LA Yard for their cheerfulness, and for assisting in the production of this article.



Enjoying the Open House.



Roosevelt White, RCTO II, 5 years of City service, helps a child manage the rear controls on a Refuse Collection Truck.



Spinning the tunes was DJ Sweat (Anthony Hatten, Club Member), RCTO, North Central Yard.



A line forms to try out the controls of a Refuse Collection Truck.



At the survey table was Sal Miranda, Assistant Divisional Manager, Club Member, handing out miniature blue recycling bins and "green" carrying bags.



With Rhonda Wright, RCTO II, 4 years (right) is her mom, Harvetta Kashka, volunteer.



Controlling the traffic is Anthony Harris, Traffic Officer, Transportation/Western Division, 4 years of City service.



George Gonzalez, Traffic Officer, Transportation/Western Division, 3 years of City service.



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Open House



Ken Williams, "event greeter," Supervisor, Yard Waste, Club Member.



Cooking up the vittles were (from left): Joseph Norwood, RCTO II, 27 years of City service; Rhonda Wright, RCTO II, 4 years; and Willie Hunt, RCTO II, 25 years.



Mr. Recycle, doing his friend-making thing.



James Adams, RCTO II, 25 years of City service, takes a neighborhood family on a spin around the yard.



Raymond Lucas, RCTO II, Harbor Yard, helps a child manage the controls on a Refuse Collection Truck.



Chow time.



The welcoming sign.



Demonstrating a refuse vehicle.



Warren Brown, RCTO II, West Valley Yard, 6 years of City service, demonstrates a side-loading Refuse Collection Truck.



A neighborhood family gets ready to hop aboard the Refuse Collection Truck for a spin around the yard.



Ben Jones, RCTO II, 6 years of City service, Club Member, demonstrates a side-loading Refuse Collection Truck.



At the grill are Jon Reed, RCTO II, 24 years of City service, and Rhonda Wright, RCTO II, 4 years.

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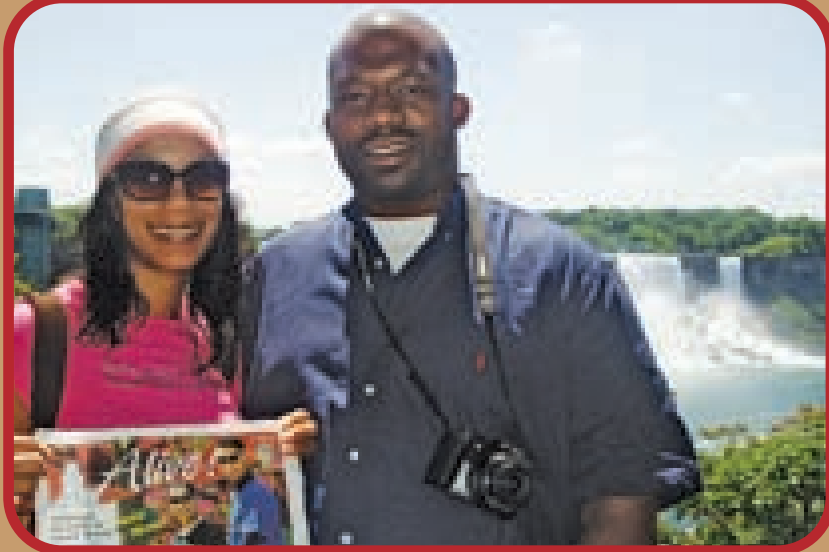
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Canada



"My husband, Charles, and I recently visited Toronto. Here's a picture of us at Niagara Falls. Canada was absolutely beautiful!"

- Shannon Cherry-Ezell, Building and Safety

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California



"My family and I went up to Big Bear and had an absolute wonderful time. This was our first time up there in the summertime. Of course, we couldn't leave without snapping a shot with *Alive!* In this picture we are by Big Bear Lake right under Louie the Bear. Here I am with my wife, Jeny, and our children, Alyssa and Josiah. It was perfect weather for a great vacation!"

- Robert Vasquez, DWP

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Virginia



Club staffer Katie Hesseltine and her husband, David, in Williamsburg, Va.

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Canada



"This photo taken in Port Metro, Vancouver, B.C., Canada in May aboard the Carnival *Splendor* cruise ship. The ship was diverted to Canada instead of Mexico due to health [swine flu] reasons."

- Leticia Yapana, DWP

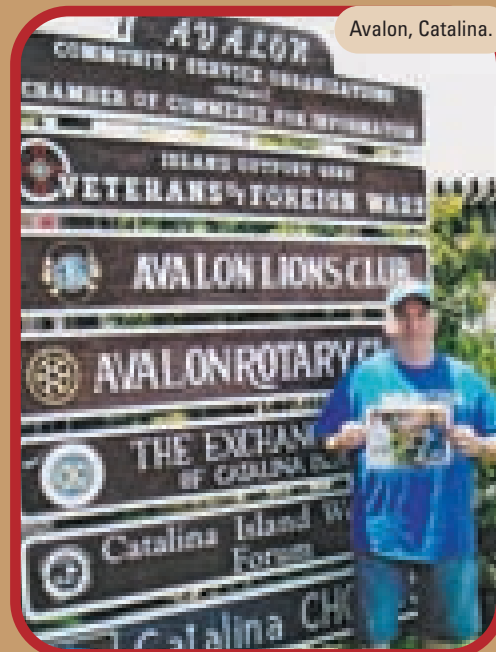
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California & Mexico



Catalina Island.

Frank Frias, Animal Services, took a trip down the coast.



Avalon, Catalina.



Ensenada, Mexico.

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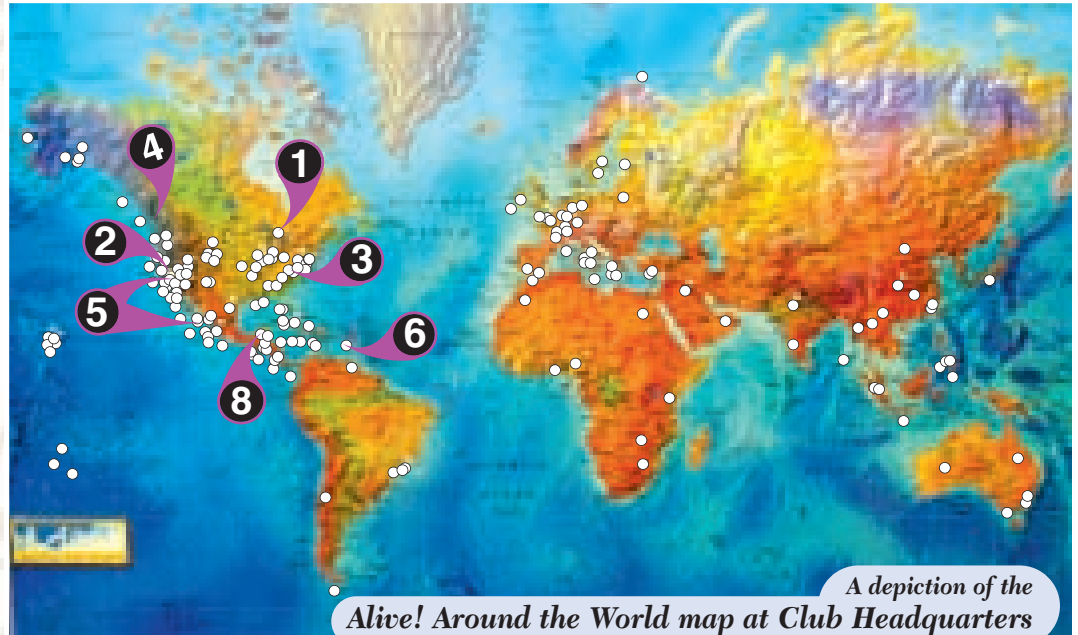
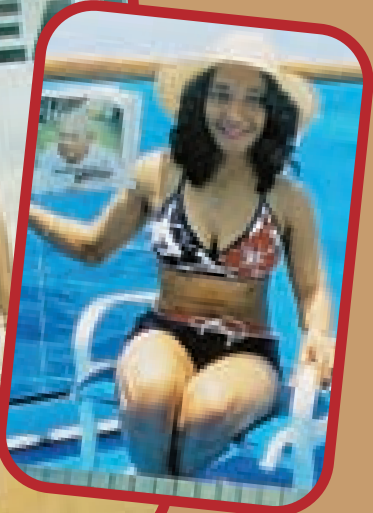


6 Aruba



"Here's a photo taken on my recent cruise in May on board the Caribbean Princess. Here I am enjoying a day at sea, shopping in Aruba, touring Grenada (the island of spice) and Bonaire."

- **Shinetha Scott, Transportation**



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

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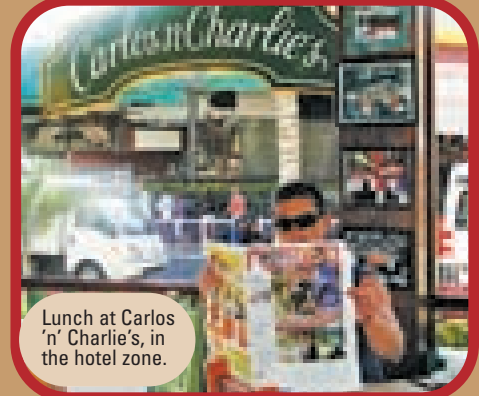
Here's **Jordan Price** in Cancun, Mexico.



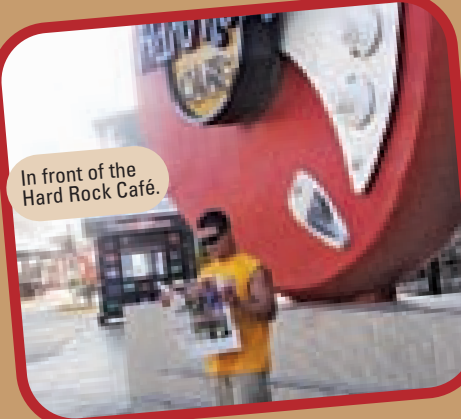
The ruins in Tulum, one of the most beautiful beaches.



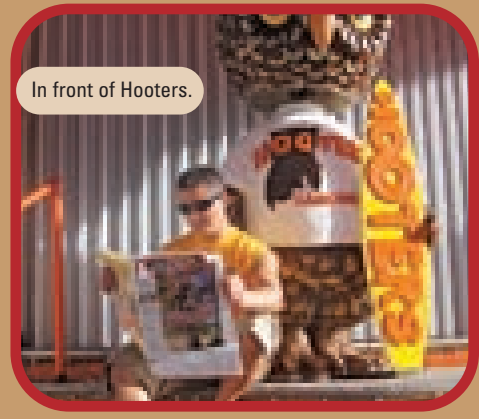
The beach behind the Hard Rock Café.



Lunch at Carlos 'n' Charlie's, in the hotel zone.



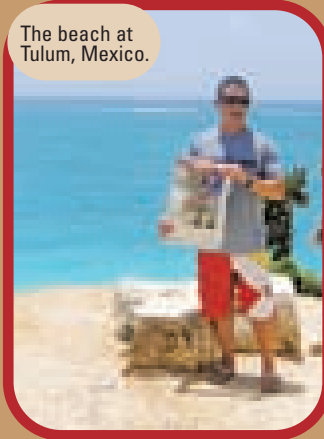
In front of the Hard Rock Café.



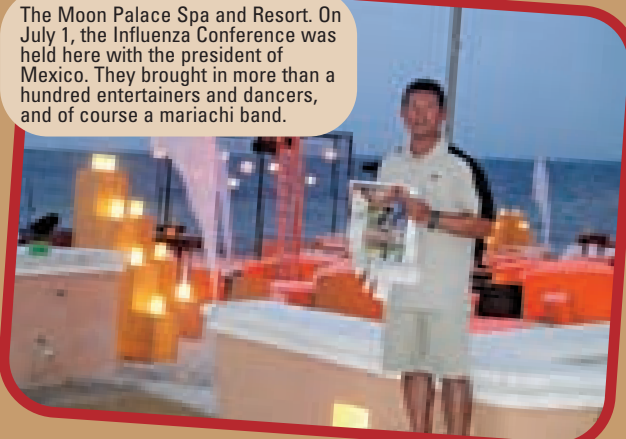
In front of Hooters.



In front of Señor Frog's.



The beach at Tulum, Mexico.



The Moon Palace Spa and Resort. On July 1, the Influenza Conference was held here with the president of Mexico. They brought in more than a hundred entertainers and dancers, and of course a mariachi band.

REVIEWS BY FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS

ENTERTAINMENT

MOVIE REVIEWS

**Up in 3D**

Rated PG

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

I have seen only a handful of animated films that were compelling and emotional, and appealed to adults. *Up* is one of those rare, magical animated films that succeeds in its story-

telling and artwork, developing interesting characters and creating a uniquely animated film that appeals to audiences of all ages. The first five minutes captivated me and kept my interest focused throughout the 90-minute film. I cannot wait for the sequel.

– Erin Knight, Public Works

**The Proposal**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

I loved this romantic comedy, even thought it was predictable. Sandra Bullock and Ryan Reynolds had very good chemistry and made an adorable couple. Mary Steenburgen and Craig

T. Nelson were perfect as Ryan's' parents, and

even better was Betty White as his grandmother. Betty was quite the scene-stealer and just hilarious.

I also enjoyed the Alaska scenery, which was very beautiful. My only problem with the movie is that when someone announces that they're engaged, normally someone will ask to see the ring. Never once did that come up. I thought that was really strange. I do recommend it, though.

– Gail Seltzer, DWP

The Proposal**My Score: 3 (out of 5)**

Sandra Bullock plays a hated boss in a New York publishing company. She forces her assistant (Ryan Reynolds) to marry her to avoid deportation to her native Canada. Yes, this is a movie premise we've seen before. But, *The Proposal* succeeds as a romantic comedy and as an enjoyable date movie (my date loved it). Though predictable with somewhat cardboard characters, the humor and chemistry between Bullock and Reynolds keeps the viewers' attention. I especially enjoyed Betty White as Reynolds' grandmother, who steals the movie with her comic genius and timing. Enjoy! And bring a date.

– Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

The Proposal**My Score: 3 (out of 5)**

This is a romantic comedy much like so many others. Sandra Bullock plays a book editor from Canada with an expired visa. Ryan Reynolds plays her secretary or go-to person that she cons into marrying her. Some parts were entertaining, but to me the best role was Ryan Reynolds' grandmother, played by Betty White, who's now in her 80s. She was free spirited and funny, and kept you laughing.

– Patty Saucier, DWP, Retired

**Whatever Works**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Woody Allen fans will love his latest movie, while others will probably just go "huh?" *Whatever Works* was written in the mid-'70s, during one of Allen's many transitional phases. It was then rewritten and updated for this current release. It reflects Allen's nihilistic/absurdist view that all is chaos, and you grab whatever happiness you can, while you can.

Boris (Larry David) is a retired physicist/genius who finds a young woman (Evan Rachel Wood), hungry and homeless, on

his doorstep. Does he take her in? Does he ever, in this Allen-esque remake of *Pygmalion*.

– Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

**The Hangover**

Rated R

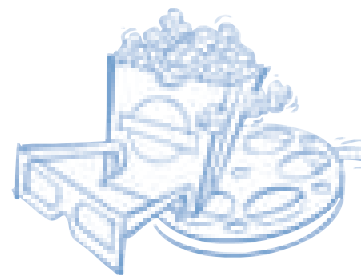
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

No big named stars drew me here, just the high ratings and word of mouth. This is definitely what I would call a "guy flick," but I still found most of it very funny and entertaining. This is an

outrageous comedy with a lot of laugh-out-loud moments. But beware of language and crazy sexual content.

I think they could have added a few more scenes, like the maids' reaction when she walks into the hotel room; the guys' reaction when they got the hotel bill; and the fathers' reaction when he first sees his car after their trip.

– Gail Seltzer, DWP



DVD Reviews

**Mon Oncle (1958)**

Unrated

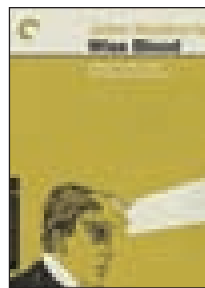
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This satire of modern life and mechanization is at once light-hearted, funny and sad. The production design is amazing. Much of the film occurs in a modern house with gadgets and fountains that are humorous and visually interesting. I enjoyed the dichotomy between the modern house and the horse and carriage as it rolled through the streets of old Paris.

– Erin Knight, Public Works

mies are so unbearably awful that it echoes Shakespeare.

– Erin Knight, Public Works

**Wise Blood (1979)**

Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

John Huston's cult film, a sacrilegious adaptation of Flannery O'Connor's classic novel, has finally been released on DVD. It works because of an excellent script and superior performances by Brad Dourif and Harry Dean Stanton. The film is about a man who callously leaves his small hometown and the house where he was raised, to move to the big city to proselytize on street corners and start a religion called the "Church Without Christ." This film subverts O'Connor's novel, which depicted a non-believer who "sees the light" after years of sin. Instead, Houston depicts a world where religion is a carnival sideshow, and there is no God.

– Erin Knight, Public Works

**Blind Mountain (2007)**

Unrated

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This harrowing depiction of forced marriage in rural China is like watching a documentary. The acting is so believable, and the camerawork is so seamless,

that at times I thought I was watching a documentary. The protagonist, a college-educated young woman, is so compelling, and the ene-

**La Dolce Vita (1961)**

Unrated

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This film about love, fame and the paparazzi held my attention from beginning to end. The photography is especially stunning, with shots of a statue flying over Rome, dancing supper parties, and a sports car on a deserted road at night; it's no wonder David Lynch cites Fellini as an inspiration. The acting is also commendable, with Marcello Mastroianni holding the film together with his usual, understated performance. It's a masterpiece from a master filmmaker.

– Erin Knight, Public Works

the suspenseful sequences filmed in exotic locales around the world. The acting is top notch, with Clive Owen getting a lot of screen time. The final sequences are very exciting. Although the plot was too self-derivative, other elements of the film made up for this deficiency.

– Erin Knight, Public Works

**Lost (2008)**

Rated for television

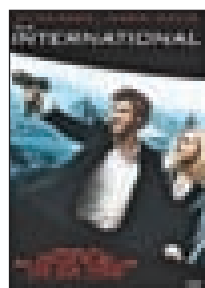
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

I stopped watching the series after the first season; it was too confusing. By watching the first four seasons on DVD, it was still confusing, but the answers came a lot faster.

The series is about the survivors of Flight 815 from Australia to Los Angeles who end up on a mysterious island. Each survivor has a secret pass. The island has a group of people called the Others already living on the island each by choice.

Next season is the last, and I am looking forward to seeing how it ends. I'm not sure if I want to wait for the season to end or watch it week by week.

– Patty Saucier, DWP, Retired

**The International (2009)**

Rated R

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Who would have thought a banking industry/heist film could be so suspenseful? The plot here is not easy to follow, and eventually, it becomes irrelevant to

Your Reviews



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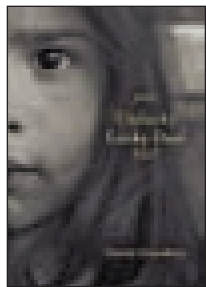
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Book Reviews



Unlucky Lucky Days

Daniel Grandbois
Brief stories; 128 pages
BOA Editions, Ltd.
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This book of short prose is imaginative and compelling. Animal characters talk and think; they exhibit unique behavior, question one another, and die. A centipede and caterpillar are compared and contrasted. A bird sings about fried eggs, cooked sunny side up. Fingers on a left hand have differing ideas of what should be done. Although this book is divided into chapters labeled days of the week, I still haven't figured out how each story fits into each day.

— Erin Knight, Public Works



Fool

Christopher Moore
Humor; 311 pages;
William Morrow
My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Fool is the latest bestseller by humorist Christopher Moore. If Shakespeare's King Lear could be turned into a comedy, Moore is the most likely author for the job. For those familiar with Shakespeare's tragedies, Moore's slapstick twist on this classic is mostly very funny. But too much of it is a bloody, gory mess. I think Moore's earlier books are funnier. Taking on the

giants of English literature isn't easy, and Fool just misses the mark.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks



The Dark Horse

Craig Johnson
Fiction Mystery
318 pages; Penguin
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Wade Barsad, a man with a dubious past, locked his wife's horses in their barn and burned the animals alive. In return, Mary shot Wade in the head six times—or so the story goes. Sheriff Walt Longmire doesn't believe Mary's confession, and he's determined to dig deeper. Posing as an insurance claims investigator, Walt soon discovers other people who might have wanted Wade dead, including a beautiful Guatemalan bartender and a rancher with a taste for liquor, but not for honesty.

Interweaving classic noir sensibilities and humor with contemporary themes of social justice, Craig Johnson's popular Walt Longmire mysteries transport readers to the sparse and rugged landscape of Wyoming. In *The Dark Horse*, the sheriff investigates when his instincts tell him something isn't right about a prisoner accused of killing her husband.

The Dark Horse will keep readers guessing as Walt Longmire ventures into a town without pity to save a woman without hope. It's an unfriendly place -- something that's fine with Walt, who is looking for the truth, not friends.

— Linda Rorex, Personnel



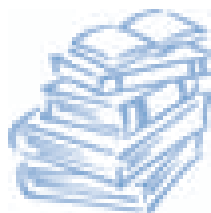
Finger Lickin' Fifteen (A Stephanie Plum Novel)

Janet Evanovich
Women's Fiction,
308 pages
St. Martin's Press
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

When Lula inadvertently witnesses the beheading of culinary TV star Stanley Chipotle in a Trenton, N.J., alley, Stephanie's on-again off-again boyfriend, cop Joe Morelli, reluctantly takes the case. Lula, with the help of Grandma Mazur, enters the same barbecuing competition Chipotle was in town to promote, hoping to lure the murderers out of hiding. Meanwhile, Ranger has recruited Stephanie to help solve a series of break-ins at properties under the protection of Rangeman Security. The inevitable sparks fly between Stephanie and Ranger, with Morelli grumbling on the sidelines.

This is the continuing saga of bounty hunter Stephanie Plum and her zany friends as they try to catch the killers. It is one of the spiciest, sauciest and most rib-sticking novels by Janet Evanovich ever.

— Linda Rorex, Personnel



Sway: The Irresistible Pull of Irrational Behavior

Ori and Rom Brafman
Nonfiction; 206 pages;
Doubleday
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Did you know that, in each country it airs, *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire* is almost exactly the same, with one major difference (other than the currency of the prize money, of course): Each country's in-studio audience reacts differently to the "Ask the Audience" lifeline? In the United States, the audience gives the correct answer more than 90 percent of the time. But in Russia and France, the audience often lies to the contestant because, for various reasons, they don't want him/her to succeed.

I was fascinated by this, and by most of *Sway*. Why do people do irrational things? Why do NBA team officials continue to start players not according to their proven performance, but because of how high they were drafted? Why do job interviewers ask irrelevant, pointless questions? Why do experienced, safety-fanatic airline pilots make irrational mistakes that cost lives? Why do people hold onto stocks, even though they are tanking? For those of you who are managers, spouses, or just people interested in what it means to be human, this easy-to-read book might prove insightful.

— John Burnes, Editor, *Alive!*



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Cooking with the Club

by Chef Robert Larios



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Hold the Mayo

The I-Can't-Believe-It-Doesn't-Have-Mayo Potato Salad

That's right! A potato salad without mayonnaise! The main substitute is Greek yogurt. There are different types of fat content with Greek yogurt, but since I like the combination of flavor and health, I chose 2 percent fat. The roasted almonds give it a unique taste in that you get a crunchiness and roasted flavor. The use of Dijon mustard or aioli will really help to intensify the flavor of the salad, so make sure to use some kind of mustard if you can't get aioli or Dijon mustard.

After making this version of potato salad, you may never go back to the traditional mayonnaise-based salad.

Also, I want to thank Monica Valencia of Ed Reyes' City Council Office for her submission of a superb raspberry oatmeal bar recipe.

From: **Monica Valencia**

Raspberry Oatmeal Bars

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
- 1 cup all-purpose unbleached flour
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup quick-cooking oats
- 1/2 cup non-hydrogenated, nondairy butter, softened
- 3/4 cup raspberry (or other fruit) preserves.



(Reprinted with permission from the award-winning cookbook, The Joy of Vegan Baking, by Colleen Patrick-Goudreau.)

DIRECTIONS:

Raspberry Oatmeal Bars



Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Lightly oil an 8- or 9-inch square pan on all sides.

In a medium-sized bowl, combine the brown sugar, flour, baking soda, salt and oats. Add the butter and, using your hands, create a crumbly mixture. Press two-thirds of the mixture into the bottom of the prepared pan. Spread the jam within 1/4 inch of the edge. An offset spatula works well for this.

Sprinkle the remaining one-third of the crumb mixture over the top, and lightly press it into the jam. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes, or until lightly browned. Allow it to cool before cutting into squares.

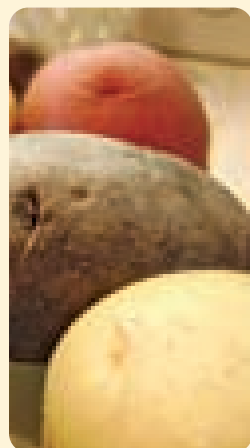
Yield: 6 to 8 bars, depending on size.

[A Cook's Dictionary]

Potato:

The ancient Incas cultivated the humble tuber thousands of years ago. The potato was not readily accepted in Europe, however, because it was known to be a member of the nightshade family (as a tomato and eggplant) and therefore thought to be poisonous. In the 16th century, Sir Walter Raleigh was instrumental in debunking the poisonous potato superstition when he planted them on property he owned in Ireland. Today, hundreds of varieties of this popular vegetable are grown around the world.

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



No-Mayo Potato Salad

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/4 cup black olives,
- 1 to 2 cans (approximately 16 ounces) artichoke hearts
- 1/2 cup aioli garlic mustard sauce or Dijon mustard
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1 pint Greek-style yogurt
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese
- 1 cup Italian parsley
- 1/2 cup cilantro
- 2 tablespoons dill
- 1 tablespoon rosemary springs (tablespoons and decoration)
- 1/2 cup Monterey Jack cheese, cubed (optional)
- 1/4 cup chives, diced
- 1/2 cup almonds
- 2 lbs. potatoes: red, rose, and golden
- Sea salt and pepper to taste



Cooking TIDBIT: *The addition of cheese at the end of the recipe is optional. I suggest using a mild cheese and not a strong and pungent cheese like Gorgonzola or bleu cheese...unless you like that flavor.*

DIRECTIONS:

Potato Salad



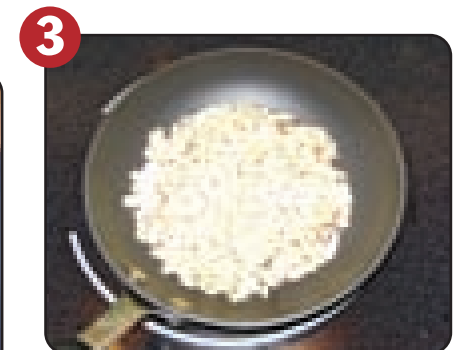
Once the potatoes have roasted, place in a large bowl and add black olives, parsley, cilantro, dill, rosemary, chives, yogurt, Parmesan cheese, roasted almonds, aioli garlic mustard sauce or Dijon mustard and extra virgin olive oil.



Dice the potatoes and place on a baking pan. You may drizzle olive oil or nonstick spray on the bottom before placing the potatoes. Drizzle olive oil on top of the potatoes and add sea salt and pepper as well. Roast potatoes for 30 minutes in the oven at 375 F.



Fold with wooden spoon with care – try not to smash the potatoes. Spread ingredients all around and evenly.



Roast the almonds, and mix in a nonstick pan for five minutes on medium heat.



Plate and enjoy.



Place the artichoke hearts on top of potato salad. You can use my decorative design, or create one yourself. On top, place some sprigs of rosemary and add cheese of your choice but it is not necessary to add.

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TICKET GUY Tips for Visiting the Club Store:



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ITEM: #MWCTYGLD2000
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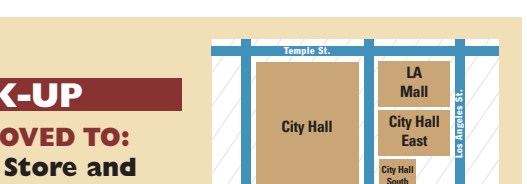
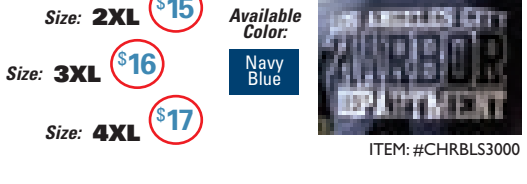
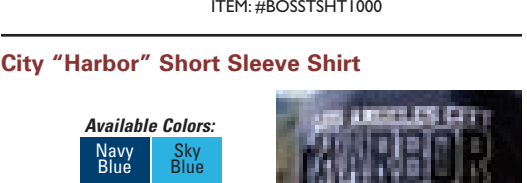
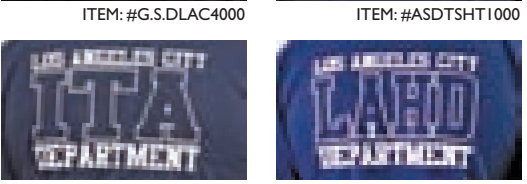
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Available Colors:

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| Sky Blue | Khaki |
| Navy Blue | Pink |
| Yellow | White |
| Black | |



ITEM: #WMNLSSTCTY4000

City Men's Long Sleeve Button Down Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL 3XL**

Size: **3XL** **\$28**

Available Colors:

- | | |
|-------|-----------|
| Black | Navy Blue |
| White | Khaki |



ITEM: #LSB1000

Women's Watches

Women's Professional Watch
 ITEM: #WTCH6550
 PRICE: \$34.99*



Ladies' Watch, Leather Band
 ITEM: #LVYBLK5000
 PRICE: \$25.00*



City Men's Short Sleeve Button Down Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Available Colors:

- | |
|-----------|
| Black |
| Navy Blue |
| Oxford |
| White |

Member Price:
\$22.99
 per jacket*

Size: **3XL**

\$23.99



ITEM: #CTYSLST1000

City Girl "Classic" T-shirt

City Girl "Classic" T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL**



ITEM: #T-W1000

Available Colors:
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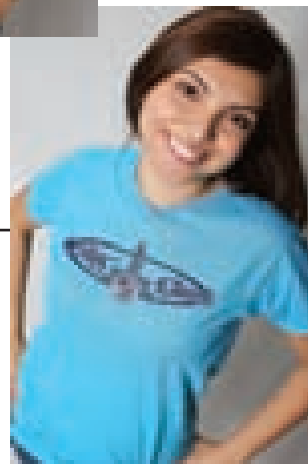
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| Heather Gray | Hot Pink |
| Cherry | |

Member Price:
\$10
 per shirt*

City Girl "Retro" T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL**

Available Colors:
 V-Neck Style:

- | | |
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| Black | Caribbean Blue |
| Violet | White |
| Key Lime | |



ITEM: #T-W2000

Women's Classic Seal T-Shirt

Women's Classic Seal T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Available Colors:

- | | | | |
|-------|----------|---------------|-------|
| Black | Azalea | Carolina Blue | Royal |
| Red | Hot Pink | White | |

Member Price:
\$10
 per shirt*

Size: **3XL** **\$11**

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| Black | White |
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ITEM: #WMNCLSC4000

Fleece Jackets

Men's Full Zip Polar Fleece w/ Embroidered City Seal
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Member Price:
\$34.99
 per jacket*

Available Colors:

- | |
|-----------|
| Black |
| Charcoal |
| Khaki |
| Navy Blue |



ITEM: #CTY3000

Women's Full Zip Polar Fleece w/ Embroidered City Seal
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Member Price:
\$30
 per jacket*

Available Colors:

- | |
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| Black |
| Stone |
| Sky Blue |



ITEM: #WMNFKJT1000

Women's T-shirts

City Women's - LA Hall Full Color Seal T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL**

Member Price:
\$11
 per shirt*

Available Colors:
 Crew Neck Style:

- | |
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| Navy Blue |
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Available Colors:
 V-Neck Style:

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| Black |
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Size: **2XL**

Available Colors:
 Crew Neck Style:

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| Navy Blue |
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ITEM: #WFCS1000



City Women's - LA Hall One Color Seal T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL**

Available Colors:
 V-Neck Style:

- | | |
|----------|----------------|
| Black | Heather Gray |
| Red | Pink |
| Violet | Caribbean Blue |
| Key Lime | White |

Member Price:
\$8
 per shirt*

On white shirt, emblem is pink



ITEM: #JS1000

*Plus tax and shipping

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Men's Polo Shirts

City Seal Polo Shirt with Stripes
 Sizes: **M L XL 2XL**

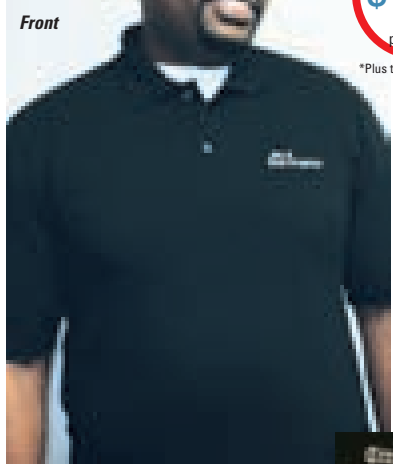
Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue White

Member Price:
\$19⁹⁹
 per shirt*



ITEM: #CTYPOLO2000

LA City Polo Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



ITEM: #PS1000

Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue Pink White

Close-up of Embroidery

Women's Polo Shirts

Women's LA City Polo
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price:
\$19⁹⁹
 per shirt*

Available Colors:
 Black Pink Navy Blue White

ITEM: #WCTY1000

L.A. City T-shirts

New City LA-Hall Long Sleeve T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Available Colors:
 Black Royal Blue Navy Blue White



Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

Size: **3XL** \$13

Size: **4XL** \$14

Front

ITEM: #NC1000

New City LA-Hall Short Sleeve T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Available Colors:
 Black Blue Dusk Navy Blue Sport Gray Tan White Forest Green Charcoal Red



Member Price:
\$8⁵⁰
 per shirt*

Sizes: **3XL** \$9⁵⁰

Sizes: **4XL** \$10⁵⁰

Available Colors:

Black Navy Blue Sport Gray

Front

ITEM: #CNI1000

LA City "B-Label" T-Shirt (with Depts.)
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Member Price:
\$10
 per shirt*

Size: **3XL** \$11

Available Colors:
 Black Gray Navy Blue Maroon Green Carolina Blue Cedar White



ITEM: #LAC-5000

Retired Employee T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL 3XL**

Member Price:
\$11⁹⁹
 per shirt*

Sizes: **3XL** \$12⁹⁹

Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue White



ITEM: #RCE3000

LA City "B-Label" Sweatshirt (with Depts.)
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



ITEM: #LAC-6000

Member Price:
\$22
 per shirt*

Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue

Size: **3XL** \$23

LA City Seal T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



ITEM: #MOC51000

Member Price:
\$10
 per shirt*

Available Colors:
 Cedar Dark Heather Metro Blue Military Green Sand Sky Blue Black Navy Blue

Women's Polo Shirts

Short Sleeve "Classic" T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL (all colors)**

Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

Available Colors:
 Blue Dusk Charcoal Chestnut Forest Green Indigo Blue Leaf Green Light Pink Maroon Olive Orange Royal Blue Sport Gray Texas Orange White
 Non-Member Price: \$25 per shirt
 *Plus tax and shipping
 White available with front pocket.



ITEM: #T1000

Size: **3XL** \$13

Available Colors:
 Blue Dusk Charcoal Forest Green Indigo Blue Royal Blue Sport Gray White Black Navy Blue

Size: **4XL** \$14

Available Colors:
 Indigo Blue Sport Gray Black Navy Blue

White available with front pocket.

"Your City" T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL 3XL**

Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue Royal White
 Sizes: **3XL** \$10⁹⁹
 Member Price:
\$9⁹⁹
 per shirt*
 *Plus tax and shipping



ITEM: #YCYR11000

Long Sleeve "Classic" T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Available Colors:
 Charcoal Dark Chocolate Forest Green Indigo Blue Sport Gray White

Member Price:
\$15
 per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping



ITEM: #T1500

Size: **3XL** \$16

Available Colors:
 Dark Chocolate Forest Green Indigo Blue Sport Gray

Size: **4XL** \$17

Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue White

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DWP T-shirts

DWP "Water" T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*



Available Colors:
 White Navy Blue



ITEM: #WTRSDE3000

DWP "Classic" Long Sleeve T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Available Colors:
 Gray Maroon
 Charcoal Carolina Blue
 Sand Navy Blue
 Black

Member Price:
\$15
 per shirt*
 *Plus tax and shipping



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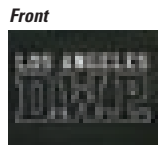
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\$16
 Available Color:
 Gray

ITEM: #T2500VWP

DWP "Bold" T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue White

Member Price:
\$8.50
 per shirt*



ITEM: #T3000VWP

Water & Power T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue Orange White

Member Price:
\$10
 per shirt*



ITEM: #T2002VWP

Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue Orange White

White available with front pocket.



ITEM: #T2003VWP

Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Available Colors:
 Blue Dusk Charcoal Orange Black Navy Blue White

White available with front pocket.

Member Price:
\$12
 per shirt*

Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Available Colors:
 Navy Blue Orange White Black



ITEM: #T2000VWP

Size: **3XL**
 Available Colors:
 Blue Dusk Charcoal Black Navy Blue

Size: **4XL**
 Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue



ITEM: #T2001VWP

Kid's T-shirts

"Official City Kid" Kid's T-shirt
 Sizes: **XS S M L XL**

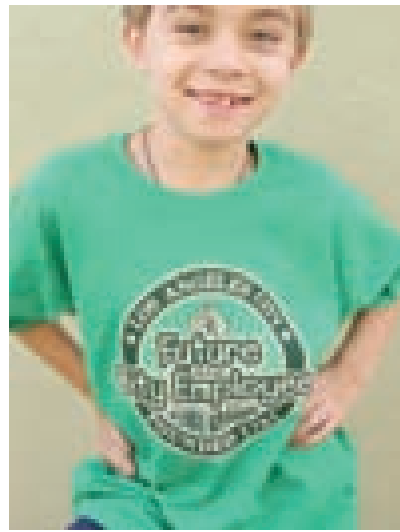


ITEM: #KIDOFF2000

Available Colors:
 Green Black
 Red Pink
 Royal Blue

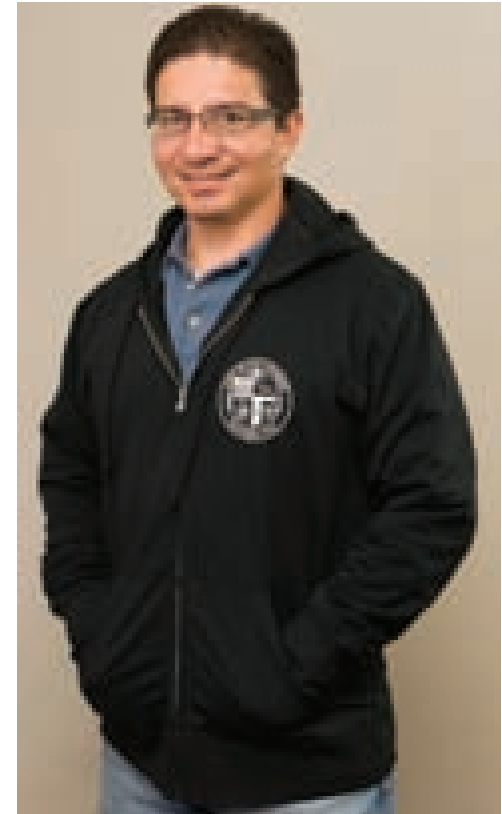
Member Price:
\$8.99
 per shirt*

"Future City Employee" Kid's T-shirt
 Sizes: **XS S M L XL**



ITEM: #KIDOFF2000

Hooded Sweatshirt



City of LA Full-Zip Hooded Lightweight Sweatshirt

Sizes: **XS S M L XL XXL**

Size: **3XL** **\$20**

Available Color:
 Black

Member Price:
\$19.99
 per jacket*



ITEM: #4613

City Jacket

City Executive Sueded Microfiber Jacket

Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Available Colors:
 Brown Charcoal Indigo Blue



Member Price:
\$45
 per jacket*

*Plus tax and shipping

ITEM#: SUDJKT1000

City Seal Tank Tops

Women's
 Sizes: **S M L XL**

Available Colors:
 Hot Pink White
 Yellow Heather Gray

On white shirt, emblem is pink

Member Price:
\$8.99
 per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping



ITEM: #WTT2000

Men's
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Member Price:
\$8.99
 per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:
 Heather Gray White
 Red Navy Blue
 Black Royal Blue



ITEM: #MTT3000

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City Seal Ball Cap with Department Name



Transportation
NAVY: #H2003
BLACK: #H2004

Member Price:
\$10
per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping



Bureau of Sanitation
FOREST GREEN: #H1996
NAVY: #H1995
BLACK: #H1998

Hats available for these departments:

Bureau of Sanitation
FOREST GREEN: #H1996
NAVY: #H1995
BLACK: #H1998

General Services
NAVY: #H1999
BLACK: #H2000

Harbor
NAVY: #H2005
BLACK: #H2006

Public Works
NAVY: #H2001
BLACK: #H2002

Recreation & Parks
NAVY: #H1993
BLACK: #H1992

Transportation
NAVY: #H2003
BLACK: #H2004

Water & Power
NAVY: #H1997
BLACK: #H1998

Retiree
BLACK: #H2007

Available Colors:



DWP Ball Cap



DWP Hat
BLACK: #DPWH3000

Member Price:
\$8
per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping



DWP Hat
NAVY: #DPWH2000

Member Price:
\$15
per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping

City of LA Bucket Cap

Available Colors:



ITEM: #4569

City Brushed Twill Visor

Available Colors:



Member Price:
\$9.99
per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping



ITEM: #4567

City Seal Ball Cap with Script

ORANGE: #H1990
KHAKE: #H1991
BLACK: #H1613



Seal w/Script
NAVY: #H1989

Member Price:
\$8
per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping

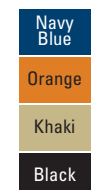
City Seal Ball Cap

ORANGE: #H1661
KHAKE: #H1988
BLACK: #H1987



City Seal
NAVY: #H1628

Available Colors:



City Seal Merchandise

City Executive Portfolio with Pen and Calculator

Size:
9" x 7"

Member Price:
\$20
per portfolio*

*Plus tax and shipping



ITEM: #EXEPC1000

City of LA-Letter Size Portfolio w/ Calculator

Size:
13" x 10"

Member Price:
\$24.99
per portfolio*

*Plus tax and shipping



ITEM: #4680

City Engraved Pen & Case

Member Price:
\$19.99
per pen*

*Plus tax and shipping

- Elegant electro-plated two-tone 24k gold plated and chrome silver pen with solid brass construction.
- "City of Los Angeles" is engraved on the pen.



ITEM: #CLPEN3000

City Umbrella-Large

ITEM: #CTYUMB1000

Member Price:
\$19.99
each*

*Plus tax and shipping



Umbrella-Small

Member Price:
\$14.99
each*

*Plus tax and shipping

ITEM: #SMUMB3000

City Professional Bag

ITEM: #BAG1000

Available Color:



Member Price:
\$25
per bag*

*Plus tax and shipping



City of LA Expandable Computer Bag

Member Price:
\$34.99
per bag*

Available Color:



ITEM: #PBCTYFCMP1000



City of LA Portfolio Deluxe Bag

ITEM: #DELBG1000

Available Color:



Member Price:
\$20
per bag*

*Plus tax and shipping



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City Seal Mugs

City of LA Travel Mugs



ITEM: #CLAMG3000



ITEM: #CLAMG2000

Member Price:
\$12⁹⁹
per mug*

Hot Beverage Mug

Member Price:
\$9⁹⁹
per mug*

*Plus tax and shipping



ITEM: #MGS1000

Identification Holders

Holders come with Attachable Clear Badge Clip.



Retractable Badge Holder
ITEM: #RBH1000

Member Price:
\$2⁴⁹
per badge*

City of LA Lanyard



Member Price:
\$4⁹⁹
per badge*

ITEM: #CTLYRD1000

City Seal Lapel Pins

Pins are 3/4" in Diameter.



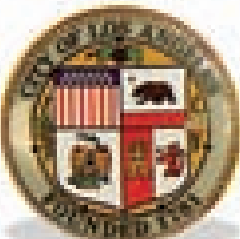
DWP Enamel Lapel Pin
ITEM: #LP4 PRICE: \$10.00* **Now \$5**



"The Classic" Enamel Lapel Pin
ITEM: #LP3 PRICE: \$10.00* **Now \$8**



Gold Embossed Lapel Pin
ITEM: #LP2 PRICE: \$5.00*



Full-Color Silkscreened Lapel Pin
ITEM: #LP1 PRICE: \$5.00*



City of LA Hall Enamel Pin
ITEM: #LPH1 PRICE: \$5.00*



City of LA Hall Silver Finish Pin
ITEM: #LPH2 PRICE: \$5.00*

Decals



LA City Decal, 3" Diameter
ITEM: #DECLAC2000 • PRICE: \$2.50*
*Tax included



DWP Decal, 3" Diameter
ITEM: #DECWV1000 • PRICE: \$2.50*
*Tax included

City Seal Key Chain



City Seal Key Chain - Silver
ITEM: #LAKC2000

Member Price:
\$5
per chain*

*Plus tax and shipping

Club Discount Price!
(\$10 Retail)



City Seal Key Chain
ITEM: #LAKC001

Historical Book



Discount Member Price:
\$25
per book*

*\$32.95 retail. Plus tax and shipping

ITEM: #B1488

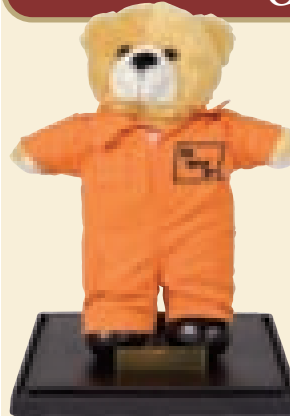
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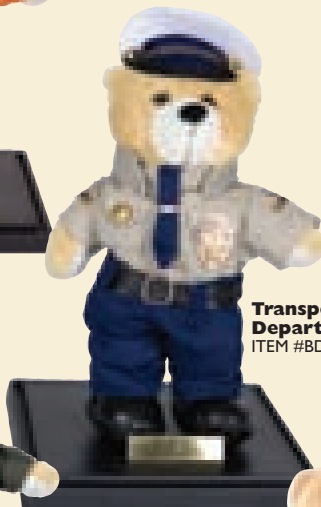
Stand not included.

Member Price:
\$20
per bear*

*Plus tax and shipping



DWP
ITEM #BDWP



Transportation Department
ITEM #BDOT



General Services
ITEM #BGSD



Sanitation Department
ITEM #BBOS



Street Services
ITEM #BSTS

Member Price:
\$12
per bear*

CITY SEAL BEAR
ITEM #TEBY1000

Available T-shirt Colors:

- Blue
- Green

City Wall Clocks



ITEM: #C8003

Member Price:
\$12
per clock*

*Plus tax and shipping

10" Diameter Battery Operated (AA)



ITEM: #WCWSPT3000



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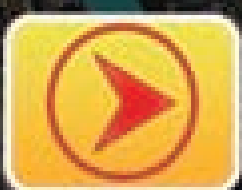
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