

City Employee Proves That It's Easy Being Green

Story by Everett Bennett, Public Works



John Calderon's Chevy

THE CITY — A City Employee who spends his days making sure that City building projects are environmentally aware is driving around in a car of the future: It's powered by hydrogen.

John Calderon, Construction

Inspector, Public Works/Contract Admin, is one of the lucky few to have been picked by General Motors to test drive one of its newest technologies – a hydrogen-fueled car.

As fuel, the car uses hydrogen. As exhaust, the car expels – water. John took part in GM's Project Driveway.

Read all about it in this month's Car Club column, on page 24.



See some of our greatest submissions, and get the details on an *Alive!* Around the World contest!

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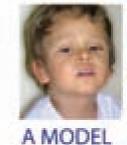
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* A Message From the CEO *

Jamaica Photo Started It All

by John Hawkins President and CEO, The Club

 Γ^{ive} years ago, Alive! took a chance with an idea I had. (We're always trying something new, aren't we?) And look how much fun it's brought us.

Back in July 2004, we ran a little promo - send us a photo of yourself holding Alive! while you're out of town, and we'll try to print it. Five years ago this month, we received our first reply - from Catalina Alvarado, Detention Officer, LAPD, in Jamaica.

The flood started. In these five years, we've had—pulling out the calculator, let's see, average about five a month, 12 months a year, five years — that's, well, you can figure it out. Hundreds. From some incredible places.



Catalina Alvarado, Detention Officer, LAPD, in Jamaica.

Personally I love the underwater ones, from Efrain Gonzalez, Public Works/Sanitation. And the ones from Antarctica, from Gina Enrile-Caguiat, Public Works/Engineering. And so many more!

I really knew we were on to something when, on the way back from visiting the DWP yard near Hoover Dam, my son, Noah, and I stopped at a jerky shop in Baker; they have hilarious foam aliens sitting in front. And Noah immediately came up with the idea of shooting an Alive! Around the World ... from Mars! What a great idea. [You'll see it on page 10. -Ed.] It was a proud moment between dad and son!

And then, just last month, we received incredible submissions from two of our biggest fans - Mike Biagi, Airports, and Ed Krupp, Rec and Parks/Griffith Observatory. I couldn't believe how awesome they were. I talked with Alive! editor John Burnes about doing a cover story on them. We looked it up – and can you believe it, it was actually five years to the month, that we had started the feature. And so a story

The anniversary creates an awesome moment for the Club, too, in this way: Will Alive! Around the World change the world? Probably not. Will it solve our economic downturn? No. Will it cool off our planet? Doubt it.

But it will, and does, give us lots of fun, and laughs, and amazement ... and family. That's what the Club is all about: family. We couldn't be prouder that you love this feature as much as we do. Keep sending them in, and we'll keep printing them. (But please please be careful!)

As I'm writing this, August is about over, and we're approaching Labor Day. Times might be uncertain, but let's remember how important work is to us, and how important it is to the millions of citizens of Los Angeles, too, who depend on the services of City Employees. As one of those citizens, I thank you.

Have an awesome September!



(jhawkins@cityemployeesclub.com)



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

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- Mike Sandler, June 2009

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invaluable. After seeing first-hand how it worked for my husband, I submitted an application for myself."

- Carol Ushijima, June 2009

"Your service was five-star, we are dealing with other [non-Club] insurance that still hasn't paid anything. You simply were the fastest to help us pay for the funeral. I loved the book [The Fall of Freddie the Leaf]. I think it is perfect

for children to read. It explains life and death."

- James Ellison, June 2009

The Club claims service was "excellent. It didn't take them long to [call me back], and when they did, they were very professional and explained everything in detail. [The book they sent is] something to really think about."

- Alice Stringfield, June 2009

Your Club Insurance Dollars at Work

Total claims paid to Club Members So Far in 2009: \$3,070,027.59 Claims paid:

Life insurance claims paid this month:

\$523.344.39

Life insurance claims paid this year:

\$1,979,734.25

Long-term disability claims paid this month: \$151,067.82

Long-term disability claims paid this year: \$798,821.86

Long-term care claims paid this month:

\$26,750.00

Long-term care claims paid this year: \$191.471.48

Cancer insurance claims paid this month: \$20,000.00

Cancer insurance claims paid this year: \$3,070,027.59





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LK3 To the Editor

Tell us what you think! talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

LETTER OF THE MONTH

Convention Center Greening Up to LEED Version Three

I just wanted to mention to you that LA Convention Center is now registered with USGBC as an official Re-Certification LEED Project. It's because we are special and continually strive to be the best.

Now, we're going after the Silver LEED Certification for Existing Building Operations and Maintenance V3. LEED EBOM V3 is the latest USGBC LEED Certification for Existing Buildings that want to become LEED Certified.

If all goes well, by this time next year, the L.A. Convention Center will once again raise the bar and become the only Convention Center of this size and age to become LEED EBOM V3 Certified with a Silver status.

- Rey Castro, Chief Building Engineer, **Convention Center**

Hi Rey, wow, great to hear! We're all behind you as you take another green step forward. Readers may remember the Alive! cover story from April, in which we documented the Convention Center's status as the City's first LEED-EB-Certified Silver building, and



the first convention center of its size and age to be so designated. Now they're going on to achieve even stricter standards. Good luck to the great staff at the Convention Center. - Ed.

'Back in the Day' Brings The Past Into the Present

I just received my latest Alive! and thoroughly enjoyed the "Back in the Day" coverage [Alive! cover story, August]. You've done a great job with the newspaper.

- Dave Peterson, Club Member, Former Board

Hi Dave, thanks for your comment. We had a great time talking to Irene Tresun and Simon and James Hollis. It's always good to go back and learn about the past – sometimes to discover that we have it pretty good these days. —Ed.

Well, I must declare that it was so nice to see your cover story on the three City Employee "old timers." I remember those days as clear as a bell; sometimes I wish things were the same. Well, except that we didn't have the Alive! newspaper back then; jeez, not sure how we got along without it!

Well, you guys keep up the good work, and I'll stay in touch. I'm still nursing my bum knee. All the best.

- Mary Rose Wilkens, Retired

Hi Mary Rose, you're right, there was no Alive! back then. But there was the City Employees Club, which started (as the LACEA) back in 1928. No matter the era, the City Employees Club is there with the City's best services. Oh, and take care of that knee! —Еd.

This Playa Is Hooping It Up Over Club Sports

Hey Robert Larios, er, I mean, Sports Dude:

- Twolmney Jackson, DWP

Just a quick note to let you know that I'm glad you and the Club took over the sports leagues. You are doing an awesome job, and all of us players really appreciate it. I'm looking forward to basketball season!



Corrections



- In a story about the DWP Fallen Memorial (July), we gave incorrect information about the date of death and title of Brian Blaney, one of the DWP fallen. Brian died Aug. 23, 2002, and his title was Line Patrol Mechanic.
- Also, in the Be Alive! feature (August), we incorrectly stated that seasonal "Meet the Grunion" events at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium lasted through August; actually, they ended in July. Thanks to Mike Schaadt, Director, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, for the correction.
- Also in last month's Alive!, in our story on the retirement of Shelia Shannon-Thomas, we misstated her title and years of City service. She retired as Payroll Supervisor, Public Works/Street Services, with 37 years of City service.

Alive! regrets these errors.



What was your favorite subject in school?



- "Astronomy in college."
- Wendy Loo, City Attorney's Office, 6 years of City service.

"History, because I like learning about the past." - Frank Frias, Animal Services, 10 years of City service.





- "Math."
- Willie Buggs, City Clerk, four years of City service.

"Physical education: Volleyball was my favorite." - Linda Williams, Retired, LAPD, 26 years of City service.





- "History."
- Lucia Hernandez, Rec and Parks, 5 years of City service.

"English." - Paulette Stanton, Communications, 21 years of City service.



- "R.O.T.C., because it counted as P.E and science credits."
- Adam Greek, Transportation, 3 years of City service.

"Public policy in college and, in high school, P.E., because of football."

- Jimmy Valenzuela, CDD, 15 years of City service.





- John Mireles, Transportation, 10 years of City service.

"Art class." - Lourdes Romero, Airports, 25 years of City service.





"The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime."

- Babe Ruth

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

HARBOR

LobsterFest: The Biggest?

Annual event is on its way Sept. 18-20. Organizers will attempt to set record for most lobster prepared on a single day.

Already recognized as one of the largest lob-ster festivals in the world, the Harbor's Lobster Festival will attempt to make it official on Saturday, Sept. 19, by setting a new record for "the most seafood prepared at an outdoor event" in the Guinness Book of World Records. The world record attempt will officially begin at 1 p.m. and last until 9 p.m., when the new record will be announced.

On hand to oversee the Lobster Festival as it breaks the record will be Carlos Martinez, an official adjudicator from Guinness World Records. The record of 3,835 pounds and one ounce is currently held by the resort town of



At last year's LobsterFest, Martin Lovato, Electrician, 5 years, Club Member, enjoys his roasted corn.

Silver Beach in Port Edward, South Africa. Supervising the cooking of the lobsters will be Food Network celebrity Chef Chris Cognac of the Hungry Detective show.

The LobsterFest is set for Sept. 18-20 at the Port, at the end of the 110 Harbor Freeway. Parking and shuttle buses are free.

In addition to the food, the main stage will feature up-and-coming young bands of the LA music scene.

The record attempt will take place over an 8 hour period, with two key milestones. The first milestone is when the existing record is broken which San Pedro Fish Markets estimates will be about 4 pm based on conservative sales estimates. The second milestone occurs at 9 pm when the new record is set. In each case the person receiving the milestone meal will receive a commemorative shirt and other small prizes.

In celebration of the world record attempt the Port of Los Angeles Lobster Festival will be serving a special "Guinness Book of Records" meal on Saturday featuring a wedge of delicious Laughing Cow Cheese and a King's Hawaiian sweet bread roll in addition to their World Famous Discount Lobster Meal of a 1.25 lb fresh steamed Maine Lobster, cole slaw, lemon wedges and butter.

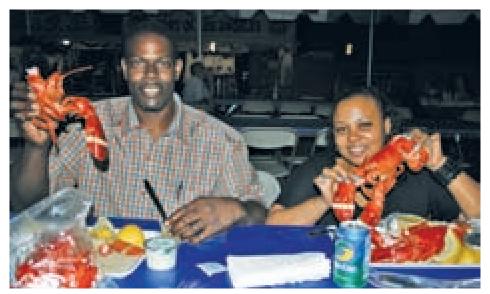
Admission is \$9 for adults; kids under 12 get in free. Discount coupons good for \$2 off admission are widely available and downloadable at lobsterfest.com. Meal costs start at \$17 for meals including 1.25-pound Maine lobsters, flown in fresh daily. Festival hours are: 5 to 11 p.m. Fri., Sept. 19; 11 a.m.

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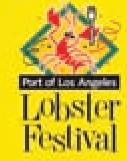
At last year's LobsterFest, Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor, with her lobster.



At last year's LobsterFest, first timers were Mike Fluker and Tina Kelli from Inglewood.



Welcome from last year's LobsterFest.





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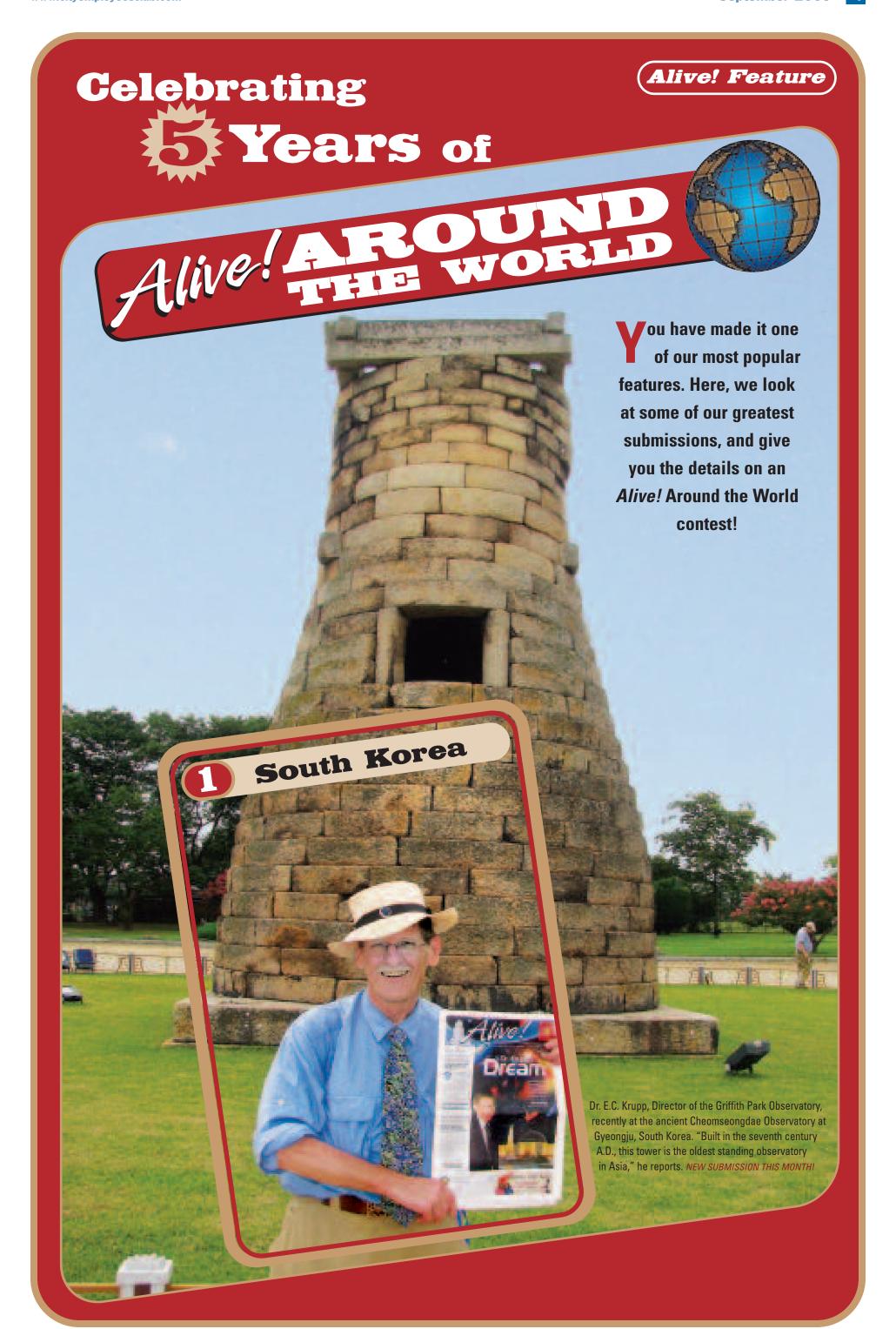
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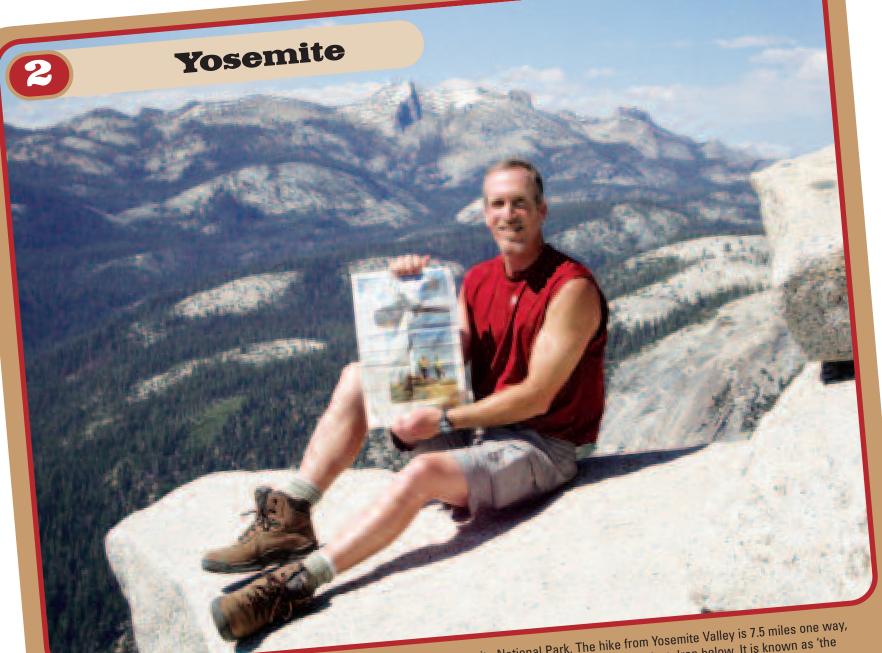


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Celebrating

Years of Alive AROUND THE WORLD





"This picture was taken from the top of Half Dome (elevation 8,836 feet) in Yosemite National Park. The hike from Yosemite Valley is 7.5 miles one way, with an elevation change of 4,800 feet. On top of Half Dome is a ledge that protrudes out over a cliff with a 3,000-foot drop below. It is known as 'the - Mike Biagi, Chief, Landside Operations Division, Airports/LAX, and Club Board Chair Finger' or 'the Surfboard.' I'm sitting on that ledge in this photo." New submission this month!



An Alive! Around the World Contest!

Contest Rules:

- The contest is open only to all Club Members in good standing.
- Your location must be clearly discernable in the photo. (We have to be able to determine you really are at that location.)
- You must be holding a copy of *Alive!* in the photo.
- All photos must be submitted by the close of business Dec. 15, 2009.
- Club staff will be the final judges of mileage from Los Angeles.
- One winner will be awarded \$100 in gift cards.
- Send your high-res digital photos to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com
- We prefer digital photos. But if you must send a paper print photo, make sure you write your name and phone number on the back. Drop it off in person, or send to: Alive! Around the World, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 120 W. Second St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

How far from Los Angeles can you take your *Alive*?

In honor of Alive! Around the World's fifth anniversary, we're creating a contest. How many miles from Los Angeles can you take your issue of Alive! The Club Member who submits the photo with Alive! that's the farthest from City Hall will win \$100 in gift cards.

It's not about danger or adventure, so there's no need to go to extremes. It's just about miles. Any Club Member can play.

Submit your entry between now and Dec. 15, 2009, and we'll include the winner in the January 2010 issue of Alive!

Have fun!

Alive! Feature

Around the World With Alive!

Enjoy just a few of our greatest submissions.

 Γ ive years ago, we asked you to send in photos of yourself with Alive! on your travels. In September 2004, we ran our very first Alive! Around the World submission — from Catalina Alvarado, Detention Officer, LAPD, while she was in Jamaica.

And so the adventure began!

Now, five years later, hundreds of photos have been submitted and published as part of *Alive! Around the World*, from some absolutely amazing locations: Antarctica. The Great Wall of China. The Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq. The Taj Mahal. Under water. In the air. On all six continents.

Incredible!

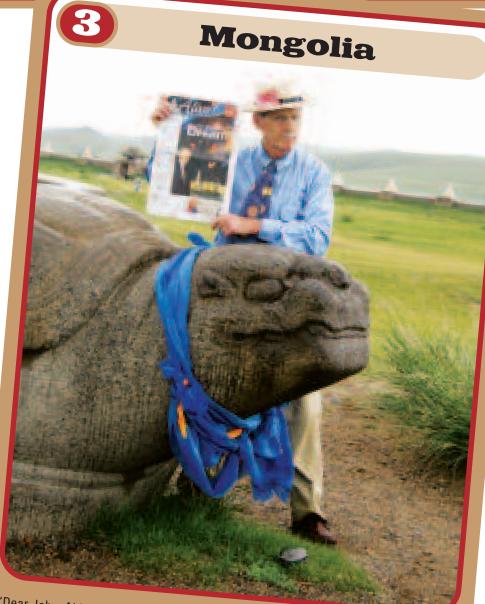
Here on these pages, we reprint some of more most notable submissions. "We continue to be blown away at how much you love taking *Alive!* with you on your journeys," Club CEO John Hawkins said. "It's like we're taking the trip right there with you.

"Keep on sending them in. But please – be careful! Remember, it's all about fun."

What's next? The moon? The stars? Wherever the next submissions come from – from your adventure of a lifetime, or just your family's trip around the corner -- we look forward to sharing your life with you. That's what the Club is all about – celebrating your lives.

Happy travels!

 See the rest of this month's new submissions, starting on page 44.



"Dear John, Although I have failed on a few recent expeditions to travel equipped with a copy of *Alive!*, I did not forget to bring the paper to Mongolia, China and South Korea this month. I am just returned from leading a UCLA Extension/Far Horizons tour to examine antiquities and to 'shanghai' the total solar eclipse on 22 July south of Shanghai. The eclipse, my 13th total solar eclipse, went black as night. I have never seen that in a previous eclipse. I am sending a photograph taken at the ruins of 13th century." *New submission this month!*

- Dr. E.C. Krupp, Director of the Griffith Park Observatory

January 2009

Cayman Islands



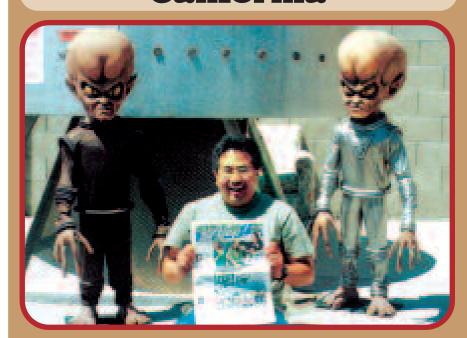
Here is **Efrain Gonzalez** "Testing the Waters" (as his issue of *Alive!* headlines) in the Cayman Islands. Efrain is a **Wastewater Manager I, Hyperion Treatment Division, Public Works/Engineering**.

"I had a lot of fun planning and taking these pictures," Efrain says. "I hope other people get a kick out of them. Also, as an added bonus, the person on the cover of the issue that I'm holding is my skiing buddy, Curtis Cash. His 15 minutes of fame continue for another month!"

Efrain, these are amazing! Thanks for going through this amazing amount of work and sending in the photos.

July 2005

California



Here's Club member **Kenneth Akamine** in Baker, California while on a trip to Las Vegas in April. Kenneth is making new "friends" in front of a store in Baker. **Kenneth** is a warehouse worker for the Office of Controller.

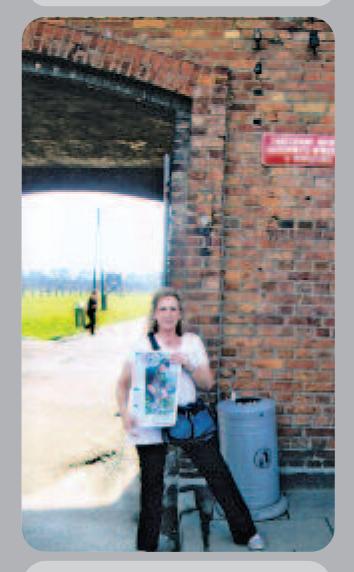
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Years of Awe AROUND THE WORLD



April 2009

Poland



"I was visiting Eastern Europe, and when in Poland I visited a very disturbing place — Auschwitz Birkenau. I never realized just how horrible a place this concentration camp was until I saw it with my own eyes.

Auschwitz was a prison/work camp. Then they built Birkenau a few miles away, and that was a death camp. I am standing in front of Birkenau. The train ran through the underpass where I am standing, and the people were separated into groups and sent to the gas chambers within minutes of arrival. Later, Auschwitz was turned into a death camp also. They called them Auschwitz I and II. Children were put to death immediately but later kept alive to do experiments on."

- Carol Karkenny, Retired DWP



May 2009

Alaska

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

> - Sharyn Gunter, Retired, LAPD

Around the World

January 2009

Antarctica!



Here is **Gina Enrile-Caguiat's** photo from her 13-day Antarctica Expedition aboard Hurtigruten's MS/FRAM. Gina works for Public Works/Engineering.

July 2007

China



"Hello. This is a picture of Linda Jordan, DWP, and Elsie Reiley, retired DWP, taken at the Great Wall of China May 27." November 2007

Mars



Noah Hawkins, son of Club CEO John Hawkins, proudly displays his copy of Alive! in a parking lot on ... Mars! (Well, okay, it's actually outside the Alien Fresh Jerky store in Baker, Calif. - Ed.)

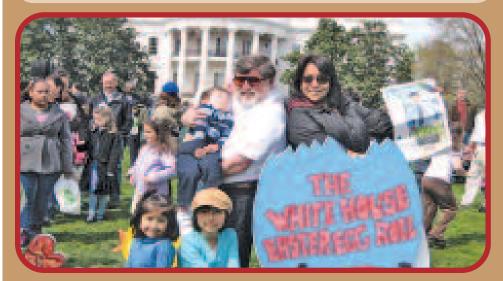
- Noah Hawkins, son of Club CEO John Hawkins

Alive! Feature

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May 2009

Washington, D.C.



Lupe Medina, the Club's Administrative Services Representative, and her husband, Red Medina, Construction Inspector, Contract Admin, Public Works, during the Presidential Easter Egg Hunt in Washington, D.C.Lupe and Red Medina at the White House Easter Egg Hunt with their grandchildren. Red holds Bruno; Emma is seated on the left; and Hannah is on the right.

September 2007

Egypt

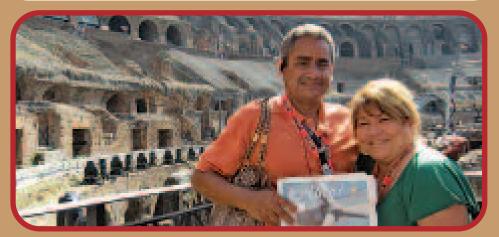


Former Club staffer **Michelle Moreno** ("Michelle on the Move") in Egypt.

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July 2009

Italy

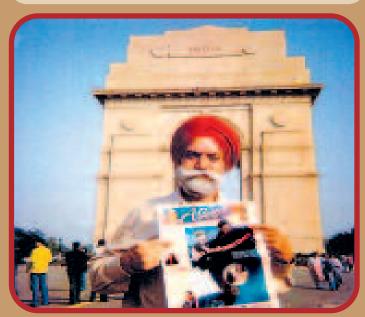


"Here is a picture of my wife Lydia and I visiting the Coliseum in Roma in May."

- Paul and Lydia Hernandez, Club Members

January 2005

India



Alive! travels to India with "Vas" (Vasdev Singh), Sanitation. He is in front of India Gate, New Dehli, which commemorates the end of World War I. "Dehli is a beautiful city, with many places to see," he wrote. He is very knowledgeable on the country and offers plenty of information for potential tourists.

February 2007

India



Here are **Dolly B. Sevilla, LAPD**, with her sister, **Virginia Stocks, General Services**, at the Taj Mahal in India. "It's nice to visit but not to stay," Dolly reports. "I've been dreaming of seeing one of the wonders of the world, the Taj Majal; and here it is."

- Dolly B. Sevilla, LAPD

April 2006

Iraq



"I asked my son, Steven, to take *Alive!* to Iraq," says **Lori Gastelum, Engineering Division, Harbor**. "Holding *Alive!* is Spc. Steven Gastelum, and sitting on the tank is Spc. Hines in Abu Ghraib, Iraq."

CUBSPORTS



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

Sept. 2009

















| | GAMES PLAYED | WINS | LOSSES | WINNING PERCENT | GAMES BACK |
|--------------|-----------------|------|--------|-----------------|---------------|
| Hitmen | 7 | 7 | 0 | 1.000 | |
| LAX Jets* | 6 | 6 | 0 | 1.000 | 0.5 |
| Sluggers | 7 | 5 | 2 | 0.714 | 2 |
| Enforcers* | 7 | 4 | 2 | 0.571 | 2.5 |
| Guzzlers* | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0.667 | 2 |
| Warriors | 7 | 4 | 3 | 0.571 | 3 |
| Bravo Tango | * 6 | 3 | 2 | 0.500 | 3 |
| Transformers | s 7 | 3 | 4 | 0.286 | 5 |
| I'd Hit It* | 6 | 1 | 6 | 0.167 | 5.5 |
| Reservoir Da | wgs 7 | 1 | 6 | 0.143 | 6 |
| Head First* | 6 | 1 | 5 | 0.143 | 5.5 |
| DOT-GERS | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0.000 | 7 |











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Game Scores

July 29, 2009

HOME TEAM AWAY TEAM LOCATION I'd Hit It: 2 Transformers: 8 Yosemite Head First: 5 Hitmen: 8 Shatto DOT-Gers: 9 Sluggers: 20 Downey Reservoir Dogs: 0 Bravo Tango: 20 Yosemite Warriors: 5 Guzzlers: 18 Shatto LAX Jets: 14 Enforcers: 13 Downey

August 5, 2009

HOME TEAM AWAY TEAM LOCATION Enforcers: 11 I'd Hit It: 5 Yosemite Guzzlers: 9 LAX Jets: 11 Shatto Bravo Tango: 4 Warriors: 7 Downey DOT-GERS: 5 Transformers: 16 Yosemite Head First: 16 Reservoir Dogs: 7 Shatto Hitmen: 8 Sluggers: 7 Downey

August 12, 2009

HOME TEAM AWAY TEAM LOCATION Reservoir Dogs: 3 Hitmen: 21 Yosemite Transformers: 8 Sluggers: 2 Shatto Enforcers: 21 DOT-GERS: 1 Downey Warriors: 8 Head First: 6 Yosemite Bravo Tango LAX Jets Shatto (Postponed) I'd Hit It Guzzlers Downey (Postponed)

August 19, 2009

HOME TEAM AWAY TEAM LOCATION Bravo Tango: 14 I'd Hit It: 9 Yosemite Guzzlers: 17 DOT-GERS: 4 Shatto Head First: 1 LAX Jets: 19 Downey Enforcers: 8 Sluggers: 9 Yosemite Hitmen: 8 Transformers: 1 Shatto Reservoir Dogs: 8 Warriors: 12 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 NEWS NEWS NEWS

Hitmen Perfect After 7 Weeks



In games played through Aug. 19, the Hitmen are a perfect 6 wins, zero losses — although one score is missing. (And the editor knows that, at press time Aug. 26, things might not have turned out so well for the Hitmen).

And Alive! reports that all problems with the lights at Downey Park have been solved, with the games going on as scheduled each week.

Fans (mostly family and coworkers) are showing up, cheering on their favorite Club softballers. And with the weather warming up (finally), the game action is really kicking into high gear.

Go out and cheer your team on! You'll have fun ... they'll have fun. And what else do you have going on, on a late summer Wednesday night?

The Club Softball League is really drawing energy during the run toward the playoffs. Who will be crowned the first Club Softball League champs? Stay tuned!









CLUB SPORTS



For all the latest scores and schedules, go to: www.eteamz.com/cityemployeescluboflosangeles/



Angel Gomez, **Director of** Member Services Huntington's



Hello again!

This month, we're going to the dogs. Literally!

> Say hello to my American bulldog, Dakota. She loves the beach and her doggy friends.

This month we will be visiting Dog Beach in Huntington Beach. One mile of golden sands and the exciting Pacific Ocean have made Dog Beach a paradise for dogs, where they can frolic in the water. (1)

Dog Beach is run by volunteers who work hard to keep the beach clean and safe for all canine visitors, who literally come from all over

The volunteers rely on donations to keep this beach available to dogs. There are several stations of disposable poop bags along the walking path. Remember to bring bottled water for you and your dog, but in case you forget, there are two new dog drinking fountains installed

between lifeguard Towers 20 and 22, courtesy of a gift from Purina. (2)

You must maintain control of your dog(s) at all times. Pick up after your dog(s) and dispose of the waste in the trashcans. You and your fourlegged friends can doggie paddle or backstroke in the rolling waves of Huntington Cliffs beach.

(6)

For the surfers among us, Huntington Cliffs surf spot is considered among the good beach breaks along Huntington Beach, and the surfing scene is less competitive and more laid back than further down Huntington Beach. West and south swells are generally from two to six feet, and medium tide is most manageable.

Under the existing city ordinance, dogs must remain leashed. But, from my experience, almost everyone seems to let their dogs off the leash.

Just a few miles south of Huntington Cliffs

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Huntington Beach

Dog Beach



(2) Angel, Dakota, and Aden stop by a doggy water fountain.

Beach (Dog Beach) is the famous Huntington Beach Pier, one of the largest pleasure piers in the world and certainly the largest on the West Coast. (5)

The pier offers the best fishing for anglers, and snag bonito, croaker and mackerel are among the catch. (The midsection of the Pier often proves most fruitful.) If you've got the stomach to stalk the sharks, head out to the end of the pier at night, and some of the local anglers will give you the low-down on how to reel in a shark.

If you have a dog or dogs, this is a great place to spend a few hours. You start to relax right when you get to the PCH, and that great feeling continues onto Dog Beach. Our dog is sweet, and she loves to play with all the other dogs. She had fun running along with her new friends. I did not know how she would react to the ocean, but she was a real trooper. (4) Feel free to send me your pictures if you happen to visit Dog Beach. I promise you will enjoy it. You need to visit just once, and you will be hooked. Your dog will absolutely love the freedom and will make new friends. We go to Dog Beach at least once a week, and our Dakota knows right when we get to PCH; she gets really excited and starts to wiggle her tail like a hummingbird flaps its wings. (3)

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

Directions and Parking

• Dog Beach is at 100 Goldenwest St., Huntington Beach, CA 92648.

From Los Angeles, take the 5 South (8.7 miles), then the 605 South (10.9 miles), then exit onto 405 South toward Garden Grove/San Diego/CA-22 (1.6 miles). Take Exit 22 for Seal Beach Boulevard toward Los Alamitos Boulevard. Keep left at the fork; follow signs for Seal Beach and merge onto Beverly Manor Drive. Turn left at Seal Beach Boulevard (2.6 miles) Turn left at CA-1/Pacific Coast Hwy (6.8 miles) then turn left at Goldenwest Street. Dog Beach is on the right.

• Parking is available from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day. There is plenty of metered parking available in lots along side Pacific Coast Highway. The meter fee is 25 cents for each 10 minutes. The meters accept quarters, dimes and nickels. The city sometimes issues citations for early morning parking without paying the meter. After 8 a.m., you will almost certainly get a citation if you don't put money in the meter..





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(3) We love you, Dakota!



(4) Dakota and her new friends swim in the water.



(5) An overview of Dog Beach, with Huntington pier in the far left.



(6) Aden and Angel have fun in a small shaded area on sea cliffs.

PUBLIC WORKS

Remembering Rick and Rene

Public Works introduces a memorial to two fallen employees.



Board of Public Works President Cynthia Ruiz presents Bennie Williams an award for his efforts and involvement with the Mamorial Manument



City Employee, and friends and family of the deceased look closely at the monument and its details.

Photos by Angel Gomez, Director of Member Services

On July 6, Public Works dedicated a memorial outside the downtown Public Works building to Ricardo Garris and Rene Flores, two longtime Public Works staffers who were killed while on the job.

On Feb. 24, 2005, Ricardo "Big Rick" Garris (28 years of service) and Rene Flores (17 years of service) were killed by a Street Maintenance co-worker in an on-duty shooting incident involving a reprimand for being late to work. The suspect drove himself to the nearby Hollenbeck police station and turned himself in after the shooting. An AK-47 assault rifle was used in the murders. Big Rick and Rene worked in the Special Projects Division, assigned to Structural Bridge Crew 165.

The Association for Big Rick and Rene Flores Memorial Monument Raised \$77,700 to design, build and install the monument. The Association Board is comprised of family members and close friends of Big Rick and Rene.



Getting their first look at the Memorial Monument were the families of Rick Garris and Rene Flores; Cynthia Ruiz, President, Board of Public Works; Valerie Lynne Shaw, Public Works Commissioner; and Jan Perry, Councilwoman and Club Member.









William Robertson, General Manager, Public Works/Street Services, addressed family and friends of the two City Employees and how much they will be missed.



Bennie Williams, President, Association for Big Rick and Rene Memorial Monument, speaks to the families and friends at the monument's unveiling.



The families of "Big Rick" Garris and Rene Flores and and City Employees surround the monument.



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PUBLIC WORKS

Street Services Tees It Up

Public Works/Street Services hosts golf tournament, a fundraiser for the March of Dimes.



Volunteer Adilia Clerk, Public Works/Street Services, oversees the Hole-in-One contest.



From left: Desiree Perez, Public Works/Street Services; Teresa Estrada, Public Works/Street Services; Jessica Melendez, Public Works/Street Services; Laker Girl Tiffany; Jennifer Sapone, Public Works/Street Services; Kathy Calma, Public Works/Street Services; Debbie Lovato, Public Works/Street Services; Laker Girl Jeri-Faye; and Audrey Netsawang, Public Works/Street Services.



Registration, from left: Laker Girls, Erin Jones, Public Works/Street Services; Tatiana Tlatenchi, Public Works/Street Services; Jessica Melendez, Public Works/Street Services; Debbie Lovato, Public Works/Street Services; Kathy Calma, Public Works/Street Services; and Teresa Estrada, Public Works/Street Services.



"The Pothole Express" race car welcomes participants.



Tatiana Tlatenchi, Public Works/Street Services.



Volunteer Richard Lopez, Public Works/Street Services, with Laker Girls.



From left: Erin Jones, Public Works/Street Services, and Debbie Lovato, Public Works/Street Services.



From left: John Sapone, Public Works/Street Services, and Ron Combs, Public Works/Street Services, assist with the putting contest.

On June 28, 136 golfers braved the heat to support the fifth annual Bureau of Street Services 2009 March of Dimes Golf Tournament. The event was held at Porter Valley Country Club in Northridge.

The best ball tournament started at 10 a.m., and team awards were given to first, second and third place. Golfers were treated to breakfast, lunch, and a sit-down dinner. They also had the opportunity to test their skills by participating in hole-in-one contests that featured winning prizes including a chance for \$10,000, a five-day cruise in the Bahamas, or two Southwest airline tickets good anywhere they fly. The contest entries also included traditional closest to the pin and longest drive, and a best poker hand. The Laker Girls made an appearance to greet golfers.

Awards and great raffle prizes were handed out during the dinner ceremony. The City Employees Club provided a set of official City seal watches to raffle.

The official results:

- First place: Bill Minnis, Larry Metter, Gil Gonzalez, Norm Barnett
- Second place: Chris Garcia, Dave Forrest, Chad Kubica, Ron Cole
- Third place: Cyrus Mojibi, Steve Hollis, Chuck Randall, Mark Del Papa
- Closest to the Pin, hole 12: Bob Sewell
- Closest to the Pin, hole 14: Ivan Uziel
- Longest Drive: Cyrus Mojibi

The City Employees Club watches were won by Gabriel Basulto.

The Bureau thanks all of the participants, volunteers, hole sponsors and the City Employees Club for their generosity that helped raise money for the March of Dimes.

The Club thanks Jennifer Klevinskas for he assistance in producing this article.



Shirley Lau, Public Works/ Street Services, oversees the putting contest.



Gabriel Basulto, Public Works/Street Services, won the City Club watches.

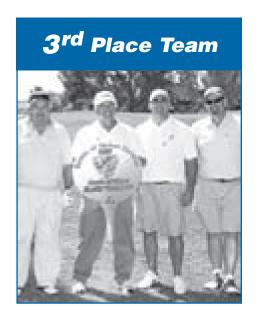


First place team: Bill Minnis, Larry Metter, Norm Barnett

2nd Place Team



The second-place team: Chris Garcia (DWP), Ron Cole, Dave Forrest and Chad Kubica



The third-place team: Chuck Randall, Mark Del Papa, Cyrus Mojibi and Steve Hollis.

Life's Important Moments

Share your moments!

Did you get married? Have a baby? (Yea!) Get a promotion? (Hooray!) Retire? (Ahhhh.) We want to hear from you. Share your news with the world! Send all notices and high resolution photos with the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com or send paper notices and print photos to: *Alive!*, 311 S. Spring St., Suite 1300, Los Angeles, CA 90013



New Members

Welcome New Members!

The Club gives a great big welcome to these new members, who recently joined the Club:

Airports

Adolfo Areualo Jose Beltran Belarmina Carrera Nicholas Enriquez George jacques Rafael Lopez Robert Loya Elmer Quevedo

Building and Safety Kristi-Ann Lopez

City Attorney Maria Penate

City Clerk Elsa Ibarra

City Ethics Dominic Berbeo

LACERS

Sonia Cervantes

CDD

Joel Lopez
Paul Nakama
Gerardo Ruvallaba
Pete Salcido
Jimmy Valenzuela
Sheila Webb

General Services

Cesar Avalos Armando Carrillo Sergio Duarte Gordon Fong Fernando Fuentes Lawrence Hall Kevin Harvey Francisco Llamas Alfred Lopez Timothy Ochoa Jeremiah OConnor George Ramsey Juan Rivas Beatriz Rubio Miriam Touchton

Harbor

Tom Badoud Jose Robledo Lee Warren

Housing Manuela Arellano

Alma Gomez

ITA J

Jessyca Avalos Jesus Cabrera Yasuyo Chiba Linda Gillespie Michael McCue Jerry Morris Mark Saucedo

Convention Center Roger Lagmay Luis Sanchez

Library

Lawrence Hall Miriam Touchton

Carlos Calderon

LAPD

Jesus Camacho Adolfo Contreras Karen Coogle Monica Cross Yolanda Del Castillo Maria Delgado Danyell Enriquez Steve Garma Porsha Golden Bibiana Gonzales Enrique Gonzalez John Goodman Sharlene Johnson Lusine Kroyan Auria Lee-McAdolry Lydia Leos Thomas McLaughlin Alejandra Morales Sara Munoz Sandra Ponce Yolanda Smith Juan Soto Funes George Wakahiu Toni Wolfe Raymond Wyatt

PW Contract Administration

Oscar Alanis Feliciano Reyes John Sosa

Nicole Young

PW Sanitation

Miguel Cornejo Monica Cuellar Cornell Frederick Jesus Galindo Daniel Govea Kevin House Laura Kan Keith Lakey Carlos Martinez Timothy Moen Earl Patnett Miguel Rodriguez Juan Tabares Richard Talamantez Marco Tapia DeWayne Turner James Weaver Kenneth Weaver

PW Street Lighting Arthur Guerra

Arthur Guerra Jorge Rodriguez

PW Street Services

Isidro Rodriguez Dennis Weber Anthony Wilcox

Rec and Parks

Veronica Aspera Alfredo Cuervos Cesar De La Torre Juan Gonzalez Shantelle Hernandez Albert Mendoza Cesar Valera Jose Zavala

Transportation

JoAnn Apusen
David Garcia
Edward Giron
James Gonzalez
Kenneth Hill
Hiroto Kano
Basilio Landeros
Renato Medina
Georgia Mowery
Carlos Rios
Roberto Sanchez
Joseph Weinmann

DWP

Clarito Abanador Daniel Balentine Sherwin Chan MaCaulley Cunningham Matthew Curtis Thomas Donohue Clara Fanla-Gaitan Joshua Forbey Alfred Gragg Jr. Daniel Haerle Deborah Little Edward Lopez Long Bao Luong Stephen Madrid David Martin Reyes Nunez George Perez William Punches Matthew Randal Francisco Salas Matthew Schneider Aisha Siddiqi George Starchev Manuel Vasquez Norma Velez

Retired

Rosie Wimbish

Othe P

Patricia Carter Luis Fuentes Jeannie Scandlin

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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

Douglas Augustson, Rec and Parks, 4 Bianca Deanna Brown Greene, LAPD, 22 David Hawes, DWP, 25 Sabas Valencia, Airports, 10

Retired

Donald Anderson, DWP, 30
John Bankett, ITA, 28
Brent Boden, DWP, 27
Shirley Brough, LAPD, 25
Clarence Brown, DWP, 16
Prince Butcher, DWP, 16
Ugo Carnevale, Public Works, 34
Henry Chang, General Services, 32
Jack Chong, General Services, 5
Rufus Cobbs, Public Works, 19
Willis Collier, DWP, 32
LaVoyle Cooper, Controller, 22
Rosina Corum, DWP, 32

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Glenn Dickens, DWP, 18
Kenneth Downey, City Attorney, 35
Robert Ewing, Public Works, 7
Lu Foreman, DWP, 14
William Fowles, DWP, 39
Helen Gibson, City Council, 12
Vincent Guerriero, DWP, 30

Kenneth Hadden, General Services, 11 Rufus Hill, Public Works, 28 Richard Holmquist, Building and Safety, 32

Richard Hurd, City Planning, 35 Burrell Johnson, General Services, 24 James Johnson, Animal Services, 25

Jesse Jones, Public Works, 25

Mary Ellen Lemming, LAPD, 31

Gloria Monzo, LAPD, 38

Elmer Nordquist, DWP, 33

Neona Northleaf, Library, 50

Louis Nowell, City Council, 15

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Harry Oshiro, Public Works, 15 John Pasos, Public Works, 34

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Isao Sakurai, City Clerk, 33

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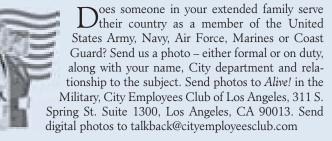
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Sophia York, DWP, 24 James Zellner, LAPD, 13



Military





Weddings

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Special Achievements

Have you or your children recently achieved something special? Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



Retirements

| NAME | TITLE | DEPT. | YEAR | s | NAME | TITLE | DEPT. | YEARS |
|-------------------|---------------------------|----------------|------|----------|------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|-------|
| Richard Arredondo | Sr. Equipment Mechanic | LAPD | 14 | - | Sam Martinez | _ | DWP | _ |
| George Beckwith | _ | DWP | - | - | June Mayeda | _ | DWP | _ |
| Rosalie Bianco | _ | DWP | | | Clara McCullough | Custodian | Airports | 29 |
| Fernando Cardiel | _ | DWP | - 4 | L | Michael McInnis | _ | DWP | _ |
| Rosalina Clara | Fingerprint Ident. Exp. | LAPD | 28 | 1/4 | Kenneth Mitchell | | DWP | |
| Roger Craig | _ | DWP | _ | //B * 1 | | - | | _ |
| Terrance Davis | _ | DWP | - | | Ronald Patitucci | Equip. Specialist | General Services | 41 |
| Walden Froding | _ | DWP | _ | N. / | Fernando Pena | _ | DWP | _ |
| Robert Gentner | _ | DWP | - | Y /4 | Richard Pratt | _ | DWP | _ |
| Craig Hauck | - | DWP | _ | | Loretta Risen | Sr. Clerk Typist | Emp. Relations Board | 35 |
| Dianne Hepburn | _ | DWP | _ | | Ines Vos | _ | DWP | _ |
| Roy Isaiah | _ | DWP | - | 120 | Wendy Wilkinson | Dag Suparrigan | Rec and Parks | 41 |
| Denise Jefferson | _ | DWP | _ | 181 | • | Rec Supervisor | | |
| Nancy Kaump | _ | DWP | - 4 | | Vincent Wilson | Motor Sweeper Operator | | 24 |
| Dolly Malva | Program Support | CDD | 35 | | Marvin Wimbish | Street Maintenance Supv. | Public Works | 27 |
| Donald Mansion | Chief Transportation Inv. | Transportation | 34 | | Javier Zaragoza | _ | DWP | _ |

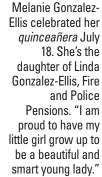
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Quinceañera



Births



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Dylan Butanda, born May 21 to Danny and Kristie Butanda. Kristie is a Secretary, LAFD.



Colin James Howley-Strauss, born June 16 to Norma and Sgt. Ryan Howley-Strauss, Harbor/Port Police.

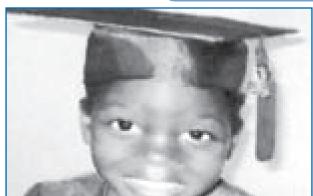
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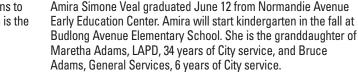


Graduations

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









Sam De La Cerda graduated from Charter Oak High School in Covina. She's the daughter of Jorge De La Cerda, DWP.

Kevin Leony graduated from Hesperia High School and plans to attend college in the fall, majoring in criminal justice. Kevin is the son of Eric and Katherine Taylor, Transportation.

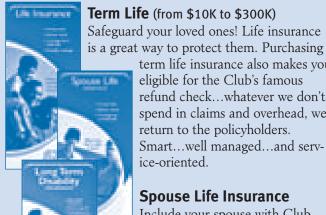
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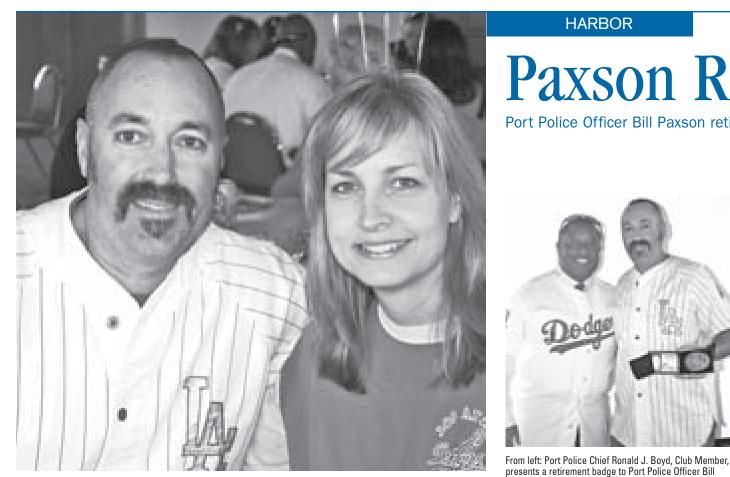
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From left: Port Police Officer Bill Paxson, Club Member, with his wife, Laura.



From left: Sgt. Ian Schunke, Club Member; Skip Staal, P2, Club Member; Bonnie Soong, MA, Club Member; and Officer Rudy Meza, Club Member, with his wife, Moe.

HARBOR

Paxson Retires

Port Police Officer Bill Paxson retires after 27 years of City service.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

Friends, family and coworkers joined together to celebrate the retirement of Port Police Officer Bill Paxson, who retires after 27 years of

The event, which had a baseball theme, was held June 19 in San Pedro.

Bill said he plans to go on an Alaskan cruise and go back to school to learn sign language and gourmet cooking.

Congratulations, Bill, for a great career. Enjoy your retirement.

Alive! thanks Capt. Mike Graychik for his assistance in producing this article.

About Bill:

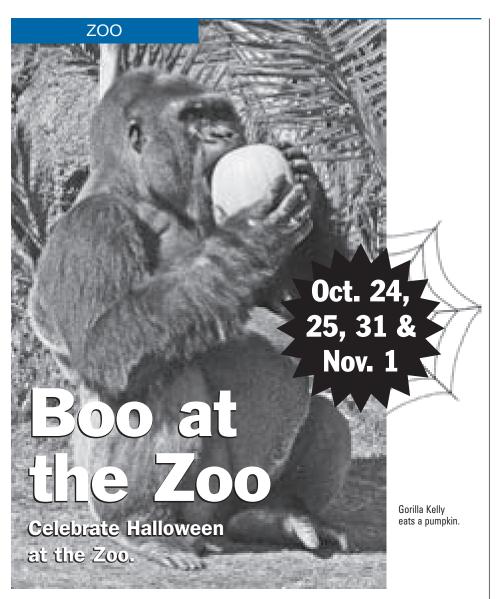
Bio compiled by Capt. Mike Graychik, Port Police Bill Paxson began his City service at LAX as Special Officer I on Jan. 25, 1981. He was ordered to "Report for Duty" to his assignment at the newly formed Boarding Services "Anti-Hijacking" Detail under the Command of George F. Simmons.



From left: Moe Meza, Officer Meza's wife; Becky Meza, daughter of Officer Meza; Miguele Fagins, Port Police

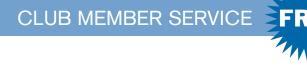


Port Police Officer Bill Paxson with his parents, Omar and



 $T^{\text{he Los Angeles Zoo will be transformed into}} \\ \text{the med areas for trick-or-treaters during the}$ annual Boo at the Zoo event, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 24, 25, 31 and Nov. 1. Activities include fun performers, pumpkin carving, treats, crafts, music and creepy crawlers for a not-soscary weekend that is suitable for the entire family. The Zoo's animals will stomp and chomp pumpkin treats on both weekends.

The Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens is in Griffith Park at the junction of the Ventura (134) and Golden State (5) freeways. Admission is \$13 for adults and \$8 for children ages 2 to 12. This event is free with paid Zoo admission. The Zoo is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. For information, call (323) 644-4200 or visit the L. A. Zoo Website at www.lazoo.org.



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Congratulations,

Paxson Retires, continued

Bill attended Rio Hondo Police Academy and graduated March 6, 1981. He graduated as a Level 2 Reserve Officer. On April 3, 1987, Bill graduated from LAPD Police. On Sept. 25, 1988, Bill transferred to the Port of Los Angeles and began his career with the Port Police.

Throughout Bill's colorful career, there have been many occasions to take note of. Here are a few of his official commendations.

February 1986: Bill earned a commendation with Officer Kennish. Bill talked a jumper down off of a parking structure in the LAX traffic circle. Bill's background in "Cops for Christ" assisted him in his efforts of negotiating with this despondent person

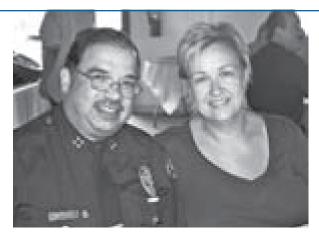
May 1990: Bill responded to a grand theft vessel in progress. He was one of the two officers who apprehended two suspects as they attempted their getaway. Noted in the commendation were Bill's quick response and investigative skills.

January 1994: "Operation Focus" aimed at informing the Port Executive Director E.Z. Burts and the senior management team. Bill was cited for his

, professionalism, dedication and specialized knowledge of the Port Police operations.

December 1999: Bill was instrumental in the capture a suspect in the Wilmington marina. Bill was cited for commitment, teamwork and responsiveness.

Bill was the founding father of the Port Police bicycle patrol unit and instrumental in implementing its original Concept of Operations. Bill was also a member of the Port Police dive team.



From left: Capt. Al Rosario, Club Member; and Julie Di Tucci, Secretary, Club Member.



Let's eat cake



Master of Ceremonies Lt. Kettlekamp, Club



Lt. Titus Smith, Club Member, shares his stories of Officer Paxson.



Port Police Officer Bill Paxson, Club Member, with his sister, Laura.



From left: Judie and Mark Ben, Bill's best friends since 9th grade



Linda Wyatt, Port Police Dispatcher, Club Member; and Robert Lesley, SLO Retired



From left: Minerva and Scott Gaines, Detective, Club Member; Stacey Xenios, Secretary; and Erika Cabrera, Student Professional.



From left: Tony Guerrero, Semi-Retired, Port Police; Sgt. Mike Alva, Club Member



From left: Richard Lorenzana, Wharfinger; Tish Lorenzana, Director of HR, Club Member.



From left: Peter Ross, cousin; Port Police Officer Bill Paxson, Club Member; and Russell Paxson, uncle.



From left: Eddie Olivera, Port Police Cadet; Chelsea Boyd, daughter of Principal Clerk Regina Grant, Club Member; Christine Pina, Port Police Cadet; and Amanda Munoz, Student Worker.



From left: David Malin, Emergency Manager; Port Police Officer Ken Hobbs, Club Member; and Rose Kinoshita, Sr. CT, Club Member.



From left: SLO Brandon A. Smith, Club Member; and Lt. Anita Hayden, Club Member.



Patti Duchesne, Retired, and her hus-



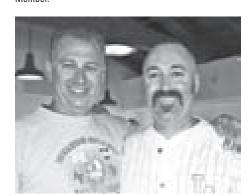
From left: Val Valentine, Retired, LAX Police; Al Turner, Retired, LAX Police; Mattie Thompson, Retired, LAX Police; and Rose Crutchfield, LAX Police Officer, Club Member.



From left: Mimi Gutierrez, EA II, Club Member; and Cheryl Provinchain, Sr. MA, Club Member.



From left: Bob Henry, Commission Executive Officer, Club Member; and Jessica Bautista, MA, Club Member.



From left: Master of Ceremonies Lt. Michael Kettlekamp, Club Member; and Port Police Officer Bill Paxson, Club Member



From left: Tom Badoud, Video Tech, Club Member; Kim Blaser, Officer Paxson's friend for 25 years; and Gerri-Lu Shields, Officer Paxson's friend.



Julia Kirwan, Sr. MA, Club



Sgt. Octeau, Club Member.



From left: Rica Viola, Property Manager, Club Member; Port Police Chief Ronald J. Boyd, Club Member; and SLO Brandon A. Smith, Club Member.

County Fair tickets

PUBLIC WORKS

Thanking the Recyclers

Sanitation hosts recognition day for City Employees involved with the recycling program.



From left: Enrique Zaldivar and Jeff Catalano, Council District 9.



From left: Christal Young and Marivic Sabillo.



City Facilities Recycling Program, Special Events Recycling, from left: Alfonso Lopez, Supervisor, and award recipient Epi Solis.

Story by Marivic Sabillo

Public Works/Sanitation's Solid Resources Citywide Recycling Division, City Facilities Recycling Program (CFRP), hosted its annual Recycling Crew Recognition Day June 23, in the Tom Bradley Room atop City Hall. Every year the CFRP shows gratitude to the recycling crews around the City.

Within the recycling crews there are employees who show exemplary efforts in their recycling position. These employees are recognized for their hard work and dedication to the City. They are:

- Carlos Luevano, DWP;
- Connie Castillo, Airports/Ontario;
- Custodian Crew, Harbor;
- Epi Solis, Public Works/Sanitation/CFRP Special Events; and
- Herbert Romero, Convention Center.

The CFRP also recognized the following people for their ongoing dedication and support for recycling issues:

- Lupe Vela, Council District 1;
- Jeff Catalano, Council District 9;
- Alex Fay, Council District 11, now with the Mayor's Office;
- Nicole Bernson, Council District 12; and
- Cynthia Ruiz, President, Board of Public Works.

The CFRP appreciates the City Employees Club of Los Angeles and SEIU Local 721 for their continued support for this annual event. The City Employees Club donated prizes for the raffle, and SEIU Local 721 supplied the food for this event.

Alex Fay was unable to attend the Recycling Crew Recognition Day and last was recognized for his recycling dedication with Alfonso Lopez during a recent Public Works Board meeting.





Councilman Dennis Zine recognized the recipients, from left: Sergio Rosales, Harbor; Connie Castillo; Carlos Luevano; Herbert Romero; and Epi Solis.



From the Convention Center, from left: Steve Potik, Eruviel Simon Rosales, Antonio Alcantara, Alex Organista and Herbert Romero (in back).



The Harbor Custodian Crew, front row, from left: Maria Garcia, Henry Torres, Jose Luis Torres, Juan Lopez and Albert Galloway. Second row: Alejandra Aviles, Aixa Lopez, Shirin Sadrpour, Marisol Venegas, Luis Velasquez and Rodrigo Cayax. Back: Sergio Rosales and Miriam Quintanilla.



From left: Alex Helou; Lupe Vela, Council District 1; Karen Higgins; and Karen Coca.



Airports/Ontario award recipients are, bottom row, from left: Connie Castillo, Lodis Woodmore and Tim Gulla. Top: Juan De La Parra, Fernando Alday and James Jacobs.



From left: Ernesto Cardenas; Valerie Shaw; Alex Fay (previously with Council District 11, now with the Mayor's Office); Alfonso Lopez; and Cynthia Ruiz.

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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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City Employee drives a hydrogen vehicle as part of a GM test.

Tohn Calderon is a Construction Inspector, Public Works/Contract Administration, and spends his days on buildings built to "green standards." Not only does he enforce plans to make green-friendly buildings, but, off the clock, he also tries to help the environment. He rides his bike or walks to as many places as possible; eats organ-

ic; and recycles. So, what does someone like John do to catapult himself deeper into "green territory?" He got his hands on a hydrogen car that didn't cost him a dime, and he didn't risk receiving any jail time over acquiring it.

The "green lifestyle" has become a household term within the last couple of years. Proof of the popularity of living green can be seen in all the hybrids being sold; the government sponsored Cash for Clunkers program being wildly successful; and Jesse James of Monster Garage fame breaking the hydrogen land speed record. Not bad when you think that the only damage he did to the environment was leave a puddle of hot water at the end of the track. The search for alternative fuel and other such ideas that might allow us to not leave such a large imprint on the environment aren't just something that the media is hyping up. It is fact that we have done damage to our world, and that it would be bright for us to rethink the way we live so that the next generation can enjoy it as much as we have.

John took part in Project Driveway, hosted by General Motors. GM built a fleet of 100 hydrogen fuel cell electric cars and let people drive them for free for three months in Los Angeles, New York and Washington, D.C. The Project Driveway program is the world's first large-scale test of fuel cell technology. It helps bring awareness of where technology is headed and provides proof that petroleum is not the only fuel option out

Alternative fuel for transportation is not a new discovery. Electric- and steampowered cars go back as tar as the 1800s. The inability to travel large distances; the lack of horsepower; the difficulty in generating steam power in freezing weather; and perhaps undue power from oil companies killed those fresh ideas. One hundred years later, it seems we are now scrambling to come up with a solution to our oil dependency.

The Chevy Equinox that John is driving has plenty of torque and horsepower, which get him on the freeway and out of the way of semi-trucks rather quickly. Response at any speed is instant. The



interior is comfortable, but the real treat is the silence of the car. At times I rolled down the window and turned the radio off to make sure it was still on. The motor does not cause any vibration like most of us are used to, but you have to remember to watch running the radio, lights or air conditioner all the time, because that cuts down on your miles per gallon. Why? Because we are running on pure electricity!

A brief description of how hydrogen fuel cell cars work: Compressed hydrogen is pumped into the car, where it is mixed with oxygen. The combination of the two creates water and electricity, the latter being your form of power and the water is your waste. The electricity is then stored in tanks on the car, which are pretty much the same as your gas tank. I hope that, as technology progresses in this field, we can have cars that not only have water as their only waste product, but that, when it comes out of the tailpipe it is chilled and drinkable, and tastes like Fiji or Evian.

I would like to thank John for letting me drive his car for a day and also GM

for taking the first step toward our new future of being "green."





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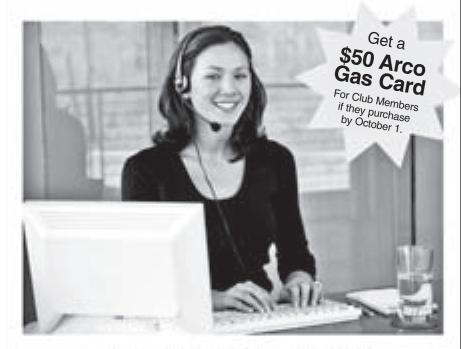




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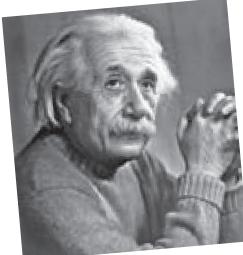
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Karsh Images on Display

"Karsh 100: A Biography in Images" photo exhibit at Central Library's first floor galleries runs through January.



Albert Einstein.

In celebration of the centennial birthday of I photographer Yousuf Karsh, known for photographing many of the world's most renowned personalities of the 20th century, the exhibit "Karsh 100: A Biography in Images" is on display at Central Library's First Floor Galleries, 630 W. Fifth St., downtown Los Angeles. The exhibit is free and open to the public during regular library hours.

The exhibit was organized by the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (MFA) to represent a visuernment has become the iconic representation of the statesman.

By the end of the 1940s, Karsh had become the world's most sought-after photographer of famous and powerful people because of the way he captured their inward power. His reportedly exquisite, gentlemanly manners and professionalism made sitters comfortable. Privileged individuals trusted him to record their likeness in a way that would protect their reputations. It allowed him to capture many of the definitive images that the world remembers. Karsh wrote of



Mother Teresa.

Karsh 100: A Biography in Images

On View: Central Library's first floor galleries runs through January.

Where: Downtown Central Library, 630 W. Fifth Street

Hours: Mon.-Thurs.: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fri.-Sat.: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.;

and Sunday: 1 to 5 p.m. Closed on holidays.

Cost: Free

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al biography of Karsh, who made a career photographing some of the world's most distinguished statesmen, artists, literary figures, musicians, scientists and actors. It includes the eminent photographer's more prominent images alongside his lesser known.

The exhibit features Karsh's early photographic forays including personal images, and assignment work from the 1950s that reveals the humanity with which he approached all people.

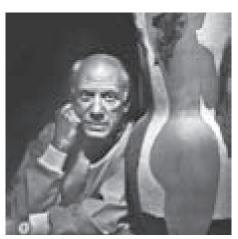
Born on Dec. 23, 1908, Karsh defined the fine art of the photographic portrait in the 20th century. As a teen, Karsh left his native Armenia and eventually settled in Ottawa. His rise to international success began with a portrait of Winston Churchill. In an often-told story, Karsh was granted only two minutes to take the picture during a 1941 visit by the impatient British prime minister to Canada. The photo commissioned by the Canadian govhis fascination for the inward power of his sitters saying it was his goal to "photograph the great in spirit, whether they be famous or humble.'

During his 60-year career, he held more than 15,000 sittings and produced some 150 000 negatives. At the end of his life. Karsh moved to Boston, where he died at age 94 in

The exhibit, "Karsh 100: A Biography in Images," is free and open to the public during library hours: Monday through Thursday: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday: 1 to 5 p.m. The library is closed on holidays. For more information, visit www.lapl.org/events or call (213) 228-7500.



Winston Churchill



Pablo Picasso.



This Month's Pets For Adoption:

precious

Precious is a one-year-old spayed 14-pound shorthair tabby. Her owners moved and she was left behind. She is an indoor cat, litter-box trained, and very friendly with people and other pets. Her special trick is drinking water from the faucet! ID# A1048790 - West Valley Animal



JUNNY

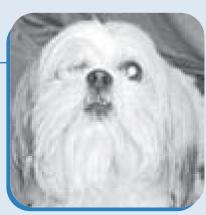
Sunny is a 16-pound neutered five-yearold longhair orange tabby. His owners moved and couldn't take him with them. He is a sweet boy and likes other cats.

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Martha is a beautiful six-year old spayed Shih Tzu. Our fine medical staff was forced to remove one of her eyes, but she is still a cutie. She loves people and other dogs and acts like a puppy.

ID# A1047074 - West Valley Animal Care Center



thumper

Thumper is a one-year-old rust/brown rabbit. He was abandoned at an apartment building with several of his siblings. He is very friendly and loves to be held. Please help him find a great home!

ID# A1044655 - West Valley Animal Care Center

Remi is a three-year-old neutered jindo mix whose owner moved out of the country. He is well trained and likes other dogs and people. He has a lot of energy and would be perfect for an active family. ID# A0993844 - West Valley Animal

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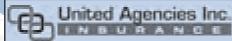
Other great animals are available for adoption at www.laanimalservices.com

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BY JEFF GELINEAU

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



Water, Water Everywhere

The call came at 6:05 this morning. "Does my homeowners policy cover a water leak?"

At that hour, my main concern was rolling back over for more sleep. "Of course it does," I muttered. Was I right, or was it the sleepy seeds talking?

What is covered in the way of water damage, and what isn't? It's a reasonable question, but like a lot of other things in insurance, the answer is, "it depends."

There is a lot of confusion about what types of water damage are covered under a homeowners insurance policy. Homeowners policies do not cover damages due to a flood, but they do cover other kinds of water damage. For example, they would generally pay for damage from rain coming through a hole in the roof or a broken window if the hole was caused by strong winds. But if you have a hidden pipe leaking in your house and over time water damage occurs, that would not be covered.

It pretty much boils down to whether the water damage was caused by a covered peril such as a storm. If the water damage were due to you not keeping your house maintained and repaired, then your insurance would not cover it. If you don't know what water damage is covered, review your home insurance policy, or check with your agent now, before any damage occurs.

Never ignore indications of an obvious water problem in your home. You should immediately attempt to find and stop leaks at their source. When water leaks into your property, moisture can collect, allowing mold to develop. Mold can cause further damage to your property and can potentially cause health problems. The adverse health effects from mold exposure can range from runny noses, coughs, nosebleeds, congestion and sinusitis to more serious upper respiratory ailments including asthma or bronchitis. Many insurance companies restrict mold damage, but some may be covered if it was caused by a covered peril. Report any water damage to your insurance agent immediately.

If sudden water damage occurs to your property, including storm damage, dry all wet areas and provide air circulation to assist in the drying process. Cover any areas with a tarp to prevent more water damage. Contact your insurance agent immediately.

What if you find water damage that indicates leakage over time? Unfortunately, mold may have already developed, and more than likely your claim would not be covered. Attempting to clean up the mold may spread the mold spores, causing greater property damage or health problems. Mold can be dangerous to your health. Mold testing and cleanup should be conducted by professionals as soon as mold is detected.

Here's a list of seven possible losses. Guess which ones are covered:

1. The temperature drops below zero, causing your water pipes to freeze and burst. Your floor is now covered in six inches of water.

Are you covered? Yes, you are covered for water damage from burst pipes, but most policies won't cover you if you've left the house unoccupied and without heat.

2. Water leaks from your backyard pool, ruining your manicured lawn and flooding your living room.

Are you covered? The damages to your living room and your personal property in it are covered, but not the damage to your lawn.

3. Your washing machine overflows, flooding the laundry room.

Are you covered? Yes, but again, the extent to which you are covered depends on your insurer's view of the problem.

4. A sewer backs up, flooding your house. *Are you covered?* No. Standard policies don't cover it, and many specifically exclude damage from sewer backups.

5. During a heavy rainstorm, water leaks through your roof. The roof is damaged, as is furniture.

Are you covered? Somewhat. While you might not be reimbursed for roof repairs, because that's a house-maintenance issue, the water damage to your home is probably covered.

6. Your bathtub overflows.

Are you covered? Yes. You are covered even if the bathtub overflowed because you forgot to turn off the faucet.

7. A nearby lake or river overflows its banks, causing a flash flood in your living room.

Are you covered? No. Flood damage is not covered by homeowners insurance. You must purchase flood insurance from the federal government. You can purchase flood insurance as long as your community participates in the National Flood Insurance Program.

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LAFACE

Cora's the New President

Filipino Employees Association names Cora Aragon Soriano its new president.

Corazon Soriano, CDD, was named president of the Los Angeles Filipino Association of City Employees (LAFACE) at the group's annual meeting July 12. Her term is from 2009 to 2011. She succeeds Ruby De Vera, who will take the advisory role of Immediate Past President.

The Board Members elected were:

- First Vice President: Fred Rivera
- Second Vice President: Linda Granados
- Third Vice President: Amelia Marucut
- Recording Secretary: Nell Dizon
- Corresponding Secretary: Harriet Voloso
- Treasurer: Mildred Jacla
- Asst. Treasurer: Susie Feliciano
- Auditor: Yolanda Huang
- Asst. Auditor: Noemi Cuevas
- PRO: Alex Banares
- Webmaster: Josef Isidro, and
- Affirmative Action: Susana Reyes.

As President, Cora will direct LAFACE in leading or extending assistance to any organization or movement intended to promote the economic, social, cultural and educational advancement of Filipinos in the community; in striving to foster the advancement of Filipinos and other



Cora Aragon Soriano.

minorities in City service and in other fields, and in cooperating with other minority groups towards achieving its goals.

LAFACE is the only Filipino-American organization in existence among City employees. It was formed in 1982 as an organization that empowers one of the largest racial groups of employees in the City of Los Angeles.

The installation of officers is scheduled at a dinner dance Sept. 11.

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OBITUARY

Tom Kasowski, 59

Well-remembered City Employee and Club Member passes away.



Thomas Michael Kasowski, 59, died Aug. 2. He was a Supply Services Manager, General Services.

Born Oct. 31, 1949, in Breckenridge Minn., he spent the first years of his life in Wahpeton, N.D. He had lived in California since 1956, and he graduated from Reseda High School in 1967. Employed by the City since 1974, Tom loved his job in General

Married to Laurie Burns in 1971, Tom and Laurie spent more than 36 years together, enjoying photography, traveling and showing their Borzoi dogs.

Tom was a life member of the Borzoi Club of America and member of the Valley Hills Obedience Club, Midwest Borzoi Club and Borzoi Club of California. Tom served as president of the Borzoi Tom and Laurie Kasowski.

Club of California for many years.

An avid photographer, Tom's photos grace the collections of Borzoi owners worldwide.

Predeceased by his father, Sylvester "Mike" Kasowski, and mother, Rosella Rieke Kasowski, Tom is survived by his wife, Laurie Burns Kasowski; sisters Shari Clark and Merry Kuvkendall; brother, Kevin Kasowski; nephews Michael Johnson, Brett Johnson, Casey Johnson, Brian Clark, Colin Kasowski and Logan Kasowski; and nieces Kristy Johnson Grieve, Aubrey Clark and Sarabeth Johnson.

Family memorial services were private. Memorial donations can be made to the American Cancer Society, 500 N. Victory Blvd., Burbank Ca. 91502, or the Borzoi Club of California, Tom Kasowski Memorial Fund, 1728 Hanson Lane, Ramona, CA 92065.



CLUB INSURANCE: There When You Really Need It

Club Life Insurance **Makes Sense**

September is Life Insurance Month. Here are six great reasons why you should buy life insurance.

Ilub Life Insurance is all about building ✓your financial strength to take care of your family in the event you're no longer there to do it yourself. Life insurance should serve as the foundation of your family's financial security, helping to ensure that

your loved ones will be all right financially, even if something were to happen to

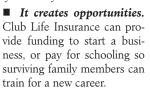
September is Life Insurance Awareness Month, a great time to think about all the things that life insurance can do for you and your family. But that can happen only with planning. Schedule an appointment with a Club Counselor, to make sure that you have the right amount and type of insurance to protect the ones you love.

Here are just some of the great benefits of Club Life Insurance:

■ It allows time to grieve. Club Life Insurance allows loved ones to focus on their grief by helping to pay for the funeral and other final expenses.

- It can provide a fresh start. Club Life Insurance lets loved ones start fresh by helping to pay off credit card bills, outstanding loans and even the mortgage.
- *It provides income*. Club Life Insurance helps replace lost income for years to come, so that surviving family members can continue to pay for life's necessities.
- It offers flexibility. Club Life Insurance gives a surviving spouse the

chance to take time off from work to reestablish your family's stability.



■ It leaves a legacy. Club Life Insurance gives parents the chance to leave future generations with the legacy of long-term financial security.

Club Life Insurance is good for you. It's good for your family.

Club Life Insurance makes dollars and sense. Contact your Club Counselor today.

This Month at the



Here are the highlights of the Club Store and Service Center for September:

TICKETS



Try the Club's E-ticket system!

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United Agencies APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE

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GET A FREE QUOTE ON AUTO AND HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE

Sept. 3

Rosa Calderon, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sept. 4

Patty Pulido, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Norma Angulo, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sept. 18

Rosa Calderon, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sept. 25

Patty Pulido, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Note: The Club Store and Service center will be closed in honor of Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7.

Your United Agencies Reps:













Bridging the Gap to Recycling

Sanitation opens an exhibit in City Hall on waste reduction.



Councilmember Jan Perry, Club Member, presents a City Council resolution to Board of Public Works President Cynthia M. Ruiz. In the background is Richard Myles, Bureau of Sanitation Division Manager, Solid Resources Valley Collections.



A blue recycling bin with a banner showing items that can be placed in the blue bin. A green bin with a banner showing items that can be placed in the green bin.

On Aug. 12, Public Works/Sanitation opened its solid resources exhibit titled "On the Road to Zero Waste." The educational exhibit aims to improve recycling practices and the proper disposal of hazardous waste as well as increase awareness of Sanitation services to the public.

The exhibit is in the rotunda and Henry P. Rio Bridge Gallery on the third floor of City Hall downtown.

In attendance at the opening ceremony were Councilwoman Jan Perry, Club Member; Cynthia Ruiz, President, Board of Public Works; Enrique C. Zaldivar, Director, Public Works/Sanitation; Alex Helou, Assistant Director of Solid Resources, Public Works/Sanitation; Karen Coca, Acting Division Manager, Solid Resources Citywide Recycling; Khalil Gharios, Division Manager, Solid Resources Construction and Processing; Chris Johnson, Division Manager, Solid Resources South Collections; Richard Myles, Division Manager, Solid Resources Valley Collections; and Jorge Santiesteban, Division Manager, Solid Resources Support Services.

Public Works/Sanitation's five Solid Resources Divisions—Citywide Recycling, Processing and Construction, South and Valley Collections and Support Services—properly and safely manage more than 1.6 million tons of the City's massive solid waste stream annually, achieving a 65 percent diversion rate of solid waste from landfills. As a result, the City has the highest recycling rate out of 10 of the largest U.S. cities surveyed in the March 2, 2009 edition of Waste & Recycling News.

California Assembly Bill 939, known as the Integrated Waste Management Act, mandated compliance in the reduction of solid waste being disposed in landfills and required jurisdictions to meet solid waste diversion goals of 25 percent by 1995 and 50 percent by 2000.

Public Works/Sanitation implements solid waste collection, recycling and hazardous waste programs for the City that exceed California's mandated 50 percent diversion rate of waste from landfills. The Bureau's goal is to meet a 70 percent diversion rate by 2015.



Banner of a Bureau of Sanitation Refuse Collection Truck



Councilmember Jan Perry, Club Member, with Public Works/Sanitation staff, from left: Alex Helou, Assistant Director, Solid Resources; Chris Johnson, Division Manager, Solid Resources South Collections; Khalil Gharios, Division Manager, Solid Resources Construction and Processing; Richard Myles, Division Manager, Solid Resources Valley Collections; Karen Coca, Acting Division Manager, Solid Resources Citywide Recycling; and Jorge Santiesteban, Division Manager, Solid Resources Support Services.



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ACHIEVEMENTS

Going the Distance

Club Board President Mike Biagi, Airports, writes about his experience running the Boston Marathon.



Story and photos by Mike Biagi, Chief, Landside Operations Division, Airports/LAX, and Club Board Member

Thaven't always been a runner. In fact, when I was 10 years old

my parents signed me up for soccer, but I played only one season because I didn't like all the running. Baseball was my sport, surfing was my recreation and golf was the source of my frustration. (If you're a golfer, you'll understand what I mean by that.)

But being in love will make you do some pretty crazy things.

When Marla and I married in 1997, she was a runner and participated in a variety of events – the Susan Komen breast cancer runs, a half-marathon, etc. One of her goals had always been to run a full marathon. About four years ago, when she was lacing up to pound the pavement, I asked if I could join her. To my surprise she said okay. I wasn't going for the running; I just wanted to be with her. We had a good time and before long we were running together often.

After a few months we decided to run a half-marathon together, and we really enjoyed it. Some time after that, we decided to tackle her dream of running a full marathon. Together, we crossed the finish line of the Pacific Shoreline Marathon (now called the Surf City Marathon) in five hours flat on Super Bowl Sunday 2007. We were thrilled! The Orange County Register did a news story on our run and we basked in our achievement for a long time. I definitely had the running bug, and I wanted to keep going.

I come from a long line of overachievers. My Dad (Del Biagi), whom many of you probably know, was the youngest general manager the City ever had at age 43. His dad was a decorated war hero, and my great-grandfather came to the United States from Italy. My mom is a member of MENSA, and her uncle was a real-life rocket scientist for the government! So I

guess the need to push myself is in my genes.

Now that Marla and I had run a marathon together, I wanted to see what kind of time I could run on my own. So, on Feb. 3, 2008, in a driving rain and 30 mph winds, I took the first steps towards my personal goal of running a marathon in less than four hours. I finished the race in 3 hours 48 minutes, and I swore I would never run another marathon. I was beat up, sore and mentally exhausted for a long time after that race. I'm sure the weather had a lot to do with how I felt.

As I talked to other runners I knew, they told me that my time of 3:48 wasn't too far off from the qualifying time I would need to run the Boston Marathon, the oldest and most prestigious marathon there is. At first I thought they were crazy, and I dismissed the idea. However, a friend of mine gave me a book about a guy who runs 100-mile races, and another good friend snapped a picture of the Boston Marathon finish line, which is painted on the street in the heart of the city. With these things as my motivation, I began my training program in August 2008.

Running eight minutes per mile for 26.2 miles was incomprehensible to me when I started. I struggled with the long runs, had a hard



Mike Biagi, Chief, Landside Operations Division, Airports/LAX, and Club Board President, achieved his dream of running the Boston Marathon.

"Running eight minutes per mile for 26.2 miles was incomprehensible to me when I started...

About two thirds of the way into the training, though, I broke through and started running faster and feeling better."

time with some of the pace runs and generally wondered if I would make it. About two thirds of the way into the training, though, I broke through and started running faster and feeling better. After I completed a 20-mile run in late November, I felt ready to tackle the California International Marathon Dec. 7, 2008.

Stepping Stone: Sacramento

The course begins in Folsom and winds through some quaint little towns before finishing on the Capitol steps in downtown Sacramento. I got off the bus at the starting line at 6:30 a.m. and the floodlights illuminated several long lines of portable toilets. I had never seen so many assembled in one place! But I guess with 6,000 people entered in the race it was necessary. The starting gun went off at 7 a.m. sharp and we were under way.

The weather that morning was perfect. It was 39 degrees, and a thick fog hung about 100 feet off the ground. The wind was calm. We sounded like a heard of elephants as we stomped along for the first quarter mile. The runners were shoulder-to-shoulder and you could feel everyone's excitement. Because this course is considered a good qualifier for Boston there were many of us trying to make our time.

Before I really knew what was happening, I passed the 10-mile marker. I couldn't believe it! The race was going by too fast. I figured I had better start enjoying it or it would be over before I knew it. The story was much different as I approached mile 18, though. I couldn't believe there were eight more miles to go and I wondered if I would finish in 3 hours 30 minutes (my qualifying time).

Spectators lined much of the course, hollering their encouragement as we passed by. I saw moms being kissed by their children, I saw dads getting water bottles from their wives, and lots of people holding homemade signs and cheer-

ing for their friends.

At mile 23 I was still about three minutes ahead of my pace time, but I was in trouble. Every mile felt like two, my hip joints were aching and my chest was heaving as I struggled to get oxygen to my legs. When I passed mile marker 25, the spotter announced that exactly 3 hours 20 minutes had elapsed from the start of the race. I was terrified! I had only 10 minutes to go the last 1.2 miles, and I had nothing left. It was at that point that the pace runner for the 3:30 group came up next to me and said, "Michael, you can do this. Stay with me!" So I tucked in behind him and ran for all I was worth. It was a glorious feeling making that last turn toward the finish line and knowing that I would make it. I finished the race in 3 hours 28 minutes! I was on my way to Boston!

My parents, my grandma and my Aunt Marjorie were all there at the end in Sacramento, and I fell into their arms – I was exhausted, elated and completely overwhelmed with what I had just accomplished. I cried as I hugged them and recounted the miles. After taking some pictures we went to lunch, and I'll tell you food never tasted so good!

I was really sore and stiff for a week afterward, but it was a good feeling, and my City family at work shared my excitement. I took a few weeks off, but then it was time to begin training for Boston, which was April 20.

On to Boston

The training for Boston was going along just fine until February, when I dislocated my left shoulder playing hockey. My training was on hold for a couple of weeks, which actually helped me deal with some heel spurs I had been fighting since October. Not much fun. I managed to run on a treadmill and just take it easy for a while.

My Boston Marathon experience was vastly different from my qualifying run. At the CIM it was all business until I crossed the finish line. But I had two goals at Boston: 1) have fun; and 2) finish in less than four hours.

From start to finish the Boston Marathon

route was lined with spectators. They came out of the woodwork to see the race and cheer every runner like you were a champion! I had a wonderful time interacting with the crowd, talking with my fellow runners and even taking a few phone calls from family and friends during the race (I carried my cell phone and asked some people to call me...crazy, huh?). Making the last turn onto Boylston Street was really special. The streets were lined with bleachers on both sides, and the roar of the crowd felt like a World Series baseball game. I crossed the finish line in 3:54 and I felt great! I had done something that just a couple of years ago I had never even considered doing.

As I have looked back on all of this, I've come to realize that this experience has taught me a lot about myself. I have drawn on the lessons I've learned in many other parts of my life. Most importantly, I've learned that hard work and determination can take you places you never thought possible.

Never Forget Your Dreams

Right now the City is facing some pretty tough times. Talk of layoffs, furloughs and salary cuts fills the headlines. To City workers like you and me who don't have a lot of decision-making power, these can be scary times. But I'm convinced that if we stick together, keep grinding it out and pressing on towards our goal we can help the City pull out of this tailspin before it's too late.

In my personal life, too, there have been applications from this marathon experience. I have three teenagers, and it's been tough lately. Sometimes I feel like I'm at mile 25 and I'm running out of steam. But with Marla at my side we continue to encourage each other and persevere through the difficulties. Someday we'll look back on these years and smile. But until then we'll keep running the race...together.

When I began this adventure, I was not sure I would be able to qualify for Boston. But somewhere along the line I realized that while Boston was the goal, I was being changed through the training and the discipline necessary to pursue the dream. I came to understand that for me, even if I didn't run fast enough to hit a time of 3:30, I had set my sights on something that previously had been way beyond my reach. Even if I fell short I still would have been excited about trying to make it.

Every one of us has something that we really want to do but have been afraid to try. Something that has seemed too far out of reach, a dream that would require too great an effort. I would encourage you to take a fresh look at your dreams. Take them off the shelf and out of the box, shine some light on them and see if you can't take a shot at making your dreams come true. As I was, you might be surprised at the things you can accomplish when you set your sights high.



Marla and Mike Biagi, partners in life ... and running.

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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:

Oct. 8. Annual RLACEI corporation meeting and elections, Friendship Auditorium, 320 Riverside Dr. Lunch at noon. Meeting at I p.m.

Dec. 4. RLACEI Christmas party, noon at the Grace E. Simons Lodge in Elysian Park. Courtesy taxi rides from the parking area, courtesy of the Independent Taxi Owners Association.

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

RLACEI:

Will Early Retirement Plan Affect LACERS Fund?

President Ed Harding reports:



Ed Harding

By the time you read this, our annual picnic at the Grace E. Simon Lodge in Elysian Park, held Aug. 13, will be history. It's always an event I look forward to. There are always so many friends and coworkers who attend.

In my last article, I spoke about the passing of Dave Reed, retired Assistant Director of Street Maintenance; what a great gal his wife, Jeanne Nishi, is; and how many friends and admirers she has. I received many letters telling of the admiration they have for her.

Our next event will be our annual corporation meeting and election Oct. 8 at the Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr. in Los Angeles. Alex Rabrenovich, Chief Health Benefits Administrator for LACERS, will be there to keep you informed of everything new on your health plans. Chris & Pitts will serve

lunch to all that have made reservations. Call (800) 678-4145 ext. 791 for reservations.

Are you planning to retire soon? If you are, Helen Salgado, RLA-CEI 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 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 91411-3910.

Director Mary Beetz reports:



Mary Beetz

"Generic vs. brand-name drugs: All LACERS members can help control the rising costs of healthcare by being better

healthcare consumers. One way you can do this is by using generic prescription drugs. If you're on a particular medication, you may have the choice to purchase the generic version of the brand-name drug your doctor has prescribed. You may hesitate to select generic drugs over brand-name drugs just as you might prefer one brand of cereal, cleaning product or mouthwash to another, because you

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Legislative Update, Ken Spiker reports:



Ken Spiker

I am pleased to report that our retirement fund has improved and is recovering some of our two-year losses. LACERS fund reached \$8.9 billion, and we expect to continue to increase the total. Is the recession over?

Negotiations with our health care providers are in the final states. We will offer you the same carriers in 2010 as we now have. Unfortunately, premiums will increase as they have nationwide, but we are bargaining for a minimum amount. Benefits and services should not change, but we do

have some extras on the table we hope to get (Botox?).

As of this writing, the (ERIP) Early Retirement Incentive Program is still in limbo. Unions and City officials have negotiated a program that would permit between 2229 and 2763 current employees to take early retirement.

While early retirement would save the City funds, it would pass on an unfunded liability to the LACERS fund between \$250 million and \$354 million.

Negotiations between City officials and unions were based upon

a 15-year repayment plan to the LACERS fund. The LACERS General Manager has recommended a five-year repayment plan. All Union representatives who appeared before the Board of Administration opposed staff's recommendation. The board president referred the matter to a special committee for a public hearing. Final outcome of the proposal is to be determined.

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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.

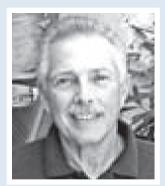
Contact LACERS

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.

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Travel Planning

■ Hal takes this month to explain proper trip planning.



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 |

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Mary Beetz



For me, planning a trip is just as exciting as taking it. I enjoy the research that goes with deciding where to spend your vacation time – even if it is a couple of days in Las Vegas or a month in Europe. After I have booked my trip, I develop a checklist that outlines all of the things that I need to accomplish or plan for before leaving home.

This month, I thought I would share with you my "to-do" checklist (which I use

for both domestic and foreign travel) and hope that if some of you have other items I have not thought about, you would send them to me.

I divide my checklist into a number of categories:

A complete dayby-day itinerary: If I have not received one from my travel agent or the tour company, I prepare one myself. I break it down by each day of the trip and include airline, hotel and car rental information. I include reservation numbers, phone numbers and location information. Also, I will include specific activities if I have already reserved them. By including all this information, I then give a copy of the itin-

erary to people who may need to reach me in case of an emergency. When Evelyn and I were in Cancun, we had a family emergency; because we had given a copy of our itinerary to our daughter, she was able to contact us in Mexico.

Current ID and visa: Beginning June 1, everyone traveling to and from the United States needs a passport. Passports are now issued for 10 years, but in some countries your passport must not expire for at least six month from the time you enter the country. If you make frequent trips to Mexico or Canada and entry at land border crossings or seaports, you can use a Passport Card. The Passport Card is more convenient and less expensive than a passport book, but it cannot be used for international air travel. Always carry your driver's license as a secondary ID. If you need a visa, get it early. When we needed a visa to get into Chile, it took a week before it was ready. The State Department's Website, www.travel.state.gov, has informa-

countries where U.S. citizens can travel. Most countries have tourist offices here in Los Angeles, so you can do it yourself. If you don't want the trouble, there are a number of visa services that will do the job for you for a fee. Make sure you know what paperwork you need for each country, because it is no fun being refused entry because of an expired passport or not having a visa.

Customs documentation: Most everyone knows that you can bring in only a certain amount and kinds of goods from foreign countries. The customs information is available from www.cbp.gov. What you may not know is that if you have foreign-made items you purchased here, such as a camera, you may have to pay duty on it when you return from your trip. To protect yourself, you can register each item with the Customs Agency, and then if you are questioned, you can show the paperwork. Also -- read up on the custom information for each of the countries. In many cases, the amounts and types of goods you can bring back are either

Foreign currency: It is always nice to have some foreign money when you get off the plane, but with the use of credit cards and ATMs, it is no longer necessary. Before you leave home, check with your financial institution to make sure your ATM card will work in the countries you are visiting. When you use a credit card, make sure of two things - the amount is shown in the currency of the country, and keep your copy. Using a credit card can save money, as the exchange rate is better for the credit card company, but some card companies charge a service fee for international use. If the currency of the country is fluctuating, you may want to pay cash. I let the credit card company know that I going out of the country and not to be worried if they get credit card charges from Timbuktu.

[Hi Hal -- my credit card company and ATM bank ding me with a hefty service charge every single time I use my cards in a foreign country. Plus, their exchange rates are not that favorable, either. They think I am wealthier than I am, apparently, so they want to take as much of that supposed wealth as they can get away with! And since there often is a service charge on buying and using traveler's checks in foreign lands, I forego the whole service fee nightmare and get currency at my bank in Los Angeles before traveling. My bank doesn't charge account holders a service charge, and the exchange rate is reasonable, if not great. Yes, that means there's no recourse if I lose my wallet, but I would rather take that chance than pay an exorbitant service charge every time I use my credit card and ATM card. Of course you can't use cash for everything - a week at a hotel would require a hefty amount. So in that case, I will use the card and pay the service fee. But I make sure to charge everything – meals, snacks, towel fees, whatever – to my room. That way, there's only one ding on my card at the end.

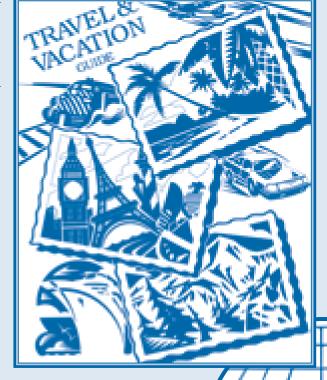
And if you plan on using your cell phone in a foreign land – especially if you want to use it to check your email, or do other services that require downloading data – make sure you call your cell carrier in advance. Foreign data service fees can be outrageous - some people report bills of more than \$500. Make sure to call your

cell phone company a week before you leave, and ask them about their lower-cost options.

Ridiculous service charges can take a lot of the fun out of foreign travel. Just my two cents. - Ed.]

Destination information and maps: The Internet has so much information that I no longer buy guidebooks. You can do your research and then print out a version to take with you on the trip. Another help is to use a mapping

system to get directions from the airport to your hotel if you are driving. I purchased a global positioning system (GPS), which we take with us. Before we go I program all the information I will need, and it's ready to go. It even worked in South America. Check with the government travel advisory



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thing. Travel and medical insurance: Depending on your destination and the cost of your trip, you may want to buy supplemental travel and medical insurance. The plan includes: trip cancellation; trip delay and interruption; baggage protection; payment for medical and dental expense; and emergency evacuation. In some places this is required. When we traveled to Africa, our tour company required that we have both the travel and medical insurance.

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Looking good in their stylish hats are, from left, Club Members Joe Etheredge (retired in 2000) and Jerome Martin (retired from Airports).



Club Member Barbara Williams, Retired, Fire and Police Pensions.



The picnic's entertainer and square-dance caller, Ron Black. (If you need a great country-Western D.J. and singer, call him at [818] 752-6810).



From left: Club Members Mei Yee, who retired from the Controller's Office after 25 years, and Carol Takafuji, who retired from ITA after 38 years.



Victor and Pat Aprea, who recently celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary. Congratulations!



Santos and Mimi Ybarra, both retired from ITA.



Club Members Larry and Dorothy Tamashiro. Dorothy retired from the Controller's Office after 36 years.

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Arlene and Jim Tom. Arlene retired from Planning after 12 years, and Jim retired from the Controller's Office after 31 years.

A Summer Picnic

■ Retirees Assn. hosts annual picnic.

Story and photos by John Hawkins, Club CEO

RLACEI – The Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) held its annual summer picnic Aug. 13.

The picnic was held at the Grace E. Simons Lodge in Elysian

Park.

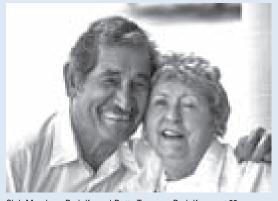
Ed Harding, RLACEI President, and his hard-working board put on another fantastic annual picnic. Entertainment was pro-

vided by the famous square-dance caller, Ron Black. Food was provided by Chris & Pitts ... and it was good!

To find out about other upcoming RLACEI events, go to www.rlacei.com



Club Member and RLACEI President Ed Harding with his lovely wife,



 Club Members Rodolfo and Betty Tarango. Rodolfo spent 33 years with the City





Marguerite and John Shadle.



From left: Club Member Bill Turner, Retired from Street Services after 39 years, and his friend, Richard Niederberg.



John Morea and Arlene Tom. John retired from Pensions after 32 years, and Arlene retired from Planning after 12 years.

The always present and always energetic LACERS crew, from left: Pat Badger-Alston, Management Analyst; Alex Rabrenovich, Chief Health Benefits Administrator; and Sonia Cervantes, Health Benefits Specialist.



Barbara and David Port. David retired from General Services/Printing





Website to see if there are any problems where you are going. I use both the U.S. and British government sites.

Things you are taking with you: I list everything that will be going with us on the trip. I even try to identify the clothes and the number of each item. While I don't always follow the list, it forces me to think of everything, and by listing it you won't forget anything. Some of the things I never leave home without: small flashlight; list of important phone numbers; copies of medical and eyeglass prescriptions; storage media for your camera; batteries; copies of

our passports; and lots of small plastic bags. We have also begun taking a laptop with us, both for communications and picture storage. If you are going overseas, you will want electrical plugs for the countries you are visiting, and sometimes I take an extension cord. I try to decide which luggage to take and

what I'm gong to carry on the plane. With the ever-changing regulations on what can be brought on board a plane, you need to check the TSA Website (www.tsa.gove) or call (866) 289-9673 to find out the latest regulations.

Adventures with Hal, continued from Page 32

Don't pack anything in your checked luggage that you don't want to lose. With the new luggage inspection routines, locking your bag does not guarantee security. I have used plastic ties to secure the zippers, and that way I know if the bag has been opened. Recently we purchased luggage locks approved by the Transportation Security instration that can be opened by the

Administration that can be opened by the inspectors. Clean out you wallet or purse and take only those items you need. I make copies of all my credit cards and other documents and give them to a trusted friend just in case my wallet is lost or stolen.

Home care: The last thing you want is for something to happen to your home while you are gone, so there are a number of things that I do to make sure I don't worry while I should be having fun. If you have a security system, let them know you will be gone and who to contact in case of emergency. Stop your mail and newspaper

or have a neighbor pick them up. I turn off the water to the bathrooms and laundry room while we are gone (I didn't do that once, and a line broke and ran for three weeks.) Have a light and/or radio on a timer. Lastly, have someone visit your home every couple of days to check for any problems and water the plants.

Now, go have a worry-free and wonderful vacation.

I hope this has been informative, if you have additional items that you do please let me know. Write to me at: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



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

Legislative Update

Ken Spiker, continued from page 31

Sacramento report: Members of all public retirement systems are relieved to know that the draconian initiative petition by Paul McCauley to allow any vested public pension benefits to be renegotiated to reduce benefits, failed on July 3 to qualify for the next state ballot.

Longtime Sacramento columnist Dan Walters noted recently that the state is now entering a budgeting cycle of once every five months. With IOUs being issued by the

state, the fiscal integrity of the state is leading to more credit downgrades. Another columnist, Richard Skelton, noted that the legislature should bar voting on any bill after sunset, after reporting on the 20-hour-long session in late July to approve the current budget. The trickledown effect on local government is that the state will take from the locals when times get tough, as that they have just done with the City's property tax, redevelopment money and gas tax.





LACERS Update

■ Mary Beetz, continued from page 31

think there may be a difference. What you may not know is – there really isn't.

A generic drug is a copy of the brandname drug in dosage, safety and strength, usage, quality and performance. Generic drugs are safe, effective and FDAapproved.

Generic drugs are less expensive because generic drug manufacturers don't have the development costs of the inventors of a new drug. Additionally, once generic drugs are approved (after the patent expires on the brand name), there is more competition, keeping prices down. Today, almost half of all prescriptions are filled with generic drugs. Check with your doctor if generic is good for you.

Also, not all brand-name drugs have a generic version, so check with your doctor, pharmacist or insurance company for more information. You may also visit the FDA Website at www.fda.gov/cder/ogd/

New Commissioners

■ Two new commissioners added to retirement board.

LACERS – The Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System (LACERS) announced Aug. 10 that two new members, Roberta A. Conroy and Elizabeth L. Greenwood, have been selected to serve on its Board of Administration.

Appointed to the LACERS Board by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Conroy served Capital Group Companies, retiring as Senior Vice President of Capital Guardian Trust Company after 23 years. She was responsible for all legal matters connected to Capital's U.S.-based investment management business. This included more than 1,000 client accounts and approximately \$100 billion in non-U.S. and global equity assets. She has a strong background in investment management products, regulation, contractual issues, regulatory examinations, corporate governance and fiduciary

Conroy holds a law degree from Loyola Law School and a Bachelor's degree from UCLA.

Greenwood was elected to the Board by Active LACERS Members and is a Deputy City Attorney in the Safe Neighborhoods Division, Neighborhood Prosecutor Section. She has also worked at the San Pedro Branch of the City Attorney's Office in the Homeland Security and Gang Units. She has served the City since 1996. Additionally, Greenwood has taught micro- and macro-economics, international trade theory, labor economics and law at the college

level.

Greenwood holds a law degree from Loyola Law School and a Bachelor's degree in quantitative economics and political science from Cal State Dominguez Hills.

"Roberta Conroy and Elizabeth Greenwood each brings unique skills and experiences to our Board of Administration," said Eric L. Holoman, President, LAC-ERS Board of Administration. "I look forward to working with them."

"We are lucky to have these two talented individuals sitting on our Board," said Sally Choi, LACERS General Manager

Both commissioners will serve terms that end June 30, 2014.

LACERS Board of Administration is comprised of four mayoral appointees,

two elected active City Employees and one elected retired City Employee. LACERS administers the City's pension plan to more than 30,000 active employees and 15,000 retirees and beneficiaries.



Roberta Conroy.

Elizabeth Greenwood.



In this monthly feature, Club CEO John Hawkins and Member Services Manager 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.

People We See See in downtown Los Angeles.



Meet Mike McDowell.

HIS NEIGHBORHOOD: Temple and Los Angeles Streets, a block north of City Hall.

AGE: 56

BIRTHPLACE:

Flint, Mich. "I moved to L.A. in 1990. I took the Greyhound. It cost me \$124 one way."

FAMILY: One sister, no brothers.

EDUCATION: Ameson High School, Mich.

IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE? "Peace on earth."

FAVORITE TEAM: Detroit Lions

RELIGION? Christian

FAVORITE FOOD: Rice

FAVORITE MOVIE: Gone With the Wind

FAVORITE ACTOR: Sean Connery

FAVORITE ACTRESS: Kim Novak

FAVORITE TV SHOW: Jeopardy

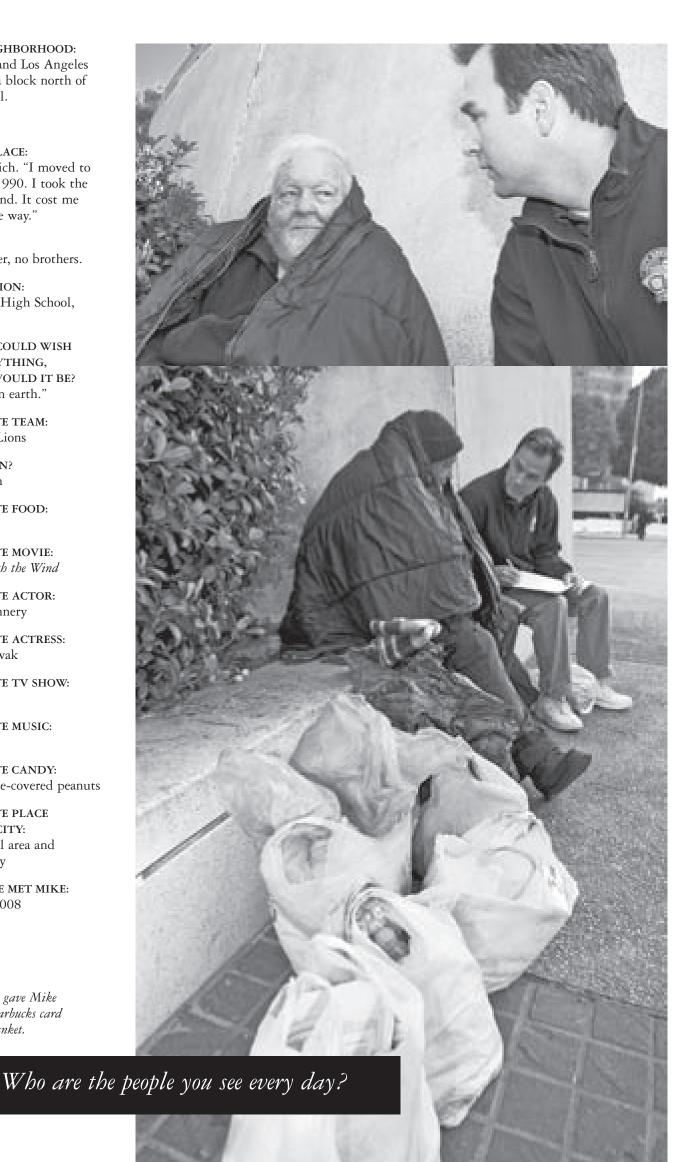
FAVORITE MUSIC: Classical

FAVORITE CANDY: Chocolate-covered peanuts

FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY: City Hall area and Broadway

DATE WE MET MIKE: Jan. 9, 2008

The Club gave Mike a \$25 Starbucks card and a blanket.





CLUB HEADQUARTERS

Club Honors 12

Scholarship Program for 2009 awards



The Club is pleased to announce the winners of the Club's annual Scholarship Program for 2009.

Here are the recipients of the 12 scholarships:

- Soukeyna Moore, daughter of Jené Brown, Library;
- Edward Cruz, Son of Maria Cruz, City Attorney's Office;
- Aryel Gilmer, daughter of Tonja Payne, Public Works;
- Stephanie Winger, daughter of Deborah Winger, DWP;
- Sabrina Amaro, daughter of Sergio Amaro, DWP:

Here are brief profiles of the awardees:

SOUKEYNA MOORE

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



Soukeyna Moore is beginning her sophomore year at Humboldt State
University in Arcata, where she is studying wildlife and conservation.
At Humboldt, she is

secretary of the Humboldt Circus, an on-campus circus that performs twice a year. She also part of the group

twice a year. She also part of the group Crossing Borders, which focuses on breaking racial barriers.

"My life's goal is to become an exotic ani-

My life's goal is to become an exotic animal keeper ... Normally, when I tell people of my life's goal, they are taken aback," she wrote in her essay. "Most people simply can't understand why I want to work with big and potentially dangerous animals. It's funny how most dwell on the negative, and while those are valid concerns, there are many positives as well, such as the gratification that comes with rehabilitating an injured animal and releasing him back into the wild, or saving an animal's life.

"If you choose me, you'll be funding and supporting the education that can make my dreams come true."

She's the daughter of Jené Brown, Library.

EDWARD CRUZ

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



Edward Cruz is studying architecture at USC, where he is active in the Astronomy Club, the Spanish Club, the ACE Program (architecture, construction and engineering) and Fishbowl, a

student organization.

He volunteers for USC's Mexican American Alumni Association and as an altar boy at his local parish.

"I love architecture," he wrote. "I love the idea of creating a space for a person to inhabit, and that the space I create can have an impact on his or her life. Over the past three years, I have learned to appreciate all the late nights and lack of sleep and food because the end result is the best part. Being able to see a finished building, real or not, is very satisfying. I truly appreciate being in a good program, and I look forward to completing my final two years, for I could not see myself doing anything else."

Edward is the son of Maria Cruz, City Attorney's Office.

STEPHANIE WINGER

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



Stephanie Winger attends San Francisco State University, after graduating from College of the Canyons in Valencia. At SFSU, she plans to pursue communication studies.

She has been actively involved in choir since high school, and she has competed in volleyball. She volunteers with the Save a Kitty Kat rescue group, the Honors/H.I.T.E. program, and at the Castaic

Animal Shelter.

"Once [graduate] school is done, I hope one day to be a campaign manager for a political candidate, an advertising executive, or a public relations representative for any aspect of the entertainment or political industries," she wrote.

"I still plan on further honing my skills as a musician and actress in choir, musical theatre and performing in general. Music and acting have always been passions of mine.

"I cannot wait for [my mom and three dogs] to see how this journey will allow me to grow as an adult."

She's the daughter of Deborah Winger, DWP.

ARYEL GILMER

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



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Aryel Gilmer attends Azusa Pacific University in Azusa, where she is pursing communications disorders coursework.

She has a long list of honors, including numerous academic achieve-

ments, and she plays bass. She has volunteer experience serving Thanksgiving dinner to those in need; giving out candy on Halloween at a Harvest Festival; working at a booth at a Fourth of July Festival; setting up Easter egg hunts; and working in the children's ministry at her church. She has also risen above a number of serious health-related issues.

"Education is one of the most vital tools in society today," she wrote. "Going to college to further my knowledge is more valuable now in my generation than it used to be. With the current state of the economy, it is important that I earn a higher level of education to better my chances of having a good, solid career.

"[I want to] eventually develop a career working with children, either teaching them sign language or speech language pathology. [I want to] help children who are deaf or hearing-impaired communicate efficiently and encourage them to not allow their hearing impediment to keep them from achieving their dreams."

She's the daughter of Tonja Payne, Public Works.

SABRINA AMARO

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



Sabrina Amaro attends
Dartmouth College in
Hanover, N.H. At
Dartmouth, her goal is to
pursue a math degree
with a minor in biology.
She intends a medical
career.

From her career at Canyon High School in Canyon Country, she lists more than two pages of academic, athletic and service honors. She was active in cross-country; she played hockey (in an all-boys league); she was in the top one percent of her class; she had her own private tutoring business; and she was involved in numerous volunteer activities.

"There is so much she is anxious to master," she wrote of herself in the third person. "[Like] exploring the fields of medicine, biology or mathematics; traveling the world; finding the cure for cancer; and basically, scoring a hat trick of life! Sitting in front of the television, hanging out around the house, or just having nothing noted on her calendar and nowhere to go is physically impossible for her. A packed schedule is the only way to live life."

She is the daughter of Sergio Amaro, DWP.

KAI MANUEL

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



Kai Manuel attends the University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania, where he is studying engineering.

At Highland High School, he was part of the California Scholarship www.cityemployeesclub.com

September 2009

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With Scholarships

\$1,000 to 12 members of the Club family.

- Kai Manuel, son of Roland Manuel, DWP;
- Janina Paragele, daughter of Medy Marmaril-Paragele, CDD;
- Alfredo Salcedo Jr., a City Employee;
- anae Henderson, daughter of Gidget Blevins, Finance;
- Melinda West, daughter of Veronica West, Public Works; and
- Andrew Di Tucci, son of Julie Di Tucci, Harbor.
- Vincent Frias, son of Angel Frias, Police

Congratulations to the awardees, and the Club wishes the best success to all those who applied.

Federation and was the treasurer of the College Club. He also worked on the school yearbook. He has volunteered for the Red Cross and at High Desert Medical and the Piute School carnival.

"For me, being my own person has not been a hard thing to accomplish because I have always felt content about choices that I have made, and I have my parents to thank for that," he wrote.

"A quality that I have and am proud of is my ability to take things apart, and then put them back together again. Doing this helps me understand how things work ... I like understanding how things work, and when we did engineering problems in physics class, I realized what I wanted to study as a major."

He is the son of Roland Manuel, DWP.

JANINA PARAGELE

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



Janina Paragele attends UC Irvine, where she is studying journalism.

At Los Osos High School in Rancho Cucamonga, she was a staff writer/editor on the school newspaper; she was

recognized by the California Scholarship Federation; she was a group leader for incoming students; and she was a member of the Cum Laude Society. She volunteered for Interact, a community service organization; for the Red Cross Club; for Lowercase People, a community service organization; and for Invisible Children.

"When I entered high school, I knew from the beginning that my career must have something to do with writing," she wrote. "Perhaps one of the most memorable interviews I had ever had was with Mr. Terrence Roberts. He was part of the Little Rock Nine, African-American students who were prohibited to enter a segregated school in Arkansas, but President Eisenhower interfered, which enabled the students to attend the school. [The interview] allowed me to see that I am the bridge for people to hear the stories that were never told.

"Someone once said, 'Journalism is the first rough draft of history.' Therefore, I intend to be part of history."

Janina is the daughter of Medy Mamaril-Paragele, CDD.

ALFREDO SALCEDO JR.

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



Alfredo Salcedo Jr., currently a City Employee, just graduated from Cal State L.A. with a Bachelor's degree in child development, and a partial degree in theatre arts and dance, and further

credits in kinesiology.

At Cal State L.A., he was on the Dean's list three years. He has been a youth group leader, a Sunday School teacher, a Praise dance leader, a youth theatrical coordinator, president of the church choir, and a member of the Dance Ensemble. He was also a cabinet member of the Chicano/a Latino/a Resource Center.

"I would like to work with children who deal with obesity, and teach them how to become physically active and adopt a healthy lifestyle," he wrote. "A child, especially at a very young age, can gain more confidence, be outgoing, and energetic by participating in healthy activities such as walking, running, dancing and playing sports.

"I can either sit and do nothing, or change the life of a child forever."

JANAE HENDERSON

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



Janae Henderson attends U.C. Berkeley, studying business administration and media studies. At Carson High School, she participated in the drama club, the step team and the marching band, as

well as the Junior State of America. She volunteered at the Vista Veranda Assisted Living facility, served hot meals for the homeless on Christmas, supported the No on Prop 8 campaign, and she worked for Rec and Parks for various events.

"I aspire to reform Corporate America," she wrote. "When I graduate from college with my degree in business management and media studies, I will attend law school and then go into the entertainment industry as an aspiring CEO.

"One of my long-term goals is to publish a minimum of two books, with at least one going on to become a best-seller or part of Oprah's book club. "I am not the American Dream yet, however I am willing to strive for it every day."

She is the daughter of Gidget Blevins, Finance.

MELINDA WEST

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



Melinda West attends UCLA, pursuing music.

Her achievements at Junipero Serra High School in Gardena are long and varied. She was a member of the Academic Decathlon team, winning

eight medals; she won awards in the science fair; she ran cross country; she was the senior class treasurer; she was a member of the Sons and Daughters of Mary Club, the Vocations in Progress Club, and participated in the Catholic Math League. She graduated summa cum laude and was on the Principal's Honor Roll. She received a merit scholarship for earning the highest entrance exam score at the school. She won community service awards and volunteered her time at a number of organizations. She is a guitarist in one church choir, and a pianist and leader for another church choir. And she helps feed the homeless.

"From the very beginning, there were expectations of me," she wrote. "I was daily lectured on the six letters that would make or break my high school career: GPA and SAT. Others had defined me by numbers and grades, and I almost began to do so as well. But on my way to becoming a textbook straight-edged teenager, something interrupted my path

"My grandfather was diagnosed with brain cancer ... we were extremely close. I decided to do something for him. I spent hours at his house, learning to play ragtime piano. Ragtime was cheerful and fitting. Ragtime sparked my interest in music, gave me confidence, and made me realize that I would have to direct my own path and go beyond my classical piano teacher to grasp everything that I wanted in

"With music, I am confident and excited to take the next step of my life and to make the change that I am capable of making in this world."

She is the daughter of Veronica West, Public Works.

ANDREW DI TUCCI

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



Andrew Di Tucci attends the California Maritime Academy, majoring in marine transportation. At the LAUSD Magnet Program, he was involved in a number of maritime-based activities.

He has already been working as a deckhand. He credits his character formation on the Scouting program – he is a Life Scout and held troop leadership positions.

He volunteered at the L.A. Maritime Museum; through the Boy Scouts of America; with the Little Sisters of the Poor; at Rec and Parks; at the San Pedro Elks Lodge; at the Croation Club; and at the Brighter Days Montessori School. And he is an avid basketball player.

"My father is a merchant marine, and since I was a little kid, he has taken me out on trips with him," Andrew wrote. "I slowly fell in love with his career, and eventually [I] decided that that's what I want to do when I grow up.

"I look forward to starting my college career. I will be first in our immediate family to go to a university, and I plan on staying on track with the rigorous curriculum that the Academy has."

Andrew is the son of Julie Di Tucci, Harbor.

VINCENT FRIAS

Recipient of \$1,000 stipend



Vincent Frias attends UCLA.

In high school, he was honored for academic achievement, having maintained a 4.0 GPA. He has volunteered at an L.A. Animal Services shelter;

for the City of Santa Clarita; at the Ronald McDonald House; and as a tutor.

"I know that the challenge at UCLA will be tough and demanding, but it is a challenge I am ready and willing to face," he wrote. "I know that I will have to work hard, but when I graduate, UCLA will make me the best 'me' I can be"

He's the son of Angel Frias, Police Officer.

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Newsbriefs



Seven seasonal pools operated by Rec and Parks will remain open for an extra six days beyond their traditional Labor Day closing.

"Operation Splash" is a partnership between Rec and Parks and Kaiser Permanente that began in 2006, which has provided free swim lessons to thousands of Angelenos. Another partner in 2009 is the LA84 Foundation, which was established to manage Southern California's share of the surplus from the highly successful 1984 Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

The extended seasonal pools will be available for use daily from Sept. 8-13. Hours will be 3:30 to 7 p.m. Sept. 8-11; and noon to 5 p.m. Sept. 12-13. Year-round pools will begin their off-season hours following the holiday.

Children age 17 or younger, seniors age 65 or older, and the disabled can continue to swim for free. Children age six or younger must be accompanied by an adult at all times; in addition, kids ages 3-6 must be potty-trained, and those younger than three must wear a swim diaper. Adults with a City Library Card can swim for \$2; otherwise, the charge for patrons ages 18-64 is \$2.50.

Residents can contact their nearest pool or the Department's Aquatics Section at (323) 906-7953, for more information and assistance. Individual pool brochures can be viewed and downloaded at

www.laparks.org/dos/aquatic/aquatic.htm.

Extended seasonal pools:

- Jackie Tatum Harvard
- Griffith Park
- Northridge
 Pitchia Valore
- Ritchie Valens
- Ross SnyderStoner, and
- Sun Valley.

LAFD CUTS:

On Aug. 5, as part of a cost-cutting move as the City faces record deficits, the LAFD began shutting down rescue units and eliminating paramedic supervisors.

Reportedly, 15 fire trucks and six ambulances were pulled out of service daily on a rotating basis citywide. Firefighters at those units are filling in for other staff vacancies, instead of calling in additional staff working overtime.

Additionally, three ambulances in Sylmar, Hollywood and East Hollywood were closed indefinitely. Also eliminated indefinitely were three captain positions overseeing paramedics in the field.

The Fire Department must cut another \$13 million to cover its budget shortfall, according to the *Los Angeles Times*.

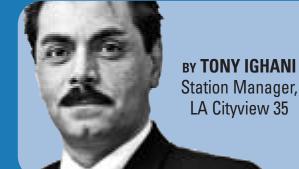
These actions came despite the protesting of dozens of LAFD Firefighters, who packed City Hall Aug. 5 to urge the Council to postpone the plans.

L.A. County Fair

\$10.50 at the Club Store

See the details on Page 23.

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Exciting Fall Premieres Set

With the summer almost behind us, LA CityView 35 is getting ready to premiere some great new shows, and we hope you will tune in and watch. The list is long, so let's get to it. On behalf of all of us here at LA CityView 35, we hope that you have had a fantastic summer.

Program highlights for August

2008/09 Heritage Month Closing Ceremonies

Celebrating a year of cultural events spanning the City, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa concluded all four Heritage Months – Asian and Pacific Islander American; African American; Native American; and Latino – with a celebration that featured a diverse cross-section of entertainers, food and art.

The Mayor's office, with the sponsorship of the Walt Disney Company and Grand Performances, hosted the first closing celebration to conclude all of the City's Heritage Months.

Airs: Monday, Sept. 7, at 10 a.m.; Friday, Sept. 18, at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

At Your Library: Art and Architecture

The Library system has recreated itself through the largest library construction program in the nation. Completed in 2005, the branch construction program has renovated and expanded the Central Library and rebuilt more than 90 percent of the existing branches on time and under budget. It also created new libraries in communities that did not have them before, which expanded the system from 63 to 71 branches.

The latest episode of *At Your Library* focuses on the Public Library's art and architecture. Some may know that the Central Library, a Goodhue Building, features a vast collection of artworks, including large-scale murals, sculptures, carvings, grottos and rotating exhibits, but many are not aware that the newly constructed branches were designed by some of Southern California's top architects, with input from the community, and that all branches renovated or built under the branch construction program feature beautiful art projects by Southern California artists.

Airs: Mondays, Sept. 14 and 28, at 10 a.m. and 10 p.m.; Thursday, Sept. 17, at 11 a.m.

Election Programming: District 2 Special Election

On Tuesday, Sept. 22, the City will hold a special election for the seat of Council District 2, which has been vacant since former Councilmember Wendy Greuel's election to the Office of City Controller.

LA Cityview 35 has invited every certified council candidate an opportunity to appear on the channel to provide a three-minute candidate statement. These statements will be played frequently on Channel 35 until Election Day. We invite you to take this opportunity to familiarize yourself with each candidate, their qualifications, and their platform.

And on Election Night, *LA Cityview* 35 will broadcast live, up-to-the-minute election returns, beginning at 8:30 p.m.

Inside the LAPD: Centurions Football

Inside the LAPD cameras take you right to the 50-yard line as the LAPD Centurions football team practices and prepares for a game. Established in 1978, the Centurions have been "playing football for kids," the Blind Children's Center, ever since. Huddle-up as you take a ride and see the type of work some of the Centurions do when they are not on the field. Follow an LAPD Motor Unit and watch officers tackle crime. So get ready for some football and field work as we kickoff another exciting edition of Inside the LAPD.

 $\ensuremath{\textit{Airs:}}$ Thursdays, Sept. 3 and 17, at 2 and 10 p.m.

Live in LA

Live in L.A. continues to discover the secret treasures of live entertainment in Los Angeles. Hosts Rasha Goel and Julian Reyes seek out – and sometimes take part! – in a fun-filled show featuring what's fun, affordable and live in L.A.

In this program, Rasha and Julian learn to tango the night away, to an Argentinean beat. If it's something for the

entire family that you're looking for, there's no better place than the legendary Bob Baker Marionette Theatre. See the marionettes in action, and enjoy Rasha's rare interview with the legendary Bob Baker.

Julian takes us to the Latino Theater Company, a thriving Los Angeles institution now located in the heart of Downtown at the Los Angeles Theater Center. Meet the people who make it happen, and who keep the company one of the most successful theater companies in the city.

There's much more, including a unique tour of the Websites available to help seek out live entertainment in Los Angeles. Whatever your tastes, it's all here.

Airs: Mondays, Sept. 14 and 28, at 11 a.m. and 11 p.m.; Thursday, Sept. 17, at 1 p.m.

Your LAFD in Action

This month, Your LAFD in Action goes off the streets and into the air with LAFD Air Operations. In this episode, we will travel with the elite pilots of the Air Operations Helicopter Team and visit the new LAFD Air Operations and Airport Fire/Rescue facility, recently built and modernized by Proposition F.

The pilots at Air Operations undergo a rigorous screening and training regimen before they are certified to fly for the Fire Department. We will ride with them on a training mission and learn just what it takes to become part of this elite team.

We also will visit the ISTA 2009 Engine Challenge. ISTA stands for "In Service Training Academy." This is where engine companies from every station participate in fire training as real as it gets. We will go inside the training facility and participate in building fires and search and rescues exercises.

Airs: Mondays, Sept. 14 and 28, at 1 and 9:30 p.m.

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



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With innovative and timely programming, citizens now can have an active voice in what happens in their local government.

Contact Tony with your questions: channel35@cityemployeesclub.com

Channel 35 Viewer Comment Hotline: (213) 473-3978

See you on LA Cityview 35!

••••••• EVIEWS BY FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS

MOVIE REVIEWS



The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3

Rated PG My Score: 2.5 (out of 5)

The movie was entertaining, filled with action and suspense. It took place in New York City, mainly in the subway.

John Travolta showed his versatility

in yet another type of role. He was very good. Denzel Washington played a hero, but at the same time he left you thinking about his personal life. How far would anyone go to help their family?

- Pat Saucier, Retired

The Taking of Pelham 1 2 3 My Score: 4 (out of 5)

John Travolta leads a group of armed men to take over Pelham 1 2 3 [a NYC subway line] in this remake of the original 1974 movie starring Walter Matthau. Travolta does an excellent job of portraying the bad guy, Ryder, interacting with train dispatcher, Walter Garber (Denzel Washington, the name being a tribute to Matthau). Garber is thrown into playing the negotiator role after NYPD hostage negotiator Det. Camonetti (John Turturro) causes the death of a passenger.

The special effects are great, emotions run high, and the ending is thrilling, but it still falls short of the dramatic, yet low-key, ending of the original film. Don't miss the original if you haven't viewed it!

- Jean Sarfaty, LAPD



The Ugly Truth

Rated R

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Katherine Heigl and Gerard Butler are both adorable in this romantic comedy. Gerard's character tries to help Heigl's character hook up with her doctor neighbor, played by cutiepie Eric

Winter (Days of Our Lives). Of course, you can figure out how this will go.

Although the movie was predictable and seemed very familiar, I still enjoyed it. The entire cast did a great job, especially the two main stars. Due to sexual content and language, it does deserve the "R" rating and is for adults.

- Gail Seltzer, DWP



Julie & Julia Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5) I admit I did not go willingly to see Julie & Julia. However, coercion sometimes is a good idea. I actually enjoyed seeing the parallel biostories of Julia Child writing her now-famous

book on French cooking, and Julie Powell's tale of cooking those recipes while reporting on them in her popular blog. Meryl Streep's Julia Child is Oscar-worthy, even if the remainder of the film is cute and upbeat but a bit vacuous. Go! Enjoy! And bon appetit!

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks



G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra

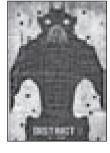
Rated PG-13 My Score: 2 (out of 5)

The G.I Joes is a group of elite military men with Dennis Quaid as their superior officer. They use the latest technology - and the help of Sienna Miller -- in the

battle against a corrupt arms dealer.

The movie was full of action, and in some of the fight scenes it was impossible to see what side they were on. Like in most movies the good guys win.

- Patty Saucier, Retired



District 9 Rated R

My Score: 2 (out of 5)

This movie was a disappointment, to say the least. I expected a good sci-fi flick with excellent cinematography due to the fact that Peter Jackson (Lord of the Rings) produced it.

Instead, I wound up with a movie that was a reality-type satire similar to *The Office*.

The movie was based on these stranded aliens referred to as "prawns" that happen to be the subject of discrimination. Here comes a wimpy, clueless officer, Wikus Van De Merwe (Sharlto Copley), to save the day.

The film looked very low-budget, with the hand-held camera effects and the casting of unknown stars. I sat through the entire movie, even though I was tempted to walk out during the first half-hour. I didn't know what to think of this "satire;" I just felt that it was a waste of my time.

- Chuck Beas, DWP

DVD Reviews



Stevie Wonder: Live at Last, a Wonder **Summer's Night** Concert/Unrated Blu-Ray

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Finally, Stevie Wonder produces a concert DVD. And it's up to his level of excellence.

Taped in London's O2 Arena last year, this concert delivers most of his stellar material. Yep, they're mostly all here - Sir Duke, Higher Ground, Master Blaster, Knocks Me Off My Feet, Don't You Worry 'Bout a Thing, Living for the City, Overjoyed and Superstition.

I guess any presentation like this must include I Just Called to Say I Love You, possibly the worst song he has ever written, but it doesn't even sound that bad here. There is too much time wasted on a song sung by his backup singer (and daughter), Aisha Morris. And there are some of my personal favorites missing, like Ribbon in the Sky and Do I Do. But you should always be left wanting more, right?

His band is killer; his set is very long (more than two hours of continuous playing); his messages of love are great to hear; his lesser-known material is top-notch; and there is no one performing today who can match his genius. If you like Stevie, you owe it to yourself to spend this evening with him.

- John Burnes, Alive! editor



Book Reviews



Cursed

Carol Higgins Clark Women's Detective Fiction; 256 pages Simon & Schuster My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Private Investigator Regan Reilly moved from Los Angeles to New York City when she married her husband,

Jack "No Relation" Reilly, head of the NYPD Major Case Squad. To help a friend, she ends up taking on a case that calls her back to her old stomping grounds.

Abigail Feeney, a young woman who had lived across the hall from Regan in an apartment complex in the Hollywood Hills, believes her life has been cursed since birth. She was born on Friday the 13th of January, and her parents gave her a name with 13 letters. A hairdresser on movie sets, Abigail was recently injured at

work, and her arm was broken in two places. Before Abigail's ex, Cody Castle, disappeared, he borrowed \$100,000 from her. Abigail calls her friend Regan Reilly to help her find Cody and get back her money.

I recommend this continuing saga of Regan Reilly's detective adventures.

- Linda Rorex, Personnel



Cream Puff Murder

Joanne Fluke Women's Detective Fiction, 288 pages Kensington Publishing My Score: 5 (out of 5)

With the launch party of her mother's novel around the corner, Hannah has a dress that she must fit into and a

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date with her sister, Andrea, at Lake Eden's new

health club, Heavenly Bodies. A dead body is found floating in the gym's Jacuzzi, and there's a plate of The Cookie Jar's very own cream puffs garnishing the murder scene. The fact that they were purchased by none other than Hannah's part-time flame, Det. Mike Kingston, is simply the icing on what's shaping up to be one very messy cake.

I recommend this delicious murder mystery, which includes 12 original dessert recipes.

- Linda Rorex, Personnel



The Defector Daniel Silva

Spy Fiction, 480 pages Putnam My Score: 5 (out of 5)

A good spy thriller

should enlighten as well as entertain, and Silva's latest bestseller succeeds on both levels. Continuing the story of

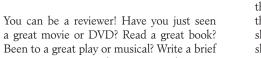
the Russian Mafia from his last book, Moscow Rules, Silva's master assassin, Gabriel Allon, is targeted for revenge. As it turns out, the Russian bad guys are well connected to the current government in Moscow, with operatives spanning the globe.

As fiction, *The Defector* is attention-grabbing entertainment, but the historical background of Russia, as told by the author, is an equal thrill.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

Reviews







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- Have fun!

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Cemetery Plot for sale: Inglewood Park, Lot 1 Single Grave C. Montcrest Vista Plot, appraised @ \$5200, asking \$4600. Please contact Valerie @ (323) 893-4061.

For sale: Set of 4 tires/rims for 2006-7 Dodge Charger. 10 spoke 19" 6000 miles, great shape. Rick @ (951) 217-2878. 909



Dining room set: Travertine marble and seats 6: OBO or if anyone can use it

email godfth32@sbcglobal.net or Gaylynn Thomas at gaylynnt@msn.com

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Disk brakes, McPherson Struts, does not have

to be smogged, runs good. \$2495 or make

radio and single CD player; five speed; power

steering, cruise control; new engine, transmis-

sion, clutch, tires and wheels! \$3,000 OBO.

Contact: Valerie McCain (323) 757-0386 809

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Probe;

1994 Black Ford

miles; good condi-

tion; leather interior;

moon roof; A/C;

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52,000

(818)

familyforbes@mac.com (Attn: Abe)

House in Highland Park: near Occidental College, 2 BR/ 1 BA/ 2 car parking, \$1250 per month. Jerry (323) 428-7719 cell 909



Loft Bed with Desk Bookcase: 43" wide x 81" long. Birch drawers

are dovetailed

sliders.

with

Handmade oak

Must see to appreciate. \$1200 OBO. Contact Nancy or Jim @ (818) 340-8059.

Nordic Track AudioStrider 800 elliptical \$500. 18"-stride length. Interactive Audio CrossTrainer w/ iFit Workout Card technology. Entertainment port with MP3 input & built-in speakers. Includes clear equipment mat. Marisela @ (626) 358-5237

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2003 Polaris **Predator** 2-stroke. upgrades include exhaust/pipe,

Keihin carburetor w/ K&N filter and lights, excellent condition. Reliable quad - great for kids. \$1550 OBO. Ralph Herrera (213)367-4182

2006 Street Glide runs great 10k miles extended warranty till 2011. Garaged kept & covered. \$16900. John (661) 857-1396 or AOIC @ca.rr.com

Electronics/Computers

37" Sharp Analog TV with converter box. Excellent condition, \$350. Call (323) 227-8067 after 6:30 pm, Monday - Friday and after 9:00 am Saturday and Sunday.

Xbox 360 HHD 20gb: \$185; 30 days warranty includes: console, 20gb hd, all cables and head set. Works great. Inquire by phone or email: 818-399-7189 or brainblaster@att.net.

Xbox 360 HHD 20 GB hard drive, excellent condition, wireless controller & all cables needed. Price \$180. Call (213) 330-5935.

Playstation 2, w/ memory card and three games. Scarface, NBA Live 07 and Greatest Hits SOCOM II U.S. Navy Seals. Comes w/ one Playstation 2 Controller. Asking \$140 to \$150. Call Steven (323) 566-4812

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Thomasville Sofas, 2 matching, 7ft. each, clean, soft fabric, off-white, as new, \$600 for both. ggandaj@cox.net

Dinette Set: 5 piece, glass top, mauve & gold trim chairs, good condition, \$80. Call Mary Smith @ 626-318-7959.

Homes/Rentals/Land

Room for Rent: 1 Bedroom with own bathroom. Access to kitchen and laundry. Dish Network provided in bedroom. \$550 and shared utilities. Located in Oxnard - Off 101 Freeway. Homeowner commutes 5 days a week to Los Angeles area. Call for more details (805)

For Rent: Nice apartment near Eagle Rock/Highland Park area. 4 units- 2 bed 1 bath, kitchen, dinning room, living room, 1 car garage. Upstairs unit has new paint, carpet, Very quiet laundry facility. Call for more information (626) 643-9770 or (626) 641-5654.

House for Rent. Los Angeles. About 3 miles South of Southwest Police Division, 3 Bedrooms, 1 bathroom. Ceramic Floors in Kitchen and Dining room. New Paint Inside and Out. Call Edwards @ (323) 759-9106.

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For Sale - Two buildable lots in Lake Elizabeth. Build your dream/vacation home. Lake & golf, 25 minutes from Valencia. Beautiful country living. \$35,000 and \$59,000. Terms available. Call Frances @ (805) 583-5321.

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Sgl. Family House for Rent: Burbank -2 Bedrooms, 1 Bathroom, detached garage. Close to Media Area, private yard, \$2100 monthly. For appt call: Alex (818) 640-6212.

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House for Rent: Van Nuys, 3 bdrm, 2 bth, 2 car garage; 1500 sq. ft., washer/dryer, ref/stove, dishwasher, fenced in back yard, near all schools.

\$2,200, (818) 780-0647. FOR RENT- Lovely apartment in Los Angeles (4units). 2 bed/1 bath, kitchen, living room, din-

ing room, 1-car garage, Upstairs unit, New paint,

carpet, newly remodeled kitchen and bath. new windows and fixtures. Very quiet, Leimert Park. Close to public transportation, Call for more details (310) 365-1868.



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Resort. 1 Bdrm 1 Bath, Beautiful gated community, 6 swimming pools, tennis court, green belt, park-like bbq areas. Call Martha (562) 301-2940.

CONDO RENTAL: 2 bdrm, 2ba, enclosed garage, security gate, Avail. 4/1/09, 114 E. Hillcrest, Inglewood, CA. Great Location, \$1450, 323-294-0539 after 6pm.

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FOR RENT- San Pedro-Point Fermin area 2BD/1BA apartment. Stove, refrigerator, washer/dryer in unit, Indoor Cat ok, soft water, ceiling fans. Catalina and LA Harbor view. Nonsmoking property. \$1390. Call Pete at (310) 547-4304 or cell (310) 809-6909.

Las Vegas Condo: 1 bedrm, 1 bath, 780 sq feet, A/C, heat, new fans in dining area and bedroom; other upgrades. Nice and cozy, quiet, across the street from Texas Casino and 1/4 mile from Fiesta Casino; gated community. 10 min from LV Strip. Sell for \$125,000. Info (310) 801-3164.

FOR RENT: In lovely Faircrest Heights neighborhood of LA. Newly renovated upper 2 BD/1 BA in Triplex. New paint, carpet, tile, granite countertops, dishwasher, laundry hook-ups, separate bath & shower. Beautiful, safe and quiet. Centrally located, near shops, parks and transportation. \$1625 per month. Call (310)

House for Sale: St. George, Ut. 55+, 3bdrm/2ba., family rm/garden rm. abt. 1700 sq.ft., 2 car carport, tool shed, patio. Close to shopping & restaurants. Low assoc. fees include club house, pool, spa, RV prkg. \$130,000. Call Linda/Jim (909) 466-9755 or Karen (435) 215-4813, cell (435) 680-1129 209

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Household Items



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

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for Kelvin at 562-833-9299.

Classic 1927 Ford T-Bucket Roadster, vellow with tan

interior, chrome

trim/brass radi-

ator, 350 Chevy engine. Runs, looks great/will email picture. \$14,000. Call (562) 989-4664 2009 1995 Twin Seadoo Trailer for sale, or convert

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Cooking with the Club by Chef Robert Larios

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Winging Into Football Season

Italian Dressing-Style Chicken Wings

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tablespoons garlic powder • 2 tablespoons Worcestershire
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce 32 fl ounces of Italian dressing
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 1/2 pounds defrosted chicken



Honey Mustard Curry Wings

INGREDIENTS:

- 17 ounces yellow mustard
- 24 ounces Clover honey bottle
- 2 tablespoons curry powder
- 1 1/2 pounds defrosted chicken wings



Staff Favorite!



INGREDIENTS:

- 2 bottles Louisiana's Crystal Hot Sauce
- 1 1/2 pounds defrosted chicken



A trio of Super **Chicken Wing Recipes**

Tlike nothing more than having great food like chick-Len wings for the big Super Bowl football game. There are many ways to have chicken wings, and there are many ways to marinade them along with so many ways to cook them. I like to place them in the oven because I like the intense heat it creates, but the grill is wonderful, too. Nonetheless, for these recipes, the oven is what I'll use.



I'm sharing three flavor styles with you. The first one is an Italian dressing-style marinade and may be the most complicated of the three to make, with five different marinade ingredients. The hot sauce style uses just hot sauce, nothing more, nothing less. It's quite simple but full of flavor, and it's the crowd favorite. Honey Mustard Curry Wings is full of flavor and will not disappoint if you're looking to change up the traditional chicken wing flavor. My experience has been that this one will go fast, so maybe make more than the other wings.

As always, please be aware of very real danger of food-borne illnesses. These can be prevented by being aware of keeping your hands and workstation surfaces clean and sanitized. You must also consider the time you cook your chicken wings along with the temperature at which they cook. Make sure they're thoroughly cooked so that bacteria on the chicken are killed from the heat.



Plate your wings however you like them. I like mine with some ranch dressing and some veggies on a big party platter – ready for the game! Enjoy!

DIRECTIONS:

Italian Dressing-Style Chicken Wings, Honey Mustard Curry Wings or Hot Sauce Style Wings



Add and mix all the marinade ingredients in a large mixing bowl.



Add as many chicken wings as can be covered by the marinade. Cover with plastic or foil food wrap and leave in the refrigerator until vou're ready to cook. Ideal marination should be overnight or at least three hours.



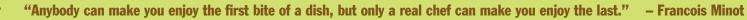
Take the marinated wings and place them on a cooking sheet.



Place in oven at 375 degrees and cook for about 30 to 40 minutes or until golden



Good Factoid:



Everyday Heroes inAction

Northridge Fire

Photos by Juan Guerra.

A fire in the morning hours July 27 damaged a commercial building housing a wood shop in Northridge, but no one was hurt, authorities said.

Firefighters sent to the 18800 block of Bryant St. doused the flames in about 20 minutes, said Diana Igawa, LAFD. The fire burned through the roof of the single-story building.

The cause of the fire was under investigation. A damage estimate was not immediately available.



























California



"The Sutter's Fort picture was with my younger daughter's (Alexandra) fourth-grade trip to Sacramento. She attends Cedargrove Elementary."

- Jorge De La Cerda, DWP

Egypt



"This is a picture of me at the foot of the Great Pyramid on the Giza Plateau in Egypt. It is the only remaining of the ancient 'Seven Wonders of the World.'"

- Dorothy
Dillard,
Club
Member,
Retiree,
and former Club
Board
Member

Philippines



"Here I am on the little island of Atulayan, off the southeast coast of Camarines Sur in the Bicol region, Luzon, Philippines. The boat in the background leaves from Nato Beach in the barangay (district) of Sangay, and the surrounding ocean is the Philippine Sea. As I stood for this photo, a thunderstorm was raging on the peninsula, while the sky was sunny and clear on the island. This was taken about two weeks before the onset of the typhoon season."

- Pete Le Grand, Public Works/Contract Administration

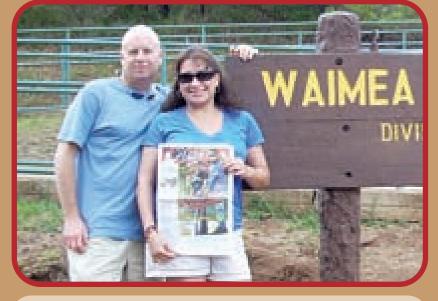
4 England



"I took my *Alive!* with me to read on the plane; it was a 10-hour flight from Los Angeles to London. This photo was taken outside Westminster Abbey in London."

- William Flowers, Airports

Hawaii



"We visited the beautiful island of Kauai in July. Waimea Canyon was amazing!"

- Amy Arnold and Andrew Benson, Harbor, Club Members

Canada



Dennis and Rhodora Basilio, DWP, took a Princess Cruise on the Alaskan inside passage, and took a shore excursion in Yukon, Canada, and White Pass.

"The tour originated from Skagway, Alaska, and passed through a bus and train ride to a beautiful scenery of White Pass to Yukon, Canada, that touches the history of Klondike Gold Rush to Alaska. No gold was found, however, but it established the railway and roads to a beautiful country site that is now accessible to tourists and locals alike. It was a remarkable place worth visiting again in the future."

- Dennis and Rhodora Basilio, DWP

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Jamaica



"My husband, Ron, and I took our son, Bryan, and his girlfriend, Cori, on a Caribbean cruise to celebrate his graduation from college! Here we are in Ocho Rios, Jamaica, where Ron and I rode Jamaican bobsleds through the rainforest, and Bryan and Cori rode zip lines waaay over the forest! We all had a great time with wonderful lifelong adventures to remember, including swimming with the stingrays in Grand Cayman."

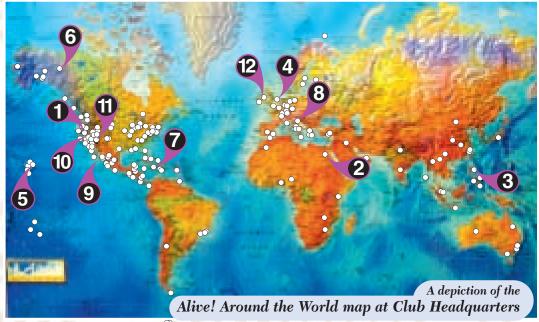
- Jean Sarfaty, LAPD

Italy



"My parents gave me the privilege of traveling to Europe. There, I took pictures with the *Alive!* newspaper. One is obviously in Pisa, and the second is at the Palace of Versailles in France. Thanks to my family I was able to see many breathtaking sights in Europe. I had an amazing time, and I owe it all to my parents. I love you!"

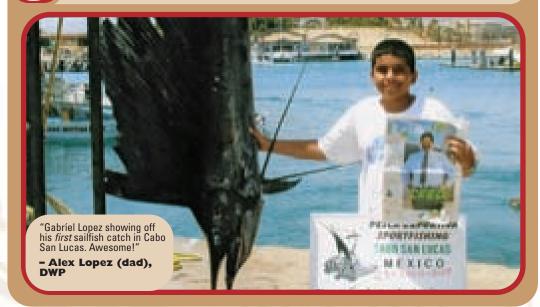
- Jennifer Rodriguez, daughter of Rigoberto Rodriguez, Rec and Parks Forestry Division



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Mexico



California



For a spring break getaway, Martin Chavez, Harbor, along with Regina and Joseph, took a trip up the Central California Coast and came back down Highway 1, Pacific Coast Highway. Along the way some of the spots they visited included the Monterey Bay Monterey Bay Aquarium, Piedras Blancas Elephant Seal Preserve, Hearst Castle, La Purisma Mission in Lompoc and the Santa Barbara Mission. Also, they stopped at some orchid growers' nurseries.





Nevada



"Here are some photos of my family and I on our annual trip to Loughlin, Nev. It was 120 degrees that weekend, but we still had a blast. This is the hotel where we stayed, and a view of the river."

- Cheryl Garcia, LAPD Communications

N. Ireland



Alive! editor John Burnes at Giant's Causeway, Co. Antrim, N. Ireland. The causeway is comprised of more than 40,000 interlocking stones, mostly hexagonal, stretching into the North Atlantic. The stones were formed from volcanic lava flow; the lava cooled immediately after hitting the cold water, causing them to crack.



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John's Picture Perfect Contest

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"Butterflies taken in Victoria, British Columbia, last July."

- Edyth Alquiros, General Services

John's comments: Not only did you capture one, but you captured *two* beautiful butterflies, and the detail is really amazing. Thank you, Edyth!



At the "Palm Springs Wild Animal Desert Preserve."

- Debora N. Fore, LAPD

John's comments: It's amazing to think that there are giraffes in Palm Springs! And, I really like how this picture came out with the contrast to the dead tree, mountains and sloping ground.

Thank you, Debora!



"The *koi* pond at the Japanese teahouse, Descanso Gardens in La Cresenta."

- Mike Aubin, Airports

John's comments: Mike, this is a super awesome picture. It almost looks like a painting. I used to go to Descanso Gardens all the time when I was a kid, so this brought back fond memories. Thank you!



"Our Alaskan adventure."

- Ken Kochakji, retired.

John's comments: The simplicity of this photo is what makes it so fascinating, and quite frankly, beautiful. I'd love to have this as a poster on my wall! Thanks, Ken.

Runners Up:

Evelyn Auyeung-Ing, General Services; Jorge Enciso, Finance; Yolanda Estrada; Jordan Price; Renee Ramirez; Brian Doherty; Emilio Salamanca

ULES:

- 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.
- \bullet 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
- phone number on the back of your photo.

 Photos can be of any subject matter; vacation, portraits, family
- Photos can be of any subject matter: vacation, portraits, families, landscapes, still lifes, pets, etc. Subject matter must be appropriate for Alive!

If you want your print photo returned, please write your name, address and

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- 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.

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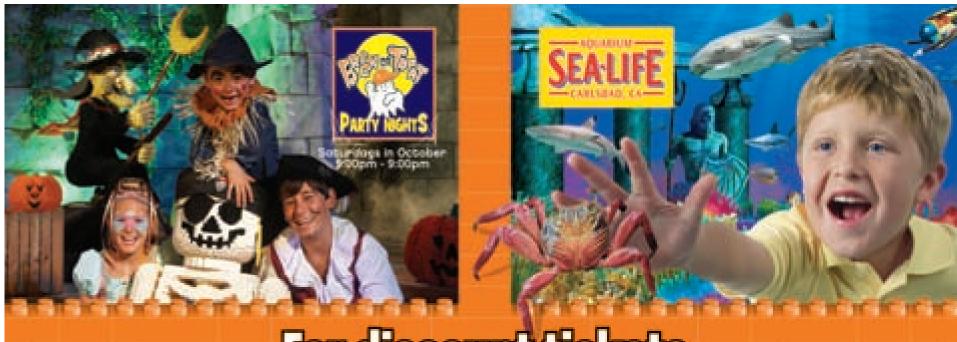
The Club Special Event at the Dodgers game Sunday, Oct. 4, has sold out.

The Club sold approximately 3,000 tickets to this event. If you've got tickets, we can't wait to see you there!

If you didn't, we regret we couldn't make an unlimited number of tickets available. But please know that – because of the big success of this Club event, and the Magic Mountain Club event earlier in the year – there should be lots more Club Special Events in the future.

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City "Harbor" Short Sleeve Shirt





ITEM: #HARBORI AC2000

City "Harbor" Long Sleeve Shirt Sizes: S M L XL 2XL 3XL 4XL











Size: **4XL** \$17

FOR EASY ORDERING OF DISCOUNT TICKETS AND CLUB MERCHANDISE:

ONLINE

www.cityemployeesclub.com

and click on "Club Store"



PHONE

(888) 777-1744 (213) 617-1294

FAX

MAIL

Complete the order form to and mail to:

Ticket Guy

City Employees Club of Los Angeles 120 W. 2nd Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

PICK-UP **WE'VE MOVED TO:**

The Club Store and **Service Center** 120 W. 2nd Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

- downtown, between **Spring and Main Streets**

> For Dash routes, go to: www.ladottransit.com/dash/



Club Store For easy ordering, go to www.cityemployeesclub.com



City Men's Long Sleeve Button Down Shirt

Sizes: S M L XL 2XL 3XL

Available Colors:

Size: 3XL (\$28)

Navy Blue Black White Khaki



Women's Watches





City Girl "Classic" T-shirt

City Girl "Classic" T-shirt Sizes: SMLXL





ITEM: #T-W2000

Women's Classic Seal T-Shirt

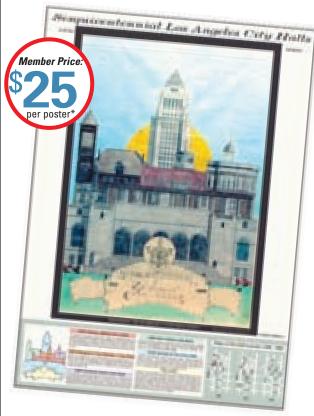
Women's Classic Seal T-Shirt Sizes: SMLXL2XL



New Item Art Poster!

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Club Exclusive: Limited-edition City Hall Poster!



- **Produced by the Los Angeles City Historical** Society, this poster - featuring a collection of historic Los Angeles City Halls, along with their histories - is now available to Club Members.
- Drawn by artist Herb McNeely, suitable for framing.







ITEM: #WMNCLSC4000

*Plus tax and shipping

Men's Polo Shirts

City Seal Polo Shirt with Stripes





Women's Polo Shirts



L.A. City T-shirts









Short Sleeve "Classic" T-shirt Sizes: S M L XL 2XL (all colors)





White available with front pocket

New City LA-Hall Short Sleeve T-Shirt Sizes: SMLXL2XL

















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Hooded Sweatshirt

DWP T-shirts

DWP "Water" T-Shirt Sizes: S M L XL 2XL



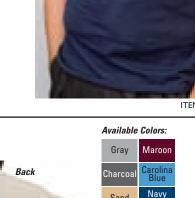




DWP "Classic" Long Sleeve T-Shirt









Size: 3XL (\$16) Available Color:



Available Colors:

Front





Sizes: S M L XL 2XL

Available Colors:









Size: **3XL**Available Colors:





available with front pocket.

Sizes: S M L XL 2XL Available Colors:



ITEM: #T2001WP

Kid's T-shirts

"Official City Kid" Kid's T-shirt Sizes: XS S M L XL



ITEM: #KIDOFF2000

Available Colors: Green Black Pink Royal Blue



"Future City Employee" Kid's T-shirt Sizes: XS S M L XL







ITEM: #4613 City Jacket

City Executive Sueded Microfiber Jacket Sizes: S M L XL 2XL





Member Price

ITEM#: SUDJKT1000

City Seal Tank Tops

Women's Sizes: S M L XL

Available Colors:

Yellow On white shirt, emblem is pink





ITEM: #WTT2000

Men's Sizes: S M L XL 2XL





Black



ITEM: #MTT3000

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Hats Hats. Hats High quality embroidered ball caps!

City Seal Ball Cap with **Department Name**



Transportation NAVY: #H2003 BLACK: #H2004

Bureau of Sanitation FOREST GREEN: #H1996 NAVY: #H1995

Member Price.

per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping

Hats available for these departments:

Bureau of Sanitation FOREST GREEN: #H1996 NAVY: #H1995 BLACK: #H1998

General Services NAVY: #H1999

BLACK: #H2000

Harbor NAVY: #H2005 BLACK: #H2006

Public Works NAVY: #H2001

BLACK: #H2002 **Recreation & Parks**

NAVY: #H1993 BLACK: #H1992

Transportation NAVY: #H2003 BLACK: #H2004

Water & Power NAVY: #H1997 BLACK: #H1998

Retiree BLACK: #H2007

Available Colors:



DWP Ball Cap



DWP HatBLACK: #DPWH3000





Member Price: per hat

*Plus tax and shipping







White



City Brushed Twill Visor





City Seal Ball Cap with Script





Seal w/Script NAVY:#H1989



Orange Khaki



Member Price \$8 per hat*

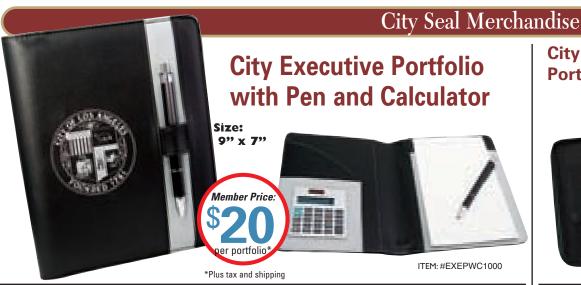
City Seal Ball Cap ORANGE: #H1661

KHAKI: #H1988 BLACK: #H1987

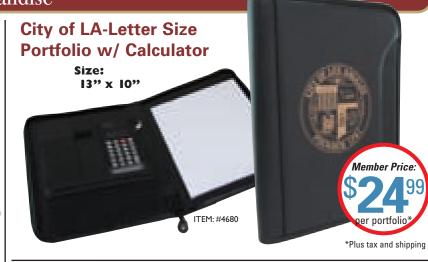


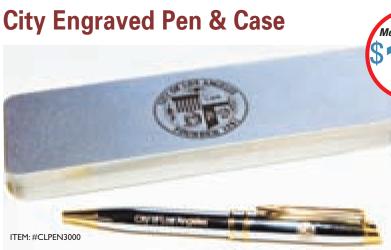
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*Plus tax and shipping



ITEM: #BAG1000





Member Price:

• Elegant electroplated two-tone 24k gold plated and chrome silver pen with solid brass construction.

"City of Los Angeles" is engraved on the pen.







City of LA Expandable Computer Bag







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City Seal Mugs

City of LA **Travel Mugs**







Hot Beverage Mug





ITEM: #MGS1000

Identification Holders

Holders come with Attachable Clear Badge Clip.





City Seal Lapel Pins

Pins are 3/4" in Diameter.



DWP Enamel Lapel Pin #LP4 PRICE: \$10.00* No ITEM: #LP4



"The Classic" Enamel Lapel Pin



Gold Embossed Lapel Pin



Full-Color Silkscreened Lapel Pin ITEM: #LPI PRICE: \$5.00*



City of LA Hall Enamel Pin



City of LA Hall Silver Finish Pin

Decals



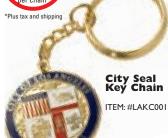
LA City Decal, 3" Diameter ITEM: #DECLAC2000 • PRICE: \$2.50*



DWP Decal, 3" Diameter ITEM: #DECWP1000 • PRICE: \$2.50*

City Seal Key Chain





Historical Book



City Department Bears Member Price: Each custom made "City Bear" stands 10" tall and is dressed in meticulously per bear* detailed and accurate uniforms. Stand not included. *Plus tax and shipping **DWP** ITEM #BDWP Transportation Department ITEM #BDOT **General Services**ITEM #BGSD Sanitation Department ITEM #BBOS Street Services ITEM #BSTS per bear* CITY SEAL BEAR ITEM #TEBY 1000 Blue



ITEM: #C8003

per clock^{*} *Plus tax and shipping

City Wall Clocks

Member Price:

10" **Diameter Battery Operated** (AA)



Green

ITEM: #WCWSPT3000

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New Products Are Here!

GEAR





More in Store

Your Size
Stock Up for Summer



New Watch Designs

Official City Seal logo in Silver & Leather