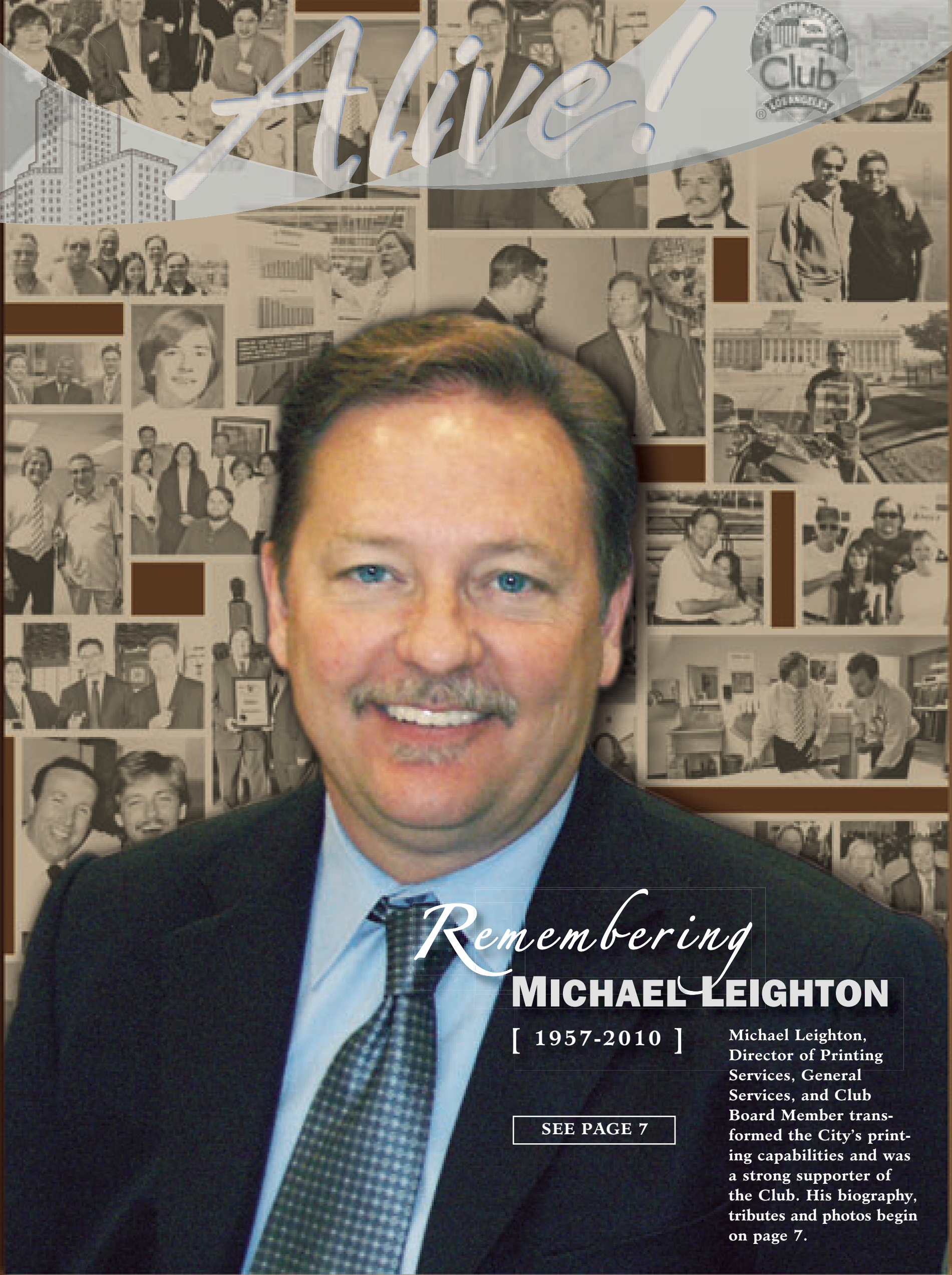


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[ 1957-2010 ]

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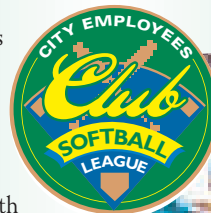
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Last year's first Club Softball League season was a huge hit, with ten teams battling it out for the Club Cup. The Guzzlers and the Hitmen won their division titles.

Get in on the fun for 2010! Fill in your applications now.

For 2010, the Club Softball League is expected to start in July. So get those applications in! Applications are available at the Club Store and Service Center.



**Here are a few things to keep in mind:**

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- It's all in good fun!
- Parks/fields are still being determined.
- The Club is looking for City teams in the Harbor area! Speak up, and perhaps we'll be able to field a league division in the Harbor area.

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*\* A Message From the CEO \**

# June Is for Michael, In Life and Death

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

It's with sad irony that I got the recent call about **Michael Leighton**. I always got a call from Michael in May, telling me about his Publishing Services open house over in Piper Tech. He was always proud of the work being done in Publishing Services, getting better equipment, more efficient processes, better prices and ever-higher quality. He wanted to make sure that City Employees were aware of all the things that Publishing Services could do for them. So we always dropped by, proudly, and covered the open houses in *Alive!*

They usually happened in May, and we covered them in our June issues.

So here it was May, last month, and the phone call that came about Michael wasn't inviting us to his open house. It was telling us of his passing. That was a tough one. We here at the Club had just seen him a week or so before, at our monthly Club Board meeting. He was a proud member of our Board, making sure that the Club continued to provide great services to the deserving employees of the City of Los Angeles.



From left: Michael Leighton and John Hawkins, Club CEO.

Michael was a consummate City Employee, the very best. He had a lot of outside experience in publishing services, and he brought all of it to his job. I invite you to read about his successes in the feature story later in this issue, written by Club Member **Yvonne Liu**, Office of Finance. Michael transformed that office into a real juggernaut, the kind of place that really showcased what the City could do. That's the way I'll remember him, in a suit, yes, but sometimes with his sleeves rolled up. He simply got things done, efficiently and cost-effectively, while being really pleasant, cheerful and personable. We were lucky to have had him on the Club Board, and here in the City in general.

We send our condolences to his friends and family at this time of the loss of someone so young.

And maybe I should share a word or two about our two serious cover stories in a row – the passing of Club Board Member **Joannie Mukai** last month, and now Michael Leighton. Neither one was expected, of course. We had never printed any memorials on the cover until the Club's **Howard Pompel** died 20 months ago or so, and now two in a row. We hope to get back to our great cover stories just as soon as we can. But I know you agree with me that Joannie and Michael, who both supported the Club very strongly, deserved this honor.

Meanwhile, there are many things going on this month, as we yield to the beginnings of summer. First, there's the ever-impressive Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay; I know our products manager, **Arlene Herrero**, does an awesome job every year of putting together our cool coverage. This year, Arlene gets even more props because I hear the heat out there was just brutal. This is also the month we report on National Dispatchers Week, which honors those at the LAPD who answer the emergency calls and dispatch help. Then there's Father's Day ... the final call for the Mukai Club Scholarship ... and lots more retirements.

I trust that our sad news, two months' running, will soon give way to the warmth, fun and family time of summer. We look forward – crossing our fingers – to getting back to bringing you another story next month of the good news of the Employees of the City of Los Angeles. And being *Alive!*

**JOHN**

(jhawkins@cityemployeesclub.com)



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# Great Service, When You're in Need



**Cecilia Talbot,  
Claims Manager**

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

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The Club's claims service "was excellent, from your professionalism to your customer services. I have rarely called LACEA in my 30 years as a City Employee. But your knowledge and helpfulness with my situation made the experience very good, especially since the reason for my visit is so hard to deal with."

— Armando Reyes, March 2010

The Club's claims service "was excellent. When I called for anything, I got fast service. I enjoyed the book [*The Fall of Freddie the Leaf*], and it comforted me."

— Joe Moisa, March 2010

The Club's claims service was "excellent. All contact people were very timely and efficient. You are very appreciated."

— Anita Colfield, March 2010

El servicio de la Club fue "100% muy bien. Porque desde la primera vez cuando les hablé diciéndoles que mi esposa murió, me trataron bien, me hicieron sentir bien y por eso en el nombre de Jesucristo los bendigo. Es bonito y me sio pensar en el proposito que yo estoy en esta vida y decidí que el resto de mi vida se lo voy a entregar a Dios a servirle a el y a las personas que ponga en mi camino."

— Jorge Hoyos, Marzo 2010

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Long-term care claims paid this month: **\$26,050.00**

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# LETTERS To the Editor

Tell us what you think! [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

## LETTER OF THE MONTH



### When It Comes to Winning, Spouses Can Draw the Line

Those are some wonderful works of art in the Grownup Coloring Contest! I really liked what Salvador Lopez of Public Works did to win, and my personal favorite was that of Michelle Gross of Rec and Parks. That's smart to enter yourself and your spouse to the contest -- better odds. Or maybe not. Ha!

– Nichole Ferguson, Transportation

### Tributes to Joannie Brought Back Some Pleasant Memories

What a great job in this month's issue [May]. [Alive! has produced] a most professional rendering of Joannie Mukai and her lifetime accomplishments.

I am sure that Karen [Joannie's sister] and the rest of Joannie's family are greatly pleased. I sure am.

– Roy Cootes, Retired, General Services, Joannie's former supervisor

Hi Roy, thanks for writing. Losing Joannie was tough, but writing about her eased our sensibilities. — Ed.

### City Is Better Place Because Of Lives of Joannie and Michael

Tough times reverberate at the Club and City with the loss of Joannie Mukai and then Michael Leighton in consecutive months. The City lost two amazing people, and their passing has affected the City in so many ways. Let's not forget that they had many friends and family who felt the brunt of their passing -- my condolences to them. Because of their existence, many people became better human beings, and I am also sure that their memory will live on with all the people they touched.

I am very pleased that the Club memorialized and celebrated the lives of these fine individuals. This means that they will forever be remembered in the annals of the Club and City through Alive! It has been our honor to know Joannie and Michael, and it is our great delight to be able to record their lives in the newspaper.

– Robert Larios, Director of Operations, The Club

### When the Squeeze Is On, Mayo Has Alternatives

I had no idea that you could substitute Greek or plain yogurt for mayonnaise! What a healthy alternative! Thanks, Chef Larios!

– Jenna Kline, DWP

### The Finkle Finger of Fate Saves Cash at Office Depot

Hey, Alive!, it's Dave Finkle here, and I want to share that I bought a box of 500 sheets of printer mailing labels for \$39.99 at Office Depot. It was a pricey buy, and I didn't think my Club discount would kick in, but the cashier said, "Your new total is \$24.11."

Using my Club discount, I keep saving. It's been great. Thanks, Club.

– Dave Finkle, Housing

Hi Dave, thank you! You're the best ambassador for this great Club benefit. By the way, I just bought new toner for my all-in-one printer/scanner/fax machine. I saved about 30 percent. I love watching the faces of the people in line as my price drops like magic. Well, it's not like magic -- it's the Club discount! — Ed.

### Celebrating City Employees by Honoring Other Associations

Hey, glad to see that the Club is supporting all the police associations with the City of Los Angeles. I read the article on the Port Police Association in the May newspaper. The Club truly is about celebrating the lives of City Employees.

– Henry Holcomb, General Services

### Energy of Club's Sports Dept. Is Easy to See on Sports Page

The Club Sports page is looking better and better each time I look at it. There's so much excitement and energy in the photos, and I hear that some of the teams have regular fans in attendance cheering them on! That sounds like a lot of fun. I am sure the employees who play will have fond memories playing in basketball.

– Linda Jones, Rec and Parks

## QUESTION of the Month

– Collected by Rachael Brecher, Club Store Assistant Manager

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

### What is (or was) special about your father?



**"He's a very good father figure, a very good disciplinarian, very religious, and loves his grandchildren."**  
– Armand Pascua, Public Works, 13 years of City service



**"His honesty."**  
– Jose Lopez, DWP, 13 years of City service



**"Always there for me and my family."**  
– John Osollo, Public Works, 23 years of City service



**"He set a good work ethic."**  
– Kenneth Williams, Public Works, 21 years of City service



**"Everything."**  
– Jacobi Patterson, General Services, 7 years of City service and Captain of the Warriors softball team



**"He was understanding, easy to get along with, always helped out with the community and loved his children."**  
– Nancy Juarez, LAPD, 29 years of City service



**"He got in touch with the rest of family after many years."**  
– Louis Suarez, Rec and Parks, 29 years of City service



**"One of a kind. They don't make them like they used to."**  
– Lawrence Lacour, Public Works, 3 years of City service



**"My dad is very caring about his family and has a very good work ethic."**  
– Herman Ferguson, Transportation, 22 years of City service



**"A great educator."**  
– Therese Hadley, ITA, 28 years of City service

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<b>June 11</b> 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Norma Angullo	<b>June 25</b> 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Patty Pulido

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# Memories

I am lost for words. We had such a great meeting with Mike just two weeks ago. My condolences and prayers go out to his children and family.  
 — Andrew J. Virzi Jr., DWP, Club Board Member

I am indeed at a loss for words to see Michael go so soon. As David Muraoka said, I can see him at the end of the Board meeting talking about the trip to Vegas that he couldn't make because of the winds. I will always remember his carefree spirit and his friendly personality. My prayers are with the Board and his family.  
 — Rose Hyland, Club Board Member

## Michael Leighton, City Printer

Head of General Services and Club Board Member passes away at 52.

*By Yvonne Liu, Office of Finance; Photos by Club photographers and from family, friends and co-workers*

Michael Leighton, Director of the City's Publishing Services and Club Board Member, died May 7. Leighton, a strong supporter of the Club and a great believer in being a City employee, died of natural causes. He was 52. He is the second Club Board Member to pass away over the last two months. Joannie Mukai, former Harbor employee and Club Board Member, died in April.

"Michael was full of life," remembered John Hawkins, Club CEO. "Whenever he had a new service or piece of equipment in his printing shop, or if he had another success story to tell or some other good news, he would always call. He was proud of what he did, and he was proud of everything the Club has become. We are all shocked by his passing, and we have sent our deepest condolences to his family and friends."

Born Sept 25, 1957, Michael worked for the City for 12 years as the Director of Publishing Services.

He had been in the printing business since he was 12. His father, a linotype operator for the Los Angeles Times, had no doubt brought him into the trade.

Before Michael's successful contribution to the City, he held positions as Printing and Records Manager for United California Savings Bank, and for Hunt Wesson Foods. He served as the Chief of Reprographics for the County of Orange and as the

Reprographics Specialist for the City of Beverly Hills in the 1980s. He worked also as the ship's printer aboard various cruise ships for Princess Cruises. While working for R.R. Donnelley, a printing company, as a quality analyst, he administered the quality program for Time Warner, which included *Time*, *People*, and *Sports Illustrated*. Michael was past president of the Orange County chapter of the International Publishing Management Association and the Los Angeles Club of Printing House Craftsmen.

### Career Accomplishments

While Michael headed General Services/Publishing Services, he led a staff of 45 employees and increased annual sales from \$4.3 million in 1998 to \$6.1 million without increasing resources. His management skills were proven by increasing time product delivery from 54 percent to 97 percent. He lent his printing expertise to evaluate bids and recommended a Citywide multi-function copier contract that saved the City \$1.2 million in the first year. By installing quality equipment, Michael lowered the cost of centralized copies, saving the City \$590,000 annually. Even in a printed item as little as a City of Los Angeles business card, Michael improved its product delivery and printing accuracy through on-line ordering.

As a manager, Michael stayed abreast of all projects and jobs by meeting every morning with the Printing Services Superintendent and his six supervisors who handle bindery, pre-press, systems and

customer service. His management style was marked by openness, cheerfulness and team focus.

Michael also served on the LA City Employees Club Board as a board member. He helped guide the association's transition into the modern Club concept in 2002.

Michael's death came as a surprise to everyone. He worked a full workday the day before he died, and he had turned in a résumé for the position of Assistant General Manager, General Services/Personnel Division.

Michael is survived by his three children: an adult son, Michael Jr.; Veronica, 16; and Selena, 15; and his fiancé, Gina.

Michael is also survived by his mother, Beverly Leighton, and father, Michael Leighton, and five siblings: Mark, Dave, Kathy, Elaine and Paul. Michael was the eldest of six in the family.

Michael's supervisor since 2005, Deborah Ramos, Assistant General Manager, General Services, said, "Michael was a great guy who brought a passion and a great deal of publishing knowledge to the City. Through his leadership, General Services/Publishing has grown into one of the most cost effective, efficient and state-of-the-art municipal printing and publishing operations in the nation. He will be missed by all."

The Club sends its condolences to the family, friends and co-workers of Michael Leighton.



Michael Leighton.



From left: Michael Leighton and Stepan Nalbantian.



From left: Michael Leighton and John Hawkins, Club CEO.



From left: Michael Leighton and John Hawkins, Club CEO.



General Services/Publishing Services.





This is indeed sad news; I am at a loss for words. Our thoughts and prayers are for Michael's family and friends. My only comfort is knowing that Michael is in the hands of a loving God.  
- Dave Muraoka, Club Board Member



I am deeply shocked to learn the tragic news that Michael Leighton has passed away. His death has been so sudden, untimely and so shocking that I cannot find words to express my feelings at this loss. My thoughts and prayers are with Michael's family.  
- Vasdev Singh, Club Rep



*Remembering*  
**MICHAEL LEIGHTON**  
[ 1957-2010 ]





# Michael's Eulogy

Here's a eulogy given in Michael's memory by a co-worker.



*By Amy Lloyd, General Services*  
 Amy Lloyd, Senior Accountant, General Services/Publishing Services, presented the following eulogy at Michael Leighton's memorial service, held May 12 at Calvary Chapel Westgrove in Garden Grove. — Ed.

I'm Amy Lloyd and I'm the Senior Accountant in the Publishing Services. I worked closely with Michael Leighton. In the less than four years I have been with Publishing Services, I came to know him better.

Every working day, whenever he entered the front office, his first words to us were simple yet so energizing. These words were: "Good morning ... good morning ... good morning, Karlo, Jong. Good morning, Myrna. Good morning Ms. Vu. David. Good morning, Amy Lloyd."

And every time he left the office he would say: "Bye ... see you tomorrow." But on that last working day, last Thursday, as he was leaving, I remember him saying only "Bye, Amy Lloyd," without the usual "I'll see you tomorrow."

Michael was easy to work with. He was a friend and a boss who knew how to work as one of us. He knew how to set the right tone every day that made us do the daily grind of work a lot of fun. To some of us, he was not only a boss but also a mentor.

Michael was so approachable. He smiled a lot so that we didn't feel intimidated to approach him with anything. He made it a point to take time to listen to whatever we had to say, whether good or bad.

We know that he loved us all. He was working so hard to keep our jobs. He was always looking for ways and means to improve the Print Shop and keep our jobs, but also for additional revenue to help the City.

Michael never failed to say "thank you" for a job well done. He would always let us know that he appreciated what we were doing. He was also a funny guy... with a good sense of humor. He



would make funny comments about some song on the radio or some news he had read or heard. He would imitate the way we pronounce some words because of our Filipino accent. He would imitate my actions whenever I was saying something with emotions.

There were times when he would see me with some lotto tickets... and he would tease me by saying "I hope you will not win." So the last time we bought lotto tickets, we decided to include him. But still we didn't win. I also remember some occasions when I was dressed up a little and he would make a comment like, "I know you have an interview. I hope you will not be selected." I knew he was only teasing.

To the former staff of Publishing Services who left for other departments, Michael teasingly called them the traitors. Now the traitors are here.

We know that Michael was a good and loving father. He was very proud of his kids. Every time he came back from vacation

The City of L.A. was blessed to have Mike Leighton as an employee. I would know. I was blessed to know him and call him my best friend. He was one in a million, and those are the odds of ever finding another friend like him.

Never have I met someone as loving or caring as Mike. If anyone had a question or a problem, Mike always had the answer. Mike was a serious and very smart man, but there was always a smile on his face. I have heard from so many people in these last few days saying exactly that; I am not at all surprised. I have spent most weekends for the last seven years with him and Gina, whether just hanging out or on two wheels (the two things he loved most in life were his fiancé, Gina, and his motorcycle). I always liked riding, until I rode with Mike. Then I loved it. Either a short ride to a few "places" for a cold one or a long 300-mile day, there was nowhere I would rather be. We joked about the three of us being a motorcycle club, and came up with names like "The Three Amigos" or "The Three Musketeers." Then we'd look at each other, laugh, and say, "No way, more like The Three Stooges." Instead, to be original, we went with "The Three Knuckleheads." And that's exactly what we were, and we were all proud to be Knuckleheads! And the Knuckleheads will ride again!

By now he has already found the coolest rides in heaven, and no doubt he's back on a Vulcan! Hopefully he'll save the back right position for me. Now when I ride, I look forward and left, and he's not there. I feel lost and have no desire to ride. A part of me is missing, and the people of the city of L.A., friends, family, and people who only knew him from a barstool are feeling the same.

I talked to people at his memorial, and a lot of them saw Mike's photo out front with the huge smile and said, "That's Mike, exactly as I remember him." As I looked at that picture, I saw Mike in a suit and tie. It made me think of Clark Kent. When I saw Mike, he was in a black T-shirt with either skeletons, a bike or a hot woman on it. To me, it was a blue suit and a red cape, because that's exactly who he was: Superman.

I'm going to miss my best friend, Michael B. Leighton.

— Dave Pennington, friend of Michael Leighton



Mike was my boss, but to me and a lot of other people he was more than that. He was a friend. I remember when I first met him and called him "Mr. Leighton," he immediately told me to call him "Mike." I'm going to miss how every day he would come into the office and light up the room with his upbeat "good mornings" and joke around with everybody to get them to crack a smile. I'm going to miss the sports page of his newspapers that he would give me every day so I could read up on my Lakers. I'm going to miss getting him Grande Mistos at Starbucks every payday. But what I'm going to miss the most is his dedication to the shop. He was the one person who fought for our jobs. He went out of his way to make sure that the shop and its employees were taken care of. His passion as a boss and as a friend will always be remembered. We will miss you, Mike.

— Karlo Sabio, General Services/Publishing Services





## Michael's Eulogy, continued

with his family, he would share with us some pictures taken of himself and his daughters and son. And every time there was a school function where his presence was necessary, he made it a point to leave work early to be able to attend that school function.

We know also that Michael was a good and very caring son. I remember when his mom had surgery in Iowa and he went on vacation to be able to be near her.

"*Maraming Salamat*"... that was Michael's fond way of expressing "thank you" in Filipino for a job well done. Today, on behalf of the Publishing Services staff, we say to you, Michael: "*Maraming Salamat*" ... thank you. You made us see the lighter side of daily work that would have been otherwise a lifelong experience with little fun. With the memories we have, you will always be remembered and you will always be in our hearts!

To the bereaved family of our beloved Michael Leighton, your loss is our great loss, too.



*Never have I met someone as loving or caring as Mike.*

— Dave Pennington,  
friend of Michael Leighton

Hearing about the loss of Michael just broke my heart. We sat with him at our last Board meeting, sharing in business and laughter; we now realize what a shining star we have lost. This is also an indication of how important it is to *live* while we *can* live. Michael was smart, caring and alive, and he loved his family, friends and co-workers. We will all miss him and honor him by adopting his love of *life*. Our hearts and prayers are with his family.

— Rita Robinson, Club Board Member



# Remembering MICHAEL LEIGHTON

[ 1957-2010 ]



I first came to the City 11 years ago, and I've worked with Michael Leighton for the past 11 years. I was actually hired six months prior to him. So we were both pretty new to the City of Los Angeles.

Michael had many years of experience in the printing industry, [but] I was "fresh." Not only was he a great mentor but a wonderful friend. I would say that Michael's been an amazing boss overall. He was always easily approachable if I needed his assistance or when I thought I might have a crisis that needed his expertise. Even with our personal quandaries, we could continuously depend on Michael to listen and advise us. I would invariably appreciate his praises and compliments. It felt good when I would win the plaudit of his criticism, if there would ever be one.

I'm sure he's smiling from up above if he sees this next statement. It always meant a lot when he would utter the words, "Thank you Abby — as usual, 'walks on water,' that's you!" I would consistently grumble, stating for him to stop putting me up on that pedestal of his — that he was glorifying me way too much. But he never failed to persist on. Now, I'll simply miss hearing it. We were all startled when we heard of his passing. Not only is it a tragic event but a great loss to our "family" here at the shop. He will be forever missed, and his family will always be in our prayers.

— Abby H. Truong, General Services/Publishing Services

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From left: Lt. Vic Dennis, Club Member; Councilman Dennis Zine, Club Member; Sue LePre, PSR III, Police Service Representative III of the Year Award recipient, Club Member; Tashandra Fredrick, PSR III, Police Service Representative II of the Year Award recipient, Club Member; and Capt. III Regina Scott.



From left: Jimmy, son of Ida Graham; Retired Lt. Charles Mealey; LAPD Chief Charlie Beck; Ida Graham, Sr. PSR I, Humanitarian Award recipient (named in honor of retired Lt. Charles Mealey, Club Member).



Christopher Dale, PSR II, Police Representative of the Year Award recipient; and Charlotte Reaves, Sr. PSR I, Supervisor of the Year Award recipient, Club Member.



From left: Norma Nichols, PSR II, Club Member, and Terri Price, PSR II, Club Member.

# Hail to the Responders

Police Dept. honors its 911 emergency call handlers during National Dispatchers Week.

Story by Arelene Herrero, Club Products Manager; bios courtesy LAPD; Photos by Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager

An open house was held April 12 at the Metro Communications Center downtown to celebrate Los Angeles' participation in the National Dispatchers Week, honoring the Police Service Representatives (PSRs) who answer and respond to the City's 911 emergency calls.

The Club donated valuable prizes. Also, each Club Member in attendance during the Club's tour of the facility was presented a small token of thanks and appreciation.

Several honors were awarded by the LAPD. The two locations - Metro and Valley - were combined this year due to maintenance at the Valley Center.

Attending the open house was Councilman Dennis Zine, Police Chief Charlie Beck, Capt. Regina Scott, Communications Division, and Police Service Representatives.

LAPD dispatchers are an integral part of the public safety net in Los Angeles. They fulfill dual roles as police dispatchers and 911 operators. In 2009, PSRs provided all dispatching services for LAPD officers and answered 3.9 million calls for police service from the public.

LAPD's state-of-the-art dispatch center offered guided open-house tours for officers, City employees, members of the media and the general public. The tours were conducted all day and well into the evening. Refreshments were provided.

In addition, Chief Charlie Beck was present during a 2 p.m. roll call at the MCDC open house to personally honor the PSRs for their hard work and commitment to the safety of the City's police officers and City residents.

Here's a big thank-you to all the PSRs who keep our City safe, and special congratulations to those who were honored.

The Club thanks Angela Rodriguez, Janelle Williams, Lt. Vic Dennis, Norma Espinoza-Cato, Howard Tien and Marisol Vielma for their assistance.



Yvonne Thompson, PSR III.



Eric Askew, PSR III.



Benjamin Harris, PSR II, Club Member.



Emily Zavala, PSR II, Club Member.



From left: Paula Moore, PSR III, Club Member; and Shenita Easter, PSR II.



Manny Garcia, PSR III, Club Member.



Michelle Willis, PSR III, Club Member.



From left: Evie De La Pena, PSR II, Club Member; and Deidra Spies, PSR II, Club Member.



From left: Amy Case, PSR II, Club Member; and Chance Chavez, PSR II, Club Member.



From left: Shannon Merryweather, PSR I; and Sylvia Robinson, PSR III, Club Member.



From left: Lt. Vic Dennis, Club Member; Councilman Dennis Zine, Club Member; Sr. PSR I Denise Sawyerr, Commanding Officers Award of Excellence recipient, Club Member; Capt. III Regina Scott; and Sgt. Felix Pena.

## DENISE SAWYERR, SR. PSR I

Commanding Officer's Award of Excellence

Denise Sawyerr has diligently served 27 years with the City of Los Angeles, with 20 of those at Communications Division. As the officer in charge of the Training Unit, Denise supervised personnel assigned to Administrative, Simulator and Peace Officer's Standards and Training (POST) and demonstrably revamped the efficacy of the unit. Denise was assigned to the Commanding Officer's Administrative Unit from October 2007 through March 2009, where she was the Complaint Coordinator; supervised the Community Relations Unit; and assisted the Commanding Officer with background information on various personnel issues and historical input on institutional matters. From May through August 2009, she was the acting Adjutant and TEAMS II Administrator for the Division.

Her direct reports consistently mention her outstanding level of dedication to the job, timely preparation and submission of projects, her remarkable ability to oversee several projects simultaneously, and her inherent and clear desire



to provide assistance to her peers. Other supervisors have highlighted her exceptional interpersonal skills and regular contributions to improving morale in her unit or on her assigned watch. She also has an extraordinary ability to focus on the task at hand and not allow any distractions to divert her attention. Across the board, her supervisors pointed out that she is a team player, is highly productive with outstanding organizational skills, and has an exemplary attendance record.

Denise Sawyerr's work history contains a myriad of commendations and awards. In 1998, she was recognized as the Day Watch Employee of the Third Quarter and, in 2003, she was selected as Supervisor of the Year. These recognitions, among other documents containing laudatory entries, clearly define Denise as an exemplary person, peer and supervisor.

Given Denise Sawyerr's immeasurable contributions to Communications Division, it is with great pride that the 2009 Commanding Officer's Award of Excellence is awarded to her.



Miguel Estrada, PSR II, Club Member.



Kimberly McClendon, PSR II, Club Member.



Lourdes Coronado, PSR II.



Adam Timm, PSR II.

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CHARLOTTE REAVES, SR. PSR I

Supervisor of the Year

During 2009, no Communications Division supervisor offered a clearer demonstration of creativity or initiative than Senior PSR I Charlotte Reaves. Charlotte was assigned to both centers and worked most watches during this past year, consistently demonstrated care and concern for peers and subordinates, and stood out for her creativity and initiative.



health as well. In 2009 she created a plan to work with the Department's Wellness Coordinator to launch a Diabetes Support Group throughout the Department. To help facilitate the process of completing days off more quickly and accurately, she volunteered and became part of the Days Off Program Cadre.

Charlotte continued to serve as an Area Liaison Coordinator and was instrumental in the recruitment and training of other liaisons throughout the year. She also found time to organize and coordinate the production of the division's first-ever "Dish-Patcher Cookbook" and a Communications Division Yearbook.

Charlotte Reaves is clearly one of the most creative, energetic and personable supervisors in Communications Division. It is for this body of work and more that Sr. PSR I Charlotte Reaves is Supervisor of the Year for 2009.

As the financial crisis loomed over our City and State, Charlotte addressed this concern by soliciting roll call guest speakers on the topic of financial planning and debt consolidation. She also continued her work on earthquake preparedness by devising creative ways to discuss and promote the concept in roll call. For example, she organized a unique potluck in which personnel brought items to facilitate the assembly of personal earthquake kits. Her consideration extended to personal



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From left: Lt. Vic Dennis, Club Member; Councilman Dennis Zine, Club Member; Todd Austin, Sr. PSR I; Terri Price, PSR II, Club Member; Capt. Regina Scott; Alex Gomez, PSR III; and Rhonda Sims-Lewis, Police Administrator III.



From left: Capt. Regina Scott; Ida Graham, Sr. PSR I, Club Member; Lt. Chuck Mealey; and Liz Montgomery, PSR III.



From left: DeAnne Avery, PSR II, Club Member, and Deby Herdrich, PSR II, Club Member.



Standing, from left: Shanen Durden, Sr. PSR I, Club Member; Ezette Smith, Sr. PSR II; Tracy Page, Sr. PSR I, Club Member; Debi Willits, Sr. PSR I, Club Member; and Anita Whited, Sr. PSR I, Club Member. Seated: Yul Johnson, Sr. PSR I, Club Member.



From left: Rachelle Williamson, PSR II, and Robin Browne-Nash, PSR II, Club Member.



From left: Susana Reynoso, PSR II, Club Member; and Maria Sanchez-Ruiz, PSR II, Club Member.



From left: Miyana Pace, PSR III, Club Member; and Brandon Simpson, PSR II.



From left: Laura Myles, PSR III; and Teresa Jacobs, PSR III, Club Member.



LAPD Chief Charlie Beck with Mynor Ventura, Senior Clerk Typist, Administrative Employee of the Year Award recipient.

MYNOR VENTURA, SR. CLERK TYPIST

Administrative Employee of the Year

The Communications Division is pleased to announce the selection of Sr. Clerk Typist Mynor Ventura as the 2009 Administrative Employee of the Year. Upon becoming a member of the LAPD, Mynor has demonstrated his dedication to duty and unfailing commitment to give his best by willingly assisting personnel of various internal units when called to do so. Bestowed with an affable personality and a quick smile, he volunteers his service without reservation.

Although he has been given additional administrative responsibilities, he has continued to excel and submit outstanding work products. He is tasked with the daily tallying of the performance of Emergency Board Operators and maintaining the Division's Project's Log. He processes all pursuit-related documents and is the go-to person when tasks have to be completed with a quick turnaround.



Mynor also processes all commendations and makes the necessary entries into the Department Commendations System. Additionally, when confidential documents have to be delivered to Communications and Records Bureau or the Employee Relations Group, Mynor is entrusted with the responsibility.

Mynor also creates the graphics for recognition awards and coordinates the ordering and delivery of such items. One clear hallmark of Mynor's contribution to Communications Division is the sense of teamwork that he demonstrates each and every day.

There is no task that he will not undertake, regardless of its nature. Given his personal qualities, it is therefore with great pride that Communications Division recognizes SCT Mynor Ventura as the 2009 Administrative Employee of the Year.

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**CHRIS DALE, PSR II**

PSR II of the Year (Metro)

Nowhere in Communications Division can be found a more professional and conscientious employee than PSR II Chris Dale. During 2009, he received a commendation for his perfect attendance during 2008. In fact, Chris has not called in sick for more than six years; he last missed a work day due to illness in March 2004. Chris does far more than simply show up. He arrives early for every shift, reviews his work assignment, and arrives to roll call ready to work. Not a day goes by that Chris is not impeccably attired in his Class A uniform, even on holidays and other "free dress" occasions.



Watch Commanders as well as peers assigned in the aide position.

Inarguably, the clearest example of Chris' exemplary work ethic was his selection last year as an Interim Instructor. Once in the role, he immediately impressed the p.m. watch supervisors with his attention to the role by incorporating scenarios, role playing, creating

"what-if" situations, and talking through the emergency situations a new PSR is likely to find most challenging.

Chris freely shared knowledge honed through his experience on the operations floor and training opportunities. He applied for and was selected to attend a 40-hour conference in Las Vegas sponsored by the National Asian Police Office Association, and he attended the 40-hour Crisis Negotiation Training presented by Metropolitan Division's SWAT Team.

It is because of his dedication, organizational skills, initiative, commitment to effective training, and professionalism that PSR II Chris Dale is Metro's PSR II of the Year for 2009.



From left: Lt. Vic Dennis, Club Member; Councilman Dennis Zine, Club Member; Christopher Dale, PSR II, Police Representative of the Year Award recipient; and Capt. III Regina Scott.



Lt. Vic Dennis, Club Member, applauds everyone for a job well done!



From left: Ricci Cureton, PSR III, Club Member, and Deirdre Fonseca, PSR I.



From left: Deby Herdrich PSR II, Club Member, and Stephanie Anderson, PSR I.



From left: Sara Wieck, PSR II, Club Member; Marisol Vielma, PSR II, Club Member; and Andrea Esquivel, PSR II, Club Member.



From left: Todd Austin, Sr. PSR I, Above and Beyond Award recipient; Capt. Regina Scott; Charlotte Reaves, Sr. PSR I, Supervisor of the Year Award recipient, Club Member; Commander Andrew Smith, Operations-West Bureau, Club Member; Ida Graham, Sr. PSR I, Humanitarian Award recipient, Club Member; Ida's son; and Tashandra Fredrick, PSR III, Police Service Representative II of the Year Award recipient, Club Member.



Erin Weeks, PSR II.



Stephanie Forest, PSR II, Club Member.



Pam Lee-McAdory, PSR II.



Jason Cline, PSR II, Club Member.



Kiyoko Clemons, PSR II, Club Member.



Maria Corona, PSR II, Club Member.



Claudia Montes, PSR II, Club Member.



Daniel Uzomah, PSR II, Club Member.



From left: Leslie Allen, PSR III, Club Member; Heidi Keesey, PSR III, Club Member; and Liz Montgomery, PSR III.



Ella Tarrant, PSR I, Club Member.



Marisol Vielma, PSR II, Club Member.



Kelli Elliott, PSR I, Club Member.



Sharlene Sutherland, PSR II, Club Member.



LAPD Chief Charlie Beck with Capt. III Regina Scott as she receives the crystal "In Appreciation for Your Excellence" award.

**MARISA ASSAF, PSR II**

PSR II of the Year (Valley)

Police Service Representative Marisa Assaf has been an esteemed member of the Department for just more than 20 years. She personifies the caliber of employee that not only Communications Division, but the Department and City, seeks to employ.

Marisa was assigned to mid-p.m. shift during 2009 and was integral not only to p.m. watch, but morning watch as well. She is an extremely adept operator, whether working as a radio operator or answering incoming calls in both English and Spanish. As a Bureau Communications Coordinator, she has an excellent working relationship with her peers and supervisors due to her excellent interpersonal skills, vast knowledge, dedicated and strong work ethic and affable demeanor.

She was also tasked with weekly probationary employee monitoring, coordinating trainee conferences, daily assessments and editing, serving,

tracking and filing documentation associated with the training process. Additionally, Marisa assisted instructors and trainees having difficulty communicating or interacting. Her work was consistently exemplary as she routinely displayed impressive organizational skills as well as the ability to prioritize and communicate.

Several times during 2009, PSR II Assaf was asked to assume assignments regularly assigned to supervisors. She did so graciously and proficiently, frequently maintaining her RTOTO duties as well as the additional workload. She has been a Department Peer Counselor for the last 13 years and, as such, was sought out by her peers on a regular basis and accommodated them without hesitation.

Police Service Representative Assaf is truly the quintessential PSR. She sets a high bar for her peers and is highly deserving of this honorable recognition for PSR II of the Year.



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SUSAN M. LEPRE, PSR III

PSR III of the Year (Valley)

Susan M. LePre has been a leader in Communications Division for 25 years, eight of them as an instructor. She is best known for her one-woman crusade to feed her watch. Sue brings two boxes of donuts on the first day of each DP and often brings pizza on special occasions. On the Fourth of July, she organized a hamburger barbeque for those individuals celebrating our independence at work. Her efforts have had a profound effect on the morale of her peers and are eagerly looked forward to.



the rest of the City as a member of the Department Crisis Intervention Team, with which she responded to assist Department personnel affected by the Northridge Metrolink train crash.

Sue has also demonstrated her ability to make lemonade out of the lemons life serves her. She took her experiences from a recent personal struggle and used them to provide poignant and relevant roll-call training to her friends and co-workers.

In addition to building morale on the watch, Sue helps her peers on an individual basis through the Care and Concern Committee and as a peer counselor. She extends this service to

both her fellow workers and the watch as a whole. It is our sincerest desire that Communications can return this service with the honor it deserves.



From left: Sue LePre, PSR III, Police Service Representative III of the Year Award recipient, Club Member; Commander Andrew Smith, Operations-West Bureau, Club Member; Tashandra Fredrick, PSR III, Police Service Representative III of the Year Award recipient, Club Member; and Capt. Regina Scott.



From left: Thalia Chism, PSR I, and Sue LePre, PSR III, Club Member.



Rosalind Matthews, Sr. PSR I, Club Member.



Renee Merrick, PSR II, Club Member.



Tenecia Sims, PSR II, Club Member.



Paul Gonzalez, PSR II, Club Member.



Councilman Dennis Zine, Club Member, as he announces that he has doubled his contribution.



From left: Cheryl Garcia, PSR II, Club Member, and Jackie Drebren, PSR II, Club Member.



From left: Lt. Vic Dennis, Club Member; Capt. Regina Scott; Councilman Dennis Zine, Club Member; Jessica Cepeda, PSR II, Club Member; and Sgt Felix Pena.



From left: Councilman Dennis Zine, Club Member; Lt. II Vic Dennis, Above and Beyond Award recipient, Club Member; and Capt. III Regina Scott.



From left: Michael Schmidt, PSR II; and Joseph Smith, PSR III.



From left: Lt. Singh and Sgt. Chong.



From left: Mikhaal Waters, PSR II, Club Member, and Damon Farfan, Sr. PSR II.



From left: Evelyn Perez, PSR II, and Yolanda Arroyo, PSR II.



From left: Perla Perez, PSR I; Maria Moreno, PSR II; and Marie Fimbres, PSR II.



From left: Howard Tie, Sr. PSR I, Club Member; Tashandra Fredrick, PSR III, Club Member; and Jill Woo, Sr. PSR I, Club Member.



From left: LAPD Chief Charlie Beck; Tashandra Fredrick, PSR III, Police Service Representative II of the Year Award recipient, Club Member; and Councilman Dennis Zine, Club Member.

TASHANDA FREDERICK, PSR III

PSR III of the Year (Metro)

Tashanda has completed just more than 10 years of service with the LAPD Communications Division, and more than six of those years as a PSR III in an instructor lead employee capacity. A specific example of an incident in which she went above and beyond the call of duty was when Tashanda was asked to return from a break period early to handle broadcasts from a vehicle pursuit. Upon assuming responsibility of the pursuit, Fredrick immediately gained control, displaying obvious command presence and confidence from her initial broadcasts. The pursuit lasted for more than an hour, circling blocks in neighboring cities, eventually resulting in the suspect being taken into custody.



her peers. She covered topics such as healthy eating, Incident Open (I/O) command, corruption awareness, and assertive dispatching. Her presentations are always both informative and entertaining.

Whether conducting a tour for a group of Girl Scouts or senior citizens, Fredrick always manages to make a connection with the group, ensuring that they leave with a clear understanding of the duties and challenges of 911 operators and the appropriate use of the 911 system. Fredrick's commitment to continuous development is also evident in her participation in the development and implementation of additional training exercises for a.m. watch's EBO trainees.

Whether Fredrick is assigned to the front line as a call taker/dispatcher, as an instructor/BCC, or as an acting supervisor, she can always be counted on to get the job done.

Further examples of Fredrick's excellent communications skills were displayed when she volunteered to conduct Roll Call Training for

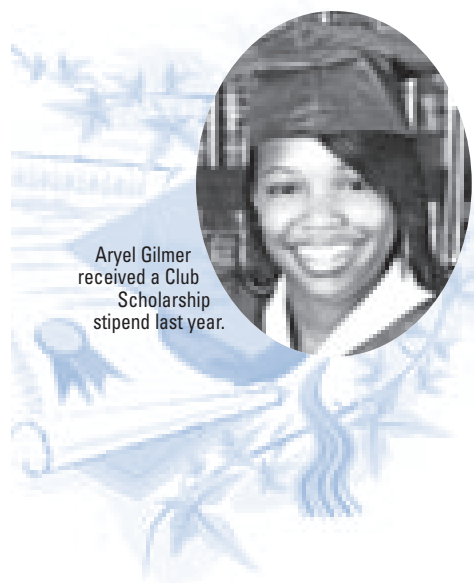
## THE CLUB

# Deadline June 30 for Mukai Scholarship Applications

Applications for Club Scholarship are available online and at the Club Store.



**Deadline is noon, June 30, 2010.**



Aryel Gilmer received a Club Scholarship stipend last year.

Pick up your application for the Joannie Mukai Memorial Club Scholarship at the Club Store, or download an application today! The Club has renamed its scholarship program after the late Club Board Member Joannie Mukai. (See last month's cover story.)

The 2010 Mukai Club Scholarship Program, which expects to grant 10 awards, is now accepting applications.

All materials must be physically in the Club Store and Service Center downtown, 120 West 2nd Street by noon, June 30, 2010.

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

Those eligible include Club Members, their spouses and their children who are in college or will be attending an accredited college or university in Fall 2010.

"We know that times are tough right now, and we want to do something special to meet the demand," said John Hawkins, Club CEO. "We expect to offer 10 awards."

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

You can pick up an application at the Club Store and Service Center, 120 West 2nd Street downtown, or download an application at:

[www.cityemployeesclub.com/scholar.asp](http://www.cityemployeesclub.com/scholar.asp)

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

#### Eligibility requirements:

- All Club Members and their spouses, and children of Club members under the age 25, are eligible to apply. Club members must be in good standing.
- The successful candidate must attend an accredited four-year college or university full time in the fall semester 2010. Current high school seniors matriculating to a four-year school in Fall 2010 are eligible.

■ Candidates will be judged for academic excellence, community service and financial need.

■ Ten (10) scholarships are expected to be awarded, in equal amounts of \$1,000 (each).

■ **Deadline:** Applications must be in the Club Store and Service Center, 120 West 2nd Street downtown, by noon June 30, 2010. All applications must be physically in the Club office at that time to be eligible. Sorry, but the Club is not responsible for delays in delivery.

■ Decisions will be made by Club personnel and will be considered final.

■ Club Store and Service Center address: 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

■ Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Send questions to: [scholarship@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:scholarship@cityemployeesclub.com)

## Newsbriefs

### ILLEGAL DUMPING HOTLINE NABS VIOLATORS:

In May, the City reported 37 notices of violations illegal street- and parkway dumping in the top 10 severely impacted sections identified in South Los Angeles.

"Street Services and Sanitation Bureau crews also cleaned and removed trash and debris from at least one location as a result of an Illegal Dumping Crime Tip hotline lead," reported Bureau of Street Services Director William Robertson, Public Works. "Calling the hotline allows citizens to anonymously report illegal dumping locations and provide suspect as well as vehicle information," Robertson said. Illegal dumping surveillance operations target sections of Council Districts 8, 9 and 15, where the top 10 severely impacted sections have been identified.

"We also have implemented an online 'Illegal Dumping Crime Tip' link on our Website," said Chief Investigator Gary Harris of the Investigation and Enforcement Division. Citizens can use "Call 3-1-1," the City's non-emergency hotline, to make a confidential report, or access the online site at [www.lacity.org/boss/SSIED/illegal\\_dump](http://www.lacity.org/boss/SSIED/illegal_dump)."

"Cleanup of illegally discarded and dumped items costs the City about \$12 million annually," Harris said. "Offenders can face misdemeanor or felony convictions."

If convicted of a misdemeanor, an offender can receive a sentence of six months in jail or a fine of up to \$3,000, according to California State Penal Code section 374 .4. For a felony conviction, the fine can be as much as \$10,000 or three years in prison, according to State Penal Code 374.8. Los Angeles Municipal Code 66.25 documents the penalty as six months in jail or a fine of \$1,000, or both.

"Citizens who report incidences of illegal dumping of any type that lead to the arrest and conviction of offenders can get a \$1,000 reward," Harris said. "We urge citizens to call 3-1-1 to report violators." All calls are strictly confidential.

### LAX IS TOPS:

Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) ranked best among the nation's busiest airports (more than 40 million annual passengers) for on-time performance for flight arrivals and departures, according to U.S. Department of Transportation statistics released in May. LAX also is the number one Origin and Destination (O&D) airport in the United States, according to an aviation industry data source.

The average on-time performance of airlines serving LAX improved to 85 percent in March from 83 percent in March 2009. According to the federal Dept. of Transportation, the nation's 18 top air carriers recorded an 80 percent average on-time performance in March 2010 compared to 78.4 percent in March 2009.

LAX officials attribute the airport's high on-time performance record primarily to Southern California's good weather.



### Personal Finance Series

## Financial Management Basics



Financial Management Basics is free to Active LACERS Members. It will help you:

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- Get out of debt
- Increase savings
- Gain control of credit cards
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The course also covers retirement planning and information about:

- LACERS defined benefit retirement plan
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- The City's Deferred Compensation plan

### Financial Management Basics

June 29, 2010 – 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.  
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Interested Active LACERS Members can sign-up for this course on [www.LACERS.org](http://www.LACERS.org) or by calling (800) 779-8328. Space is limited, so RSVP early.

Reserve your seat today. Space is limited.



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## CULTURAL AFFAIRS

# Surf Bard

Annual Shakespeare by the Sea program returns to Pt. Fermin Park in June.



Last year's Shakespeare by the Sea presented a production of *Love's Labour's Lost*.

Photos by M. Elliot

Two Shakespeare plays headline the 2010 season of Shakespeare by the Sea.

The comedy *Twelfth Night* and the tragedy *Julius Caesar* open at Pt. Fermin Park in San Pedro in June. Shakespeare by the Sea is partially sponsored by Cultural Affairs. Admission is free.

The City portion of the program's schedule is:

## Twelfth Night

Set in the make-believe country of Illyria where "nothing that is so, is so," *Twelfth Night* is a madcap comedy filled with mistaken identities, cunning plans and miraculous discoveries.

- June 10-12, 24 and 26; 8 p.m.  
(7:30 p.m. pre-show)



Last year's Shakespeare by the Sea presented a production of *As You Like It*.

## Julius Caesar

In one of the earliest of his Roman plays, Shakespeare explores the opposing dynamics of democracy and tyranny. *Julius Caesar* is a swift and enthralling political thriller where ambition and patriotism go head to head.

- June 17-19, 25; 8 p.m.  
(7:30 p.m. pre-show)

You are invited to bring your friends, pack a picnic and settle in under the stars this summer for Shakespeare's classic comedies. It can get chilly by the sea at Pt. Fermin, so dress accordingly. Bench seating is available, but you are welcome to bring chairs or blankets.

Point Fermin Park is at 807 Paseo del Mar, San Pedro.

Information: [www.shakespearebythesea.org/](http://www.shakespearebythesea.org/)



## Personal Finance Series

# Investing Basics: Increasing Retirement Income

*I finally understand the other options available to fund my retirement.*

**In the Investing Basics: Increasing Retirement Income workshop you will learn about making the right long-term investment choices.**

- Learn how to research the right investments for you
- Decipher your mutual fund statements
- Get a better grasp of your personal investment style

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# Newsbriefs

## FEEDING NEW METERS:

In May, Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa and Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Club Member, announced the installation of 10,000 new coin and card parking meters to provide more convenient and reliable service and more revenue for the City.

"Broken meters frustrate drivers and cost the City too much lost revenue," said Mayor Villaraigosa. "Instead of carrying a bagful of quarters to feed the meter, drivers will now be able to pay quickly and conveniently with a credit card."

"A modern city needs modern technology. These smart meters will allow people to park with greater ease and pay with a swipe of the card," said Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Club Member. The installation of new meters began with 200 that were unveiled in Los Feliz. Transportation estimates that the 10,000 coin and card meters will generate an additional \$1 million to \$1.5 million annually in net meter revenue.

"Transportation is excited to be installing 10,000 new parking meters that accept coins as well as credit/debit cards. This will make it more convenient for Los Angeles residents and visitors to park at meters on City streets," said Rita L. Robinson, General Manager.

Upon the completion of the installation of the 10,000 new meters, approximately 37 percent of the City's 40,000 meters will have been upgraded. These modern meters will generate more than 50 percent of the City's parking meter revenue.

Through a pilot project, approximately 500 upgraded meters have previously been installed and operating in the City. Meter revenue has increased nearly 40 percent on average where card and coin meters are installed.

The new meters are also able to call for repair if they are vandalized or malfunction. If a coin and card meter needs service, it sends a wireless message to a technician, improving the efficiency of repair to return failed meters to service quickly.

The new meters operate with a solar battery. After all 10,000 are installed, the City will have the most solar powered individual parking meters in the country.

"By reusing our existing poles and using clean solar power, these new coin and card meters are a win-win for customers, the City, and the environment," Mayor Villaraigosa added.

The meters are uniquely designed to replace just the top portion of the meter, reusing the existing pole and base. They are stronger and more vandal-proof than the old coin meters.

Transportation anticipates installing all 10,000 of the new meters by July 1. The new meters accept Visa, Mastercard and American Express.

Drivers are required to pay to park at every meter, and if payment is not accepted at a meter the driver must use another form of payment or find another meter to avoid a citation. A display on each meter provides information about the hours and rates for the meter. Also a sticker outlining the City's rules will be applied to each new meter.

Parking meters in the City cost between \$1 to \$4 per hour, depending on the location and demand in the area.

## PAL MENTORS:

The LAPD's Police Activity League (PAL) Rampart branch was one of 135 selected throughout the country to receive federal grants for its mentoring training program for adult volunteers.

Rampart PAL's training program took place in May at the Rampart Community Police Station. The program is run by Rampart Officer Larry Covington and Rampart PAL Mentor Coordinator Cherie Hudson.

The U.S. Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the National Association of Police Athletic/Activities Leagues, Inc. provided program awards to 135 PAL chapters for mentoring programs. LAPD Rampart PAL is honored to have been selected as one of the 135 grant recipients for this exciting program. PAL staff recently participated in a two-day national training for the development and implementation of the PAL's new mentoring program.

The mentoring program involves recruiting volunteer mentors who will be matched with a youth mentee. (Mentees will be recruited from one of LAPD Rampart's existing youth programs including Jeopardy and JIPP.) Volunteer mentors agree to meet with their mentee at program sites for at least one hour per week for a one-year commitment. Besides offering friendship and a listening ear, mentors and mentees will engage in a variety of fun and meaningful activities individually and in groups.

# BAKER TO VEGAS RUN 2010

## Results of

# Baker to Vegas: A Race in the Desert



Club sponsors six City teams in annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup race.

*Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager; Photos by Arlene Herrero and Fitz Mora*

This amazing foot race is an annual event for public safety organizations throughout the world. The relay race is a 120-mile, 20-stage foot race between Baker, Calif., and Las Vegas and is considered the "Super Bowl" of law enforcement and the champions are the best, in terms of physical fitness and logistics the police world has to offer. The race was created by and is managed by the Los Angeles Police Rotary and Athletic Club, and the City Employees Club is grateful for their leadership.

In honor of the sixth year in which the Club has sponsored City of LA teams in the Baker to Vegas race, the Club sponsored six teams this year: LAPD Communications; Port Police; LAPD Rampart; LAPD Training Division; and two new teams, Transportation and LAPD Emergency Service Division (Air Support Division and Force Investigation Division).

Some 256 teams participated, including teams from Germany and Canada, which is a record," Sgt. Jim Katapodis, Co-Chair, indicated.

This year's weather by far had to be the most challenging I have seen from my years being out in the racecourse. At the start of the race, held April 16-18, the temperature at some start times was 91 degrees, with a blacktop temperature

approaching 110 degrees.

Team 140, Port Police, came home with their first mug. They took seventh place in their category, with no penalties incurred. Team 121, LAPD Training Team II, came in third in their Invitational Mix Category, despite suffering a 10-minute penalty. Team 202, LAPD Communications, came in 28th in their overall category of Invitational Mix, completing the race penalty-free in 19 hours, 15 minutes, 54 seconds. Team 171, Transportation, took 18th in their Invitation Category, completing the race in 17 hours, 59 minutes, 13 seconds, penalty-free. Team 135, LAPD Emergency Services/FID/ASD, finished the Mixed race at 17 hours, 56 minutes, 13 seconds. Despite a 10-minute penalty, they finished the race strong at 17th overall in their respective category. Team 38, LAPD Rampart, running under the Station Category, finished sixth in 16 hours, 12 minutes, 7 seconds, with no penalties. "We missed Mariana Vasquez this year out on the race course. We finished strong despite one of our runners needing medical assistance, and we still came home with a mug," said Det. Rick Ramos, Club Member, Rampart team captain.

"I would like to acknowledge those who made

this year's team a great success," said Milan Romero, captain of the Transportation team. "I applaud the tremendous effort and courage demonstrated by our men and woman who ran and volunteered their services for this arduous and challenging race. Through their valiant actions and never-ending work ethic, this year's team proved to be one of the best ever for D.O.T.!"

"We went to Vegas with 20 outstanding runners, and our goal was to improve our time from last year, sustain no injuries and to place in the top 50 percent in our category to obtain that coveted 'mug' award.

"I am proud to announce that D.O.T. Team 171 ... improved overall by 26 minutes, sustained no injuries and placed 18th in our category of 31 teams," Milan Romero continued. "In the overall picture, out of [all the] teams that came from numerous law enforcement agencies, we placed in 148th place! What an outstanding accomplishment by our runners and support staff. I am honored and privileged to have made these accomplishments and goals with this year's team and staff and look forward for next year's race. If you are interested in running B2V 2011, start training now!"

### Other City teams did well, too:

- LAPD Retired took fifth place in its category;
- City Attorney's Office took third in its 1800 category, and no penalties;
- LAPD Jail Division took 12th place in the Invitational Mix Category, with no penalty;
- LA Airport Police Team 130 took 13th in the Mixed Category despite incurring a five-minute penalty; they finished strong at 17 hours 26 minutes 24 seconds.

The cup's overall winner was L.A. Sheriff's Dept., finishing the race at 12 hours 53 min 2 seconds. Second place was CHP Sacramento. Third Place was FBI Los Angeles.

As always, the Club had a blast covering all these great City teams in the annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Race. We congratulate all the runners and the support teams that helped them succeed, and we look forward to next year.

*Alive! thanks Anita Whited; Officer Alex Castillo; Det. Rick Ramos; Mariana Vasquez; Lt. Kettelkamp; Sgt. Korne; Lisa Pallares; Officer Tom Deluccia; Chuck Foote; Officer Tony Adler; and Milan Romero for their assistance in producing this article.*

## RUNNING RUNNING RUNNING



Leg 1 at the start line. On your mark ... Get set ... Go!



Sr. PSR 1 Anita Whited, LAPD Communications, Club Member, has the form down for the baton handoff.

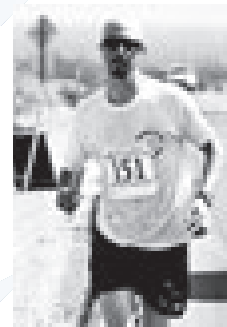


Team 135 LAPD Emergency Services Division.

**GO!  
GO!  
GO!**



Team 202 LAPD Communication's follow vehicle. Driver is Cathy Sotos, Club Member; the others are Cathy Rennie, Club Member; and Scott Goldstein, alternate runner, Club Member.



Team LAPD Southwest.



Long Beach Police Department Chief Jim McDonnell, Club Member, and some of the Long Beach PD's Baker to Vegas teammates.



Team LAPD Southwest.



Georgina Griego, PSR III, Club Member, is all smiles on Leg 5.



Team 135 Officer Tom Deluccia, Club Member, as he waits for the baton handoff.



Team 133 LAPD Harbor Division.



Team 104 LAPD Mission runner as he waits on Leg 2.



Team 230 LAPD Juvenile Division.



# BAKER TO VEGAS RUN 2010

## the Big Race

# OFF THEY GO!



The medical team at Stage 2.



Team 131 LAPD North Hollywood.



From left: Sgt. Jim Katapodis, Baker to Vegas Race Director; Joy Matlack; and Pete Demetriou, KNX 1070 reporter.



Team 104 LAPD Mission, Leg 1 runner, as she comes in the exchange chute.



Team 130 LA Airport Police.



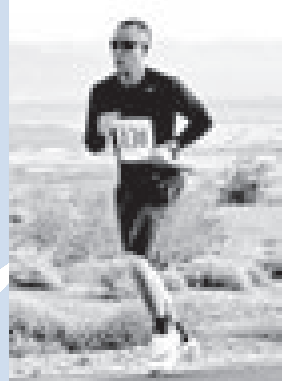
Team 130 LA Airport Police.



Team 140 Port Police Officer Byron Culbertson, Club Member.



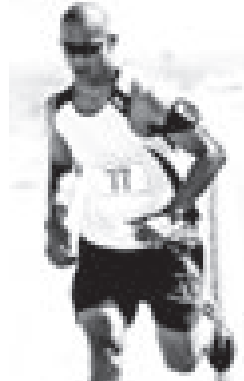
Team 140 Port Police Officer Andrew Sklarsh, Club Member.



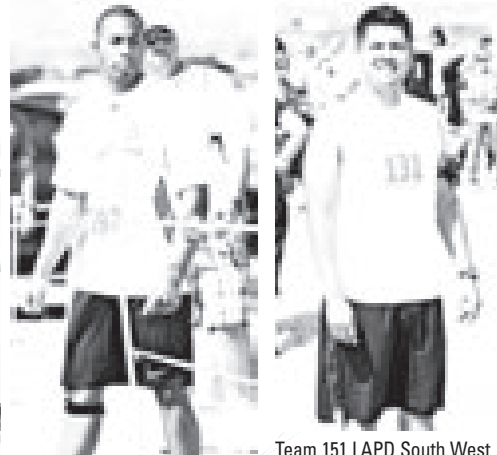
Team 130 LA Airport Police.



Team 261 LAPD West Valley Station.



Team 77 LAPD Central as he nears the chute.



Team 151 LAPD South West Area.



Team 135 LAPD ESD.



Team 104 LAPD Mission.



Team 133 LAPD Harbor Sharks.

## RUNNING RUNNING RUNNING



Team 195 LAPD West LA.



Team 197 LAPD Pacific Station's Leg 1 runner, running strong.



Team 140 Los Angeles Port Police.



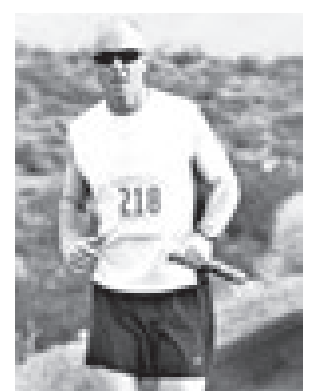
Team 114 LAPD Metro Black.



Team 230 LAPD Juvenile Division.



Team 116 LAPD RHD/CCD.



Team 218 LAPD Valley Traffic.



Team 62 LAPD Retired member with her catcher and cheering crew.



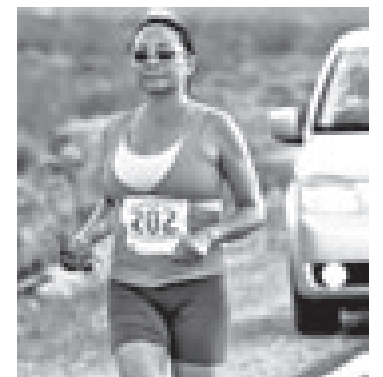
Team 62 LAPD Retired "Old Blue."



Team 220 LA City Attorney.



# THE HAND OFF



Team 202 PSR member Lourdes Varas, Club Member, on Leg 8, representing LAPD Communications.



Team 114 LAPD Metro Black.



Team 131 LAPD North Hollywood.



Team 195 LAPD West LA.

From left: Beth Hicks; Henri McKail; Jesse Alcaraz; Terry Price, Club Member; and Michelle Willis, Club Member.



# BAKER TO VEGAS RUN 2010



Team 267 LAPD South Traffic Division.



Team 156 LAPD Hollenbeck.

From left: Marc Hemsworth, P3, Club Member; Capt. Michelle Veenstra, Club Member; Sgt. Cristina Korne, Club Member; and Marlene Rafidi, sister of Capt. Michelle Veenstra.



Team 79 LAPD Northeast Area.



Tracey and Capt. John Sherman, Topanga Station.



From left: Officer Vanessa Keortge, Club Member; Officer Cathy Meek; and Officer Norma Stang, Club Member.

## THE HOME STRETCH



Team 202 PSR Jesse Alcaraz on Leg 19.



LAPD Communications team members at the finish line.



Team 140 Port Police.



From left: Det. II Blair Grabiak, Club Member; and P3 John Borquez, K9, Club Member.



From Team 135, from left: P3 Tom Davoren, Club Member, with his wife, Kelly.

# The Port Police's First Mug

Port Police recalls their thoughts running 120 miles through the desert heat.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager, and Tracey Zuliani, Port Police; Photos by Arlene Herrero



Port Police Sgt. Rosario Ferrara, Club Member, sets the pace for the Port Police.



Team 140 Port Police Capt. Al Rosario, Club Member, as he makes his way to the finish line.



From Left: Port Police Capt. Al Rosario, Club Member; Port Police Chief Ronald Boyd, Club Member; and Port Police Capt. Tracy.



Port Police team members at the finish line.

The Club has sponsored the Port Police's Baker to Vegas team for four years, owing to the large number of Club Members on the team. This year, the team won its first mug, a "trophy" of achievement in the race.

Congratulations to the Port Police team for placing seventh in their category to secure a mug after only its fourth year participating in this event. Their team rank goes from 140 to 132 out of 250 teams for next year.

**Here's a list of the team members:**

- Runners: Rosario Ferrara, Joseph Keen, Andrew Sklarsh, Alex Castillo, Byron Culbertson, Victor Fernandez, Brandyn Anderson, Jonathan Oceau, Michael Chen, Charles Sanderson, Jose Magana, Ismael Flores, Carlo Oliveri, Arthur Kurkowski, Brandon Hamasaki, Ryan Mullany, Miguele Fagins, Francisco Nunez, Phillip Heem and Al Rosario.
- Alternate runners: Glenn Twardy, Mark Pagliuca, Logan Braun, John Legaspi and Tou Moua.
- Support staff: Michael Kettelkamp, Rudy Meza, Jessica Bautista, Tracey Zuliani, Robin Jackson, Danny Rodriguez, Jose Alvarez, Mimi Gutierrez, Alberto Alvarado, Lawrence "Russ" Russell, William Paxson, Mike Capodanno, Karin Capodanno, Micaela Mowrer, Dave Yochem, Bonnie Soong, Kenneth Huerta, Ralph Tracy, Maria Alva, Mike Alva, Mary Ramos, Christine Pina, Vanessa Guillen and Renee Decker.

**Here's a recounting of the experience:**

"It's hot out here, the kind of heat that scorches the landscape, splits the earth until only clay cracks remain underfoot, and sends all living creatures underground. The sun bakes the sole highway connecting this desolate wasteland to Sin City and sets the scene for the annual law enforcement Baker to Vegas Championship Cup, a 120-mile relay race through the unforgiving Death Valley desert. The runners participate for camaraderie, for recruitment, and also for glory. Some runners won't make it; they will fall from extreme weather conditions and have to be airlifted to the nearest hospital. But the call to go beyond one's limits, like these men and women of law enforcement do every day, is too strong to resist, so they run. The Los Angeles Port Police hears this call. "It is high noon on April 16, and the Master of Ceremonies announces the start of the race. Officer Ferrara begins with the shot of a gun; his pace will set the momentum for the rest of his team. His 5.4-mile

leg is not the hardest, but none of the distances can be categorized as easy. Ferrara strides to make his time.

"Each consecutive runner has a personal goal, whether it is to beat their best time, to overtake a runner on an opposing team, or just complete their leg. Unfortunately, the odds are stacked against them, the terrain is difficult, and the asphalt sizzles with every step. A slight breeze, once desired, is quickly rejected because its hot gusts carry dust and particulate matter choking and blinding the runners. From the steep inclines to knee-crushing downhills and insufferable heat to agonizing cold, how does one prime himself to perform under such adverse conditions?

"Understanding and accepting these conditions, Officer Keen, adorned in hot pink running shorts (a payment owed), waits in anticipation at the second leg, mentally and physically preparing himself for what is the longest and most difficult distance of the race. Some hype themselves up with fast-paced music, others require small shouts of encouragement or chant a mantra repeatedly to themselves, and still others want complete quiet as to be alone with their thoughts and the sounds of the rhythmic pounding of feet and violent movements of breath. The officer flawlessly takes the baton from his teammate to begin his steady 8.2-mile incline, his thoughts focused only on completing his mission.

"The race continues. The horizon never gets closer. The heat of the day is unbearable, but night falls quickly and with it, the temperature. This new challenge only makes our runners more resilient.

"Although each runner faces their own challenges, they all have a common experience. The runners have made sacrifices to participate in this event. They have trained hard, but preparation and stamina are not the only characteristics that will get you through this grueling course. You need heart, like Capt. Rosario, who as the most senior runner on the team averaged one of the fastest times and past another team to clinch a mug placement by eight seconds. You need determination like Officer Alex Castillo, who ran his six-mile leg with a torn Achilles tendon in his right leg and still managed to overtake another team. And you need discipline like Officer Carlo Oliveri, who overcame the past year's logistical issues and was able to participate in this year's event. All of these characteristics and the unique characteristics of everyone who participated made for a winning team."

*Thanks to Officer Alex Castillo, Lt. Mike Kettelkamp Tracy Zuliani and Rudy Meza for their assistance.*



# BAKER TO VEGAS RUN 2010

## RUNNING RUNNING



Hello to the LAPD Communications follow vehicle.



Team 220 LA City Attorney's Office.



From left: Lt. Darryl Ito, Club Member; and Sgt. Fred Alexander, South East.



Team 133 LAPD Harbor Sharks member waves and flashes a smile as he runs in the desert heat.



Team 230 LAPD Juv Division looks to meditate and run to keep his cool.



Sgt. II Dave Wright, Leg 1, LAPD Training Division.



Team 38 Rampart members at the finish line.



PSR Adam Timm, LAPD Communications, starts of Leg 1 of the race.



From left: Officer Joseph Keen, Club Member; Officer Rudy Meza, Club Member; Lt. Mike Kettelkamp, Club Member; Tracy Zuliani; Sgt. Rosario Ferrara, Club Member, and his wife, Jessica; and Jessica Bautista, Management Aid, Club Member.



Team 171 Transportation at the finish line.



From left: Team 202 LAPD Communications -- Scott Goldstein, Club Member; Carlos Mejia, PSR II, Club Member; and Quincy Mirage, PSR II, Club Member.



From left: Cindy and LAPD Chief Charlie Beck; and Lt. Elaine Morales, CRD, Club Member, with her son, Adam.



From left: Team 171 Transportation Traffic Officer II Jorge Trego, Club Member; and Traffic Officer II Troy Bregel, Club Member.



Sr. PSR 1 Berta Ugas, Club Member, assists Sr. PSR 1 Anita Whited, Club Member, off the side of the road to safety after a hard run.



Team 220 LA City Attorney's Office.



From left: PSR II Gloria Martinez, Club Member; PSR II Yvette Salazar, Club Member; PSR II and BFF Norma Montano, Club Member; and PSR II Lupe Rojas.



From left: Caroline Shahin, Volunteer; Olga Duran, Volunteer; Chuck Foote, race co-founder.



Team 201, from left: Marlene Swancy, Sr. PSR 1, Club Member; PSR Scott Goldstein, Club Member; Shaton Brown, Sr. PSR 1, Club Member; Carlos Mejia, PSR II, Club Member; Norma Chacon, guest; Sandy Rennie, Retired, Club Member; and Quincy Mirage, PSR II, Club Member. Front: Sr. PSR 1 Cathy Sotos, Club Member.



Team 60 LAPD Commander Andrew Smith, Club Member.



Representing Team 135 ESD-FID-ASD, from left: P3 John Borquez, Club Member; D3 Greg McKnight, Club Member; D2 Meghan Aguilar, Club Member; P3 John Long, Club Member; P3 Vanessa Keortge, Club Member; P3 Emily Tomlin; Civilian Support; Ed Borquez; and D2 Peter Stone, Team Leader, Club Member.

### FINISH LINE



Team 146 LAPD Wilshire.



Congratulations to LAPD Jail Division on their second consecutive mug!



From left: Commander Andrew Smith, Operations-West Bureau, Club Member; and Lt. Jeff Bert, Van Nuys Gang.



From left: D3 Mario Mota, Club Member; P3 Frank Carrillo, Club Member; P3 Pamela Ventura, Club Member; P2 Hamilton Alvaranga, Club Member; D3 Rick Ramos, Club Member; Sgt. Hector Feliciano, Club Member; and Retired Officer Rich Adame.



Congratulations to LAPD Rampart on coming in third in their overall category -- another mug secured!



Team 115 LAPD Jail Division.

## Running for Tommy

Airport Police team runs in memory of Tommy Scott, who died in the line of duty.

Story and photos provided by Sgt. Belinda Nettles, Airport Police, Club Member

The Airport Police participated in the Annual Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay.

There are 12 different categories, of which Airport Police entered in the "Mixed" category, which consists of five women and 15 men. The Airport Police team placed 13 out of 23 teams in its category, with a time of 17 hours 26 minutes and 24 seconds. Overall, the Airport Police team ranked 120 out of a total of 250 teams.

The team runs each year in honor of Officer Tommy Scott, who was killed in the line of duty several years ago.

Congratulations to the Airport Police team for another strong showing.



Airport Police Officer Greg Iwamiya, Club Member, crosses the finish line.



Back, from left: Airport Police Officer Ray Woods; Airport Police Officer Lagos; Los Angeles Airport Police Chief George R. Centeno; Airport Police Officer Greg Iwamiya, Club Member; Richard Flores; Starla Reader; and James Bow. Front: Airport Police Officer Mark Corral, Club Member, and Rosie Olguin.



Airport Police Officer Rodney Rouzan starts the race on Leg 1.



Airport Police Officer Lagos accepts the Baker to Vegas Mixed Category plaque on behalf of Los Angeles Airport Police team.

Angel's

*Be Alive!*Angel Gomez,  
Director of  
Member  
Services

# Zippering

## The Catalina Island Zip Line Eco Tour

**H**ello again, everybody!  
Wow, do we have some cool fun for you this month.

I went to the brand new Catalina Island Zip Line, and I had a blast.

It's the only zip line in LA and Orange Counties, and it features five separate zips and a 440-foot drop.

What's a zip line, you ask? Well, it's a steel cable that runs high above some awesome terrain. After you put on some important safety equipment, they click you to it, and then you let gravity do its thing. Awesome!

On this zip line, you travel close to three quarters of a mile over five consecutive zip lines at heights of 300 feet above the canyon floor at speeds pushing 45 mph. Whew!

Beginning at the Hog's Back gate, high in the hills near Avalon and descending through Descanso Canyon, you pause at several eco-stations along the way before continuing on the journey. At each station, hosts give you a presentation on some of the unique and interesting aspects of Catalina Island, its wildlife, history, and the areas you are passing through.

Eventually exiting at Descanso Beach, the journey takes approximately two hours.

### Wow!

The views of the Long Beach Harbor on the Catalina Express boat ride over were wonderful, and the actual duration to Catalina was about 45 minutes to an hour. We took the very first departure at 6:15 a.m. (be there 45 minutes early). Remember: Buy your Catalina Express Tickets from the Club and save!

We arrived on Catalina before 8 a.m. and had a wonderful meal at Original Jack's Restaurant across from the Vons Express Store. I was bummed that they gave us O.J. from a carton, not freshly squeezed,

which is always better. But, other than that, the food was good, and so was the service.

The zip line, which cost a reported \$1 million to build, was *amazing!* It was my first time, and let me tell you, wow! Talk about getting your heart beating.

Our zip line adventure started at 10 a.m. (be there by 9). Catalina Island has a main street right on the beach -- follow it to the casino. Keep walking about five minutes along the beach until you see

*I'm flying!*

construction. At this point you will not be able to walk any farther down the beach. Turn inland and you will see the signs for the zip line.

Can you take cameras on the zip line? Yes, you can take a small camera with you. You should be holding on to the zip line, but because of all the safety features you can hold the camera in one hand and hold the zip in the other. That, by the way, will increase your excitement!

You get instructions at the meeting point, and then you suit up for the adventure. Make sure you use the

restroom before you leave; it's a total of two hours from beginning to end. Once you're suited up, you will take a short bus tour through the area going up to the first of six zip lines. The first zip is short, but I think it helps you get ready for the next one. As the instructors said, "Now that you had a small appetizer, next is the main course," and they were right. The first gets your heart beating fast, and the second takes you into overdrive.

The views are amazing, and after you have finished four of the zip lines, you actually want there to be more than five drops. We were looking around, and people started asking, why not make another zip line from that mountain or that one? You really get into it as your body and mind get used to the feeling.

The crew was very friendly, and the adventure was totally worth it. I want to go back and do it all over again. Two thumbs up!

We made plans to return to Long Beach at 3:45 p.m., so we finished the zip line by 2 p.m., and that gave us plenty of time to get lunch and enjoy the coastal view until our 3:20 p.m. boarding time. All this in one day! I would recommend to all of you to make the call and get you tickets today. Note that there are age, height and weight limits.

**As always,  
be safe and Be Alive!  
— Angel**



Approaching the first of five drops; the other end can be seen in the top center of the photo.



### Catalina Island

Send me your photos!  
I would love to see your pictures! Send them to me at agomez@cityemployeesclub.com

# Along on Catalina



Catalina Island Avalon Harbor plaque. We're in Avalon!



David and I, just before I drop into the abyss. "Watch that first step!"



The zip line area.



I'm enjoying my Monte Cristo sandwich at the Original Jack's next to Vons Express.



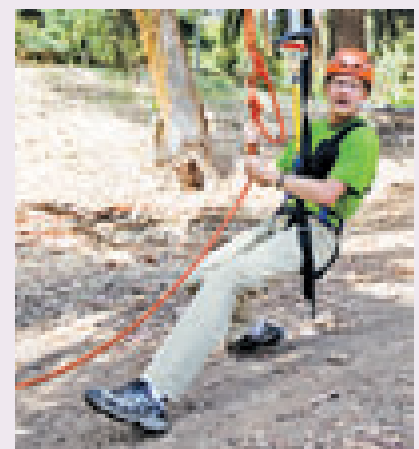
Marcus and I saddle up for the zip line ride.



After a day of really hard work, an iced, blended drink hits the spot.



Passing the casino to the zip line starting point.



Instructor David demonstrates the proper zip line form before heading off to the real thing.



After the zip line, here are our tour guides and other zip liners.

#### Catalina Express Information:

##### SAVE MONEY:

Buy the Catalina Express tickets at the Club Store and get the famous Club discount! Catalina Express' regular price is \$66.50 (round trip), but Club Members save \$10 (kids save \$5 off kids' prices).

- Catalina Express is the most trustworthy way to Catalina. The boats leave from Long Beach, San Pedro and Dana Point (you want to go to Avalon, not Two Harbors). Catalina Express parking costs \$14 daily per 24 hours. Prorated rates may be available.

#### Zip Line Information:

**NUMBER OF SEGMENTS:** Five

**LONGEST SEGMENT:** 1,045 lineal feet

**MAXIMUM HEIGHT:** 300 feet above Descanso Canyon floor

**RIDER WEIGHT LIMITS:** 60 to 245 pounds  
Elevations vary from 500 feet to 60 feet above sea level

**DURATION:** Approximately two hours

**SEASON:** Year-round

**COST:** \$89 plus tax. No child pricing.

Reservations strongly recommended.

**RESERVE BY PHONE:** (800) 626-1496



# John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins, Club CEO

**WIN \$25** Walmart Card  
 NEXT DEADLINE: **June 15**  
 Happy Snapping!



"The title of this is: 'Storm approaching over the Paraná River on the way to Devil's Throat (Paseo Garganta del Diablo).' This was taken on the Argentinean side of Iguazu Falls, in South America. The storm was an excellent precursor to the powerful and thunderous cataract of Devil's Throat that met us at the end of this pathway. Thank you!"

**- Sheila Romero Lewis, Building and Safety**

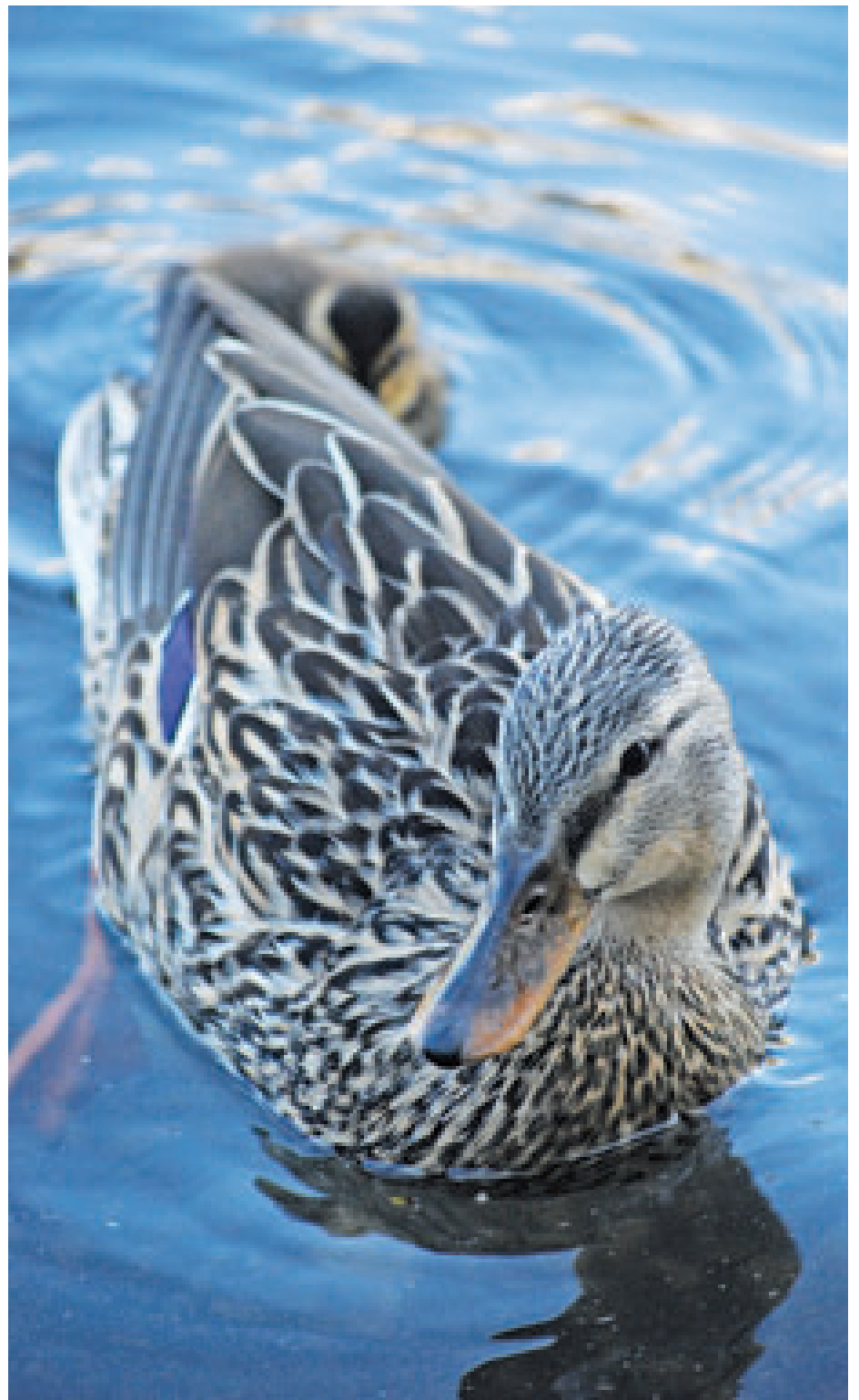
**John's comments:** Well, Sheila, I sure hope this newspaper reproduction does your photo justice, it's an awesome shot! Oh, and I really like your description; I could almost feel the impending storm as I read it. Nice work!



"I took these pics while on our anniversary trip to Wild Animal Park. I survived a head butt from a giraffe."

**- Russell Harris**

**John's comments:** Wow, to see the head of a giraffe so close had to be amazing, usually you have to see them from great distances. However, this might be a little too close for comfort. But hey, I'm glad you got the shot, it's a keeper! Thanks.



"Hi! I just saw this section for the first time last night. I just inherited a camera and have been having a lot of fun with it. I would love to share some of my favorite shots. Here's one: Ducks at the DWP. Thanks!"

**- Marlon O. Santa Cruz, DWP**

**John's comments:** Marlon, what made this photo so intriguing is the wonderfully lucid bokeh that you captured. What is bokeh, you ask? Good question! Wikipedia describes bokeh this way: "In photography, bokeh is the blur, or the aesthetic quality of the blur, in out-of-focus areas of an image, or 'the way the lens renders out-of-focus points of light.'" Oh, as for pronunciation, the "bo" is like bone and the "keh" is pronounced like Kenneth.

**RULES:**

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

## Retiring? Leaving the City?

Call The Club *now* to keep your great Club benefits!

**(800) 464-0452**



For Retired Club Members



# The Best Years



By Mary Beetz,  
RLACEI Publicity Chair

## City Retiree Associations:

### DWP Retirees Association



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

### Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association

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

### Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



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

### Change of Address?

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

### Have News About Yourself?

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

## Upcoming Events:

**Aug. 12:** RLACEI annual picnic, noon, Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park, near Dodger Stadium. (800) 678-4145 x701

**Oct. 7:** RLACEI annual corporation meeting and elections, 1 p.m., Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles. (800) 678-4145 x701

**Dec. 9:** RLACEI holiday party, noon, Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park, near Dodger Stadium. (800) 678-4145 x701

## RLACEI:

# Will State Budget Mess Affect LACERS Members?

### President, Ed Harding reports:



Ed Harding

"In the last Issue of *Alive!*, on the second column and second paragraph of my article, an error was made, I apologize for this.

The paragraph is now corrected to read as follows:

"In speaking with representatives of LACERS, we plan to make our Oct. 7 general meeting, and possibly our picnic of Aug. 12,

as joint meetings with LACERS."

"By the time you receive this issue, our 32nd annual retirees invitational golf tournament and luncheon will be over. However, we are getting ready for our annual picnic at Grace E. Simons Lodge in Elysian Park. I know we have a lot of new retirees who have never

been there. We serve a buffet lunch with BBQ chicken and ribs with all the works, catered by Chris & Pitts BBQ.

"LACERS' representatives will be there to talk and answer your questions. There will be more than 50 raffle prizes. Call our hotline for lunch reservations: (800) 678-4145 x701."

### State Action: Michael Karsch reports:



Michael Karsch

"State budget news for early May is not good. In April, many analysts in the Capitol had expected to see a modest growth in projected revenues due to the April 15 deadline for filing income tax returns, but there was instead a 30 percent decrease in the income tax. The governor was scheduled to release the long awaited 'May revision' of budget revenues on May 14. The 30 percent decrease is a fall of \$3 billion. Income tax revenues had been steadily growing above the projected growth by the governor's office, hence the optimism for April. Some explained the decrease was due in part to a concerted effort to get taxes paid early, not necessarily due to more taxpayers losing their jobs.

"How does this impact the City of Los Angeles and retirees? As the State revenues

suffer setbacks, the State seeks backstops to staunch the outflow of money, and one of those backstops is revenue that is collected by the state from local sources for redistribution to cities and counties. Most of our local revenues cannot by constitutional provision be subverted to the State's budget woes, but there are some revenues that are still prime for the taking. This is the subject of an initiative that has been circulating by a coalition of the League of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties, and a group representing school districts. With more than one million signatures gathered, it should make it to the November 2010 ballot. If it makes it to the ballot and is approved, hopefully the final threat to local revenues should be stopped. And that should assure retirees of continuing

safety of their pensions and health benefits.

Another initiative, this one an almost identical repeat of the author's 2009 effort, would tax government pensions over and above what the income tax takes, going up to 50 percent for pensions more than \$100,000 (20 percent surtax on pensions more than \$40,000; 35 percent on pensions more than \$50,000; and 40 percent on pensions more than \$75,000). The initiative would also reach nonresidents who receive retirement income based on former residency in California. While much of this measure may be subject to legal challenge, this idea has been circulated before by the author, Paul McCauley, and failed to gather enough signatures to qualify for earlier ballots."

### RLACEI Website

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

### Contact LACERS

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

# The Best Years

## ADVENTURES with HAL!



The Spanish Pavilion in Seville, built for the 1929 Expo.



By Hal Danowitz,  
Secretary, RLACEI

### Retiree Hotlines

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

**City Employees Retirement System:** (213) 473-7200

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

• R.S.V.P.	Ext. 701
• Edward Harding	Ext. 703
• Phil Skarin	Ext. 709
• Michael Karsch	Ext. 704
• Jerry Bardwell	Ext. 706
• Harold Danowitz	Ext. 707
• Jack Mathews	Ext. 712
• Helen Salgado (membership)	Ext. 713
• Americo Garza	Ext. 710
• Tom Stemnock	Ext. 708
• Mary Beetz	Ext. 711
• Neil Ricci	Ext. 714

**DWP Retirement Plan Office:** (213) 367-1722

### RLACEI:

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Edward Harding, President  
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Tom Stemnock, Second Vice President  
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## Ready for Moor

### ■ Hal and Co. continue their European cruise in Casablanca and Spain. Part 7.

Evelyn and I are on a 35-day trip with our cousins, Myrna and Don, which includes a self-guided week in Italy and then a 28-day cruise with ports in Italy, Croatia, Greece, Spain, Morocco and Portugal, and then an ocean crossing to Fort Lauderdale. This month, we pick up our travels in Málaga, Spain, aboard our Holland-America (HAL) ship, the *Oosterdam*.

The dinner the night before at the Pinnacle (the ship's specialty restaurant) was great; everyone really enjoyed the meal and the service. Don even took a doggie bag of leftover steak and ate it for lunch in the morning.

The ship docked in Málaga at 7 a.m. We (Hal and Evelyn) were on a bus for Granada to visit the Alhambra at 7:30 a.m. It is a two-hour bus ride, and we had three hours to tour the Moorish complex. It was well worth the drive, but I must admit that it was a little bit of a letdown after the buildup I received from everyone who had ever been there. It is a complex of buildings and gardens built by the Moors starting in about 800 A.D. It includes ruins of homes of the aristocracy and the palaces and temples of the Sultans. After the Spanish finally rid Spain of the Moors in the 1490s after more than 500 years of rule, Christopher Columbus actually had an audience with Queen Isabella in one of the palaces in the Alhambra in 1492. There are fountains and gardens everywhere, and it was a sign of wealth to have interior courtyards with softly running water. It was much cooler in Granada and overcast most of the day, but we still were having great weather.

One of the Moorish crafts that has endured the centuries is wood inlay. Trays, boxes and other items using these wood inlaid mosaic patterns are very popular with the tourists.

We had a nice lunch at a hotel and got back to the ship about 4:30 p.m., just in time to join Myrna and Don (they had seen Alhambra before and took a carriage ride around Málaga instead) in the Crow's Nest bar for the sail-away happy hour drink. We were starting to get a little "fooded" out, so we decided to just get a quick dinner in the Lido that night.

The entertainment that night was a flautist. Now, I love to listen to Isabelle, our granddaughter, play the flute, but enough is enough – first there was an oboe player, then a violist, and then the flute. In addition, the production show last night was the same one we saw on the first half of the cruise. We hoped that things might improve. The next day was going to be Casablanca. Showers were expected. We'll see.

We crossed between Europe and North Africa through the Straits of Gibraltar, leaving the Mediterranean for the Atlantic toward to Casablanca in Morocco, which is in North Africa.

We docked at 9 a.m., which is 7 a.m. Morocco time (the ship was staying on

We first stopped at the Palace Mohammed V and walked around the streets to see the various buildings. Our next stop was the Sacre Coeur Cathedral, a Catholic church built by the French in 1930 with an art deco design. While driving to the church, our bus got into a small accident, but there was very little damage and we moved on quickly. We then drove out to the beach area, which was wide and sandy in a very upscale area, where we stopped to use the restroom and to have a drink at a seaside restaurant with a very nice Western nightclub. Next we stopped at the Hassan II Mosque, the third largest mosque in the world, where we were able to walk around and take pictures but not go in. We then drove back to the United Nations Plaza for shopping, a quick half-



A building in the Alhambra.

"ship time" that day). We all booked the "Highlights of Casablanca," a four-hour tour. The port authorities were late in clearing the ship for docking, and we didn't start our tour until after 10 a.m. Our guide was a young man who spoke pretty good English.

hour stop, which didn't allow for any bargaining and provided only a quick fix for the shoppers on the tour. The store was crowded and didn't really do Casablanca or the local crafts much of a favor.

Our tour guide painted a picture of a





moderate city, tolerant of all faiths. Casablanca still has a lot of poverty, and from the stories we heard from other passengers who took tours into the countryside, farming is still done with animal power to pull the plows. French, Arabic and English are spoken, and there is a big push for education. All education until the 12th grade is mandatory and free. College is also free and, according to our guide, women are now accepted freely with men. We saw women in both Western dress and in traditional Muslim garb on the streets, and men in both Moroccan dress and jeans and T-shirts.

We got back to the ship around 3 p.m. and had a quick lunch. The weather was good; it had rained before we left for the tour in the morning, but during the day it was warm and partly cloudy. We had drinks on the veranda and then saw the 7 p.m. show starring Jeri Sager, "a veteran of Broadway and numerous national tours," who was excellent. By far the best show so far, she has the same style as Liza Minnelli, but does it a lot better. We ate in the dining room and sat with two retired couples from south Florida. They were on our tour, and one of the ladies fell at one of our stops and hurt her foot. We had a nice conversation during dinner about Casablanca.

Our ship left Casablanca sometime after 11 p.m. and, at around midnight, the ship rocked very hard, knocking glasses off the table

and making a lot of noise. The captain came on the PA system and said something about rough waters as we cleared the breakwater. So far, there was no written explanation. It was rough most of the night as the ship was making 21 knots in an attempt to make up time to our next destination – Cadiz, Spain. The next day we were scheduled to take an eight-hour tour of Seville.

We docked in Cadiz around 10 a.m. There was a light rain and mist. Today was an eight-hour tour of Seville, which included a bus ride of 90 minutes each way. Seville is about 150 kilometers from Cadiz. There was a light rain as we left the port, but by the time we reached Seville, it had turned sunny, with a light wind; the temperature was in the mid-70s. Our weather luck continued to hold. We drove around the city and looked at the various buildings built for an 1929 Exposition. We then stopped for lunch at a hotel.

Our first stop after lunch was Royal Alcazar (Palace), the oldest royal seat in Spain, built in 712 A.D. as a fortress. It was a very impressive combination of Arab and Christian Gothic architecture. We then walked through the Barrio Santa Cruz, the old Jewish ghetto that hap-



The Royal Alcazar in Seville.

pened to be right next to the Alcazar. There were just a few signs that Jews ever lived here. Our last stop on the waking tour was the Seville Cathedral, the largest Catholic church in the world (St. Peter's in Rome has the designation of a basilica, and St. Paul's in London is not Catholic). The church started as a mosque built by the Moors in the late 1100s and but completed as a Catholic church in 1568 after the Reconquest of Spain. The church's tower,



The Hassan II mosque in Casablanca.



A garden in the Alhambra.

Giralda, is one of the most famous in Europe. Christopher Columbus is buried here; recent DNA tests seem to prove that whatever body parts are here are his. There are also alleged remains of his buried in the Dominican Republic (his son was the governor after the discovery by Columbus). On this trip, we had seen the place where Columbus received his funds from Isabella (at the Alhambra) and then where he was buried.

We walked back to the bus, and Evelyn found a Starbucks so she could buy a mug to add to her collection. On the way out of the city, we stopped at the Spanish Square to view the Spanish Pavilion that was built for the 1929 Exposition. The buildings that were built for the exposition for the most part have been beautifully restored and amazing to see. Some were given by the sponsoring country to Spain, and others are now embassies or other offices that represent the interests of the original country. There are also a lot of buildings and bridges that were built for the 1992 world's fair.

We arrived back to the ship around 6:30 p.m., just before it was to sail. We went up to the Crow's Nest for a sail-away drink and then had dinner in the Lido. We saw the late show, which was the violinist, flutist and the singer all performing a short goodbye program (they were leaving the ship in Lisbon, Portugal), which was enjoyable. Unfortunately there was not much retail therapy that day.

Next month we pick up our cruise in Lisbon.

## Ed Scroggins Dies

■ **Popular retired Transportation Traffic Officer Benjamin "Ed" Scroggins passed away in March in Springfield, Ill. He was 64.**

LAPD – Many retired traffic officers remember Ed for from their many get-togethers at La Fiesta's Mexican restaurant on Ventura Boulevard or Weber's, on Vanowen Street.

Ed is survived by his wife, Pat Scroggins; a stepson, John Jackson; a sister, Vivian J. McFaul of Hollywood; a niece, Michelle Bea McFaul; two great-nieces, Rachel and Hanna; and several cousins. He was a resident of Springfield since 2003. He retired from the U.S. Army as a Sgt. Major after 30 years of service and from the LAPD as a Sgt. after 35 years of service.

Our thoughts go out to Ed's family and friends.



Benjamin "Ed" Scroggins.

## RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

Here are some general comments on the RLACEI retirement pages: "We are very appreciative of all the good work you do on our behalf" and "the dedicated work being done by all of you." "Thank you for all your efforts you are doing for us retirees." "Thank you for the Board of Director pictures, now I can connect the faces to those who care about making our life better after retirement."

And here's a comment from retiree Jane Hanson: "Phil [Skarin], I've never seen a better picture of you."

Dear readers, RLACEI appreciates any suggestions to better serve you; please send them to Mary Beetz, 137 Westmont Dr. Alhambra CA 91801.

If you have news about yourself or other retirees that you would like to share, send it to Mary Beetz at 137 Westmont Dr., Alhambra, CA 91801. Or email Mary at MBeetz4841@aol.com



## LACERS Update

■ By Mary Beetz

**"Protect Your LACERS Health Coverage – LACERS Medicare Requirement.** LACERS' retirees can protect their LACERS medical coverage by fulfilling LACERS' requirement to enroll in and maintain Medicare. To qualify for a LACERS medical plan premium subsidy, LACERS requires retired members and their eligible dependents to enroll in Medicare Part B upon turning age 65 and, if eligible to, receive free of charge Medicare Part A. Failure to meet LACERS' Medicare enrollment requirement or a lapse in the payment of Medicare Part B premiums may result in the termination of a LACERS retiree's medical subsidy and plan coverage.

"City retirees who are enrolled in both Medicare Parts A and B are reimbursed their Medicare Part B basic monthly premium. This is only available to the City retiree.

"Medicare Part B Premium Reimbursements for 2010: For City retirees with both Medicare Parts A and B. In 2010, there are two basic Medicare Part B monthly premiums: \$110.50 and \$96.40. Because LACERS cannot determine which basic 2010 Medicare Part B premium you are charged, we will continue to reimburse you the amount of \$96.40. However, if your premium has increased to \$110.50, provide LACERS with proof of your premium

payment (e.g., copy of your invoice or your Social Security withholding amounts), and you will be reimbursed for that amount (*Exception:* Social Security has erroneously charged some retirees \$96.50 instead of \$96.40 for their Medicare Part B and is currently correcting this issue. LACERS can only reimburse those retirees \$96.40).

"Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for 2010: By May of each year, the Board is required to determine the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the Los Angeles area to provide a COLA to eligible retirees. The Administrative Code states that the COLA cannot exceed 3 percent annually. When the CPI is greater than 3 percent, the difference is 'banked' for future years when the CPI is less than 3 percent. LACERS can then use available 'banked' amounts to increase the COLA to the maximum 3 percent. Just how much of a COLA that a retired member will receive depends on the retirement date and how much is 'banked' from previous years. In 2010, the CPI for the Los Angeles area is negative .8 percent (although it has been mistakenly reported in *Alive!* as negative 8 percent). This is the first time in LACERS' history of COLA processing that a decrease in the CPI has occurred.

"The Board of Administration, at their April 27 meeting, adopted the following cost-of-living-adjustments for eligible retired members and beneficiaries effective July 1. This COLA will be effective July 1:

Effective Date of Retirement	Cost-of-living Adjustment
July 1, 2005, and earlier	3 percent
July 2, 2005, to July 1, 2006	2.8 percent
July 2, 2006, to July 1, 2007	1.3 percent
July 2, 2007, and after	0 percent

"In spite of the negative change in CPI, none of LACERS members and beneficiaries will experience a reduction of their retirement allowances. In fact, the large majority of LACERS retired members and beneficiaries will still receive COLA up to 3 percent by drawing down their COLA 'banks.' These banks represent past CPI changes in excess of 3 percent accumulated for applying in the future when CPI changes are less than 3 percent. Although some COLA banks will be reduced to zero, none will be reduced to a negative balance."

# Congratulations, GRADUATES

Let the Club family celebrate with you ... by putting your photo in *Alive!*



Club members: Have you had a family member graduate from elementary school ... high school ... or college this summer? Send us a photo, and we'll publish it in *Alive!*

## New This Year!

Send in a baby photo of your graduate, too, and we'll run the two pictures together! Have fun! (Thanks to Kasondra Evans, Personnel, for the great idea!)

### Make sure you tell us:

- The name of the graduate
- The school from which they graduated. If a college, tell us their major
- Their future plans (briefly)
- The name and department of the Club member they're related to (and how they're related)

Digital high resolution photos are preferred. Send them to: [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

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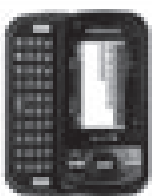
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REC AND PARKS

# Lotus Festival Blooms Again

Annual festival returns after downsizing last year due to the economy.

The 32nd annual Lotus Festival, co-sponsored by Rec and Parks, is set for Saturday and Sunday, July 10-11, at Echo Park Lake near Dodger Stadium. (Dates coincide with the blooming of the lotus flower.) Admission is free.

The festival attracts an estimated 100,000 people.

The Lotus Festival develops, promotes and creates an atmosphere of understanding in which Asian and Pacific Islander communities in Southern California are brought together for two days of cultural sharing. The festival also seeks to preserve and enlighten the public with a sampling of distinctly different and unique Asian and Pacific Islander culture and traditions through cultural displays, art, music, dance and food.

Opening ceremonies at noon July 10 begin the celebration of the 32nd Lotus Festival, which includes live music, dance and entertainment from a variety of performers representing many of the diverse countries of Asia and the Pacific Islands. This year, the festival will highlight the people and cultures of China.

Asian and Pacific Islander personalities from the media and its communities will act as hosts during this two-day event. Artisans-at-work will be on hand to demonstrate their skills on the beautifully decorated Flower Island Pavilion. Their artwork illustrates their spirit, tradition and pride of the Asian and Pacific Islander handiwork. This includes: paper-cutting, hand painted scrolls, calligraphy, plant and flower expertise, fish, birds and other Asian artifacts.

The Health Fair will feature educational lectures on holistic fitness. Other services to be provided include: free screenings, health information and referrals.

The Community Services will feature a variety of organizations offering free information, assistance and referrals in areas of employment, social services, immigration, legal services, education, housing and translating.

The boutiques will offer Asian and Pacific Islander items and gifts for sale including clothing, jewelry, artwork, hand-made crafts, incense, body oils and much more.

The international food booth area will provide Asian and Pacific Islander cuisine that will feature enticing delicacies and exotic beverages which are traditional to the Asian and Pacific Island Cultures.

Information:  
[www.laparks.org/calendar/lotus/lotus.htm](http://www.laparks.org/calendar/lotus/lotus.htm)



Local Asian-Pacific Islander culture is part of the festival.

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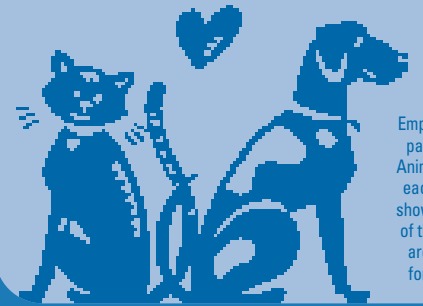


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# the pet club

Your friend is waiting for you!



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

## This Month's Pets For Adoption:

### daisy

Daisy is a two-year-old female short hair Calico. She is very friendly, loves people and gets along well with other cats. Daisy would love to graduate to a new family this summer!

ID #A1110894 - South Los Angeles Animal Care Center.



### china

China is a two-year-old female short hair black and white cat. She is extremely friendly and affectionate and will roll over for a belly rub. Bring this love bug home!

ID# A1106205 - South Los Angeles Animal Care Center.



### hamilton

Hamilton is a five-year-old white neutered male terrier mix who was left tied to the door at the Animal Care Center. He is friendly but timid. He would like to be an only dog and is looking for someone to spoil with his love.

ID# A1110909 - South Los Angeles Animal Care Center.



### della

Della is an eight-month-old black and white female Cairn terrier mix. She likes affection but is somewhat afraid of humans; her defense mechanism seems to be licking.

ID# A1112394 - South Los Angeles Animal Care Center.



### midnight

Midnight is a two-year-old spayed female black short hair rabbit. She is sweet and gentle and likes to have her ears scratched.

ID# A1008907 - South Los Angeles Animal Care Center.



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Tomika Johnson is the New Hope Coordinator; call her at (213) 485-0117.

Don't miss Animal Services' special Father's Day Discount Adoption Days, June 15 - 20 at all six Animal Care Centers and mobile adoption sites! Dogs \$78.50; cats, \$50.50 (includes spay/neuter surgery and microchip). For more information, please visit [www.laanimalservices.org](http://www.laanimalservices.org).

PUBLIC WORKS

# A Tree for Afsaneh

Sanitation plants a tree in memory of longtime employee Afsaneh Rafii.



Afsaneh Rafii.



From left: Afsaneh's son, Kian Rowshani; Alex Helou, Assistant Director; Omar Moghaddam, widower, Division Manager Regional Affairs; and daughter, Chloe Rowshani.



The start of the tree dedication dig.

*Story and photos by Brent Urban, Club Counselor*

In a ceremony Feb. 4, friends, family and former coworkers of Afsaneh Rafii, who had a long career with Public Works, gathered to dedicate one of 20 trees in her memory. The planting took place in the East Valley Sanitation Yard.

Afsaneh, who was married to Omar Moghaddam, Division Manager, Public Works, died of cancer in August 2009.

Australian willow trees were chosen for the traditional and symbolic representations of healing, reflection and mourning.

Many people recounted the impact Afsaneh had on not just certain individuals but the community at large. She had a passion for planting trees, and her husband, Omar Moghaddam, made a promise that wherever he went, he'd plant trees in her honor.

Afsaneh, who was born in Iran, joined Public Works in 1988 as an Environmental Engineering Assistant, Sanitation. In 2001, while working for Emergency Preparedness, she rewrote all of the Bureau's emergency response plans.

*The Club congratulates the Moghaddam/Rafii family for the beautiful ceremony, and thanks Ray Cruz, Club Member and Superintendent, for his assistance in producing this article.*



The start of the tree dedication dig.



Family and friends gather to honor the memory of Afsaneh Rafii, with her memorial picture and the tree planted in her honor.



From left: Diane Jones, Public Works/Sanitation, Club Member; and Joyce Jones, Public Works/Sanitation, Club Member.



Mike Vega, Maintenance Labor, Club Member; and Lupe Rodriguez, Maintenance Labor, Club Member.



From left: Alex Helou, Assistant Director; Omar Moghaddam, widower, Division Manager, Regional Affairs; Tony Cardenas, Mike Vega, Maintenance Labor, Club Member; and Lupe Councilman; Lisa Sarno; Sal Miranda, Club Member, Acting District Manager II; Ray Cruz; and Enrique C. Zaldivar, Director, Public Works/Sanitation.

## Bureau Of Street Services

# Charity Golf Tournament

Monday, June 28, 2010  
Porter Valley Country Club  
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For more information and to register.  
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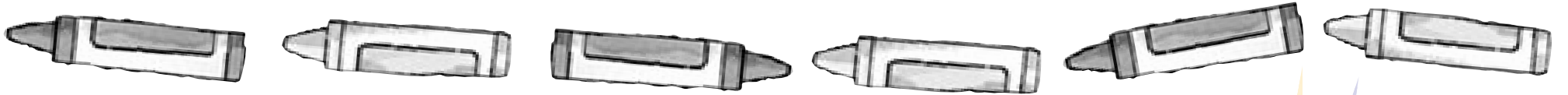
Contests, Raffle Prizes, Awards, Food, & Fun!

Make Checks Payable To: Street Services Charities  
Event Will Occur Rain Or Shine!

Dress Code Enforced: Soft Spike Golf Shoes Only







# Congratulations to the WINNERS!

of our Club Coloring Contest!

Congratulations to the winners of *Alive!*'s last coloring contest. Everyone who turned in a design is a winner in our opinion! But our top three participants win 4 Free Tickets to the Amusement Park of your choice!

Look for our next contest in the July edition of *Alive!*



## Kaylee Gallegos, 5

- FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Elmo"  
 • FAVORITE SNACK: Heart-shaped Gold Fish  
 • BEST FRIEND: Savannah  
 • WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: Disneyland because it is fun.  
 • PARENT: Leonard Gallegos, Construction Inspector/Harbor.



## Zuri Quarterman, 7

- FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Sonny With A Chance"  
 • FAVORITE SNACK: Gummy Bears  
 • BEST FRIEND: Meilna  
 • WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: Seaworld because I want to ride Atlantis  
 • PARENT: Jennifer Quarterman, Child Care Director/Rec & Parks.



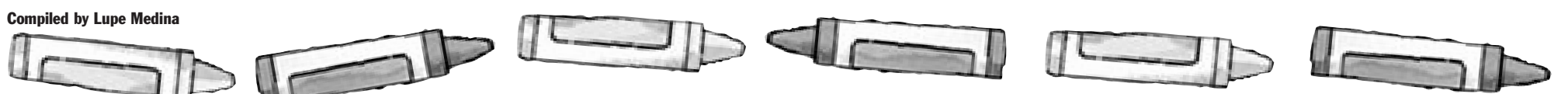
## Honorable Mention

CHILD	AGE	PARENT/GUARDIAN	DEPT
Michael Aki	3	Joe Aki	Retired
Jack Rigney	3	Patrick Rigney	Public Works
Lily Rigney	3	Patrick Rigney	Public Works
Addison Sousa	3	John Sousa	Airport Police
Jacob Bernal	4	Nicole Bernal	Rec and Parks
Kaitlin DeLaCruz	4	Lupe De La Cruz	LAPD
Keyshawna Johnson	4	Jeff Johnson	Public Works
Hector B Lara	4	Hector Lara	Airports
Ashley Brymer	5	Bob Brymer	DWP
Alyssa Caton	5	Thomas Caton	DWP
Cheyenne Garcia	5	Gilbert Garcia	DWP
Melissa Gutierrez	5	David Gutierrez	DWP
Angelica Milar	5	Clifford Milar	DWP
Dionne Osuna	5	Anatolia Osuna	Rec and Parks
Tyler M. Sousa	5	John R. Sousa	Airport Police
Savannah Ulloa	5	David Miner	Harbor
Ashley Watrin	5	Michael Watrin	Public Works
Michael Bagmanin	6	Angela Bagmanian	Rec and Parks
Ari Cole	6	Tanzi Cole	General Services
Angel Cooper	6	Aracely Galicia	Transportation
Milana Gattfield	6	Jason D. Gattfield	DWP
Alex Guder	6	Karl Guder	General Services
Kristin Kohles	6	Christopher Kohles	DWP
Jamie L. Lopez	6	Ozzie Lopez	CDD
Benjamin Piceno	6	Daniel Govea	Public Works
Elisa A. Ruiz	6	Robert Ruiz	DWP
Errand Barragan	7	Oscar A. Barragan	DWP
Claudia DeLoera	7	Jorge DeLoera	Rec and Parks
Madison Fournier	7	Laure Fournier	Airports
Kaylee Gabon	7	Audie Gavon	ACO
Zachary Oghigian	7	George Oghigian	General Services
Peter Otoshi	7	John T. Otoshi	DWP
Danielle Bushey	8	Cathy Bushey	LAPD
Trinity Caraveo	8	Rosalie Reyes	LAFD
Anna B. Clements	8	Stephanie Clements	General Services
Erika Consebido	8	Cecille Consebido	Public Works
Brandon Debolt	8	Megan Debolt	Club Staff
Vian De La Torre	8	Anthony De La Torre	Airports
Nick Fisher	8	Russ Fisher	DWP
Kate Gabon	8	Audie Gabon	ACO
Emily Hibma	8	Dan Hibma	LAFD
Alyssa Rodriguez	8	Arlene Hoffman	Retired
Alyssa Vera	8	Graciela Vera	Airports
Nicole Wong	8	Wan Chin Liaw	DWP
Makenna Batchelder	9	Tim Batchelder	DWP
Ashley M. Bernal	9	Nicole Bernal	Rec and Parks
Haley Chen	9	Tiffany Sy	Club Staff
Aryanna Curriel	9	Jennifer Curriel	Animal Services
Melissa Duenas	9	Mary J. Duenas	LAPD
Abbey Gallegos	9	Leonard Gallegos	Harbor
Henry Guder	9	Karl Guder	General Services
Hannah Harrison	9	Michael Harrison	Rec and Parks
Cassandra Hernandez	9	Eduardo Hernandez	Rec and Parks
Jailen Hewitt	9	Pamela Webb	Retired
Josiah Jimenez	9	Geraldo Jimenez	Retired
Alexandra Ozuna	9	Lynda Ozuna	Finance
Mary Erin Pena	9	Nichole Pena	LAPD
Julia Rodarte	9	Gemma Rodarte	Retired
Michael Soto	9	Michael Soto	Housing
Tori Takai	9	Chris Takai	Airports
Miranda Aguirre	10	Mike Aguirre	Public Works
Samantha Barajas	10	Jorge Barajas	Public Works
Shayla Calleros	10	Edward Calleros	Public Works
Sienna Garcia	10	Carlos Garcia	DWP
Alessandra Gardner	10	Renne Gardner	Housing
Jasmine Gonzales	10	Jim Hughes	General Services
Mariah Johnson	10	Tish Merrivweather	Public Works
Andres D. Maldonado	10	Noe Maldonado	General Services
Emily Ortega	10	George Ortega	Airports
Joseph Otoshi	10	John Otoshi	DWP
Sierra Yeager	10	Ryan Yeager	DWP
April Tate	11	Dorothy Tate	Transportation
Janine Carpena	13	Janelle Carpena	DWP



## Madison Zordilla, 9

- FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Wizards of Waverly Place"  
 • FAVORITE SNACK: Fruit  
 • BEST FRIEND: Sydney Pickering  
 • WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: Disneyland because it seems fun and exciting.  
 • PARENT: Katie Zordilla, Utility Administrator/LADWP.



# CLUB SPORTS



News from Sports Leagues sponsored by the City Employees Club of Los Angeles • June 2010



## BASKETBALL SEASON BOUNCING ALONG

April 22 Games

Story by Club staff; Photos by Tom Hawkins, Club photographer

The Club's first-ever basketball season in its history began April 15 with the first game at 7 p.m. That game was played between Rice & Beans and the Rec and Parks Hoopers, with the Hoopers taking the first game of the young season.

All games were played at the Expo Center next to the Coliseum; it's one of the premier sports complexes in the City of Los Angeles.

The Club encourages members to watch the games and cheer on the teams. The Sports Dude – Robert Larios – is rumored to be giving out prizes to those cheering the loudest in the stands.

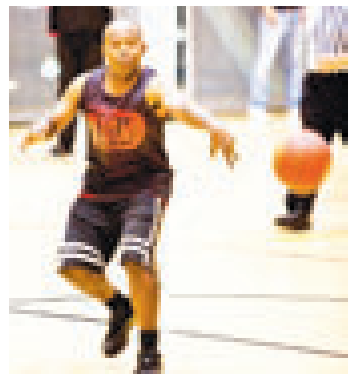
**Here's a list of the team managers:**

- Rec & Park Hoopers: Mychal Lynch, Rec and Parks
- Ones and Zeros: Jimmy Tse, ITA
- DOT Outlaws - Ron Haywood, Transportation
- Traffic Jam: Edward Yu, Transportation
- Rice & Beans: Wilson Wans
- LAX Ballers: George Pierce, Airports
- BLS Blue Dragons: Ben Lozano, Public Works/Street Lighting.

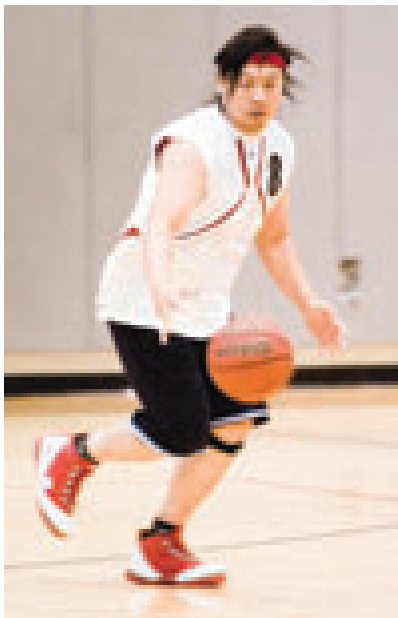




May 6 Games



May 13 Games



Club Basketball League 2010



Team Standings (as of May 20, 2010)

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	FORFEITS	TOTAL POINTS
Rec & Park Hoopers*	5	0	—	10
Ones & Zeros*	3	2	—	6
Traffic Jam*	3	2	—	6
Dot Outlaws*	3	1	—	6
Rice & Beans*	2	3	—	4
LAX Ballers*	1	4	—	2
Hydropower*	1	4	—	2
BLS Blue Dragons*	1	3	—	2

\* May 19th game was postponed and will be played at a later date.

Game Scores

April 22, 2010

HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM
Traffic Jam—59	Blue Dragons—30
Hoopers—68	Hydropower—23
LAX Ballers—38	Rice & Beans—32
DOT Outlaws—53	Ones & Zeros—35

May 13, 2010

HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM
DOT Outlaws—51	Hoopers—58
Rice & Beans—52	Hydropower—51
Ones & Zeros—38	Blue Dragons—41
LAX Ballers—31	Traffic Jam—45

April 29, 2010

HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM
LAX Ballers—52	Hoopers—68
Ones & Zeros—55	Traffic Jam—46
Dragons—25	Hydropower—27
Rice & Beans—35	DOT Outlaws—50

May 19, 2010

HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM
Traffic Jam—*	DOT Outlaws—*
Blue Dragons—*	Rice & Beans—*
Hydropower—*	LAX Ballers—*
Hoopers—*	Ones & Zeros—*

\* May 19th game was postponed and will be played at a later date.

May 6, 2010

HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM
Hydropower—39	Ones & Zeros—62
DOT Outlaws—67	LAX Ballers—37
Traffic Jam—38	Rice & Beans—41
Hoopers—68	Blue Dragons—27

Game Location

Expo Center, 3980 S. Menlo Ave., just south of downtown.



Basketball Game Schedule

Here's the upcoming schedule. Make plans to head on out. Show some support, and have a great time — for a reasonable price (free!)

GAME LOCATION: Expo Center, 3980 S. Menlo Ave., just south of downtown.

North Gym

**June 3, 2010**  
7:00 p.m. Traffic Jam vs. Hydropower  
8:00 p.m. Dot Outlaws vs. Blue Dragons

**June 10, 2010**  
7:00 p.m. Ones & Zeros vs. Dot Outlaws  
8:00 p.m. Rice & Beans vs. LAX Ballers

**June 17, 2010**  
7:00 p.m. Hydropower vs. Blue Dragons  
8:00 p.m. Traffic Jam vs. Ones & Zeros

South Gym

**June 3, 2010**  
8:00 p.m. Hoopers vs. Rice & Beans  
9:00 p.m. LAX Ballers vs. One & Zeros

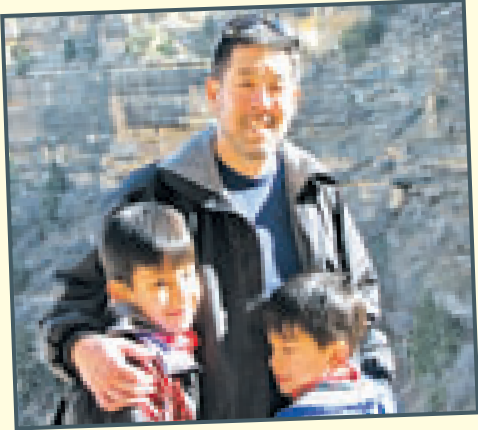
**June 10, 2010**  
8:00 p.m. Blue Dragons vs. Traffic Jam  
9:00 p.m. Hydropower vs. Hoopers

**June 17, 2010**  
8:00 p.m. Dot Outlaws vs. Rice & Beans  
9:00 p.m. Hoopers vs. LAX Ballers

**Play Offs** **June 23, 2010**  
7:00 p.m. 4th Place vs. 1st Place  
8:00 p.m. 3rd Place vs. 2nd Place  
9:00 p.m. Winner of 8:00 p.m. vs. Winner of 7:00 p.m.



For all the latest scores and schedules, go to: [www.eteamz.com/cityemployeescluboflosangeles/](http://www.eteamz.com/cityemployeescluboflosangeles/)



"We love you, Daddy! We like it when you make smoothies and go biking with us."

– **Joseph and Peter Otoshi, for John Otoshi, DWP**



"Happy Father's Day, Dad! Thanks for being the best role model and my best buddy, too!"

– **Love, Tyler**  
(For Dan Zehfuss, Survey Division)



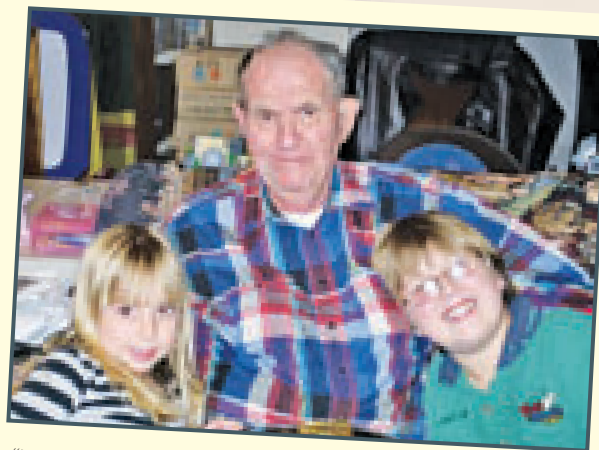
"When I fell in love with you, I had a feeling you would be a great daddy, and I was right! You are the world to all of us! A million kisses plus one. Love always, us."

– **(For Robert Garcia, LAPD)**



"Happy Father's Day David! 25 years, 3 children, and a business later, I still have the most fun talking and laughing and just being with you."

– **All our love, Marie, Olivia, Daniel and Andrew**  
(David Jamgotchian, JJLA Assoc., the designers of *Alive!*)



"Pa, we love you and miss you. We look forward to seeing you on Father's Day in NE."

– **Love, Brian and Aubrey; Mom and Dad, too**  
(Larry Lieswald, Retired, General Services/Street Services.)

# Happy Father's Day!



From the Club



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## LAPD

The Club has tickets available for the actual golf tournament (see the ad on page 36). A book of four tickets is only \$10 with the Club discount, 50 percent off regular price. So join in and meet some celebs!

## Kicking Off With Celebs

LAPD hosts a kickoff luncheon for its annual golf tournament fundraiser.



Alan Atkins, Executive Director, Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation, thanks everyone for attending the 39th annual kickoff luncheon.



Officer Bryce Verna, member of the Police Memorial Foundation, shares his personal experience of the difference the Memorial Foundation has provided him.



From left: Alice Sturdy, Secretary, Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation; and Margot Armbruster, Director, Board of Police Memorial Foundation.

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

The LAPD's 39th annual Celebrity Golf Tournament kickoff lunch was held April 12 at the Police Academy.

Proceeds benefitted the Los Angeles Memorial Foundation, which financially assists LAPD family members experiencing catastrophic circumstances resulting from injury or death. Since its inception in 1972, the Foundation has granted more than \$11.8 million for medical, funeral and educational expenses.

The actual LAPD Celebrity Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, July 31, at the Trump National Golf Club in Rancho Palos Verdes.

Information: [www.lapdonline.org/lapdsports/content\\_basic\\_view/44986](http://www.lapdonline.org/lapdsports/content_basic_view/44986)

This year's celebrity host is actor Luke Wilson, and George Lopez is also expected to attend. The Club co-sponsors the tournament.

Also scheduled for the tournament are many LAPD displays, including helicopters, the bomb squad, the mobile museum, and LAPD horses. There will also be great food and drinks throughout the park.

*Special thanks to Alice Sturdy for her assistance in producing this article.*



From left: Senior Lead Officer Angeles; and Sgt. Barlow, Club Member.



From left: John McMahon, President, Founder of the Los Angeles Police Memorial Foundation; Officer Mark Hyland, Newton Area, winner of the 2009 Ticket Sales contest; and Chief Charlie Beck, LAPD, who encourages everyone give generously to help "support those who protect the community."

# REST INSURED



BY JEFF GELINEAU

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



## Time to Review Your Insurance

The only thing that stays the same is change.

Your life changes every day. The value of your home, the kind of car that you drive, how old your children are, who lives in your house with you, can and will change. It's important to review your insurance coverage every few years to make sure that you are properly covering what is currently going on in your life.

Nothing is more unfortunate than finding out after a loss that you weren't covered for a particular exposure. Too often, because of automatic renewals, many people don't think that they need to talk with their insurance agent about changes that have occurred since the policy renewed last year.

To ensure that your insurance protection stays current with your circumstances and needs, it's a good idea to sit down with your agent every three to five years and do a complete insurance review.

A comprehensive insurance review only takes 15 to 20 minutes and will often uncover several areas that you have never thought about that might be huge potential losses for you. It's not simply a tool for the agent to get you to pay higher premiums! Many of these changes are at no cost, and several are a very minimal charge. The goal is to make sure that you are properly covered, and that you don't have an uncovered claim arise in the future.

Some of the kinds of questions asked include:

### Auto Insurance

- Have you ever considered increasing your deductibles to lower your premium?
- Are all licensed drivers living in your house listed on your policy?
- Have you installed any audio/video equipment in your car since purchasing it?
- Do you own any classic or antique cars that you are not insuring?
- Do you have any teenage children who will be getting licensed within the next year?

### Home Insurance

- Have you installed a burglar or smoke alarm in your house since you first insured it?
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REC AND PARKS

# A Poem for a Bridge

Crew restores the Echo Park Bridge, an L.A. landmark.



The Echo Park Bridge, restored to its original glory.

Not only is the Rec and Parks' Griffith Metro Facilities Repair crew great at repairing stuff – they did a great job restoring the Echo Park Bridge, an L.A. classic – but they're even good poets!

Louis A. Suarez, Carpenter, Griffith Metro Facilities Repair, Rec and Parks, put paper to pen and crafted an ode to the crew's pride and joy, the restored bridge. We are happy to reprint the epic! Thanks for bringing it to our attention, and further thanks for doing a great job restoring the bridge. Excellent work!

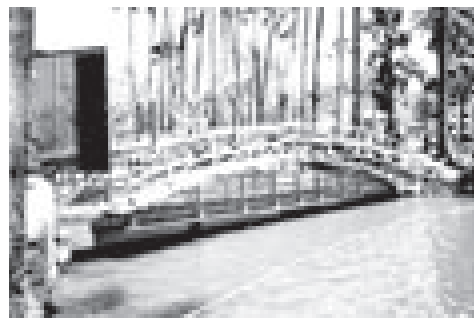
*Alive!* ran the story a few years ago of the bridge's restoration – the crew pretty much took on the job on their own because they wanted to restore this L.A. classic, seen in the movie *Chinatown* and in others. It was an eyesore and not able to be enjoyed by the City. But it's now back to its former glory, thanks to the crew:

- Larry Mottler, Supervisor
- Rod Nisperos, Carpenter Supervisor
- Marty Barba, Paint Supervisor
- Darryl Mack, Electrical Supervisor
- Otis Morgan, Fred Shaw and Figgy Figueroa, Welders
- Louis A. Suarez, Omar Vargas, James Shakir, Brian Kelly and Jose "Pepe" Ramos, Carpenters.

Without further ado, here's the poem about the bridge. (And thanks for sharing it with *Alive!* readers.)



Carpentry crew, from left: Omar Vargas, James Shakir and Jose "Pepe" Ramos. Not pictured: Brian Kelly.



Scaffolding is up on both sides of the bridge, which is ready for rebuilding.

## An Ode to the Echo Park Bridge

By Louis A. Suarez

For years the bridge called out for repair in its own way,  
 Each broken board, each rotten post, calling out!  
 One day, one day!  
 Well, that day is upon us you have been heard!  
 We will rebuild you, stronger than ever.  
 Your glory days are back, you have our word!  
 Otis, Fred and Figgy, the welders, always ready and willing to apply their trade,  
 Without hesitation correcting the one mistake that I had made!  
 That's the true spirit and nature of a professional tradesman  
 Never did I hear "It can't be done" – rather it was – yes we can!"  
 Two union carpenters, Omar and James, came on board to work their skill,  
 The kind of men who are strong of will  
 We had Pepe our helper, what an asset he was to our crew,  
 Bringing materials, setting up our tools, he knew exactly what do to!  
 Then there was Bryan, our apprentice carpenter, working with the journeymen and carrying his load,  
 Yes, he was our Huckleberry when it came to moving barges, later down the road.  
 Safety was of prime consideration, our boss Larry Mottler made sure of that,  
 providing cables, harnesses, and the old hard hat!

As the dismantling of the bridge began, I could I clearly tell,  
 That the crew I had would do their job well!  
 Larry asked, "Will the bridge be ready for the lotus?"  
 Confident in my crew, I said, "Yes it would, and that's not bogus!"  
 Was I sticking my neck out? Not a chance!  
 The bridge was ready a week in advance!  
 Why was it possible to do this?  
 Well, encouragement, commendations, this was something Larry did not miss!  
 The pin job was done by Marty's crew,  
 With each stroke, with each roll its beauty grew.  
 Again, in its own way, the bridge spoke, "Thank you, thank you!"  
 Again, I say the mark of the true craftsmen is when they say, "Yes We Can!"  
 Paul, Rick, Jim, William and other painters proved that as they worked on the span!  
 Competing the bridge was indeed a big deal,  
 To show their appreciation, Phil and his boys prepared for us all a big barbecue meal!  
 Our Super, Mark Mariscal, and anyone who was a V.I.P.  
 Crossed the bridge onto the island for fireworks to see!  
 The beauty of the Echo Park Bridge will be there for others to enjoy,  
 Behind the scene are the tradesmen that made it possible, and that gives  
 Me the greatest of joy!



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**The Club's Open-Enrollment Period for Long-Term Care insurance will take place in August, September and October.** The Club plans to hold seminars about Long-Term Care in August and September. Talk to your Club Counselor, or check back in upcoming issues of *Alive!* for more information.

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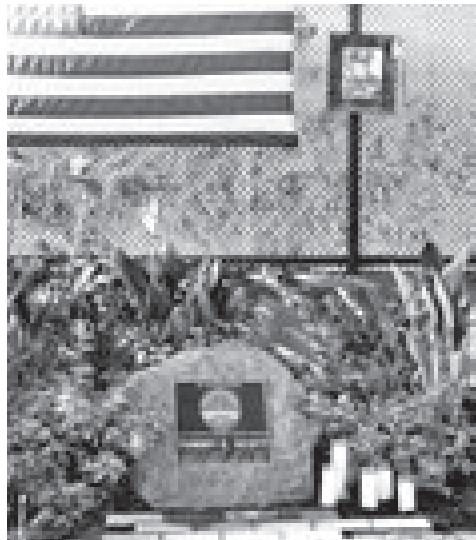
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AIRPORTS

# Running for Tommy

Airport Police hosts a 5th anniversary run in full gear in memory of Airport Police Officer Tommy Scott.



Airport Police Officer Tommy E. Scott Memorial Plaque.

Story and photos courtesy Sgt. Belinda Nettles, Airport Police

Airport Police sworn, security and traffic officers completed a boot run April 28, in honor of fallen hero Airport Police Officer Tommy E. Scott. Officer Scott was killed in the line of duty on April 29, 2005 in a carjacking after stopping a suspicious man near Los Angeles International Airport. Last year his killer, William Sadowski, was convicted of carjacking and first-degree murder and was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole, according to Airport Police.

In recognition of Officer Scott's sacrifice and to honor the fifth year of his death, Airport Police officers completed a memorial run, in their boots and tactical gear and with officers trailing on bicycles. The run started at the Airport Police Station, to the Tommy E. Scott Memorial Plaque on Lincoln Boulevard, and then completed the

run back to the Airport Police Station.

The run took place during Police Memorial Week.



Airport Police start the boot run at the Airport Police Station.



Airport Police Officers run to the Officer Tommy E. Scott Memorial Plaque on Lincoln Boulevard. The group was led by the Airport Police Emergency Services Unit.

## Newsbrief

### LIBRARY HONORS STEPHEN KING:

Bestselling author Stephen King and longtime library supporter The Ahmanson Foundation were honored at the 15th annual Los Angeles Public Library Awards Dinner May 19 at the Hyatt Regency Century Plaza.

Both awardees will be celebrated for their outstanding contributions to the Los Angeles Public Library, literacy and lifelong learning. The event was sponsored by the Library Foundation of Los Angeles, a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising funds to support the Los Angeles Public Library.

City Librarian Martín Gómez and Library Foundation President Ken Brecher announced the honorees, adding that proceeds from the awards dinner benefited reading enrichment and literacy programs and related books and materials, educational and cultural activities for all ages, and public access to the latest electronic information resources.

Stephen King was honored with the Los Angeles Public Library Literary Award. Mr. King is the master of contemporary horror and suspense fiction and the author of more than 40 books, all of them worldwide bestsellers. He is the recipient of the 2003 National Book Foundation Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters. A number of his stories have been adapted for the screen, including *Carrie* (1976), *The Shining* (1980), *Misery* (1990), *The Shawshank Redemption* (1995), and *The Green Mile* (1999). Past honorees of the Library's Literary Award include Tom Brokaw, Larry McMurtry, Tony Kushner, Norman Mailer, Harper Lee, Susan Sontag, August Wilson, David McCullough, Carlos Fuentes, E.L. Doctorow and John Updike.

"We're pleased to honor Stephen King, an American literary icon and a thrilling storyteller," said City Librarian Martín Gómez. "Through his extraordinary work, King celebrates the art of storytelling and the excitement of reading unlike any other writer."

The Ahmanson Foundation was honored with the Light of Learning Award for its longtime support of the Library. The Ahmanson Foundation has donated more than \$4.3 million to the Library Foundation of Los Angeles, beginning with the Save the Books campaign in the 1980s and annually supporting children, youth and technology programs in following years. By supporting strong non-profits, the Foundation strives to enhance the quality of life and cultural legacy of the Los Angeles community.

"There are a small number of foundations in Los Angeles who have for decades defined the cultural and intellectual life of our communities," said Foundation President Ken Brecher. "The Ahmanson Foundation and family have always understood that access to knowledge, beauty and outstanding performance are at the heart of a flourishing democracy."

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COUNCIL

# Awardz for Excellenz

Councilman Dennis Zine hands out his 8th annual Z Awards.



On May 6, Councilman Dennis Zine honored six public safety personnel for public safety personnel who go above and beyond what is expected of them to serve the citizens of the Third Council District and the greater Los Angeles community. The celebration was held at the Warner Center Marriott Hotel in Woodland Hills.

The recipients were:



At the ceremony, from left: Metro Board Member and Former Assemblyman Richard Katz (host); Capt. Selwyn Lloyd, LAFD; Deputy Joseph Cerda, L.A. Sheriff's Dept.; Officer Samuel Davis, LAPD Valley Traffic Division; Councilman Dennis P. Zine; Senior Lead Officer Evelyn Solano, General Services/Public Safety; Officer Gary Shanahan, LAPD West Valley Area; Officer Dennis Cunningham, LAPD Topanga Area; radio host Kevin James (presenter); Officer Jeff Ferber, California Highway Patrol; and radio host Peter Tilden (presenter).



**Officer Samuel Davis**  
- LAPD Valley Traffic Division

Officer Davis is assigned to the Valley Traffic Division COMP-STAT Unit, which is

responsible for reducing fatal and serious injury traffic collisions in problem areas. Officer Davis' citation average has been approximately 30 citations per day, the highest daily average for all of the officers assigned to Valley Traffic Division. He also maintains one of the highest daily averages of vehicle impounds, which have lowered the incidents of hit and run collisions within Operations-Valley Bureau. In 2009, he issued 2,778 traffic citations and impounded 221 vehicles. During December 2009, Officer Davis issued more than 600 speeding citations on Roscoe Boulevard. Because of his tenacity, traffic collisions on Roscoe have dropped dramatically.



**Officer Gary Shanahan**  
- LAPD West Valley Area

Officer Shanahan is a 30-year veteran of the LAPD and has been assigned to the

WestValley area since 1982. Officer Shanahan has spent his entire career working in a field patrol capacity, creating partnerships with the community. His approachable and respectable demeanor have allowed him to develop long-lasting relationships, and his character is reflected in the numerous commendations he has received throughout his career. He has been able to become very familiar with the area and developed strategies to combat its crime trends.



**Officer Dennis Cunningham**  
- LAPD Topanga Area

Officer Cunningham is a 12-year veteran of the LAPD who has established himself as

one of the Department's best. He was promoted to Police Officer III and handpicked by Capt. John Sherman, Topanga Division's Commanding Officer, to become an inaugural member of the new Topanga Station's Gang Enforcement Detail. As a gang investigator, he has made a number of significant, high-profile arrests. One such arrest occurred when Officer Cunningham detained and searched a known high-level gang shot-caller and found him to be in possession of a Tech 9 machine gun, narcotics and money. That arrest led to Officer Cunningham initiating and being team leader for Topanga GED's first search warrant. His aggressive, proactive style of policing earned him the respect of his peers and supervisors as well as the honor of being selected Topanga's first Officer of the Quarter. In December, Officer Cunningham was instrumental in the identification and arrest of a door-to-door magazine salesman who brutally beat, sexually assaulted and robbed a woman at her home in Woodland Hills.



**Officer Evelyn Solano**  
- Public Safety General Services

Senior Lead Officer Solano is responsible for 83 parks and 13 libraries as well as the

west-end Foothill area. Though she covers a significant area, she has been very successful at maintaining consistent communications within her area of operation and enjoys a good working relationship with area Council offices as well as the West Valley, Topanga, Devonshire and Van Nuys Area LAPD SLOs. In a solo patrol car, in addition to her SLO duties, Officer Solano has amassed impressive statistics with more than 63 parking citations, 27 personal service citations, seven Release From Field Custody arrests, and ten misdemeanor arrests during the past several months.

patrol unit in 2009, he made more than 697 arrests. Of those arrests, 425 were for open charges, ranging from possession of narcotics and weapons-related violations. He seized a large amount of narcotics during traffic and pedestrian stops.



**Officer Jeff Ferber**  
- California Highway Patrol

Officer Jeff Ferber, California Highway Patrol; Officer Ferber

excels as a CHP Officer, having received multiple commendations for his enforcement and public-service efforts, including the California State Medal of Valor. In 2006, Officer Ferber was assigned to the FBI's Sexual Assault Felony Enforcement (SAFE) team, where he investigated and incarcerated individuals who prey on children. Recently, Officer Ferber and the SAFE team set up a sting in the West Valley area luring "would-be" predators to meet with what they thought were young girls. This operation netted 13 suspects, with 12 convictions and one still awaiting trial. Officer Ferber was responsible for the arrest and conviction of a teacher in the West Valley area who was abusing students. This teacher is now serving a long prison sentence.

The Club congratulates all the safety officers honored with a Z Award!



**Capt. Selwyn Lloyd**  
- LAFD

Capt. Lloyd is not only an outstanding firefighter with exceptional

technical and leadership abilities, but is highly respected by his supervisors and peers for his dedication on duty and to the citizens he serves. He is planning on dedicating the next few years to working with at-risk youth who aspire to a career in the Fire Department. He also puts forth efforts to diversify the future ranks of the Fire Department by running a fire academy with the help of Councilman Dennis Zine, East Los Angeles College, and the LAFD. Currently, Capt. Lloyd is an instructor at the East Los Angeles Fire Academy, an instructor/counselor at the Reseda Fire Explorer Post, and a counselor/youth instructor with the West Valley Willing Worker Program.

*Congratulations*



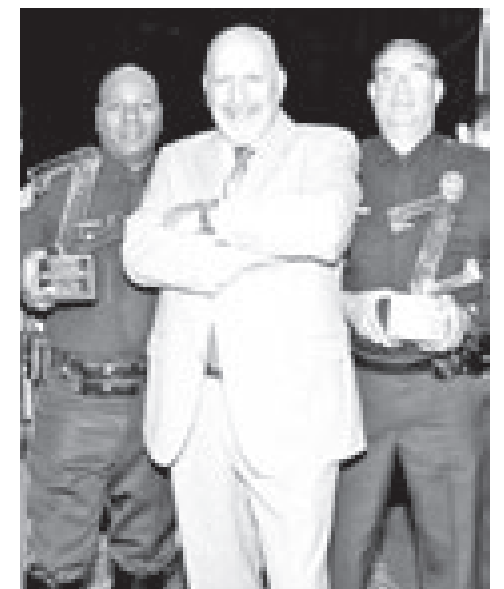
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**Deputy Joseph Cerda**  
- LA County Sheriff's Dept.

Deputy Cerda is assigned to the Chatsworth substation.

patrolling for the MTA in the San Fernando Valley. While working a single-man



Officer Samuel Davis, LAPD Valley Traffic Division; Councilman Dennis P. Zine; Officer Gary Shanahan, LAPD West Valley Area.

{ Who are the people you see every day? }

No. 28 in a series.

# People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.



## Meet John Washington.



**AGE:** "I'm 48 years old."  
**BIRTHPLACE:** "Elizabeth, New Jersey."  
**MARITAL STATUS:** "Single."  
**FAMILY:** "I have one brother."  
**WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES?** "Three months ago, from Phoenix."  
**EDUCATION:** "I graduated from Weequahic High School in Newark, New Jersey."

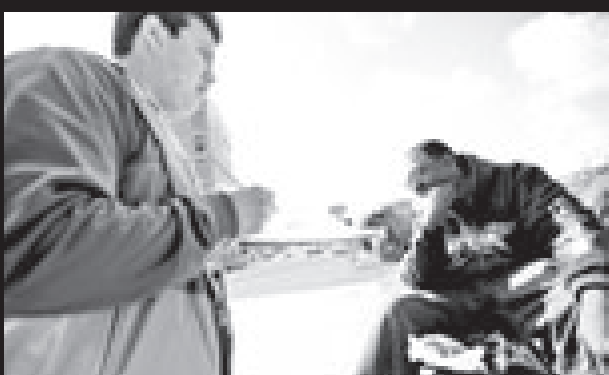


**RELIGION:** "I believe in God. I'm a Christian."  
**WHERE DO YOU LIVE?** "Around here."  
**WHAT WAS THE LAST JOB YOU HAD?** "I worked in a Greek restaurant in Phoenix."  
**FAVORITE SPORT:** "Football."  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** "I like all kinds of food. I'm not too picky."  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** "Iron Man."  
**FAVORITE MUSIC:** "I like old-school rap – Run DMC, etc."  
**FAVORITE CANDY:** "Hershey's chocolate. I like peanut butter."  
**FAVORITE TV SHOW:** "Law and Order."  
**LAST BOOK READ:** "A book on geography."  
**ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE:** "I really don't have any."  
**IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE?** "To be a millionaire."  
**LAST THING EATEN:** "An orange, and some food from 'Hippie Kitchen.'"  
**WHICH ORGANIZATION WAS THE BIGGEST HELP TO YOU?** "The L.A. Mission."  
**WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN FIVE YEARS?** "I hope out of here!"

*The Club gave John \$20, a bat, water bottles and candy in a Club bag, plus a smile or two.*

The interview took place May 13 at the corner of S. Main and E. Third Streets downtown. This month's "People We See" interview was conducted by Andre Lujan, son of Marisa Trujillo, Club Member

*Photos by John Hawkins, Club CEO*



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







# *Alive!* AROUND THE WORLD

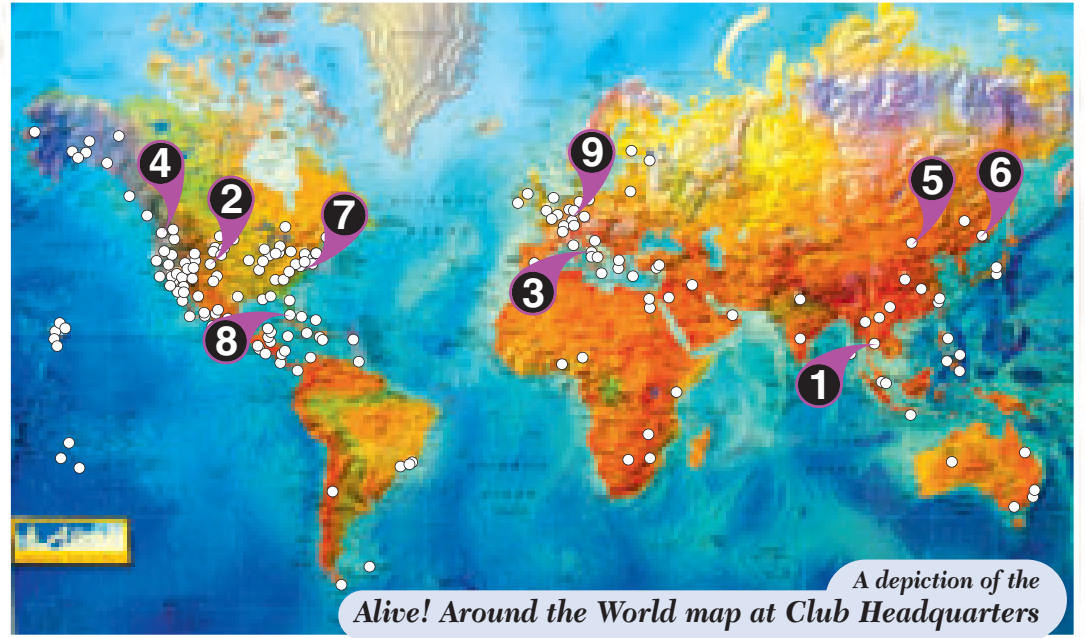
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## Thailand



"These photos were taken at the Grand Palace in Bangkok, Thailand."

- Helen Olivares, DWP



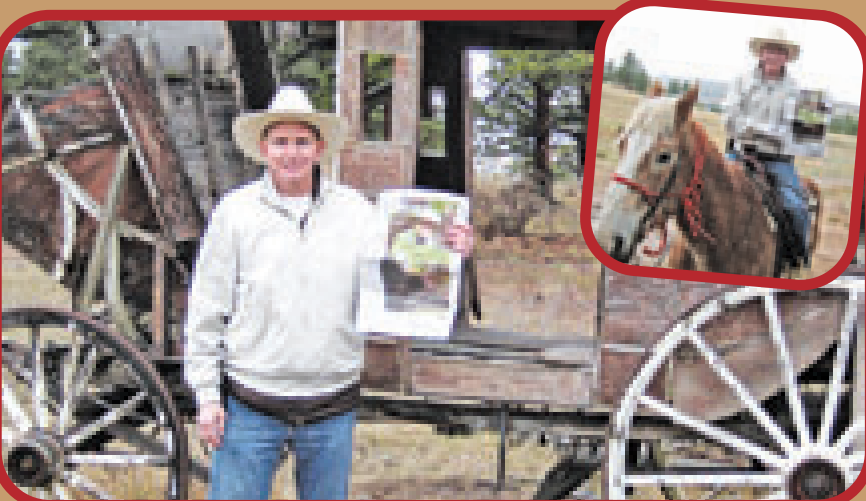
A depiction of the *Alive! Around the World* map at Club Headquarters

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## Colorado



I came *Alive!*, Western style, in Estes Park, Colo."

- Dan Graham, General Services

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## Italy



The Colosseum.

Florence.

Vatican City.

Venice.

"My husband and I went to Italy (Rome, Florence and Venice) for our one-year anniversary."

- Victoria Anaya, Harbor

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## Pacific Northwest



Port Angeles, Wash.

Vancouver, B.C.

Ferry to Vancouver.

"After my niece's wedding in Seattle, my cousins gave us a 'Two Nations' personal tour. Eleven of us ventured to Victoria, B.C., Canada, from Seattle in May."

- Shirley Gatlin, Retired, Building and Safety

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## China



"These pictures are from my trip to China in April, at the Jade Bridge, Red Square, the Great Wall, and [with] the Terra Cotta warriors."

- Mr. B (Baron Greenhouse), DWP





# Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



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## Hong Kong

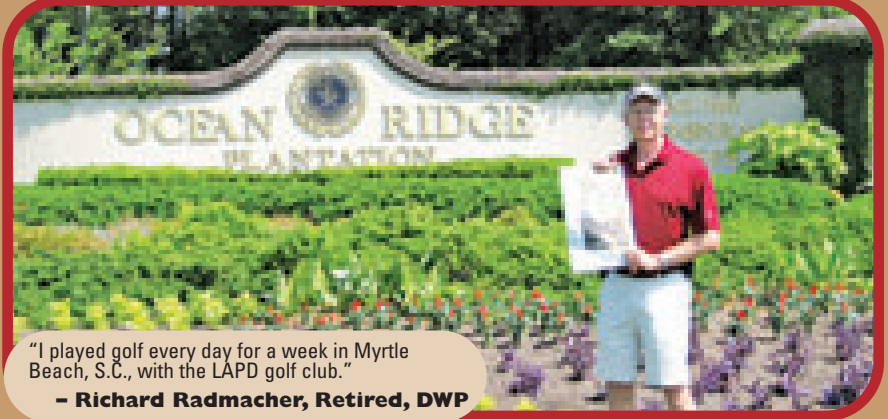


"Hong Kong is a vibrant, diverse city. From every direction, you can see people from different walks of life strolling on the streets. In a busy metropolitan city such as Hong Kong, buses and taxis clog the streets as they attempt to transport millions of people to their locations."

- Victoria Law, ITA

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## South Carolina



"I played golf every day for a week in Myrtle Beach, S.C., with the LAPD golf club."

- Richard Radmacher, Retired, DWP

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## Florida



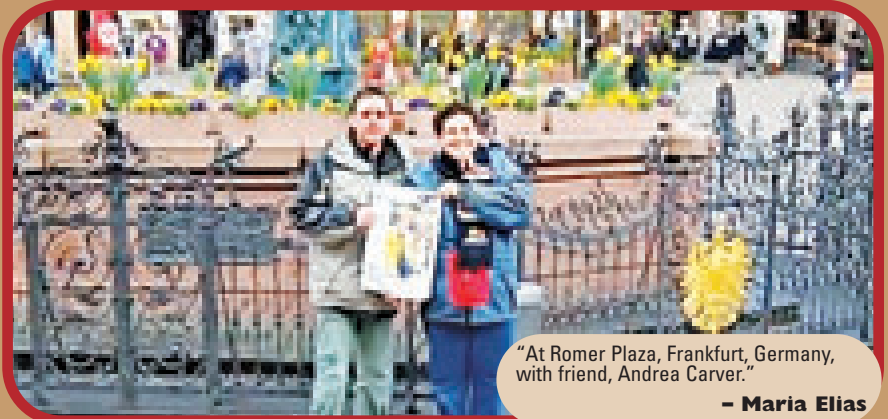
"During Spring Break, my family and I vacationed in Florida. We had a wonderful time. We visited Miami Beach and Key West, and we took a boat trip from Miami Bayside around the bay."

- Robbie Horvath, Public Works

The Horvath family at the southernmost point of the Continental United States.

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## Germany



"At Romer Plaza, Frankfurt, Germany, with friend, Andrea Carver."

- Maria Elias



**April Christine Hoff**  
Sr. PSR I, Communications, LAPD



Dear City Employees Club,

In 2002 I purchased a cancer policy with The Los Angeles City Employees Club because it seemed like a win-win situation. I believe one is never too young to plan or prepare for the future, and my family history was full of relatives who had suffered from cancer related illness. The cost of the policy, which is refunded after 20 years, would be a good savings plan, and I wouldn't even need to think about it. After 20 years, I would still be covered even after having my premiums returned.

As it turned out, in 2008 just after turning 40 I had a routine mammogram and much to my dismay, was diagnosed with a very aggressive form of Breast Cancer. After the diagnosis, I called the claims department at The City Employees Club, and in just two weeks I received \$50,000.

Having this policy pay as quickly as it did brought me a tremendous amount of relief, and eased much of the stress I was experiencing. I didn't know how long I would be unable to work after surgery or during chemo. However, because of my cancer policy, I knew that I wouldn't have to worry about being able to pay my mortgage and my other bills.

In addition to the peace of mind that it brought me regarding my own financial well-being, I was also able to use these funds to help my brother get the tools he needed to get back to work. Because claim was paid as cash, I used the money to spend a week in Hawaii and bonded with my sister. Spending quality time with my family while I was still healthy was wonderful.

After the chemo treatments were finished, I was able to take trip to Mexico with a friend to rest and recover. Thankfully I have responded well to all the treatments, and am two years Cancer free.

When you are fighting for your life, you don't need to be worried about anything else. Thank you for introducing me to this policy, it really has made a difference.

Sincerely,  
April Christine Hoff  
Sr. PSR I, Communications, LAPD

# Retirements

A heartfelt *thank you* to these City employees for their years of service.

LAPD

## Retiring From Jail

Nine employees at the LAPD's Valley Jail Division, including Club Board Member David Muraoka, retired at a joint party.

Story and photos by Brent Urban, Club Counselor

On April 29, personnel of the LAPD Valley Jail Section gathered to send off several of their own down the road of retirement. Although the weather was a bit chilly, the mutual admiration was warm. There is a tight bond formed in doing one of the most difficult jobs in the City of Los Angeles, and genuine friendships were apparent, along with some tears and lots of hugs, throughout the evening.

The party was held at Odyssey restaurant in Granada Hills.

Those retiring were:

- David Muraoka, Principal Detention Officer and Club Board Member, 36 years of City service;
- Laura Muraoka, Principal Detention Officer, Club Member, 30 years of City service;

- Ed Cervantz, Principal Detention Officer, 30 years of City service;
- Jaime Amador, Principal Detention Officer, Club Member, 30 years of City service;
- John Scott, Principal Detention Officer, Club Member, 31.5 years of City service;
- Carol Ibarra, Sr. Detention Officer, Club Member, 28 years of City service;
- Jose Jimenez, Sr. Detention Officer, Club Member, 30 years of City service;
- Charlene Smith, Detention Officer, Club Member, 25 years of City service; and
- Joe Preciado, Detention Officer, Club Member, 38 years of City service.

Congratulations to all on their retirement, and especially David Muraoka, a Club Board Member and big supporter of all that the Club does. Enjoy your retirement!

Special thanks to Jenny Garrett for assisting *Alive!* in the production of this article.



From left: David Muraoka, Principal Detention Officer, Club Board Member, with Jaime Amador, Principal Detention Officer, Club Member.



From left: David Muraoka, Principal Detention Officer, Club Board Member; Laura Muraoka, Principal Detention Officer, Club Member; and Charlene Smith, Detention Officer, Club Member.



Carol Ibarra, Sr. Detention Officer, Club Member, with a friend.



John Scott, Principal Detention Officer, Club Member, and his wife.



Charlene Smith, Detention Officer, Club Member, with friends and colleagues.



Joe Preciado, Detention Officer, Club Member, with his wife.



Jaime Amador, Principal Detention Officer, Club Member.



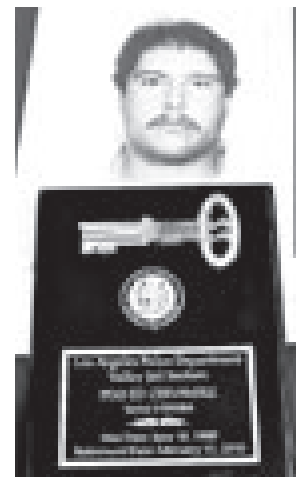
Carol Ibarra, Sr. Detention Officer, Club Member.



Joe Preciado, Detention Officer, Club Member.



John Scott, Principal Detention Officer, Club Member.



Ed Cervantz, Principal Detention Officer.



Charlene Smith, Detention Officer, Club Member.

CDD

## A Dozen Leaving CDD

Party is held for 12 retiring from Community Development.

Story by Brent Urban, Club Counselor; Graphic courtesy CDD

On April 7, friends, family and co-workers celebrated the retirements of 12 CDD employees. The party was held at the Sheraton downtown. The retirees were:

- Teodora Canlas, 25 years of City service;
- Diana Cole Fernandez, 35 years of City service;

- Lawrence F. Feldman, 33 years of City service;
- Arturo Gaerlan, 19 years of City service;
- Pricilla Katt, 30 years of City service;
- Josephine M. Laube, 33 years of City service;
- Richard A. Marusich, 21 years of City service;
- James McCollum, 23 years of City service;
- Michele R. Rose, 30 years of City service;
- Maher M. Salama, 25 years of City service;
- Rosario V. Vega, 28 years of City service; and
- Gregory S. Woo, 29 years of City service.



The 12 retiring from Community Development.



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CAO

## Susan Sets Sail



Assistant CAO Tom Coultas and Susan Harbach. Tom presented the Council Resolution to Susan.

## Susan Harbach retires from CAO after 32 years of City service.

Story and photos courtesy Carolyn Cooper, CAO's Office

On April 29, Susan L. Harbach, Senior Labor Relations Specialist II, celebrated her 32 years of City service with a sweet and savory reception at the Office of the City Administrative Officer.

Here's a resolution prepared in her honor:

"Whereas, Susan L. Harbach, Senior Labor Relations Specialist II, has retired from the Office of the City Administrative Officer after more than 32 years of outstanding service to the people of the City of Los Angeles; and

"Whereas, Susan entered City service on January 3, 1978, as a Junior Administrative Assistant with the Personnel Department after having received her Bachelor of arts degree in history from California State University, Los Angeles; and

"Whereas, Susan quickly was promoted to Personnel Analyst in October 1979 and Senior Personnel Analyst in July 1984, and continued to excel in her career with the Personnel Department; and

"Whereas, Susan met her husband, Dennis, while both were employed with the Personnel Department, and with whom she will soon celebrate 30 years of marriage; and

"Whereas, as a Senior Personnel Analyst in the Employee Benefits Division of the Personnel Department, Susan developed the City's Sick Leave Monitoring and Control Program; and

"Whereas, Susan was commended for her exceptional public service to the City for conceptualizing, supervising, arranging and implementing the Personnel Department's first Citywide Health Fair – World of Wellness in 1985; and



Harold Fujita, Personnel Director III, Rec and Parks, and Susan Harbach. Harold presented Susan with Personnel Director's Achievement Award.



CAO Employee Relations Division, from left: Carolyn E. Cooper; Kevin Hirose; Thomas T. Simonovski; Susan Harbach; Maritta H. Aspen (in back); Royce Menkus, Retired; Errol Griffin (in back); and Susan J. Ozawa.

"Whereas, Susan was appointed to Senior Administrative Analyst I on Nov. 3, 1985, with the Office of the City Administrative Officer, where she was assigned to the Employee Relations Division as an assistant labor negotiator, and was promoted to lead negotiator as a Senior Administrative Analyst II in July 1988, where she represented City management at the bargaining table, provided expert advice to City departments in labor relations matters, and successfully represented the City as an advocate in various administrative hearings, such as fact findings, grievance arbitrations, and unfair employee relations practice claims; and

"Whereas, on Oct. 13, 1988, Susan and Dennis became the proud parents of Kevin, who 21 years later made Susan a proud "Navy

Mom" when he joined the United States Navy after attending college and working part-time for the City of Los Angeles; and

"Whereas, in 1989 Susan developed and implemented the City's Joint-Labor Management Benefits Committee, of which she was the CAO's alternate member beginning with the Committee's first meeting in January 1990 until her retirement in March 2010; and

"Whereas, in addition to all of her responsibilities as a Senior Administrative Analyst II and then as a Senior Labor Relations Specialist II in the Employee Relations Division, Susan was also the CAO's Personnel Director for many years; and

"Whereas, in her more than 25 years in the field of labor relations, Susan earned the respect of her co-workers, City staff and labor unions for her unwavering professionalism, integrity and work ethic; and

"Now, therefore, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Los Angeles by adoption of this Resolution congratulates Susan L. Harbach on her retirement effective March 13, 2010, after more than 32 years of dedicated, exemplary service to the City of Los Angeles and commends her for her commitment to duty and utmost professionalism. On behalf of the people of the City of Los Angeles, best wishes are extended to Susan L. Harbach for a long, healthy, happy, and rewarding retirement."

*Congratulations from the Club, Susan!*



Rob Sandiford, Systems Analyst II, serenades Susan with a song.



Susan Harbach and City Administrative Officer Miguel Santana.

HOUSING

## Margie Moves On



Doug Guthrie, Housing General Manager, presented Margie Lopez a certificate of appreciation for 40 years of City service.

## Margarita Lopez retires after 40 years of City service.

Story by Teresa Campos-Singson, Housing; Photos courtesy Housing

On May 6, family, co-workers and friends celebrated the beginning of a new chapter of the life of Margie Lopez, who retired from Housing after 40 years of City service. The celebration took place at The Grill at the Sheraton Hotel Downtown Los Angeles.

Ralph Esparza, former Assistant General Manager for Housing Development, Housing, and Housing General Manager Doug Guthrie attended the event, among many others.

Margarita Lopez, Executive Administrative Assistant III to the General Manager, Housing, started her City service in July 1970 as a Clerk Typist for Building and Safety, where she responded to inquiries on building permits and certificates of occupancy, among her other duties, and provided assistance to the public. Margie was promoted to Senior Clerk Stenographer in 1978 and worked initially at Public Works/Contract Compliance, where she supervised clerical staff and processed and maintained the contract files for the Unit's Contract Investigators.

Margie later transferred to the City Clerk's

Office, Tax and Permit Division, which in 2000 became part of the Office of Finance, and reported directly to the Assistant Chief of the Division from 1978 to 1980. During the tax and permit renewal season, Margie, being the team player that she was, provided support in the processing of information into the TAPS computer system.

In recognition of her knowledge and skills, Margie was assigned to provide executive and administrative support to the head of the Tax and Permit Division in the Office of Finance, where she managed all clerical aspects of the front office and arranged appointments and meetings. Margie also provided business tax information and handled a large volume of telephone calls from taxpayers, City officials, and other government agencies. She coordinated Board of Review hearings for taxpayers, with the offices of the City Attorney and Controller, coordinated the yearly extension renewal requests from taxpayers, and made certain that all requests were processed and mailed timely. Margie interviewed, selected and trained contract workers to assist the front office, particularly during renewal season, or when support staff was on personal or medical leaves.

Margie left the Office of Finance on a promotion to Housing as an Executive Administrative Assistant II in 2001. Thereafter, she was promoted to an Executive Administrative Assistant III in



From left: Margie Lopez and Mary Arredondo.

Housing's Executive Office in 2008. Margie served as Executive Administrative Assistant to the General Manager of Housing until her retirement.

Throughout her career, she provided exemplary administrative support to the executives to whom she had been assigned, enabling them to focus on program management and policy development. She also found most rewarding the various opportunities that she had for assisting constituents seeking help from the City, be it in the form of inquiries about building permits and certificates of occupancy, processing of business permits, requests for housing assistance, and resolution of landlord tenant issues. During her four decades with the City, Margie used her bilingual skills to service the public.

Now that she is retired, Margie plans to attend art and dance classes. Margie is also looking at traveling locally at first and later to Europe. Margie loves animals in general and dogs in particular and hopes eventually volunteer in an animal shelter/protection-type organization.

Margie's colleagues and supervisors will surely miss her at work, but also wish her good health, happiness and success in all her future endeavors.



From left: Al and Margie Lopez, with their daughter, Angela.



Former LAHD co-workers: Gayle Hall, Edna Meraz, Margie Lopez, Anabell Luna, Irene Scaduto (seated).



Former co-workers from Building and Safety expressed their best wishes to Margie Lopez. Standing, from left: Andy Harris, John Wilbourne, Evelyn Martinez and Margie Lopez.



Former co-workers from Housing wish Margie Lopez well. From left: Jerry Hunter, Gayle Hall, Margie Lopez and Kory Smith.

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## PUBLIC WORKS

### 7 Leave Engineering



From left: Teresa Aguiar, Club Member, Retired; Winnie Harano, Chief Management Analyst; and Alan Kawaguchi, Principal Clerk.



Richard Chung, Sr. Management Analyst I.

Group retirement party for seven in Public Works/Engineering.

Story and photos by Brent Urban, Club Counselor

On April 8, a reception was held to honor the retirements of seven employees in Public Works/Engineering. The seven were:

- Mildred Owens, Sr. MA II, 29 years of City service;
- Richard Chung, SR MA I, 38 years of City service;
- Cheryl Fallon, Club Member, Principal Clerk, 34 years of City service;
- Winifred (Winnie) Harano, Club Member;
- Anna M. Sanchez, Club Member, Sr. Management Analyst, 30 years of City service (not present);
- Sheryl Stacy, Sr. Clerk Typist, 32 years of City service (not present); and
- Roger "Tim" Haug, Deputy City Engineer, 18 years of City service (not present).

The event took place in the Bureau of Engineering building.



From left: Winifred H. Harano, Chief Management Analyst; Cheryl Fallon, Principal Clerk; and Mildred Owens, Sr. MA II.

## ITA

### Roberta Retires



From left: Paul Inafuku, Retired; Roberta Castro, Retiree; and Sylvia Nesbit, Retired.



Roberta and Gil Castro and the Mariachi Divas.

Roberta Castro retires from ITA after 36 years of City service.

Story and Photos by Ela Vallejo, Office of Finance

A reception was held April 30 for the retirement of Roberta Castro from ITA. At the party, Roberta celebrated her career with co-workers from across City departments, family members and friends. The event was held at Monterey Hill Steak and Seafood.

Roberta Castro started working for the City Clerk's Office as a Clerk Typist in 1974 and was promoted to Senior Clerk Typist in 1980. After 24 years with City Clerk, she was promoted to Secretary at the Office of Finance. However, better opportunities presented themselves, and she transferred to Public Works/Engineering before being promoted to ITA as an Executive Administrative Assistant II in 2007.



From left: Roberta Castro, Retiree, and Gail Tichman, Retired.

During her long career with the City, Roberta has consistently been known as an exemplary employee who demonstrated the utmost dedication, loyalty, dependability and professionalism, to name just a few of her qualities. When she worked for City Clerk's Office, she received letters of appreciation from customers, exalting her professionalism, kindness and intelligence in dealing with problems or going the extra mile to help her customers.

When she went to ITA, she continued to demonstrate the same skills that have always made her stand out – dedication, dependability, hard work, teamwork and, above all, exemplary customer service.

After her retirement, Roberta plans to spend her time traveling and enjoying spending time with her grandchildren.

The Club sends its best wishes to Roberta on a great City career.



From left: Sandy Mack, Jorge Guzman, Roberta Castro, Alicia Vega and Ken White.



From left: Ken Simmons, Retired; Agnes Lung-Tam; Roberta Castro, Retiree; Rita Khurana-Carwisle; and Kamton Joe, Retired.



From left: Mark Wolf, Assistant General Manager; Elida Cruz; Roberta Castro, Retiree; Randi Levin; Kevin Crawford; and, in the front row, Yvette McFrazier, Retired.



From left: Sylvia Nesbit, Retired; Judy Ramirez; Marieta Chong; and Olivia Alvarado-Ford, Retired.



From left: Jim Lyons, Retired; Roberta Castro, Retiree; Mike Wilson, Retired; Tracy Evans, Retired; and event host Terry Manocchio, Retired.



From left: Kamton Joe, Retired; Agnes Lung-Tam; Ken Simmons, Retired; and Roger Fernandez.

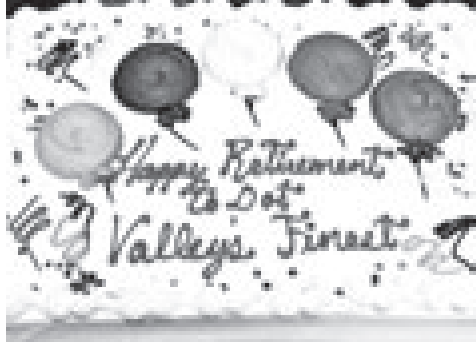


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## TRANSPORTATION

### Five Retire from DOT



The retirement cake.

Transportation says goodbye to five, who retired.

Story and photos by Brent Urban, Club Counselor

On March 30, five longtime employees of Transportation celebrated their retirement. A party was held at El Torito in Van Nuys.

Those celebrating their retirement at the party were:

- Cindy McConnell, Club Member;
- Gwen Battles, Club Member;
- Barbara Estrada;
- Joe Gonzales, and
- Jani Veireck, Club Member.

Special thanks to Lori Griner, Traffic Officer, Club Member, for assisting the Club in producing this article.



From left: Dennis Arroyo, Club Member, TO; Jani Veireck, Club Member, retiree; and Candice Stewart, Club Member, TO.



From left: Sue Artian, Club Member, TO; Lori Griner, Club Member, TO; and Arnold Aguirrebarrena, TO.



From left: Tommy Curran, Club Member, Retiree; Ed Holguin, Club Member, Retiree; Bill Locatello, Club Member, Retiree; Ken Kochakji, Club Member, Retiree; Bob Moran, Retiree; and Rose Moran, Retiree.



The family of retiree Cindy McConnell, from left: Steve Morse, brother; Cindy McConnell, Club Member, Retiree; Nancy Milburn, sister; Carol Beckerdite, sister; Betty Morse, mother; and Brian McConnell, husband.



From left: Barbara Estrada and Gwen Battles, Retirees.



From left: Lori Griner, Club Member, TO; and Cindy McConnell, Club Member, who retired after 31 years of service.



From left: David Hiovich, Club Member, son; Jani Veireck, Club Member, Retiree; James Jamoson, TO; and Connie Rozier, Club Member, TO.



Bottom: Gwen Battles, Club Member, Retiree. Top: Lori Griner, Club Member, TO.



From left: Capt. Richard Rea; Lori Griner, Club Member, TO; and Capt. Jodi Perez.



From left: Steve Banks, Club Member, TO; Trudell Whitfield, Club Member TO; and Jim Randall, TO.



From left: Jessica Rios, Club Member, Clerk Typist; and Fawnda Sparks, Club Member, TO.



From left: Debra Sandhu, Club Member, TO; and Lynne Gregorie, Club Member, Street Services Investigator.



From left: Sue Artian, Club Member, TO; and Michael Dickens, Club Member, TO.



From left: David Hiovich, Club Member, TO; Trudell Whitfield, Club Member, TO; and Larry Brenner, Club Member, TO.

## FINANCE

### Pam Retires, Party-less



Pamela Mooney.

Pamela Mooney retires quietly from Finance after 11 years of City service.

Story by Yvonne Liu, Office of Finance; Photo courtesy Finance

On April 29, Pam celebrated her 55th birthday, and on April 30, she retired after 17 years of City service. Happy birthday, Pam!

Pamela Mooney began her City career in March 1992 working for Housing as a Management Assistant; she was promoted to Management Analyst in Fire and Police Pensions in September 1994. After two years, she joined the Office of the City Administrative Officer as an Administrative

Analyst II and advanced gradually to a Finance Specialist IV by November 2000. In September 2001, she advanced from City Attorney Administrative Coordinator IV at the City Attorney's Office to Revenue Manager at the newly established Office of Finance, the tax and revenue collection agency for the City. Starting in November 2002, she was appointed to Assistant Director at the Office of Finance. There she remained and led the Office of Finance, a department of approximately 400 employees, from an annual revenue collection for the City of \$2 billion to \$2.5 billion.

During her career with the City, Pam has consistently been known for her leadership abilities, depth of knowledge in City rules and regulations and superb performance under stressful situations. For example, in the aftermath of the Northridge

Earthquake, her supervisor noted, "[Pam] volunteered to work full-time in the Disaster Assistance Center (DAC), and she was assigned as DAC commander of the Housing Department element at the Sunland Center. She worked double shifts with little or no breaks for more than two weeks... When she returned to the office on a full-time basis, she was assigned to the task of completing a Mobile Home Park earthquake guide that was sent to more than 4,000 victims, which encompassed all affected parks and coach owners."

When she worked for Fire and Police Pensions and the CAO's Office, her performance consistently exceeded expectations. She has been able to work under pressure with a pleasant demeanor.

The Club wishes Pam a happy and well-deserved retirement.

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LAPD

## Two, to Go



Well-wishers signed the retirement board for Carol Coudriet-Portnoff, Clerk Typist, Club Member.



Well-wishers signed the retirement board for Rosalyn Hawes, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member.



Carol Coudriet-Portnoff, Retiree, Club Member.



Rosalyn Hawes, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member, Retiree.



From left: Renee Carter, friend; Rosalyn Hawes, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member, Retiree; and Gwendolyn Pennington, friend.



From left: Monica Lewis, CT, 26 years of City service, Club Member; Tasha Tennell, SCT, 4 years of City service, Club Member; and Rachel Smith, Management Aide, 29 years of service, Club Member.



From left: Enrique Ceja, P2, 13 years of City service, Club Member; Jeb Panyarjun, MA, 13 years of service; and Fernie Ramirez, Graphics Designer, 20 years of service, Club Member.



From left: Penny Dimitra, guest; and Artillar Watts, SCT, 23 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Jenai Lyles, Management Aide, 10 years of City service, Club Member; Elisha Mitchell, Management Aid, 26 years of City service, Club Member; and Sandra Dennis-Wyse, Retired Principal Clerk, Club Member.

### Club Members Carol Portnoff and Rosalyn Hawes retire with a combined 38 years of City service.

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

A joint retirement party was held March 31 for Rosalyn Hawes, Sr. Clerk Typist, and Carol Portnoff, Clerk Typist, who retired from the City. Rosalyn retired with 28 years of City service, and Carol retired with 10 years. Both are Club Members.

The reception took place at Shanghai Red's restaurant in Marina del Rey.

Due to her service length, Rosalyn was presented with a resolution. It read:

"Whereas, Sr. Clerk Typist Rosalyn J. Hawes has completed 27 years of honorable and dedicated service to the City of Los Angeles, culminating Jan. 2, 2010;

"Whereas, Sr. Clerk Typist Rosalyn J. Hawes began her career with the Los Angeles Police Department as a Station Officer in 1982, and was promoted to the rank of Traffic Officer;

"Whereas, Sr. Clerk Typist Rosalyn J. Hawes has demonstrated renowned competence and dedication in keeping with the highest standards of the City of Los Angeles, while assigned to the following departments: 1982, Station Officer with the LAPD; 1986, Transportation, Parking Enforcement as a Traffic Officer; 1989, was promoted to the class of Sr. Clerk Typist, also in Transportation/Personnel Section; and 1999, ending her illustrious City career by returning to the LAPD/Training Division as a Sr. Clerk Typist.

"Whereas, Sr. Clerk Typist Rosalyn J. Hawes, as a Station Officer with the LAPD, was trained in the various highly responsible tasks of housing and processing procedures of booking misdemeanor and felony arrestees. The procedures such as fingerprinting arrestees properly, which plays a very vital role in the State Court System. Sr. Clerk Typist Rosalyn J. Hawes was skilled in this area and able to implement this process into the hiring process of Crossing Guards in Transportation, which also made it possible for her to teach her peers the process;

"Whereas, Sr. Clerk Typist Rosalyn J. Hawes, as a Traffic Officer in the Hollywood Area, was hand-selected for the Parking Enforcement Instructors Program. As an instructor, she and another fellow Traffic Officer conducted training classes in parking enforcement procedures, where the fundamentals of parking enforcement were emphasized. She also was part of the traffic control training team;

"Whereas, Sr. Clerk Typist Rosalyn J. Hawes has been selected to take part in the making of training videos in the LAPD/Training Division;

"Now, therefore be it resolved that the City Council highly commends Sr. Clerk Typist Rosalyn J. Hawes for 27 years of outstanding achievement in the field of Station Officer (LAPD), Traffic Officer and Sr. Clerk Typist, Transportation; Parking Enforcement and Sr. Clerk Typist (LAPD) and a record of attainment that has exemplified the highest tradition of the LAPD, and:

"Be it further resolved that the City Council, on behalf of the people of this State, extends to Sr. Clerk Typist Rosalyn J. Hawes best wishes for a long, happy, and rewarding retirement."

*Congratulations to Carol and Rosalyn for their great careers; the Club wishes you well!*

*Alive! thanks Laura Rangel, Club Member, for her assistance.*



Standing, from left: Rosie Shields, daughter of Rosalyn Hawes; Rosalyn Hawes; Rosalyn Hawes, Sr. Clerk Typist, Club Member, Retiree; and Gabreeyn Daniels, niece. Seated: Marion Warmack, mother of Rosalyn Hawes; and Anna Edmonds, aunt.



From left: Miguel Rangel, DWP, 35 years of City service, Club Member; and Laura Rangel, Sr. MA II, 26 years of City service, Club Member.



Carol Portnoff's family, from left: Chris Ramiscal, son in law; Mark Coudriet, son; and Carol Coudriet-Portnoff, Retiree, Club Member, with her husband, Michael.



From left: PDO Michael Ellington, 35 years of City service, Club Member; and Freneshia Clark, MA II, 23 years of service, Club Member.



From left: Capt. Nick Zingo, West Valley, 35 years of City service, Club Member; and Brenda Smith, Retired, Club Member.



From left: April Broussard, SCT, 24 years of City service, Club Member; Rosaelia Palacios, Captain's Secretary, 4 years of City service; Capt. Greg Allen, 32 years of service; and Bernie Dixon, Retired MA.



From left: Cindy Clayton, cousin of Rosalyn Hawes, Club Member; Dorothy Stewart, friend; and Adrienne Clayton, cousin of Rosalyn Hawes, Club Member.



From left: Darlene Lewis, cousin of Rosalyn Hawes, Club Member; Malyah; Jason; and Yvonne Boggos, friend.



From left: Stinson Brown, P3, Drill Instructor, 23 years of City service; and Tim McRath, P3, Drill Instructor, 24 years of City service.



Lt. II Ed Palmer, 25 years of City service; Sgt. II Joann Goya, 23 years of City service, Club Member; and Capt. Michelle Veenstra, 28 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Emma and Roger Johnson, aunt and uncle of Rosalyn Hawes, Club Member.



From left: Denise Williams, SCT, 22 years of City service, Club Member; Sgt. II Andre Louis, 20 years of City service; and Lt. II Natalie Gipson, CCD, 21 years of City service.



From left: Danielle Ramirez, CT, 2 years of City service; Estella Guevara, CT, 10 years of City service; Coleen Briggs, Sr. MA II, Retired, 40 years of City service, Club Member; Joy Cawthon, SCT, 6 years of City service; and Rhonda Baychue, P2, 22 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: James Sigman, Supervisor, FSU, 5 years of City service, Club Member; Damian Pacheco, MA II, 9 years of City service; and Ed Osipian, MA II, 12 years of City service, Club Member.



LAPD

# The First EVOC Challenge

Police Dept. hosts its first-ever road course challenge for emergency vehicles, for charity.



Office Alex Penrith, Club Member, as he checks against the stopwatch.



A 2010 EVOC Challenge Class participants.



The crystal awards were partly sponsored by City Employees Club.



What not to do with the orange cone!

*Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager, and Sgt. Cristina Korne, LAPD; Photos by Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Manager*

After months of planning and hard work, on April 22, the LAPD's Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) unit hosted the first EVOC Challenge at the Davis Training Facility in Granada Hills. The event involved a number of public safety agencies, including the L.A. Sheriff's Dept., the San Diego Police Department, the Carlsbad Police Department, the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, and of course, the LAPD. Through this event, the agencies involved were given an opportunity to network, share training ideas, engage in friendly competition, and help to raise money for Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Lunch was provided, and an awards ceremony closed the day. The event was partially sponsored by the Club. (Many of the LAPD EVOC instructors are Club Members.)

The Challenge consisted of four different track exercises. First was the "Marcia Brady Exercise," generated by Deputy R.J. Juarez of the Sheriff's Dept., and suggested by the famous episode of "The Brady Bunch." Officer Hemsworth, Chief Instructor, LAPD EVOC, ran with the idea and designed the course based on Deputy Juarez's idea. It involved two cars racing simultaneously on two different courses. Completing the exercise required the competitor to finesse the car to the finishing cone without knocking the softball off the cone.

"Bob's Bootleg" was designed by Police Officer III Robert Organ, an EVOC instructor for the LAPD. Performing a "J" turn was an option during the course, but all who competed in the exercise chose to perform the maneuver.

The last two exercises were the "Backing Turn Around" and the "Time Trial." The "Backing Turn Around" is a California Peace Officer Standards and Training mandatory exercise that all California EVOC instructors are required to teach to recruits going through the academy. The exercise was selected so that the EVOC instructors from the outside agencies could practice it ahead of time and were familiar with it by the time the competition took place.

The "Time Trial" consisted of five laps on a specific course marked on the track. The first lap was a warm-up. The following three laps were timed, and the final lap was a cool-down lap. To familiarize the competitors with the course, parade laps were driven by all. The sound of all those cars coupled with the acoustics of the track were amazing! It was like a mini NASCAR. V-Box was on site and captured all the drivers on camera by outfitting their equipment on the vehicles. This allowed each competitor to view their racing technique, and it also served as a memento for the event. There were no safety incidents on this exercise, or any of the other exercises.

LAPD Officers Alex Penrith and Marc Hemsworth placed first in the "Bob's Bootleg" event and the "Time Trial," respectively. Way to go, LAPD! Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department and the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department also walked away with awards.

Everyone involved in the planning and support of the event helped to make it a great success. Additionally, the event generated more than \$2,200 for MADD, with special thanks to LAPD League Director Lt. II Brian Johnson and the Eagle and Badge Foundation. After learning about the event, Lt Johnson approached the Eagle and Badge Foundation and explained the goals of the event. Fortunately, the Eagle and Badge Foundation believed in what the LAPD EVOC Unit was trying to accomplish and donated funds to MADD through our event to show their support.

The LAPD EVOC unit looks forward to growing the EVOC Challenge and has started planning for the second-annual challenge.



It's tough to watch and keep the "egg" on the cone during the "Marcia Brady" exercise.



Team San Diego, representing the Regional Public Safety Training Institute.



Team Las Vegas Metropolitan Police.



Team Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.



From left: Alison Ashnault, P3; and Coleen Briggs, Sr. MA II, Retired, Club Member.



Las Vegas Metro PD speeds up to beat the stopwatch.



Fast turns create smoke on the asphalt.



Carlsbad PD out in front.



Congratulations to the Las Vegas Metro PD.



Congratulations to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Dept.



Congratulations to Officer Alex Penrith, Club Member, for taking first on "Bob's Bootleg."



Congratulations to Officer Marc Hemsworth, Club Member, for taking first on "Time Trial."



Congratulations to Las Vegas PD for winning the team challenge.



Team LAPD EVOC Instructors.

# 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](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com) or send paper notices and print photos to: *Alive!*, 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012



## New Members

### Welcome New Members!

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

- Airports**  
Roy Clayborne  
Rita Green  
Monica Tucker
- Animal Services**  
Kathleen Davis
- Building and Safety**  
Anique Monroe
- City Council**  
Ryan Norwall
- Department on Disability**  
Adriana Miranda
- LAFD**  
Robert Jackson
- Fire and Police Pensions**  
Wiliam Raggio
- General Services**  
John Betancourt  
Mike Siwiecki
- Housing**  
Araceli Gonzalez  
Vatche Kasumyan  
Erika Rosas
- ITA**  
Kuen Ly
- Convention Center**  
Ron Lauer
- LAPD**  
Christy Adriano  
Alfredo Aguayo  
Vincent Aguirre  
Gilbert Alonso  
Hamilton Alvarenga  
Douglas Barnhart  
Andrew Burkot  
Francisco Carrillo  
Phillip Chan  
Dimitrius Connor  
Lucy Diaz  
Antonio Hernandez  
Jose Herrera  
Sean Karmody  
Michael Leese  
Michael Ling  
Nancy Madrigal  
Garigab Magistrado  
Eber Mancía  
Joseph McDowell  
Ann Medina  
Kim Moran  
Mario Mota  
Marco Oropeza  
Alex Penrith  
Martin Perello  
Terry Price
- Ana Pugliese  
Raul Ramirez  
Rudolph Rivera Jr.  
Gazellia Roberson  
Jose Salgado  
Michael Seguin  
Anthony Solis  
Diedra Spies  
Norma Stang  
Pamela Ventura  
Tamera Walker  
Douglas Westphal  
Fernando Zuniga  
Christian Zuniga
- PUBLIC WORKS**  
**PW-Contract Administration**  
Kurt Krzyzopolski  
**PW-Sanitation**  
Antonio Alipio  
Rodolfo Baltierrez  
Monica Cruz  
Andria Fawzi  
Douglas Fisher  
Maricela Gomez  
Manuel Gomez  
Abraham Gonzalez  
Gilaro Inclan  
Roman Jimenez  
Raymond Mejia  
Jose Rodriguez  
Pete Salgado  
Chapai Sanders  
Rigoberto Sarmente  
Ivan Soriano  
Nanette Tavella  
Alfonzo Williams  
Susan Wittmann
- PW-Street Lighting**  
David De Santis  
Ray Guerrero  
Gabriel Leivas  
Anthony Ortega  
Joaquin Salcedo  
Lance Shoho  
Bobby Weston
- PW-Street Services**  
Kimberly Fisher  
Blakeslee Jones  
Nicholas Lopez  
Martin Orozco
- Rec and Parks**  
Joel Alvarado  
Charlotte Ortiz  
Nicole Robottom  
Miguel Vasquez  
Robert Villegas
- Transportation**  
Rudy Carrasco  
Maria Delgado  
Elmer Henriquez  
Daniel Joh  
Juan Montoya  
Curtis Moss  
Victor Pukhalsky  
Sammy Vargas
- DWP**  
Manuel Aldapa  
Alfonso Avalos  
Benjamin Avalos  
Randall Bierling  
Craig Bissett  
Brian Borchers  
Charles Boughourian  
Craig Bromberger  
Gilberto Cardenas  
William Deweber Jr.  
Gerren Edwards  
Oliver Ennols  
Alfonso Espino  
Wallace Glenn  
Luis Hernandez  
Jose Hernandez  
Alex Jimenez  
Barbara Johnson  
Gregory Lee  
LeRoy Lee III  
Douglas Leffert  
Norman Lim  
Hermes Lugtu Jr.  
Joseph McDonald  
Carlos Moyas  
Felix Murguia  
Yoon Oak  
Aurelio Ramirez  
Michael Silverman  
Gary Spike  
Anthony Tanner  
Mark Underhill  
Taiwan Washington



## 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**  
Choi, Keri, Airports, 23  
Gibbs, Pasook, LACERS, 25
- Retired**  
Barbarick, Billy, Public Works, 8  
Betancourt, Tony, Public Works, 41  
Boeckman, Byron, City Attorney, 30  
Bollinger, Frank, Rec and Parks, 22  
Bruce, Edna, City Council, 13  
Burt, Patricia, LAPD, 29  
Clark, Jessie, Transportation, 27  
Covalt, Daryl, Public Works, 47  
Davis, Florence, Airports, 24  
Del Judge, Fred, Transportation, 28  
Figueroa, Alfred, Public Works, 18  
Gonzalez, James, Building and Safety, 19  
Green, Bobbie, Public Works, 30  
Harper, Robert, Transportation, 19  
Herrera, William, Public Works, 31  
Hudson, Robert, Harbor, 22  
Koenigshofer, George, Public Works, 18
- Lewis, Jesse, General Services, 20  
Lopez, Miguel, Airports, 19  
Lowery, Catherine, Library, 20  
McCowan Jr., Joe, Harbor, 30  
McGregor, Herbert, LAFD, 6  
Mukai, Yoshiko "Joannie", Harbor, 46  
O'Leary, Robert, General Services, 25  
Ourston, Thor, General Services, 30  
Prescod, Oscar, Airports, 21  
Reid, Robert, LAFD, 11  
Smith, Raymond, Public Works, 26  
Takashima, Kazue, Rec and Parks, 20  
Tello, Josie, Building and Safety, 9  
Tubbs, Edwin, Building and Safety, 27  
Urban, Arlo, Rec and Parks, 22  
Washington, James, Public Works, 34  
Weaver, Donald, Airports, 19  
Weigel, Richard, Harbor, 11  
Young, Herman, Rec and Parks, 9  
Zrehikian, Stella, LAPD, 8



## Special Achievements

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## Quinceañera

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## Weddings

Lori and Eric Leonard were married March 26 at The Hotel in Las Vegas. Lori (Lopez) is a Criminalist for the LAPD's Scientific Investigation Division, with 11 years of City service.



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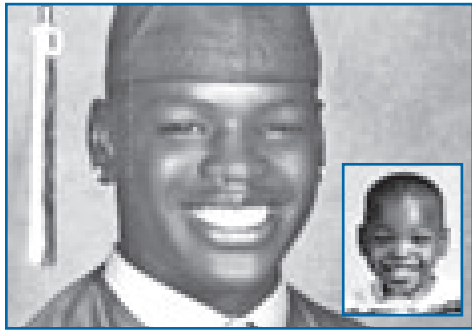
## Retirements, continued on Page 50

NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS
Aguilar, Frank	—	DWP	—	Castaneda, Sherry	Pr. Clerk	City Attorney	39
Akin, Janice	Librarian	Library	9	Castorena, Stella	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	38
Anderson, Beverly	Sr. Personnel Analyst	LAPD	35	Cayton, Reynaldo	Helicopter Mech.	General Services	21
Anderson, Jamesetta	Comm. Info. Rep	ITA	42	Ceja, Paul	Equip. Operator	Public Works	38
Arena, Joseph	Construction Inspector	Public Works	28	Chambers, Johnnie	Sr. Legal Asst.	City Attorney	41
Arnold, William Alfred	Sr. Equip. Mechanic	LAPD	30	Charbonneau, Paul	—	DWP	—
Arreguin, Ernest	Street Use Inspector	Public Works	30	Chasco, Arturo	Mech. Helper	LAPD	36
Awad, Amalia	Sr. Accountant	Controller	18	Chavez, Luis	—	DWP	—
Barba, Ralph	Mat. Test. Engr. Assoc.	General Services	30	Chen, Elaine	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	24
Beckerman, Jeffrey	Oper. Stats Res. Analyst	Planning	40	Childs, Jean Ester	Sr. Security Officer	General Services	34
Benson, Duane	—	DWP	—	Chiu, Colin	Asst. City Attorney	City Attorney	38
Benton, Prudence	Clerk Typist	LAPD	32	Chodash, Irwin	Trans. Engineer	Transportation	39
Betancourt, Tony	Geog. Info. Sys. Supv.	Public Works	40	Christel, Cathy Lyn	Animal Keeper	Zoo	34
Bradley, William	Sr. Street Services Invesr.	Public Works	33	Ciminieri, Louis	—	DWP	—
Brooks, Jacqueline	—	DWP	—	Coghlan, John	Historic Site Curator	Rec and Parks	14
Brown, Ray	Security Officer	General Services	35	Cohen, Ronnee	Library Asst.	Library	41
Cabaong, Philip	Heavy Duty Truck Oper.	Public Works	35	Cornejo, Lily	Systems Analyst	General Services	40
Calderon, Joe	Custodian	General Services	25	Corona, Debra Ann	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	30
Calhoun, Barbara Jean	Traffic Officer	Transportation	34	Cortez, Cynthia	Secretary	LAPD	27
Cantoria, Federico	—	DWP	—	Costa, Thomas	Animal Care Tech	Animal Services	36
Capati, Virgilio	Forensic Print Specialist	LAPD	29	Cowan, Cheryl	Equip. Operator	Public Works	37
Cardenas, Tony	Sr. Electrician	Convention Center	39	Crespy, Harvey	Deputy City Attorney	City Attorney	40
Carniaux, Carole	Animal Keeper	Zoo	20	Crupi, Patricia	Police Services Rep	LAPD	33
Carroll, Rosalind	Police Service Rep	LAPD	37	Crutchfield, Rose	Airport Police Officer	Airports	32
Carter, Elvin Bryant	Garage Attendant	LAPD	36	Davis, Danny	Pr. Clerk	Airports	33
Carter, Konrad	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	City Clerk	30	De La Cruz, Ruben	Fin. Development Officer	Housing	38





## Graduations



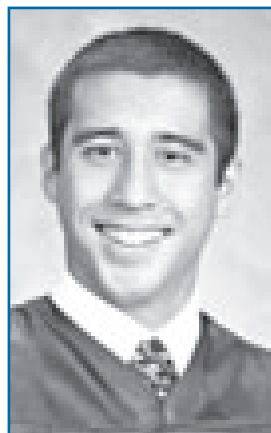
[Darryl Demaris Williams Jr. graduated from Verbum Dei High School. He intends to attend St. John's University or Arizona State in the fall, majoring in business. He's the son of Kasondra "Kacy" Evans, General Services



Shannon Wright graduated from the University of California, Riverside, with a Bachelor's degree in biology. She's the daughter of Earl Wright Jr., LAPD, and Lynne Wright, Airports. Shannon's brother is Earl Wright III, LAPD.



Jennifer Manjarrez graduated from California State University, Fullerton, with a Bachelor of arts degree in technical production/design. She's the daughter of Vanessa Manjarrez, Harbor.



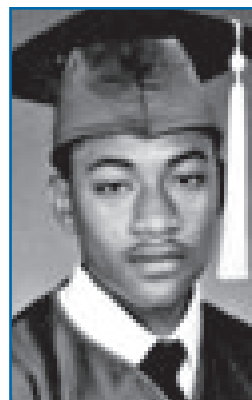
Michael Lauro graduated from San Pedro High School. He has been accepted into Cal State Chico and plans to major in electrical engineering. He's the son of Stephen Lauro, DWP, 15 years of City service, and Leslie Lauro.



Jaylin Rosemarie Couch graduated from pre-kindergarten at the Worldtots L.A. school. She'll be attending kindergarten at Park Western Elementary in San Pedro. She's the daughter of Maria Luisa Couch, Harbor.



Katie Vigil graduated from San Diego State University, earning a Bachelor's degree in psychology. She is an honor student and a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority. She is an intern at the Port of San Diego, where she is working in the Human Resources Division. Katie is the daughter of Linda Vigil, Assistant Chief Wharfinger, Harbor.



Ryan Michael Lewis graduated from Baldwin Park Charter High School and plans to attend Santa Monica College. Ryan's father, Kene Lewis, works for Recreation and Parks. Ryan's brother, Devin, works for General Services.

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## Military

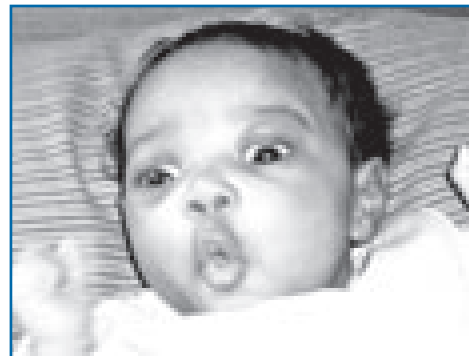


Does someone in your extended family serve their country as a member of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard? Send us a photo - either formal or on duty, along with your name, City department and relationship to the subject. Send photos to *Alive!* in the Military, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Send digital photos to [talkback@cityemployeesclub.com](mailto:talkback@cityemployeesclub.com)

Dionisio A. Garza graduated from U.S. Army (Infantry) basic training and Airborne School at Ft. Benning, Ga., in November 2009. He is stationed in Italy and is deployed in Afghanistan with the 173rd Airborne Division. His father, Dionisio L. Garza, is a firefighter with the LAFD.



## Births



Sienna Marjorie Wright, born March 30 to Keyosha and Earl Wright III, Police Officer, LAPD. Grandparents are Earl Wright Jr., Sr. Lead Officer, LAPD, and Lynne Wright, Principal Communications Op., Airports.



Jasmine Nicole Chavez, born Feb. 17 to Rosa San Martin and Jesus Chavez. Rosa is a Security Officer, Convention Center.

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# Peace of Mind

## Club Insurance Goes Back to the Beginning

BY TIFFANY SY

The Club's Peace of Mind Expert



I'd like to shine a golden spotlight on The Club's rich history. The roots that drive this column are derived from the mission of our association's founding fathers. It is upon these same values that has emerged and transformed what we know as our "Club" today.

Let me take you back in time to the days when the main mode of transportation and horsepower meant actual horses towing wagons. I'm referring to the late 1920s -- some of you might know it as the Prohibition Era. Amidst the chaos of bootleggers and the nation's battle over alcohol, our Club's founding fathers focused on a much more immediate hardship -- serving their families and fellow colleagues by insuring a peace of mind.

The existence of our association began in a cozy room filled with seven City Employees and their vision. The task at hand was to supplement benefits to City Employees that the City of Los Angeles would not provide, specifically the need for life insurance. During this time, life insurance was lobbied for, however, to no avail. These seven City Employees were wise enough

to understand the power of numbers and offering insurance to the entire group of City Employees of Los Angeles gave them buying power. So, these pioneers formed Los Angeles City Employees Association in 1928. They made history by launching the first publicly recorded Voluntary Employee Benefits Association in our country, now commonly referred to VEBA 501c9. Across our nation, many associations have followed suit. Today, we have evolved to the City Employees Club of Los Angeles with the highly prized *Alive!* newspaper to celebrate the lives of City Employees, discount tickets galore, City seal merchandise, and the sponsorship of many citywide events, to say the least, but our mission to offer peace of mind to our members remains at the core of our operations.

The life insurance plan that started it all continues to carry the torch of tradition today -- giving back an annual refund check in almost all years. The way this works is simple. In a fiscal year, whatever is left over in premium dollars after paying out death benefits and administrative costs is given back to our members

with life insurance. As a City Employee, you and your spouse are eligible to apply for coverage up to \$300,000 of term life insurance. Dependents are covered for \$10,000 per child as an optional benefit. Rates correspond to your age and are group-rated. The advantage of group rating offers our members competitive rates. The plan automatically renews upon the term and you can cancel, apply, increase or decrease at any time! When you retire, this plan is portable to take with you.

Do you know if you have enough coverage to protect your loved ones who depend on your income? If you would like assistance in assessing the coverage you need to provide security for your family and assets, contact me or your member services counselor and we would be more than delighted to help you find a budget to meet your needs.

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# Life's Important Moments

## Coming Next Month Retirement Roundup!

### Retirements, continued from Page 48

NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS
Delgado, Ephrem	Garage Attendant	LAPD	17	Merrill, Wayne	Signal Systems Supervisor	Transportation	39
Derrick, Kim	Warehouse T/R Worker	General Services	22	Montgomery, Steven	—	DWP	—
De Vera, Angelita	Accounting Clerk	Zoo	23	Moody, Dennis	Programmer Analyst	ITA	32
Dey, Michael	Sr. Equip. Mechanic	LAPD	35	Moore, Larry	—	DWP	—
Di Girolamo, Michael	Deputy GM	Airports	34	Moore McDonough, Carol	Management Analyst	LAPD	19
Dile, Yvonne	Legal Secretary	City Attorney	35	Moser, Pati	—	DWP	—
Dixon, Dorothy	Correctional Nurse	Personnel	10	Moss, Muriel	Sr. Clerk Typist	Public Works	37
Dixon, James	Park Maintenance Supv.	Rec and Parks	36	Mugol, Severa Aquino	Sr. Accountant	Transportation	23
Doud, Salli Jo	Police Services Rep.	LAPD	23	Murashige, Roger	Geographic Info. Spec.	Public Works	42
Drisdell, Alice	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAFD	33	Murray, Loyal	Sr. Clerk Typist	Transportation	41
Duncan, Maurice	Sr. Gardener	Rec and Parks	33	Myers, George	Sr. Gardener	Rec and Parks	25
Dusenberry, William	Sr. Rec. Director	Rec and Parks	35	Nakaiye, Reiko	Geographic Info. Spec.	LAPD	27
Edenburn, Mark	—	DWP	—	Nakamura, Carol	City Atty. Admin. Crd.	City Attorney	34
Edwards, John	City Attorney Invest.	City Attorney	15	Nakano, Richard	Mech. Repair Supv.	Transportation	30
Ellis, James	—	DWP	—	Navarro, Yolanda	Accounting Clerk	Finance	32
Espinoza, Arturo	Geographic Info. Spec.	Planning	30	Nepomuceno, Ricardo	Accountant	Library	18
Farias, Jaime	Warehouse T/R Worker	General Services	25	Nishikawa, Ardi	Sr. Personnel Analyst	LAFD	30
Fendrick, Sandra	—	DWP	—	Ogura, Glenn	Pr. Transport Engr.	Transportation	39
Fenstermacher, Carl	Wastewater Coll. Worker	Public Works	9	Ozawa, Lynne	Asst. Chief Legis. Analyst	Council	34
Finkbeiner, Robert	Pr. Construction Inspector	Public Works	42	Paiz, Deborah	Police Service Rep	LAPD	33
Flores, Eva	Workers Comp. Analyst	Personnel	33	Pangilinan, Eric	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	21
Fowler, Celina	Recreation Asst.	Rec and Parks	6	Panlilio, Trinidad	Fiscal Systems Spec.	Controller	35
Fox, Caryl	Messenger Clerk	Library	6	Pawlak, Robert	—	DWP	—
Gaines, Paul	—	DWP	—	Perez, Blanca	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	LAFD	39
Galvin, Jo Marie	Dep. City Attorney	City Attorney	31	Perez, Steven	Street Use Inspector	Public Works	38
Gan, Teresita	Accountant	Planning	27	Perino, Lana Jean	Sr. Systems Analyst	Personnel	39
Garcia, Rosie	—	DWP	—	Perry, Harriet	—	DWP	—
Gervais, Richard	City Planner	Planning	32	Pingol, Felicidad	Commission Exec. Asst.	Planning	35
Golingay, Herman	—	DWP	—	Polivka, George	Systems Programmer	ITA	31
Goudlock, Ellen Marie	Physician	Personnel	27	Portnoff, Michael	Management Analyst	LAFD	35
Griffiths, Rebecca	Exec. Admin. Asst.	LAPD	41	Quirante, Inocencia	Sr. Accountant	General Services	34
Grissett, Robert	Automotive Supervisor	LAPD	40	Ramos, Julian	Storekeeper	General Services	35
Hausam, Philip	Sr. Build. Inspeccor	Building and Safety	26	Reed, Paul	—	DWP	—
Hawkins, Lena Marie	Fingerprint Iden. Exp.	LAPD	20	Reyes, Claro	Accountant	CDD	34
Hernandez, Gilbert	Equip. Operator	Public Works	38	Reyes, Maximo	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	Transportation	36
Hernandez, Margaret	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	Harbor	31	Reynolds, Patty	Pr. Clerk City Attorney	City Attorney	32
Hernandez, Olivia	Clerk Typist	LAPD	31	Ritzman, Lydia	Pr. Rec Supervisor	Rec and Parks	34
Hill, Robert	Management Analyst	ITA	26	Riveros, Sonia	Rec Facility Director	Rec and Parks	34
Ho, Tommy	Sr. Construction Inspector	Public Works	38	Robinson, William	Signal Systems Electrician	Transportation	33
Hochberg, Mark	Sr. Clerk Typist	Rec and Parks	31	Rodriguez, Sandra	Clerk Typist	Public Works	36
Hooshmand, Ahmad	Civil Eng. Associate	Public Works	32	Rosas, Isabel	Commission Exec. Asst.	LAPD	32
Horcher, Van Le	Information Syst. Manr.	ITA	35	Rothman, Martin	Management Analyst	Public Works	40
Hsu, David	Asst. Dep. Sup. of Bldg.	Building and Safety	—	Rubino, Richard	Sr. Electrical Inspector	Public Works	30
Hubenthal, Susan	Sr. Clerk Stenographer	LAPD	36	Ruiz, Judith	Police Service Rep	LAPD	27
Hughes, Martha	Library Asst.	Library	22	Saito, Lorraine	Secretary	LAPD	21
Iniguez, Mary Sandra	Sr. Data Process Tech.	ITA	42	Salaises, John	Sr. Gardener	Rec and Parks	33
James, Kenneth	Construction Inspector	Public Works	35	Sanchez, Jose	Truck Operator	Street Services	25
Jantz, Cheryl	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	38	Scaduto, Maria Irene	Sr. Clerk Typist	Housing	35
Jereza, Lourdes	Sr. Clerk Typist	City Clerk	24	Schaefer, Susan	Sr. Management Analyst	Harbor	41
Jimenez, Ruben	—	DWP	—	Schmitz, Lydia	Sr. Accountant	Controller	28
Johnson, Bernette	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	38	Schneider, Nancy	Management Analyst	Transportation	33
Johnson, Linda	Pr. Clerk	City Attorney	37	Schwaber, Anna	Legal Secretary	City Attorney	38
Jones, Barry	Construction Inspector	Public Works	30	Scott, William	Maintenance Laborer	Public Works	37
Jones, Georgia	Property Officer	LAPD	36	Senac, Gladys	Commission Exec. Asst.	Library	37
Juatco, Jesusa	SMS Payment Clerk	General Services	35	Sharma, Rajendir	Sr. Auditor	CDD	34
Kaufman, Loralyn	Clerk Typist	Library	7	Shaw, Wilie	Civil Eng. Associate	Public Works	32
Kennedy, Patrick	Pr. Grounds Mt. Supv.	Rec and Parks	33	Sheftz, Sandy	—	DWP	—
Kilgore, Willis	Animal Keeper	Zoo	43	Shishim, Susan	Sr. Management Analyst	Harbor	30
Kim, Hee Chang	Database Architect	ITA	35	Shur, David	Bindery Equipment Oper.	General Services	36
Kirkland, James	—	DWP	—	Smith, Jane	Sr. Personnel Analyst	General Services	34
Kiyohara, May	Sr. Clerk Typist	Transportation	41	Smith, Ronald	Programmer/Analyst	ITA	34
Klein, Charlene	Sr. Personnel Analyst	Personnel	34	Soto, Richard	Sr. Transportation Inv.	Transportation	40
Lanier, Linda	Sr. Personnel Analyst	Personnel	38	Stokes, Betty	Rec. Facility Director	Rec and Parks	35
Larena, Porfirio	Crossing Guard	Transportation	10	Summers, Claudia	Civil Engineer Draft Tech.	Public Works	29
Lee, Helen	Fiscal Systems Spec.	Controller	35	Taggart, John	Pr. Photographer	LAPD	28
Lingenfelter, Gary	—	DWP	—	Tesoro, Dolores	Accounting Clerk	Finance	34
Lobato, Paul	Management Analyst	Transportation	40	Thompson, Freddie	Sr. Storekeeper	General Services	30
Long, Tommy	—	DWP	—	Trujillo, Fredjean	—	DWP	—
Lopez, Delia Marie	Management Aide	LAPD	20	Truong, May	Systems Analyst	Public Works	32
Lopez, Richard	Street Use Inspector	Public Works	36	Ulbrich, Dwain	Field Engr. Aide	Public Works	42
Love, Henry	Sr. Storekeeper	Library	32	Viramontes, Frank	Ch. Real Estate Ofcr.	Public Works	30
Ly, Helene	City Planner	Planning	30	Vivian, Wesley	—	DWP	—
Mancuso, Joseph	Automotive Supervisor	General Services	21	Wady, Janice	Reprographics Supv.	Public Works	35
Manzano, Angel	Asst. City Attorney	City Attorney	16	Walker, Joyce	Sr. Clerk Typist	Personnel	34
Martinez, Tony	Sr. Gardener	Rec and Parks	31	Wang, Linda	Geographic Info. Spec.	LAFD	23
Massey, Odell	Security Officer	General Services	38	White, Clayton	Ch. St. Services Invest.	Public Works	35
McCroy Bickham, Louise	Pr. Clerk	Public Works	35	Wilkerson, Howard	—	DWP	—
McCullough, John	Transp. Eng. Assoc.	Transportation	36	Williams, Andre	—	DWP	—
McGrath, Maria Esther	Clerk	General Services	35	Windham, William	Sr. Construction Insp.	Public Works	38
McKinney, Bruce	—	DWP	—	Woods, Mildred	Sr. Clerk Typist	Controller	35
McLead, Sandra	Pr. Clerk, Police	LAPD	34	Wright, Alfred	Construction Inspector	Public Works	39
McSweeney, Effie	Clerk Typist	Library	14	Wyse, Sandra	Pr. Clerk, Police	LAPD	36
Meadows, Ellen	Police Service Rep	LAPD	34	Yu, Vikki	Accounting Clerk	Human Services	35
Medallo, Jose	Civil Eng. Assoc.	Public Works	32	Yuge, Alan	Sr. Management Analyst	City Clerk	34
Mejia, Ramon	Sr. Accountant	Fire Police Pensions	36	Zendejas, Peter	Irrigation Specialist	Rec and Parks	30



# Cooking with the Club

by Chef Robert Larios



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# Crab Stuffed Portobello Mushrooms

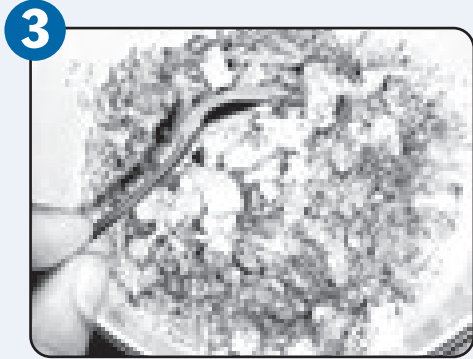
## DIRECTIONS:



1 Gather all your ingredients, prepare to wash and dice them on your clean cutting board.



2 Wash your mushrooms thoroughly with running water and pat dry. Twist off the stem of the mushroom.



3 Dice the small mushrooms, green onions and cheese. Combine into a bowl with salt and pepper, the juice of one lemon, breadcrumbs, garlic powder, olive oil and crabmeat. Mix lightly.



4 Place mixed ingredients in pan and cook in medium heat until cheese begins to melt.



5 Stuff the Portobello mushrooms with the ingredients of the bowl. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees Fahrenheit. Place the stuffed Portobellos in the oven on a baking sheet or in a pan and bake for 20 minutes.

Portobello mushrooms are one of the most versatile foods. They can be grilled, sautéed or baked. When grilling them, a little drizzle of olive oil with a pinch of salt and pepper are the ticket to releasing the great flavors – perfect for a sandwich.

But in this recipe, two heating methods are used – sautéing and baking. Here, crab meat is used in a stuffing-like mixture. Of course, you can use clams, mussels or other seafood product. You may even leave it out altogether and just use the breadcrumb ingredients with diced mushrooms.

When combining the stuffing mixture, use a nonstick skillet in medium heat. Let cook and toss lightly until you see some browning and melting of the cheese. The recipe calls for Monterey Jack cheese, but I used a light Dubliner cheese. Feel free to use any other cheese that melts easily under heat. Enjoy and eat well!



## Crab Stuffed Portobello Mushrooms

### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 large Portobello mushrooms
- 6 small mushrooms
- 1 tablespoon dill weed
- Sea salt and pepper to taste
- 16oz. crabmeat
- 1 cup breadcrumbs
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup cubed Monterey Jack cheese or white cheddar
- 1/4 cup diced green onion
- 1 lemon
- 1 tablespoon garlic powder

MAKES 2 SERVINGS

### Cooking TIDBIT:

Instead of Monterey Jack cheese or a white cheddar cheese, you may use any other good melting cheese.



### [ A Cook's Dictionary ]

#### Portobello Mushroom:

A large, dark brown mushroom, the Portobello is the fully mature form of the crimino. The name Portobello began to be used in the 1980s as a marketing ploy to popularize an unglamorous mushroom. The Portobello mushroom, which can measure six inches in diameter, has an open, flat cap with fully exposed gills. The reduced moisture creates a dense, meaty texture. Their stems are very woody and should be removed. The caps can be used chopped, but it's more dramatic used whole. It's popular grilled and used in a sandwich, or cut into thick slices for a salad or entrée.

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



6 Plate, throw in a little dried parsley and enjoy!

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## ENTERTAINMENT

## MOVIE REVIEWS

**Date Night**

Rated PG-13

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

Phil and Claire Foster (Steve Carell and Tina Fey) are a typical middle-class New Jersey couple, with familiar stresses and children. They attempt an evening in Manhattan to try and spice things up,

but in this inoffensive romantic comedy, nothing goes quite right.

*Date Night* is amusing entertainment that is predictable, yet still worth the price of admission. Carell and Fey show good chemistry and comic timing, and in one slapstick scene with a Cabbie (J.B. Smoove), I actually laughed out loud.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

**Iron Man 2**

Rated PG-13

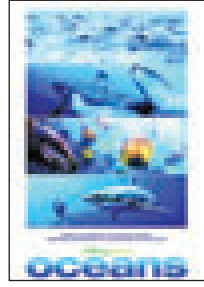
**My Score: 3 (out of 5)**

Robert Downey Jr. returns as Tony Stark and Iron Man. As in the first movie, this sequel delivers big bangs and special effects that will keep you entertained. The story continues as we witness the narcissist Tony Stark taking a most embarrassing turn for the worse – a drunken super hero who lost his way. It was not until the latter half of the film did the Iron Man we all loved appear.

A lot of other comic book characters are introduced – Whiplash, (Mickey Rourke) as Iron Man's nemesis; Justin Hammer (Sam Rockwell), Hammer Industries' slimeball leader and benefactor of Whiplash; SHIELD leader Nick Fury (Samuel L. Jackson), and of course undercover SHIELD agent Natasha Romanoff (Scarlett Johansson), but Tony Stark knows her as Natalie Rushman. There is a bonus scene after the credits.

It's very entertaining, but as a whole, the first movie was significantly better.

— Chuck Beas, DWP

**Oceans**

Rated G

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

The second film of Disney's annual contribution to Earth Week is a beautifully made documentary about what lurks beneath our ocean waters. It has amazing photography of things that few people ever see; one of my favorite scenes shows a scuba diver in black gear swimming along side a Great White shark. I also appreciated how the movie didn't get political; it just let us decide, showing how our actions can contribute to what happens in some very fragile ecosystems beneath the sea.

— Chuck Beas, DWP

**City Island**

Rated PG-13

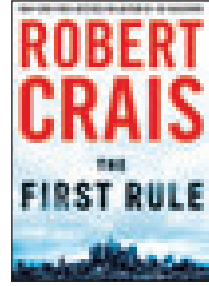
**My Score: 5 (out of 5)**

There are a few movies out there that remind us why we enjoy films in the first place. *City Island* is one such movie. The four members of the Rizzo family of the Bronx, New York, each have a secret they keep from the others. The father, Vince (Andy Garcia), is a prison guard, and he has one, maybe two big secrets. The mother (Juliana Margulies) has hers. Ditto son and daughter.

This comedy/drama is as well-acted as it is sweet and engaging. It's a keeper. Enjoy.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

## BOOK REVIEWS

**The First Rule**

Robert Crais

Thriller fiction,

320 pages; Penguin

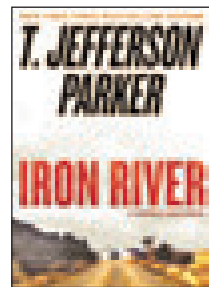
**My Score: 5 (out of 5)**

Frank Meyer had the American dream a family he adored and a successful business, until the day a crew invaded his home and murdered everyone inside. As a younger man, he worked as a professional military contractor, a mercenary, with a man named Joe Pike. Frank was one of Pike's guys, and they faced death together in every rotten hellhole around the world. Pike sets out to clear his friend and to punish the people who murdered him.

A trail that at first seems relatively simple, however, very quickly becomes complicated, as Pike finds himself entangled in a web of ancient grudges, blood ties, blackmail, vengeance, double crosses, cutthroat criminality and, at the heart of it all, an act so terrible even Pike has no way to measure it.

This continuing story of Robert Crais' character Joe Pike takes the reader on a thrill ride bound with loyalty and friendship.

— Linda Rorex, Personnel

**Iron River**

T. Jefferson Parker

Thriller fiction,

384 pages; Penguin

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

Charlie Hood joins a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms task force patrolling the "iron river," where illegal guns flow from U.S. dealers to the Mexican drug business. Hood is part of a stakeout team when a federal officer's bullet kills an innocent boy.

The boy happens to be the son of Benjamin Armenta, head of the Gulf Cartel and one of the most violent men in the world. Hood and the ATF brace themselves for brute vengeance.

As this unthinkable violence leaks from Mexico into the United States, Hood works to understand the mysterious forces fighting for control of this tiny border town, forces that may have the power to slow the iron river and to save the ATF men he has come to think of as his brothers.

This is a continuing story of T. Jefferson Parker's character Charlie Hood as he delves into the dangerous world of gun trafficking.

— Linda Rorex, Personnel

**American Salvage**

Bonnie Jo Campbell

Short stories; 179 pages

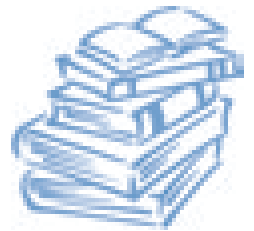
Wayne State Univ. Press

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

This collection of short stories contains vividly portrayed characters who live in rural Michigan. Some work as janitors, some are homeless drug

addicts. Their lives are examined in great detail. They make due in sad and helpless economic and family situations. The concept of "salvaging" human beings is explored throughout. I found the characters in these stories to be real and tender. I loved the writing and I look forward to reading more from Bonnie Jo Campbell.

— Erin Knight, Public Works



## DVD REVIEWS

**9 to 5 (1980)**

Rated PG

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

I remember loving this movie when it first came out, and I discovered I still love it. Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin and Dolly Parton star as three female office workers who bond over joint fantasies about killing their male boss (Dabney Coleman).

The only thing outdated in this movie are the hair and wardrobe, I am sure a lot of people have the same fantasy. The great thing about DVDs is all the extras you don't see in the movie, like deleted scenes and always my favorite, the outtakes.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

**Up (2009)**

Rated PG

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

Retired, widowed and elderly, Carl is finally going to fulfill his lifelong dream to explore the wilds of South America by tying thousands of balloons to his home. He isn't alone on his journey, however, as Russell, a Wilderness Explorer Scout, has accidentally become a stowaway on the trip.

See and enjoy this with your kids, or by your-

self. *Up* won two Oscars in 2009, including Best Animated Feature.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

**The Lovely Bones (2009)**

Rated PG-13

**My Score: 2 (out of 5)**

I was interested in the plot of a murdered girl who was able to see her family and her murderer deal with the aftermath. However, there were constant interruptions by the special effects, often overwhelming and drawn out. The movie went back and forth from reality to the "afterlife." I couldn't keep up with the emotional roller coaster -- one minute I was intense on capturing the creepy killer, but the next screen had leaves falling into beautiful meadows and scenes of serenity. Are you up for a visual ride? Random scenes felt like walking into someone else's dream. It wasn't for me.

— Deborah Moreno, LAFD

**The Lovely Bones****My Score: 1 (out of 5)**

It's frustrating to see a great performance in a terrible film. While Stanley Tucci gives a great performance here, the script is so terrible that it's a complete waste of time. This film loses all direction after 20 minutes. It tries to incorporate the afterlife into a story about a missing girl. The dialogue is laughable. The shell-shocked parents couldn't be more after-school special cardboard cutouts. What a waste.

— Erin Knight, Public Works

**Brothers (2009)**

Rated R

**My Score: 1 (out of 5)**

Tobey Maguire and Jake Gyllenhaal are brothers in this film about a POW who returns home after surviving torture in Afghanistan. Good POW-returning-home-films (such as *The Deer Hunter*, *Rescue Dawn* and *Grand Illusion*) are very rare, and this falls into the not-so-good category. Some really annoying acoustic guitar is strummed on the soundtrack every time we see "the family back home getting on with their lives" while the Marine is held prisoner and tortured in the desert.

This minor annoyance doesn't go away, and triggered my schmatlz-gag-reflex ad infinitum. It's a complete waste of time.

— Erin Knight, Public Works

**Inland Empire (2006)**

Rated R

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

I did not enjoy this film when I first watched it in 2006. Upon second and third viewings, I think it's brilliant. Yes, the film has an unfocused, shot-on-video quality that makes it look like a home video; and yes, one hour of the three-hour running time is devoted to closeups of Laura Dern's face. But these are not, as I first thought, obstacles to the storytelling. In fact, the video medium is used effectively throughout the film. And Laura Dern's acting is phenomenal. Her performance makes the movie cohesive. *Inland Empire* is creepy and unpredictable, and it's a worthy film in David Lynch's canon of work.

— Erin Knight, Public Works

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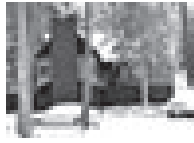
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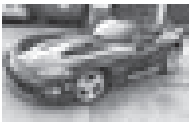
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### Autos / Motorcycles / Boats



**1994 Dodge Viper RT/10:** Rare Convertible Collectable, V-10, 450 hp, 460 torque, very fast, always

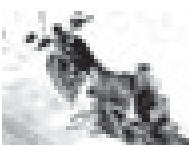
garaged, 29,600 mls, Viper factory rebuilt engine at 8,982 miles, w/ all factory updates performed. New custom black paint w/ silver metallic stripes, new Michelin Pilot Sports tires. Original rims chromed & center-piece painted by artist. Cat-back exhaust. A/C, power steering, tilt & alarm, hard-top, soft-top & side windows, D.C. performance maintained, perfect condition. Matt @ (818) 448-9501. \$49,000 or trade for Porsche Carrera 911. 6/10

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**1949 Chevrolet Fleetline:** 2 Door, no motor or transmission. Chopped top & most of bodywork done. Frame has been sanded & painted black. \$1000. Everett @ (818) 339-2092. 3/10

**1999 FORD Police Interceptor CNG:** Good condition, 62,000 miles. Clean title w/ carpool sticker, 26mpg, paid \$1.85 per gallon, \$6,700. Marcus @ (626) 297-0732. 3/10



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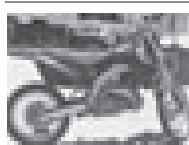


**2005 Keystone Springdale Travel Trailer,** excellent condition, 27 footer w/slide out, fully equipped kitchen, sleeps 5 to 6 people. 13K or best sensible offer. Fred @ (818) 331-5754. 2/10

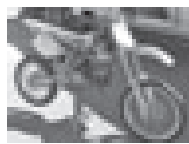
**03 Honda TRX 90:** New tires all around - Just serviced, great ATV for beginners, has Throttle Limiter. \$11,000 OBO. (323) 216-6877 12/09



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<b>Adventure City</b>		
Adult/Child <small>Expires 12/31/10.</small>	\$14.00	<b>\$9.25</b>
<b>Aquarium of the Pacific</b>		
Adult	\$23.95	<b>\$17.00</b>
Child (3-11) <small>Expires 11/30/10.</small>	\$13.95	<b>\$9.95</b>
<b>Boomer's Family Fun Centers</b>		
All Day Pass	\$21.00	<b>\$15.50</b>
<b>Catalina</b>		
Island Express-Round Trip Adult	\$66.50	<b>\$55.50</b>
Child	\$51.00	<b>\$46.00</b>
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<b>Davey's Locker</b>		
Whale Watching	Adult \$25.00	<b>\$21.00</b>
	Child \$20.00	<b>\$17.00</b>
Sportfishing - 1/2 Day	Adult \$36.00	<b>\$30.00</b>
	Child \$29.00	<b>\$25.50</b>
Sportfishing - Full Day	Adult \$65.00	<b>\$56.00</b>
	Child \$55.00	<b>\$47.50</b>
<b>Disneyland/California Adventure</b>		
1-Day Ticket	Adult \$72.00	<b>\$68.50</b>
	Child (3-9) \$62.00	<b>\$60.50</b>
<small>Expires 1/3/11. Blackout dates apply.</small>		
1-Day Park Hopper	Adult \$97.00	<b>\$82.75</b>
	Child (3-9) \$87.00	<b>\$74.75</b>
<small>Expires 1/3/11. Blackout dates apply.</small>		
2-Day Park Hopper	Adult \$151.00	<b>\$128.00</b>
	Child (3-9) \$131.00	<b>\$110.00</b>
<small>Expires 1/3/11. Blackout dates apply.</small>		
Annual Passport (SoCal Select)	\$169.00	<b>\$161.50</b>
<small>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 1/3/11. Valid 175 days.</small>		
Annual Passport (SoCal)	\$219.00	<b>\$209.50</b>
<small>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 1/3/11. Valid 220 days.</small>		
Deluxe Annual Passport	\$299.00	<b>\$284.50</b>
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Annual Passport w/Parking	\$439.00	<b>\$418.00</b>
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<b>LEGOLAND</b>		
Legoland	Adult \$62.00	<b>\$49.50</b>
	Child (3-11) \$52.00	<b>\$49.50</b>
<small>Expires 12/31/10.</small>		
Resort Hopper	Adult \$72.00	<b>\$60.50</b>
	Child (3-11) \$62.00	<b>\$60.50</b>
<small>Expires 12/31/10. Pass includes admission to Legoland, Sea Life Aquarium and the new waterpark. Ticket comes with a second day free to all 3 attractions.</small>		
<b>Los Angeles Zoo</b>		
Adult	\$13.00	<b>\$10.00</b>
Child (2-12)	\$8.00	<b>\$7.00</b>
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## Madame Tussauds Wax Attraction

	RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE
Adult	\$25.00	<b>\$17.50</b>
Child (4-12) <small>Expires 12/31/10.</small>	\$18.00	<b>\$11.50</b>

## Magic Mountain

	RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE
Adult	\$59.99	<b>\$24.50</b>
Child (under 48") <small>Expires 12/31/10.</small>	\$29.99	<b>\$14.50</b>

## Magic Mountain Hurricane Harbor

	RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE
Adult (over 48")	\$24.99	<b>\$17.99</b>
Child (under 48") <small>Expires 9/26/10.</small>	\$19.99	<b>\$13.00</b>

## Medieval Times

	RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE
Adult	\$53.95	<b>\$43.50</b>
Child (0-12) <small>Not valid 12/30/10, 12/31/10.</small>	\$36.95	<b>\$31.50</b>

## Mulligan's Family Fun Center

	RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE
All Day Pass	\$22.00	<b>\$16.50</b>
<small>Restrictions: Pass gives 1 Adult or Child unlimited use of Laser Tag, Miniature Golfing, Go-Karts/Speedway and the Rock Wall. This ticket is valid Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, major holidays and everyday during the summer. Attractions vary per location. Certain height, weight, restrictions may apply. This ticket is accepted at Mulligan Torrance, Murrieta, and Palmdale.</small>		
Gift Certificate	\$15.00	<b>\$10.00</b>

## Pirates Dinner Adventure

	RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE
Adult	\$57.73	<b>\$42.00</b>
Child <small>Expires 11/30/10.</small>	\$38.57	<b>\$32.00</b>

## Queen Mary

	RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE
Adult	\$27.00	<b>\$19.99</b>
Child (4-11)	\$23.00	<b>\$10.25</b>

## Raging Waters

	RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE
Adult/Child (2 and up) <small>Expires 9/12/10.</small>	\$36.99	<b>\$22.99</b>

## San Diego Zoo

	RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE
Adult	\$37.00	<b>\$31.50</b>
Child (3-11)	\$27.00	<b>\$22.50</b>

## Sea World San Diego

	RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE
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Child (3-9) <small>Expires 12/31/10. Comes w/2nd day free.</small>	\$55.00	<b>\$47.00</b>

## Speedzone

	RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE
Admit one <small>Includes use of all tracks and 1 round of miniature golf. Expires 6/30/10.</small>	\$38.50	<b>\$25.00</b>

## Universal Studios

	RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE
3-Day Ticket	Adult \$68.00	<b>\$59.00</b>
	Child (under 48") \$59.00	<b>\$59.00</b>
<small>Expires 5/31/10, get 2 extra days.</small>		

## Wild Animal Park

	RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE
Adult	\$37.00	<b>\$31.50</b>
Child (3-11)	\$27.00	<b>\$22.50</b>

## Wild Rivers

	RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE
Adult	\$32.99	<b>\$21.99</b>
Child (3-9) <small>Expires 9/26/10.</small>	\$19.99	<b>\$14.50</b>

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	RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE
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<b>Harkins Movie Theatres</b>		
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Good Any Time	\$10.00	<b>\$6.00</b>
<b>Mann Theatres</b>		
Good Any Time	\$11.00	<b>\$7.50</b>
<b>Pacific Theatres</b>		
Restricted	\$10.00	<b>\$6.00</b>
<small>\$2 surcharge for use at Grove, not valid at Arclight.</small>		
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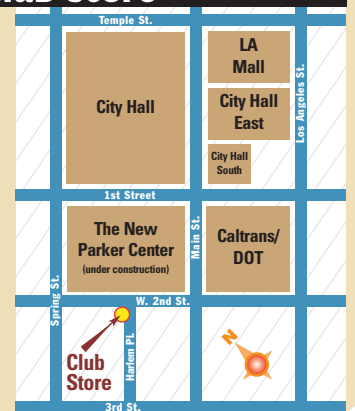


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