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ZOO

Say Boo at the Zoo!

Annual Halloween weekend spook-tacular makes its return.

Photo by Tad Motoyama/Zoo

The Los Angeles Zoo is transformed into themed areas for trick-or-treaters during this annual event, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 30 and 31. Activities include fun performers,

pumpkin carving, treats, crafts, music and creepy crawlers for a not-so-scary weekend that is suitable for the entire family! The Zoo's animals will stomp and chomp pumpkins on both days.

Boo At the Zoo runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

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A hippo celebrates Halloween.

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* A Message From the CEO *

Transfer Station Reveals Heap of City Coolness

by John Hawkins
President and CEO, The Club

I love it when we find unexpected City coolness.

We took a chance with our cover story this month. We were intrigued when great Club friend Paul Blount, Public Works/Sanitation, invited us to come explore the City's CLARTS - the Central Los Angeles Recycling and Transfer Station.

He explained what it was, so we paid him a visit. And then, when we spent the day with Paul Blount and Paul LeBel, who runs the station, we knew we wanted to cover it.

That's all awesome, of course. But aside from that, we found a great place to take some of our signature Alive! photos. We returned when the facility opened, at 5 a.m., and we were greeted with an amazing scene of a vast space, and a big shed, glowing light, and those otherworld-looking misters.



Photo by Angel Gomez.

Back last month when we started talking to Paul Blount about a big facility where the City transfers its trash, frankly we didn't know what we were in for. But here at Alive!, we just keep discovering more and more interesting facets of being a City Employee.

So read the story, see where your trash goes and how it's handled, and take those lessons to heart. But I hope you enjoy the amazing photos, too. Like I said, I love it when we find unexpected City coolness.

This is also the last month of the Open Enrollment period for the Club's Long-Term Care insurance. I could tell you why it's important, and emphasize that you really should take care of yourself and your family by applying for this insurance, and remind you that you have just until the end of this month to get it done.

Well, the fall is really heating up - literally, as we had such a cool summer! - and there are lots and lots of awesome things coming up soon for Club Members. The Dodgers game (which will be over when you read this) ... Halloween events ... Medieval Times ... it's one great thing after the next.

JOHN

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**Cecilia Talbot,
Claims Manager**

You probably won't get to meet Club Claims Manager Cecilia Talbot very often... until you really need her. That's when her service shines.

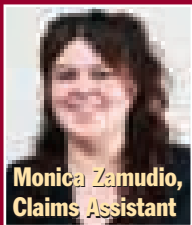
So, to assure you that you are in good hands, from time to time *Alive!* will reprint letters commending the service given by Cecilia and her excellent staff. — Ed.

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**Monica Zamudio,
Claims Assistant**

Great Service, When You're in Need

The Club's claims service was "excellent! At a time of sorrow and distress, Monica was a light at the end of the tunnel – patient and knowledgeable, and more than willing to help. She was certainly a gem – unlike so many others I've encountered. She's a real jewel. [The book, *The Fall of Freddie the Leaf*] is an affirmation of what we have been told and taught."

– Eleanor Radakovich, September 2010

The Club's claims service was "very friendly and over the top in answering my questions. It was very fast in getting life-insurance funds to my father. They answered all my questions."

– Brenda Lieswald, August 2010

"Monica, you have been very caring and helpful to me during this stressful time."

– Victoria Messina, August 2010

The Club's claims service is "very good and prompt. I was happy to have insurance when I almost died. Without insurance I would have lost everything. [The disability benefits are] precious. You can survive, get back on your feet and, after recovery, return to work."

– Helen Vondrus, August 2010

Your Club Insurance Dollars at Work

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Claims paid:

Life insurance claims paid this month: **\$172,630.00**

Life insurance claims paid this year: **\$1,446,063.00**

Long-term disability claims paid this month: **\$108,095.78**

Long-term disability claims paid this year: **\$1,003,371.00**

Long-term care claims paid this month: **\$45,941.67**

Long-term care claims paid this year: **\$260,058.00**

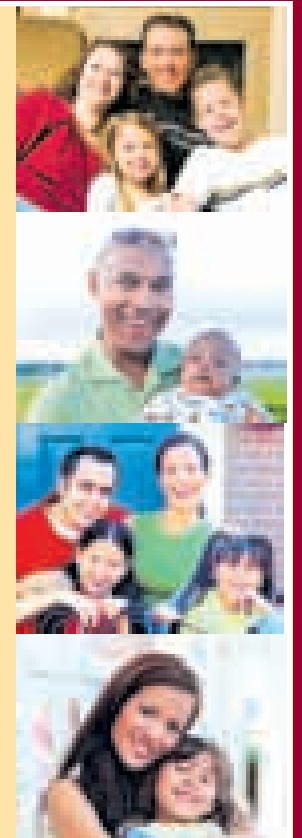
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Cancer insurance claims paid this year: **\$220,000.00**

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LETTERS To the Editor

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LETTERS OF THE MONTH

Club's Long-Term Insurance Really Is a Great Opportunity



Thank you for providing the Open Enrollment for your Long Term Care Insurance. I've wanted to get this insurance for some time now. I also compared yours with many other insurance companies, and hands down yours was the best. Again, thank you – being able to get this insurance without a physical and medical underwriting is the best thing ever. All the best!

– Anita Stafford

Glad to hear it, Anita! Club Members, there's just one month left in the Open Enrollment period for Long-Term Care insurance. Be smart and take advantage. – Ed.

Hi Club. Well, I just wanted to let you know that I finally got your Long Term Care insurance; thanks to your Open Enrollment. You guys are great, and I really appreciate you offering it without a physical.

– Tim Smithers, a happy Club Member

Thanking Us for Scholarship Indicative of Why She Won It

I would like to thank the City Employees Club for the \$1,000 Club Scholarship. I used the money to pay some of my tuition at Xavier University in New Orleans. It came as a surprise to me when I received the check in the mail. Thanks, City Employees Club.

– Andrenique Wilson, Club Scholarship recipient

Hi Andrenique, you're welcome. We're glad to support class acts such as you. Good manners will get you far! –Ed.

Club Store's About More Than Great Prices – Service is Key

I received the tickets for Disneyland and Universal Studios. I appreciate [Club Ticket Gal Rachael Brecher's] courteous and helpful manner. It is always a pleasure to deal with kind and pleasant people. Thank you for being so prompt.

– Cathy Mckee

Picturing Earth's Beauty Was A Snap for Marlon the Photog

I was looking at the Picture Perfect photos [September issue] and was very impressed and amazed at the picture from Marlon O. Santa Cruz of the DWP. There is so much going on with this beach photo! The waves are crashing and the changes with the sunlight along with the colorful moss-like growth on the rocks is a snapshot of the beauty found on earth. My hat's off to Marlon for sharing and snapping such a wonderful image!

– Torrie Fleming, Retired

It's Fair to Say That Maria Really Appreciates the Club

The Club has been such a great addition to our City and the lives we live, from all the photos they take of us to the great savings we get on tickets. The

Club touches my life and the life of my family in many ways, and one I'd like to share is my day with my husband and children at the LA County Fair. We had such a memorable time. It's these moments that I will cherish, and I thank the Club for having those tickets available and at such a nice price.

– Maria Castro, LAFD

Retirees Picnic Provides Happy Retiree With 'Wonderful Time'

Hello there, *Alive!* newspaper. I attended the [RLACEI] Retiree picnic in August and just wanted to let [RLACEI president] Ed Harding know that I had a wonderful time. The food was great and the people even better. I also really appreciated the coverage in *Alive!* You included so many pictures. Keep up the good work.

– Edward Blanchard, retired and loving it

Club Member Mikki Is Walking For Down Syndrome Charity

I have been working for the City of Los Angeles for more than 20 years, and I have met many of you during my hours volunteering at various City fundraising events (i.e., March of Dimes, Baker to Vegas, Golf Tournaments). With the birth of my first grandson, Liam Mowrer, I have begun bringing awareness to the National Down Syndrome Society. On Nov. 14, I am walking in the "Buddy Walk." I hope to raise funds to assist children, like my grandson, who rely on programs to strengthen educational and personal development. I am looking for your support in a contribution to our "Buddy Walk" group named Team Liam. You can also participate as a walker to help this cause. The following is a link where you can contribute and show your support for my family as we walk in honor of Liam Mowrer: <http://buddywalk.kintera.org/dsala/mmowrer>

Thank you for your support!

– Mikki Mowrer, Port Police Dispatcher, Club Member

QUESTION



of the Month



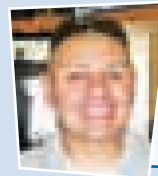
– Collected by Rachael Brecher, Club Store Assistant Manager

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 your favorite horror film?



"The Omen"/"The Last House on the Left."
– Romeo Prado and Richard, General Services, 2 and 16 years of City service.



"Paranormal Activity"
– Jorge Gonzalez, Transportation, 3 years of City service.



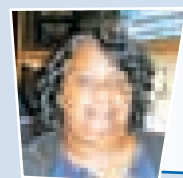
"The Ring"
– Rachael Brecher, the Ticket Gal, 1 year of Club service.



"The Exorcist"
– Brooks Provinchain, Transportation, 4 years of City service.



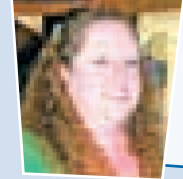
"The Exorcist."
– Cindy Robles (left), LAPD, 1 year of City service.



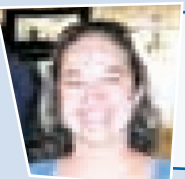
"The Fly."
– Wanda Tilley, Public Works/Street Services, 18 years of City service.



"Paranormal Activity"
– Arthur Duran, Rec and Parks, 4 years of City service.



"The Blair Witch Project."
– Carleen Payne, Fire and Police Pensions, 12 years of City service.



"The Exorcism of Emily Rose."
– Sarah Morton, Transportation, 5 years of City service.



"The Exorcist."
– Tonja Bellard, Public Works, 21 years of City service.

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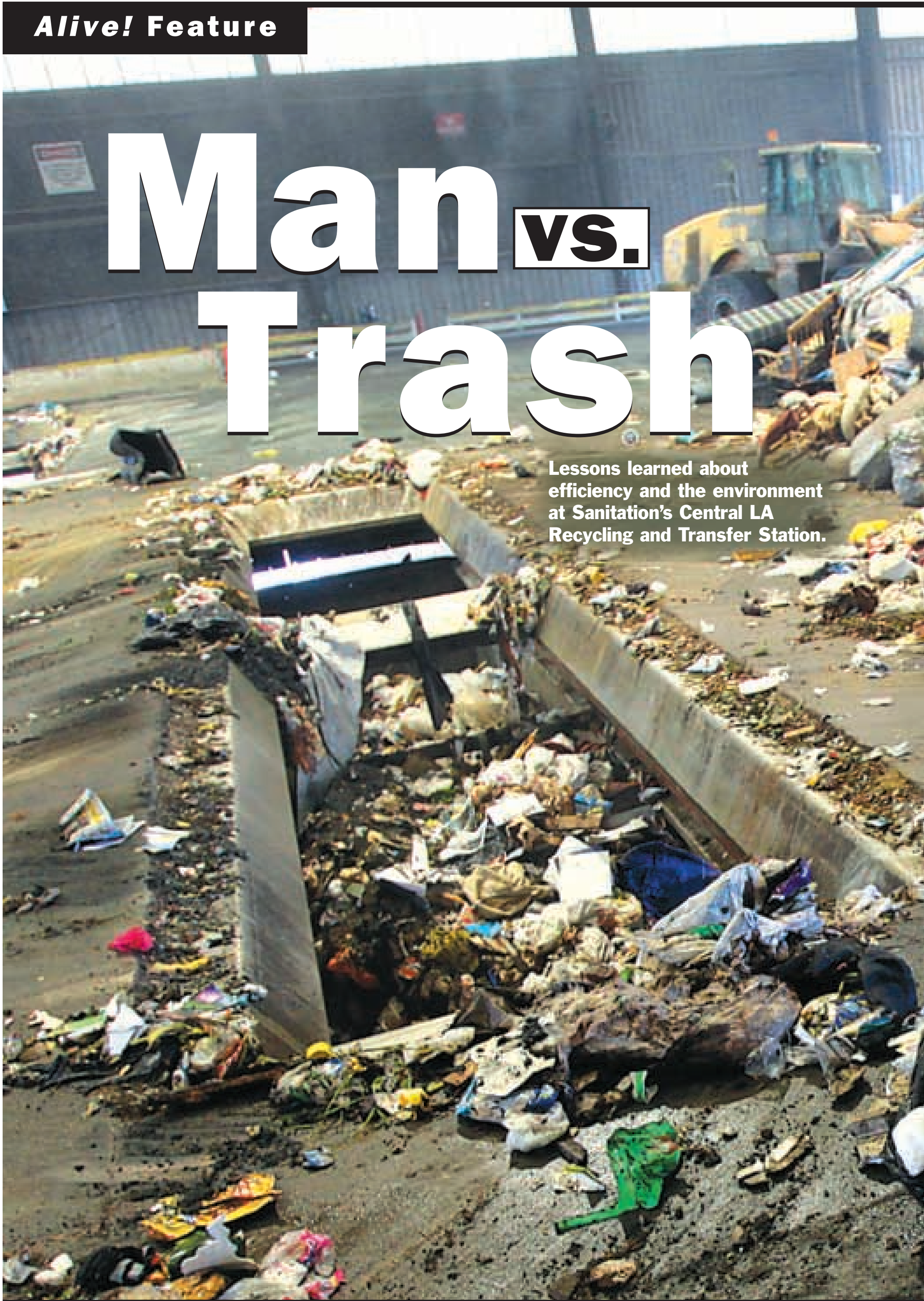
- In last month's story in the Retirees section on the RLACEI picnic, we misidentified the person who was the square dance caller. Ron Black did *not* provide the service.

We apologize to Mr. Black, who retired in April as Chief Inspector after 28 years of City service with the Housing Dept. and the Dept. of Building and Safety.

Alive! Feature

Man **vs.** Trash

Lessons learned about efficiency and the environment at Sanitation's Central LA Recycling and Transfer Station.





Paul LeBel, Acting Solid Waste Disposal Superintendent II, Public Works, on the floor of the massive waste transfer station.

Alive! Feature



Man vs. Trash

Photos by Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Director, and Club Staff

Where does your trash go after the curbside truck takes it from you? Most of it goes to a landfill. (Your recyclables and yard waste go in separate shipments. *You do recycle, don't you?*)

But before it gets there, it goes through a transfer station, where it is transferred from the familiar green trucks to large tractor-trailers, which take your trash the landfill in much greater amounts.

Transfer stations – like the City's largest one, the downtown Central L.A. Recycling and Transfer Station (CLARTS) – may seem simple in concept, but they teach big lessons in efficiency and the environment.

On Sept. 16, *Alive!* paid a visit to CLARTS to get a first-hand report of how this massive but simple facility is working toward building a better Los Angeles.

What is a Transfer Station?

A transfer station in waste terminology is a location that facilitates the intermediary transport trash as opposed to people. CLARTS serves to temporarily store refuse (trash disposed in the black bin) collected throughout the City before a larger truck is ready to pick it up and transport it for the long haul to the nearest landfill (as the City's own landfills are all closed, the destinations are private landfills).

About CLARTS

In 2004, the City of Los Angeles purchased Central L.A. Recycling and Transfer Station from its previous owner. As the recycling operations done at the facility have ceased, the City continues to operate the facility as a transfer station.

The City took over full operation and management of the facility in January 2005. CLARTS receives approximately 2,600 tons per day of waste. About 1,600 tons per day of black bin refuse are delivered to CLARTS from the South Los Angeles and North Central wastesheds through the City's curbside collection program. Another 1,000 tons per day are from private/commercial users of the facility.

City refuse collection trucks dump the waste onto the tipping floor at CLARTS. The tipping floor at CLARTS has two subterranean tunnel ports designed to allow transfer trailers to be top-loaded with refuse from the tipping floor by gravity. Loaded transfer trailers transport refuse to the designated landfills.

The capacity of a transfer trailer is approximately 22 tons. Each refuse collection vehicle has a payload capacity of about nine tons. Refuse collection vehicles operators utilizing the local transfer station can discharge their loads and quickly return to their routes rather than hauling their loads over a long distance to the landfill with a limited load capacity.

More than 100 transfer trailer loads are shipped out of CLARTS to landfills within the Southern California region.

Floor Rebuilt

Earlier this year, the entire floor of the transfer station was rebuilt, and CLARTS is operating at full capacity. The floor rebuilding project was conducted in four phases so as to minimize the disruption to the normal operation of the facility. Work began in mid- February and was completed in August.

For more information on how the transfer station works, see "How It Works" on page 10. ■

Lessons learned about efficiency and the environment at Sanitation's Central L.A. Recycling and Transfer Station.



Three curbside refuse collection trucks line up on the floor of the transfer station and dump their contents.

Facts

Central L.A. Recycling and Transfer Station (CLARTS)

CUSTOMERS SERVED:
The City of Los Angeles curbside collection program, the general public and the commercial industry.

ADDRESS:
2201 E Washington Blvd. Los Angeles, CA 90021

PHONE:
(213) 763-1918

FACILITY MANAGER:
Paul LeBel, Acting Solid Waste Disposal Superintendent II, Construction Services

STAFFING:
23 employees, including maintenance laborers, equipment operators, scale attendants, equipment supervisors, a superintendent, and administration personnel.

SIZE:
Land- 9.14 acres or 398,138 square feet
Transfer station building- 55,000 square feet
Parking- 100,000 square feet

FACILITY:
Acquired by the City: April 2004
Year built: 1989

PERMITTED CAPACITY:
4,025 tons/day

PRESENT CAPACITY:
2,000 tons/day

WASTESHEDS (2008-09 data):
City Waste- North Central: 733 tons/day
South Los Angeles: 861 tons/day

Private waste- 200 to 300 tons/day

TRUCK TRAFFIC VOLUMES (at present 2,000 tons/day):
Inbound- 300 trips (6.5 tons/load)
Outbound- 90 trips (22 tons/load)

HOURS OF OPERATION:
5 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday,
closed on major holidays.



A front loader pushes trash, which has been dumped out of a curbside (green) truck, into the slot for loading into a big rig a floor below.

Lorenzo Terry, RCTO II, 6 years, getting re-weighed as he leaves the transfer station.



THE ALIVE! INTERVIEW

Saving Time and Money

On Sept. 13, Club CEO John Hawkins interviewed Paul LeBel, Acting Solid Waste Disposal Superintendent II, who's in charge of the Central L.A. Recycling and Transfer Station just south of downtown. The interview took place in his office.

Alive!: Thanks for giving us a tour and explaining how this facility works. How long have you worked here?

Paul LeBel: I've been here for three years.

How long have you worked for the City?

Paul: Twenty-three years.

How did you get in to this?

Paul: I kind of volunteered to come and run the facility when the other superintendent had to go out.

What were you doing before this?

Paul: I was superintendent of a landfill.

Which one?

Paul: Toyon Canyon and Lopez Canyon.

Okay, that's good experience. Now, in your own words, describe the function of this transfer station.

Paul: This building is a collection and transfer hub. We take in anywhere from 2,200 to 2,400 tons of trash a day from independent and the city rubbish vehicles, and then put it into 18-wheelers and transport it to the landfill.

How many landfills do you transport to?

Paul: Three landfills.

There's no picking station here. Nothing gets filtered out of here.

Paul: Right. Nothing gets filtered out here. There's no recycling going on.

What's the management reason why you have a transfer station?

Paul: It is a large savings to the City. I bring in approximately 300 vehicles a day from the curbside program that collects the trash in front of the houses, and reduce that down to a hundred vehicles [going out], so that is a big savings versus putting all those trucks on the freeway. Instead of 300 there's only a hundred making that long trip.

The main thing about this place is the huge cost savings to the City.

If the mayor was sitting here, what would you tell him? How would you describe the cost savings?

Paul: The benefit is not putting 300 trucks on the road, times that amount of fuel, times that amount of smog.

Taking 300 trucks off the road.

Paul: Essentially yes. I'm looking at it from the other way, but yes, we're taking those 300 trucks and we're shortening their distance, anywhere from half to a tenth of what they'd be going to the landfill, and then we're reducing the time that they have to wait, because we're held to a standard here that no truck can wait for more than 15 minutes, on average. We're looking for an average of no more than 15 minutes, and we do achieve that.

When does it get busy in here?

Paul: Everybody arrives here at 9:30 [a.m.], and the numbers coming in are huge at that time.

That's the busiest time of your day?

Paul: Correct. And I have real heavy days, which are Wednesday and Monday.

Why Wednesday?

Paul: It's when their routes are big.

After the holidays, is that a big time?

Paul: Unpredictable.

With all that wrapping paper.

Paul: You'd think you'd see that, but it kind of comes [later] in January. In the middle of January, you say, "Boy, tonnages have ramped up," and then you see it gradually plateaus back down [again].

This is the largest transfer station the City runs. Correct?

Paul: Correct. It's the *only* one the City runs.

Does everything come here, or do other green curbside trucks go directly to landfills?

Paul: There are some [curbside trucks] out in the Valley that are closer to the landfill than to here, so they go directly to the landfill.

What about the Harbor area?

Paul: The harbor yard goes to another transfer station, but it's not City owned.

You just contract that out.

Paul: Yes.

What percentage of the City sanitation curbside trucks come through this facility?

Paul: I don't know the number. But I would say it is probably close to half.

If you didn't have this facility, all of those curbside trucks would have to go all the way to the landfill.

Paul: Correct. You would have much more pollution and a lot more hours in driver time. And 300 vehicles arriving at the landfill creates huge lines.

Do the trash trucks have more than one route per day? They leave here and then go back and do another one?

Paul: Yes. That's done by the collection side, but they generally do probably a couple routes a day.

They wouldn't be able to do more than one if they ...

Paul: ... if they had to go all the way to a landfill.

So that's another efficiency. Where do you ship the trash?

Paul: [We used to ship to] our own landfill, Lopez Canyon.

That's way out.

Paul: Yes, and that was closed in '95.

Where do you go now?

Paul: We [ship] to Sunshine Canyon. We haul to El Sobrante landfill, which is out in Riverside.

Some of these trucks are going out to Riverside?

Paul: Yes. And there's one that's actually farther, in Lancaster.

That's a long way.

Paul: Yes. We ship 600 tons a day to El Sobrante landfill in Riverside.

Does the city own landfills?

Paul: Only closed ones. The last open [City] landfill was Lopez Canyon.

Now the City contracts with private landfills?

Paul: Correct.

Who are your regulatory agencies? Who oversees you?

Paul: The LEA, the Local Enforcement Agency [with the City]. Then we have the county, which watches what we do. And we have the state, which permits us. So we're watched by everybody.

You say it's open to the public, but can someone with a pickup truck ...

Paul: Absolutely.

Really. Do people ...

Paul: Anybody can come here and dump.

And pay for it.

Paul: Yes.

Can you pay for less than a ton?

Paul: No. Our minimum charge is \$52 for a ton or under.

They're basically paying 52 bucks minimum.

Paul: Yes.

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Alive! Feature

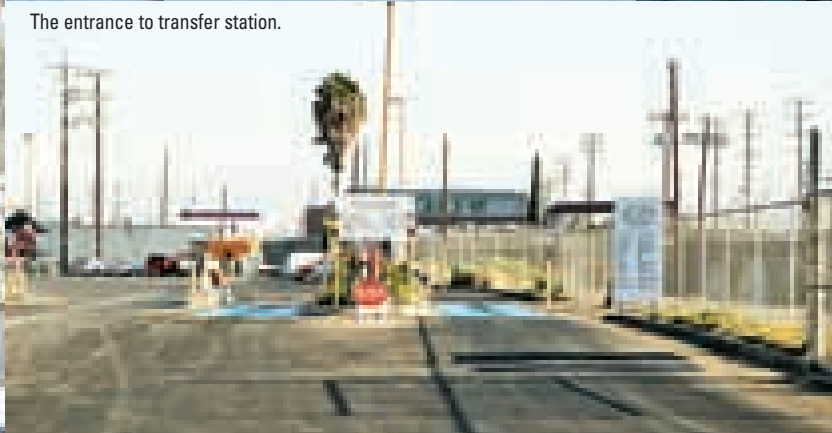


Semi-trucks come in through the underground tunnel. Trash will be pushed through these holes, and with the help of gravity, the trash drops into the truck bed below.

Electronic equipment removed from the garbage piles is loaded into a truck for proper disposal.



The entrance to transfer station.



At the weigh house: Chris Bell, Truck Operator, 24 years of City service, driving the sanitation truck and being greeted by Celia Medina, Maintenance Laborer, 6 years.



Welcome to the Central Los Angeles Recycling and Transfer Station (CLARTS).

How It Works

Here's a step-by-step explanation of how the City's Central L.A. Recycling and Transfer Station (CLARTS) works.

1



Opening for the Day

CLARTS opens at 5 a.m. each working day. The tipping floor has been cleaned meticulously the night before. The "misters" are actually odor neutralizers.

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Dumping Onto the Tipping Floor

Once the curbside refuse collection trucks have been weighed, they drive onto the main floor of the facility, where they dump their contents.

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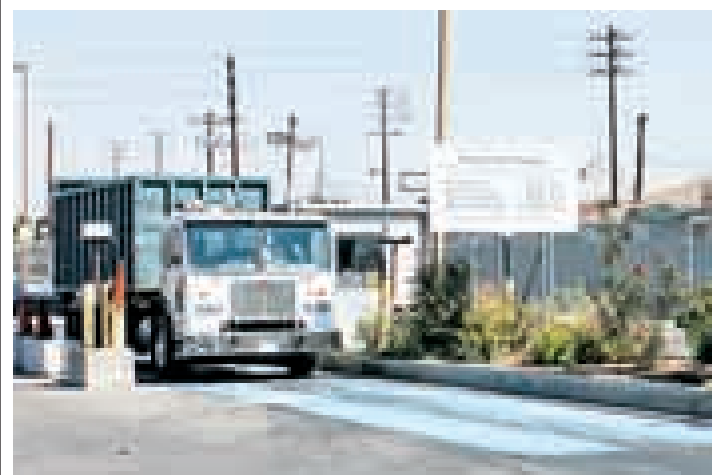
Curbside Trucks Arrive

Sanitation's curbside refuse collection trucks begin arriving when they are full at the end of a route. First stop: the scale, where each truck is weighed. The facility maintains an empty-weight database of each City vehicle; by weighing the truck full, personnel can easily determine how much trash each vehicle is delivering.

Keeping track of the weight of the trash is very important for efficient management of landfill space.



Trash trucks from independent businesses or the general public are welcome to dump their garbage here, too.



Man vs. Trash

A Caterpillar front loader tamps down the trash after the semi leaves the tunnel.



A semi-trailer lines up, waiting for instructions to enter the subterranean tunnel.

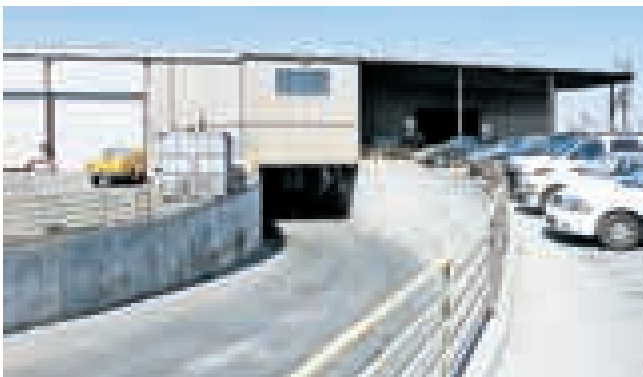
4 Meanwhile, Here Come the Big Rigs

While the City's curbside trucks are arriving, so are the bigger tractor-trailers. Owned by private contractors, these trailers are made of aluminum to save weight.

These rigs are not weighed yet.

Upon arrival, they drive into a lane that takes them directly under the main/tipping floor of the facility.

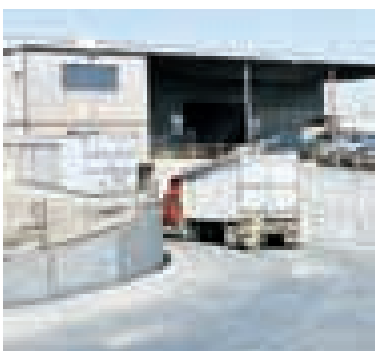
They drive into the down ramp ...



.. where they stop and remove their cloth covering.



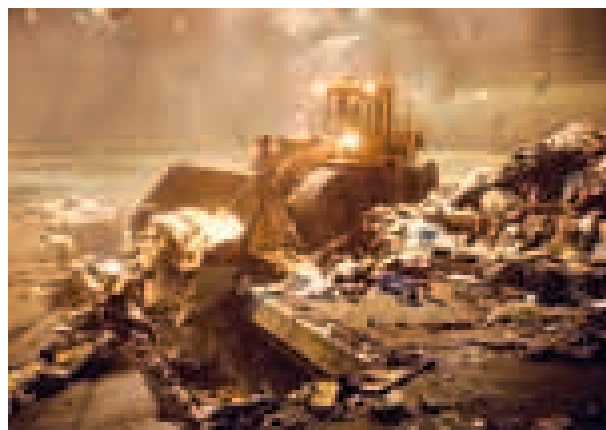
By radio, the facility's dispatcher gives the tractor/trailer driver clearance to enter the space below the tipping floor.



5 Transferring the Trash

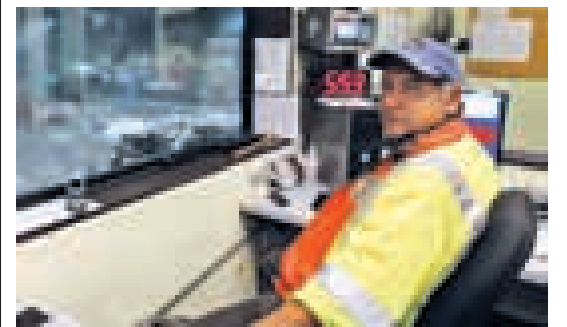
Once a trailer has been secured down below, the front loaders begin pushing the mounds of garbage into the slots in the floor, where gravity does its thing, and the trash falls into the trailer waiting down below.

A digital readout hanging from the ceiling tells the loader operators how much the load weighs. When the load has reached the maximum, the dispatcher tells the loaders to stop.



6 The 'Quarterback'

Sitting in a second-floor office overlooking the entire tipping floor is the facility dispatcher, who coordinates all trash truck and trailer movement into and out of the facility. The dispatcher also checks the final weight of each trailer, and determines which landfill has sufficient capacity for that load. Then, by radio, the dispatcher informs the trailer driver that his load has reached its capacity; tells the driver to move out and to which landfill the driver should take the load. All of the movements, weights and landfill destinations are recorded into a computer database.



7 Out She Goes

After the loaded trailer exits from the subterranean lanes, the truck stops, and a separate machine pushes the load down to maintain road safety and low air resistance.

After the load has been smoothed, the trailer pulls the fabric cover over the load, and the truck is on its way to the landfill designated by the dispatcher.



8 Back to the Streets

One their load has been delivered to the transfer station, the curbside collection trucks leave the facility and head back to the mean streets of the neighborhoods, collecting more of our trash.



Meet the team that makes all this happen!

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Alive! Feature



A curbside refuse collection truck enters the facility with a full load and is weighed.



A front loader pushes the trash on the transfer station floor.

THE ALIVE! INTERVIEW — continued

Is that expensive?

Paul: No. We're actually cheaper than most of the transfer stations around here.

Lessons to be Learned

What are the lessons people can learn from seeing what happens here at CLARTS? Can they reduce their waste, and make sure that everything gets separated? We saw things out there that could have been recycled but were not. Is that one of the lessons I can learn, to make sure I do recycle everything before it leaves my house?

Paul: The biggest lesson to be learned is to recycle at the home level, to use your blue and green cans and recycle your aluminum and plastic so it doesn't go into the landfill.

Roughly, what percent would you say could be recycled of what you see in a given day?

Paul: I'd say at least 20 percent of it.

Do you recycle at home? You, personally.

Paul: Yes. Yes, I do.

Today we saw some furniture. Are the bulky items supposed to go to a separate facility, or does that come through here too?

Paul: That comes through here.

By design?

Paul: Yes.

People call a separate truck to come by and pick something up, and that ends up here.

Paul: Yes. We run them over until they're all compacted up. You'll actually see them separated out.

We have to make a certain tonnage in each truck that leaves here [for the landfill]. The magic number on that scoreboard [scale] is 34,000 pounds. We're always aiming for that number, and if the stuff is too bulky, the loaders can't get it all in the truck below. So they try to mix. You might have seen that pile of manure -- what looked like manure come in and you smelled it.

Yes, we smelled it!

Paul: That's really heavy, so they're going to try to mix that in with the bulky stuff to make the weight.

Recessionary Trash

Has the amount changed that you process through here?

Paul: The amount of material that we process has actually gone down with the reduced economy.

Really. You've noticed a difference between the economy and how much you're processing?

Paul: People aren't buying stuff so they're not throwing it away.

Has it picked up at all?

Paul: It seems to be picking up slightly.

You could run the stock market ...

Paul: Based on the trash!

Do you think ...?

Paul: No. [he laughs]

That's an interesting indicator, though. Are people consuming less, or is it because the packagers are getting smarter about being less wasteful?

Paul: That's part of it too, the packaging efficiency and the reduction of material used in packaging. But primarily it happened when the economy downturned. I looked at it and said, "Wait a minute. Is it because of reduced packaging?" But then I thought well, if [companies] are hurting for business, the last thing they're going to do is say, "Okay. Now we need to throw money at reducing packaging."

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Paul LeBel (left) and John Hawkins.

Is anyone from the packaging industry curious as to what ends up here?

Paul: We've never had any kind of an interest shown here by anybody at that level.

It would be kind of interesting, for them to come in and see what ends up here.

Paul: Yes. We've done some profiles on what's out there [on the floor]. We actually have done some sorts. They'll go and pick up a route and sort it out to determine what's in it and what's recyclable in it. They've done residential and they've done commercial.

I guess when the economy comes back the amounts of trash will probably start building back up again. But this is going to be steady as she goes for awhile. It's a pretty basic function that happens here. It's not a high-tech facility.

Paul: It's high tech in terms of the permitting

and loading the trucks correctly and tracking the tonnage and the billing and all that. But the basic function itself is -- load the truck, dump the truck, load the truck.

You have the in-the-ground dumping. Using the front loader to load directly into a dump truck would take forever. Is there another way of doing this that's even more efficient, or is just shoving it into a hole in the ground the most efficient?

Paul: Shoving it in a hole is the most efficient, because you're not picking it up.

Right, right. Gravity.

Keeping Tidy

How many loaders do you have?

Paul: We try to have four out there during peak hours.

Do you ever have to sanitize?

Paul: Yes. We close down and wash out.

Every now and then?

Paul: Actually, we can't keep the trash for more than 24 hours, so every Friday night this building's emptied. We do the normal housecleaning during the week and pick up all the paper around the facility. But then the cleaning-type stuff is done on the weekends and after hours. The heavy cleaning.

Do you scrub the floor?

Paul: We do.

I noticed where the semi-trucks go in [below], that when they leave you can see a bunch of trash in there. Does a bulldozer have to come down at night?

Paul: We clean that out every evening. We haul it up here and put it in the trucks.

Do you have special personnel to clean up or does everybody do it?

Paul: The same people.

That's part of their job.

Paul: Yes.

I see.

Paul: We're open until six. We take our last truck in the gate at five, and at 5:15 we stop loading trucks in here and go in to the cleanup mode to be ready to close down.

Rewarding

Do you like what you do?

Paul: Yes, I do. I do.

What do you like about it?

Paul: This job is very production oriented, meaning, it has to get done. There's no reason why the trash is not going to come into this building, and there's no reason why it's not going to get to the landfill. I work well under that pressure. I like the production-type responsibilities.

Seeing things get started, then finish.

Paul: Yes.

It's action, and you're accomplishing something. You can see it.

Paul: You can see it every day, and if you don't see it, you'd better make it happen so you can see it.

What happens if the trash starts backing up?

Paul: There is no backup. On a Friday night, if we have trash in here, we will be in here Saturday loading it up.

Really.

Paul: Oh, yes. That's happened once in three years.

Is this sort of the cream of the crop for sanitation heavy equipment operators?

Paul: Yes. This is not a sit-still job!

Thanks for your time, Paul.

Paul: You're welcome. ■



A curbside truck leaves the transfer station.



Man vs. Trash

The Team

Meet the men and women at City's Central L.A. Recycling and Transfer Station who make it all happen.



Tom Billegas, Equipment Operator, 28 years.



Front row, from left: Antonia Gomez, Accounting Clerk I, 27 years; Rosario Felix, Clerk Typist, 6 years; and Isaura Navarro, Clerk Typist I, 6 years. Back: Lashavon Frederick, Clerk Typist, 1 year.



Prospero Hernandez, Maintenance Laborer, 6 years.



Edgardo Berez, Maintenance Laborer/Dispatcher, 6 years.



Andre Patton, Equipment Operator, 27 years.



Mario Duran, Equipment Operator, 16 years.



Sean Turner, Equipment Operator, 10 years.



Celia Medina, Maintenance Laborer, 6 years.



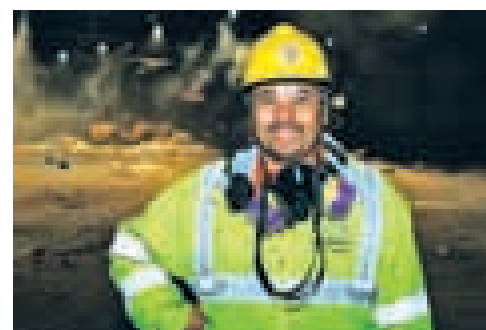
Billy Henderson, Management Analyst, 15 years.



Jose Gonzalez, Maintenance Laborer, 4 years.



Gregory Carter, Equipment Supervisor, 24 years.



Luis Castillo, Maintenance Laborer, 6 years.



Jonathan Polk Jr., Maintenance Laborer/Dispatcher, 2 years.



Jose Gallardo, Equipment Supervisor.



Cecilia Torres, Maintenance Laborer, 6 years.



Sal Duarte, Equipment Operator, 23 years.



Mark Johnson, Equipment Operator, 26 years, refueling his Caterpillar front loader.



Juan Rivas, Maintenance Laborer, 6 years.

CONVENTION CENTER



Forever Green

Sustainability is key at the Convention Center, with a new effort towards a higher LEED-EB certification, and a recent forum held on solar power.



Rey Castro, Convention Center, helped to host the LABC Sustainability Series at the Convention Center.

As the Convention Center continues to be the forerunner with regards to sustainability, environmental stewardship and energy conservation best practices, it's no doubt why more and more environmental and green venues are choosing the Los Angeles Convention Center as their place and location to host their events.

Recently, Councilwoman and Club Member Jan Perry lead a panel of keynote speakers in the Solar Voltaic industry at a solar sustainability forum. This summit was a continuation of a previous meeting held earlier in the year sponsored by the L.A. Business City Council, which is championing the cause of introducing a Solar Feed-in Tariff in the City of Los Angeles.

After the forum, Rey Castro, Chief Building Engineer, Convention Center, led the forum attendees on a tour of the Convention Center's green features, including its solar panels, which were installed in the 1990s.

Meanwhile, the Convention Center is in the process of becoming the only LEED-EB (Existing Buildings) O&M Re-Certified Convention Center, bumping up its level of certification from Green Certified to Silver LEED EB O&M Re-Certification status. The center staff is hopeful and optimistic about going higher than Silver and achieving the Gold Certification level. Rey Castro is also leading this effort. Good job, Rey!

On these pages are photos from the recent energy forum, and photos from a tour that Rey Castro gave *Alive!* after the Convention Center had achieved its initial LEED-EB certification.



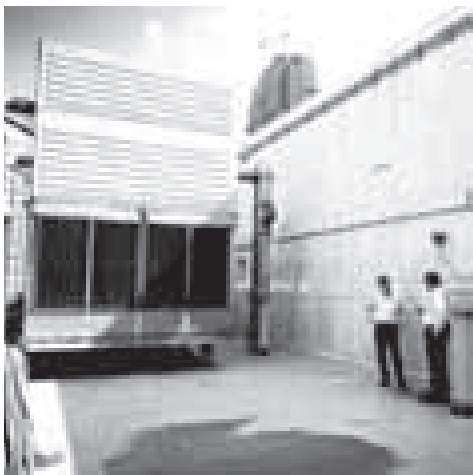
The LABC Sustainability Series, held at the Convention Center.



Rey Castro (left) points out the Convention Center's new lights to Club CEO John Hawkins.



Rey Castro (right) and Club CEO John Hawkins on the Convention Center's energy-efficient white roof.



Rey Castro (right) displays the Convention Center's efficient chillers to Club CEO John Hawkins.



Rey Castro holds a LEED certification guidebook. The Convention Center is seeking an even higher LEED-EB certification.



The Convention Center's 1990s-era solar panels were part of a tour given to attendees at a recent solar panel conference held at the Convention Center.

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Newsbriefs

SANITATION WINS AWARD:

The City of Los Angeles Terminal Island Renewable Energy (TIRE) biosolids (bio-slurry) injection project – featured in a previous *Alive!* cover story – was selected as the large agency to receive the California Association of Sanitation Agencies' (CASA) Technical Innovation and Achievement Award. The award, presented at the organization's 55th Annual Conference in Monterey in August, recognizes innovative application of existing technology or the development of new, cutting-edge technology applied to wastewater collection and treatment, wastewater and biosolids recycling and renewable energy production.

CASA acknowledges the rapidly growing importance of sustainability in sanitation, and TIRE is an excellent example of that practice. TIRE is the nation's first and only full-scale application of biosolids injection technology that adapts petroleum industry technology to convert biosolids into a new source of alternative green energy.

The City of Los Angeles has been granted a five-year demonstration permit from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to evaluate the viability of injecting biosolids into deep geological subsurface. The project has been in operation for more than 26 months.

The project site is located at the City's Terminal Island Water Reclamation Plant in San Pedro. TIRE is processing approximately 190 tons of biosolids per day, or 25 percent of all biosolids produced daily within the City. Until recently, these biosolids were trucked for land application at the City's farm 120 miles away.

CASA was formed in 1955 to provide leadership, advocacy and information to members, legislators and the public, and promotes partnerships on clean water and beneficial reuse issues that protect public health and the environment.

Public Works is focused on essential needs for a better quality of life and environmental protection. With 5,700 employees and a \$1 billion annual budget, the department is responsible for construction, renovation and operation of public facilities and infrastructure including: municipal buildings and treatment facilities; streets, street lights, and the urban forest; bridges and sidewalks; sewers, catch basins and storm drains; recycling and integrated solid waste management.

WOMEN IN LAW ENFORCEMENT:

The Los Angeles Women's Police Officers and Associates (LAWPOA) organization, in collaboration with Faircount Media Group, has released *100 Years of Women in Law Enforcement* commemorative magazine.

In announcing this first of its kind publication, depicting the rise of women in the law enforcement profession, LAPD Detective Deborah Gonzales, President of LAWPOA, said, "We are very excited to produce a magazine that truly represents women as the law enforcement professionals they have worked so hard to become over the past 100 years."

The commemorative magazine, available now, illustrates the changes and contributions that women have made to the policing profession. Included in the magazine are articles that focus on historical and contemporary issues such as the history of women in policing, sworn and civilian relationship building, the first women of Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT), female Chiefs of Police, bridging generational divisions, a day in the life of police psychologists, creating a whistle-blower friendly work environment, and other relevant issues.

In the 1920s, LAWPOA made its mark in history as one of two policing organizations created by, and for women. In 1925, Los Angeles Policewomen Marguerite Curley and Alice Stebbins Wells co-founded LAWPOA and in 1928, the two became key founders of the International Association of Women Police.

Det. Gonzales added, "With the rich history that the women of the LAPD began in the 1900s, it seems almost irresponsible, not to commemorate the 100 years of achievements made not only by the women of the LAPD, but in every police department around the world. It is our hope that this small glimpse into the lives of women who made such a difference will inspire both men and women to appreciate our differences and celebrate our similarities as criminal justice professionals."

To receive a copy of the *100 Years of Women in Law Enforcement* commemorative magazine, or for more information about LAWPOA, please visit: www.law-poa.org, or contact Det. Deborah Gonzales, President of LAWPOA, at (213) 228-9199.

CLUB INSURANCE



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Open Enrollment for Long-Term Care Insurance

Act now! This rare opportunity for Active City Employees to apply for Long-Term Care insurance – with a high chance of acceptance – ends Oct. 31.

Long-Term Care Open Enrollment Last-Month Seminars!

**Locations in October:
Downtown, the Valley, San Pedro and Westchester!**

Find out about why Long-Term Care insurance from the Club is such a good idea, and how to apply.

Downtown location!

Friday: Oct. 1, Oct. 15 and Oct. 29

Kyoto Grand Hotel downtown
120 South Los Angeles St.
Los Angeles, 90012

Seminar Times:
9 and 11 a.m., and 1 and 3 p.m.

Valley location!

Tuesday: Oct. 19

Marvin Braude Building
6262 Van Nuys Blvd.
3rd floor conference room 3B
Van Nuys, 91401

Seminar Times:
8 and 10 a.m., and noon

San Pedro location!

Tuesday: Oct. 26

Port of Los Angeles Harbor
Administration Building
425 S. Palos Verdes St.
2nd floor boardroom
San Pedro, 90731

Seminar Times:
9 and 11 a.m., and 1 p.m.

Westchester/LAX location!

Wednesday: Oct. 27

Spice Café (LAPD Building)
5651 W. Manchester Ave.
Los Angeles, 90045

Seminar Times:
8 and 10 a.m., and noon

Reservations are not necessary.

Applications can be completed at the seminars. Counselors will be on hand to assist you. The seminars will go step by step through the application process and calculation of rates.

Questions? Call the LTC Hotline! (213) 225-1796

Everyone should have Long-Term Care insurance. And now through Oct. 31, the Club will be hosting an open enrollment period for Active City Employees to sign up! (Active DWP Employees will have their open enrollment next year.)

Hurry! Open Enrollment ends Oct. 31!

An open-enrollment period means that most of those who apply for this affordable product will be accepted. Don't miss the chance – the Club hasn't had an Open-Enrollment period for Long-Term Care insurance since 1999. So be sure to take advantage!

What is Long-Term Care insurance? It's insurance that pays you from \$1,000 up to \$5,000 per month, depending on which plan you apply for, should you or a loved one become incapacitated over a long period of time. The poli-



cies pay you for up to four years (if the one covered is in a facility) or eight years (if the one covered is at home). The policies pay the insured, so there's no need to send receipts back and forth to the insurance company.

Rates are affordable. There are some restrictions to whom will be accepted into the plans, but most will be. It's a rare opportunity for Active City Employees to take advantage.

The Club's Open-Enrollment Period for Long-Term Care insurance takes place now through Oct. 31. This is for Active City Employees;

Active DWP Employees will have their open enrollment next year.

Talk to your Club Counselor today!

A TRUE STORY:

'Who Will Take Care of Me?'

Long-Term Care insurance gave peace of mind to Club Member Barbara Arenzana.

When Barbara Arenzana first started working for the City, she knew that getting Long-Term Care insurance was a priority.

"I have seen and heard many stories of families being burdened, both financially or emotionally, when someone they love was incapacitated, and I thought that, if that should happen to me, I wanted the financial aspect to be lifted from my families' shoulders," she said from her home in South Carolina, near her sister. A Principal Clerk III with the LAPD, she is now on a disability pension.

She had back surgery when she was 15 due to scoliosis, and she has had two more back surgeries since. As an adult, she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and now is in a wheelchair and cannot walk.

"I am a believer in insurance," she continues. "Buying Long-Term Care insurance was a very smart thing to do. I now have the money to pay someone to come to my home and assist me. If I didn't have these benefits, I would be depressed and wondering, 'Who will take care of me?' [My family] has enough to worry about. I want my time with them to be quality time.

"If you are a Club Member, don't think about it twice," she says. "Buy Long-Term Care insurance. It gives you peace of mind and is extremely affordable. It was one of the best things I could have done for me [and] for my family as well.

"Meanwhile, stay healthy, and enjoy every day to the fullest!"



See you at the Long-Term Care insurance seminars!



HARBOR



Perfect Attendance at the Port

Harbor luncheon congratulates those who were steady on the job last year.

Story and photos courtesy Martín Chavez, Harbor

On Aug. 10, the Harbor Department recognized 187 employees who achieved perfect attendance during the 2009 calendar year. The luncheon was held at LAFD's Station 112 in San Pedro, home to the "world's most powerful fireboat, the Warner Lawrence."

The Port's Attendance Program Coordinator, Martín Chavez, started the program by thanking the employees for their tremendous efforts during the previous calendar year and introduced Deputy Executive Director Molly Campbell. Ms. Campbell expressed her gratitude for their amazing accomplishments and remarkable attendance records. She further shared the Department's appreciation for the employees' commitment to serve our customers and each other.

Joanne Esparza and Alberto Rosario were acknowledged for their 20 consecutive years of perfect attendance; Ebrahim Khalvati and Martín D. Chavez for their 15 years of perfect attendance; and for having ten years of perfect attendance: Holly Carlson, James Morgan, Michael Rubino, Linda Vigil and Hak Ning Wong. Each employee will receive \$500 for their achievement.

Employees in attendance participated in a drawing for prizes donated by Western Medical Group and the City Employees Club. Two sets of Dodger game tickets donated by Western Medical Group were won by Mariam Cruz and Mikey Sharp. The City Employees Club provided the following prizes: Two sets of Angels' tickets, movie tickets, and City logo watches. Each of the winners - Mark Weisenberger, Irene Blandino, Frank Scognamillo, Ronald Degler, James Williams, Eric Douchette, Jeffrey Miller, Sue Lai, Michael Barnes and Gary Gardner - selected their own prize. The LAFD Historical Society provided a prize commemorating the restoration of the Fireboat *Ralph J. Scott*, which was won by Frank Albers.



The highlight of the event each year is the drawing for eight \$500 prizes. To qualify for the drawing, an employee could not have been absent from work during the 2009 calendar year. The drawing was conducted by Ms. Campbell, and the winners are: Masa Morimoto, Francisco Sanchez, Sumita Thappa, Robel Afewerki, Mort Rowghani, Chuck Smith, William Houser and Oscar Insong.

The day was perfect summer weather, sitting next to the waterfront enjoying ice cream sundaes piled high with a myriad of toppings in the company of fellow dedicated Harbor Department employees. What a great reward for being at work every day!



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27 years:
Norman Arikawa

20 years:
Jo Ann Esparza
Alberto Rosario

16 years:
Masa Morimoto

15 years:
Martín D. Chavez
Ebrahim Khalvati

13 years:
Shaun Shahrestani

12 years:
Dagoberto Samaniego

11 years:
Chris Bobo
Bent Christiansen

10 years:
Holly Carlson
James Morgan
Michael Rubino
Linda Vigil
Hak Ning Wong

9 years:
Kenneth Huerta
Marion Mayse
Charles Smith

8 years:
Regina Grant
Lajuan Kennedy
John Kostrencich
Frank Rendon
Mark Weisenberger

7 years:
Eric Caris
Teresa Henkhaus
Steven Otera
Thomas Russell

6 years:
Frank Albers
Jack Clay
Marcel Van Dijk

5 years:
Ronald Boyd
Rene Rodriguez
Frank Scognamillo
John Short

4 years:
Michael Barnes
Diane Boskovich

3 years:
Roy Benjamins
Andrew Benson
Kris Bosnich
Rafael Diaz
Manuel Esparza
Gary Gardner
Chris Grossi
Minerva Gutierrez
Jason Ho
Julie Huerta
Bradley Jenkins
Geraldine Knatz
Sue Lai
Angel Lim
Ping Lit
Zizhan Liu
Emilio Macias
Joseph Manlove
Dave Mathewson
Richard Mattison
Gary McAngus
James McDaniel
Danette Nappi
Peter Ouk

2 years:
Charles Adams
Stacy Allen
Kurt Arend
Ismael Arriola
Mike Christensen
Stuart Fricke
Leonard Gallegos
Anthony Gioiello
Timothy Hogan
Oscar Insong
Matthew Koerber
Laura Leon
Glen Litle
Kathryn McDermott
Todd McElhaney
Christine Men
Amando Parreno
Christopher Patton
Abdul Rashid
Jose Robledo
Gary Virgil

One year:
Robel Afewerki
Teresa Aldrete
Michael Alva
Thomas Avuncion
Octavio Avilao
Irene Blandino
Leticia Caldera
Bill Cheng
Kenneth Cloughlin
Kenneth Crawford
Miriam Cruz
Ronald Degler
Michael DeLang
Eric Douchette
Robert Dunbar
John Dwyer
Thomas Estrada
Carlos Flores
Glenford Gabourel
Norah Garcia
Eric Gilbertson
Charles Giles
Regner Globus
Jesse Gonzales
Ollie Grays
Jose Guerrero
Dac Hoang

Pauline Hospe
Masao Ikeda
Cherie Ivers
Stephen James
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Lisa Jordan
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David Malin
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Darren McClung
Robert Medina
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Jeffrey Miller
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Robert Myers
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Steve Yoshioka
Sal Zambrano
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ZOO

Dragon Viewing's a Snap

Zoo introduces new Komodo dragon hatchlings.

Story courtesy the Zoo; Photo by Tad Motoyama/Zoo

On Aug. 8, the first of 22 Komodo dragons hatched at the Los Angeles Zoo. Over the course of the next 11 days, 21 additional Komodos hatched. Several of the young Komodos that hatched at the Zoo are exploring their newly renovated exhibit in the Winnick Family Children's Zoo.

"These hatchlings are a landmark event for the L.A. Zoo," said Curator of Reptiles and Amphibians Ian Recchio. "We're excited to be able to display these young dragons and think Angelenos are equally excited to come and see them."

On Jan. 22, Lima, the Zoo's female Komodo dragon, laid 23 eggs. Twenty-two of the 23 eggs hatched. Less than 10 zoos in North America have been able to breed Komodos; this marks the L.A. Zoo's first success at breeding them. These Komodo hatchlings will go on to play an important role in the conservation of the species.

Hatchlings are 14 to 20 inches long and weigh about three to four ounces. Komodos, the world's largest lizard, can grow to approximately nine feet, weighing up to 200 pounds or more. Because Komodos are cannibalistic, readily eating the young and eggs of their own species, hatchlings are on their own from the start. In the wild, just after hatching the young scurry up nearby trees to avoid being eaten by the adults. They remain in the trees, feeding on insects and small lizards, until they are too heavy to forage successfully up above.

Native to only a few islands in Indonesia, this dragon has the smallest range of any of the world's large carnivores. The Komodo dragon is the major predator found on the islands and uses its excel-

lent sense of smell to find prey. An opportunistic scavenger and predator, Komodos feed on snakes, lizards, eggs, carrion, and large mammals such as deer, wild pigs, horses and water buffalo.

Contrary to popular belief, Komodos don't produce toxic saliva. Their saliva picks up pathogenic bacteria (most commonly E. coli.) through their scavenging habits and re-infestation from carrion. They are rarely affected by these pathogens themselves because chemicals and proteins in their blood act as natural antibiotics. Komodos in zoos are fed cleaner food, which virtually eliminates these infectious pathogens.



Actress Betty White and Zoo Curator of Reptiles Ian Recchio with a Komodo dragon at the L.A. Zoo.

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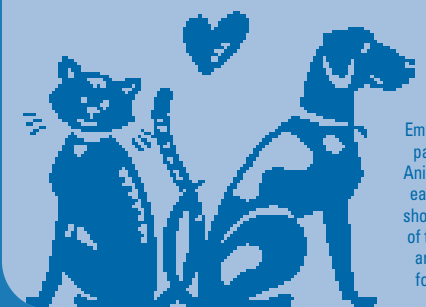
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Transforming Communities
By empowering those we serve to lift themselves up and change their lives, Bienvenidos is helping build healthier families, brighter futures and more vibrant communities.

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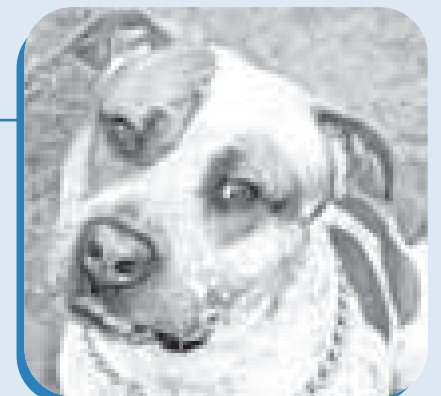
The City Employees Club partners with Animal Services each month to showcase some of the pets that are available for adoption.

This Month's Pets For Adoption:

freckles

Freckles is a four-year-old neutered American staff/Australian cattle dog mix. He's a very smart boy that knows how to sit, down, stay, speak, shake and high five! Please help Freckles find his perfect home.

ID #A1121651: West Los Angeles Animal Care Center.



gisele

Gisele is a four-year-old spayed German shepherd. She's a very sweet and outgoing girl that loves to fetch, knows how to sit and is housetrained!

ID #A1036686: West Los Angeles Animal Care Center.



frodo

Frodo is an eight-year-old neutered domestic short hair cat. He's great with people and dogs. Frodo also is litter-box trained and must remain an indoor cat because he's been declawed.

ID #A1115971: West Los Angeles Animal Care Center.



tony

Tony is a five-year-old neutered domestic short hair cat. He was brought to the Care Center because his family's landlord didn't allow cats. Tony is now looking for a home where pets are encouraged! Help this sweet boy out!

ID #A1117494: West Los Angeles Animal Care Center.



cashmere

Cashmere is a six-month-old neutered rabbit. Luckily, Cashmere was fostered in a loving home as a baby and exposed to lots of different environments and people. He loves playing with children and is used to dogs.

ID #A1094591: West Los Angeles Animal Care Center.



Meet your New Hope coordinator!



All of the following animals are available for adoption at the West LA Animal Care Center, 11361 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles CA 90064. New Hope Coordinator **Samantha Westbrook** may be reached at (213) 485-0494.

To see more animals available for adoption, please visit www.laanimalservices.org

REST INSURED



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



Insurance Checkups

I recently switched dentists, and in the transition I went for quite a while without a checkup. As I sat in the chair, I could hear her lecturing me over the sound of the scraping, "The more often you come in for a cleaning, the less painful it is." It was at that point that I realized that the same is true for your insurance.

The more often you come in for an insurance checkup, the less painful it is when you have a claim. 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 more premiums! Many of these changes are at no cost, and several are at 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 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?
- Do you own any boats, motorbikes, ATVs, golf carts or dune buggies?

- Have you purchased any expensive jewelry, artwork, antiques, high-end cameras, silverware or collectibles that exceed \$2,500?
- Do you have any guns that you store in the house or at another location?
- When was the last time that you got a quote for earthquake or flood insurance?
- Have you done any remodeling or added any additions to your house in the recent past?
- Do you operate a business from your home, or keep business equipment at home?
- Do you do any daycare or babysitting services at your home?
- Do you rent any part of your home to other people on a permanent basis?
- Do you own any undeveloped property or land at any other location?
- Do you own a vacation home, beach house or any type of second home?
- Do you have any domestic employees who work for you more than two hours a week?
- Have you added a swimming pool since you last reviewed your insurance?
- Have you acquired a dog since you purchased your insurance?
- Would you be interested in protecting your assets by purchasing an umbrella liability policy that extends your liability limits to \$1 million or higher?

If you answered "yes" to any one of these questions, then it really is in your best interest to talk to an agent today and review your coverages.

Don't let the dread of change slow you down from taking an action that will protect you and your family in the years to come.

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

Be safe and have fun!

United Agencies is the Club's partner in helping members with their home and auto insurance, and related products. We specialize in creating personal relationships with our customers, and serving their needs in a prompt, efficient and friendly manner.

Check out our City Employees Club page on the United Agencies Website at www.unitedagencies.com/cityclub. This website lists the upcoming visits we'll be making to City Department meetings where you can ask us any question in person, and get an instant quote!

Have a question? Is there something about insurance that you've always wanted to know, but were too ashamed to ask? Maybe something that you've just always been curious about? Feel free to send me an email at jgelineau@unitedagencies.com, and I will try to answer your question in one of our monthly columns.

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REC AND PARKS

Cabrillo Notes 75 With Sea Fair

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium celebrates its 75th anniversary at annual Autumn Sea Fair.

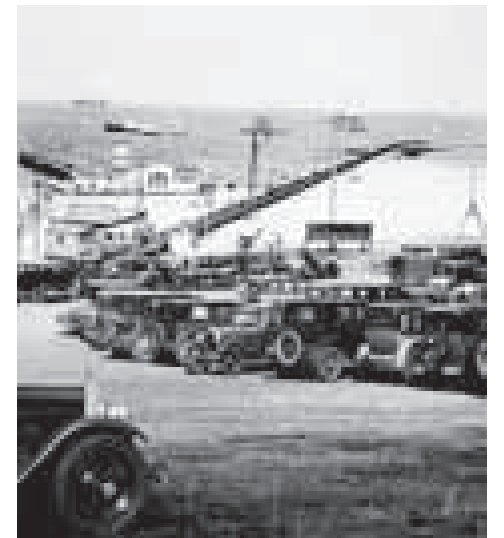
Photo courtesy of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.

Club Members are invited to join Cabrillo Marine Aquarium Oct. 17 for a grand celebration of 75 years of teaching visitors about local marine environment with "up-close-and-personal" hands-on experiences, fascinating exhibits and ongoing educational programs. Recognized as the world's finest teaching aquarium, according to the museum, CMA serves more than 350,000 visitors annually, more than half of which are children.

The richness and diversity of the sea, combined with fun-in-the-sun games, hometown spirit and entertaining events to commemorate this special anniversary, can all be found at this year's "Autumn Sea Fair."

This unique event offers ocean-related activities, which include face-painting, an exciting marine life puppet show, and a giant origami demonstration. Adventurous pirates of all ages can learn how to cast a fishing line, join in the search for buried treasure in the "Great Treasure Hunt," and for those with the competitive spirit, join in on the "Beach Olympics," taking place just a few steps away on Cabrillo Beach.

Don't miss the opportunity to stop by and chat with more than two dozen marine-related organizations that will be present to share their information and activities, or visit one of our artisans and check out their beautiful and unique handcrafted pieces of art. Enjoy live music playing throughout the day; experience the unique jazz stylings of Harold Greene on the Chapman Stick; the Japanese Drum group Kokoro Taiko, the smooth sounds of Stucco Rainbow and Geoff Agisim, singing his sea chanteys.



Cabrillo Beach during the early 1930s, just before the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium was created.

Don't forget to explore all Cabrillo Marine Aquarium has to offer, including the Southern California Marine Life Exhibit Hall, Aquatic Nursery, Exploration Center, and Marine Research Library.

Join the aquarium for its annual celebration of marine life and community spirit. This annual event is free to the public. Parking is available at Cabrillo Beach for \$1 per hour. Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is at 3720 Stephen M. White Dr., San Pedro, and is a facility of the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. Information: (310) 548-7562 or www.cabrillomarineaquarium.org.

Something to  Think About

"It is better to fail in originality than to succeed in imitation."

– Herman Melville,
novelist (*Moby Dick*)

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CLUB STORE



Donate to the Toy Drive!



The Club's gearing up its annual Holiday Toy Drive, held in conjunction with the Central City Police Boosters. Drop off your unwrapped toys to the Club Store (at 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012) between now and early December. **Please be generous!**



LAPD

Foundation Has New Exec. Director

Police Foundation names Cecilia Aguilera Glassman as the Foundation's new executive director.

The Los Angeles Police Foundation's Board of Directors recently appointed Cecilia Aguilera Glassman as the Foundation's new Executive Director.

In announcing her appointment, Foundation Board Chair Cindy Miscikowski said, "Cecilia Glassman is the ideal person to lead the Los Angeles Police Foundation into the future. In this exciting era of new ideas and new directions in philanthropy, Cecilia's leadership, development expertise, and passion for philanthropy will take the Foundation to new heights of excellence. This growth will enable the Foundation to play an even larger role in the success of the LAPD and the communities it serves."

Ms. Glassman's leadership at the helm of the Los Angeles Police Foundation comes at a crucial time for nonprofit organizations. The sector is in flux, beset by increasing responsibilities, higher public expectations but limited resources. Ms. Glassman's extensive and varied experience in revitalizing and strengthening agencies she has worked with will help the Foundation grow to better serve and promote the Foundation's mission.

Most recently, Ms. Glassman was the Chief Executive Officer of the Children's Museum of Los Angeles.

"I'm excited to be joining the Police Foundation at this incredibly dynamic time," said Ms. Glassman, "There is tremendous energy and excitement at the Foundation to move forward and expand our capabilities and resources. I'm looking

forward to working with the Foundation's outstanding board of directors, donors, staff, and supporters to advance the Foundation's important work."



Cecilia Aguilera Glassman.

Ms. Glassman earned a law degree from UCLA School of Law, and she has served as the Assistant to the Mayor for Community Relations for Mayor Richard Riordan, acted as vice president of Consensus Planning Group, a company that specializes in assisting organizations win support for their development projects, held the post of Director of Education Initiatives in the Office of the City Attorney and was Senior Director of the Outreach Initiative Development Group for the City of Hope.

Founded in 1998, the Los Angeles Police Foundation supports the LAPD by creating partnerships that provide resources and programs that help the police serve at their highest level and enhance LAPD-community relations.

The Los Angeles Police Foundation is the major source of private financial support for the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). The Foundation is dedicated to helping LAPD prevent crime, save lives and make our community a better and safer place to live, work and visit by assisting LAPD with resources not provided in the city budget.

To date, the Los Angeles Police Foundation has awarded more than \$12 million in grants to LAPD projects and programs that benefit our communities in the areas of community outreach, equipment, scholarships, training, youth programs and technology.

AIRPORTS

Shooters Win Medals

Airport Police Officers win multiple gold shooting medals.

Story by Sgt. Belinda Nettles, Airport Police; Photos courtesy Airport Police

Over several days of competition, from Aug. 11 through Aug. 15, Airport Police Officers Carlos Gonzalez and Sergio Barot competed in the Western States Police and Fire Games, both individually and as a team, in Las Vegas. The competition included police departments from throughout California, Nevada and Arizona.

"This was an excellent opportunity to showcase our department's fine training and amazing officers," said Airport Police Chief George Centeno. "It is with great pleasure that I congratulate them in their achievements at this prestigious competition."

Officer Gonzalez won two gold medals in the individual revolver category; two bronze medals in the individual pistol; and one bronze for the team revolver. Officer Barot won two gold medals in the rifle category; one bronze for pistol; one silver for the individual revolver category; and one bronze for the team revolver.

Alive! congratulates Officers Gonzalez and Barot for their excellent marksmanship!



One of the medals won by the Airport Police.



Airport Police Officer Carlos Gonzalez.



Airport Police Officer Sergio Barot with his medal.

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Coloring with Lupe!

The *Alive!* Children's Coloring Contest

Compiled by Lupe Medina, Administrative Services Representative

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

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Your name _____ How old are you? _____

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

What is your favorite snack? _____

What is the first name of your best friend? _____

Why do you want to go to LEGOLAND?: _____

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Name of parent/guardian: _____

Job title and department with the City: _____

Parent/guardian phone number: _____

Child's address/state/zip: _____

Submit to:

Club Coloring Contest
City Employees Club of Los Angeles
120 West 2nd Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Deadline for submission:

October 15, 2010

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

Good luck, and have fun!

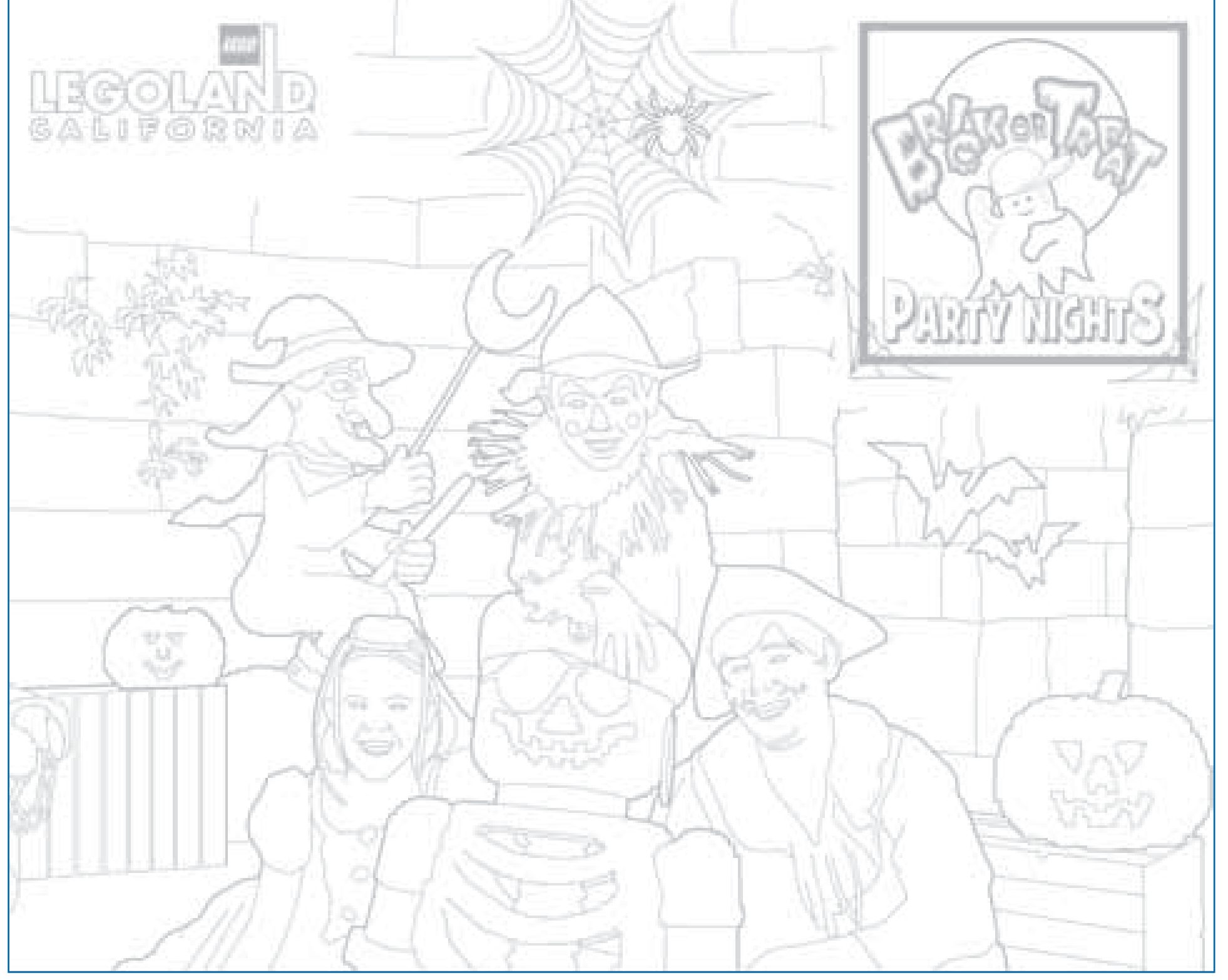
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LEGOLAND

An award package will be given for each age group:

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



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The Best Years

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9521 Las Tunas Dr. #4,
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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:

Oct. 7: Annual corporation meeting and elections, 1 p.m., Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles.

Dec. 9: RLACEI holiday party, noon, Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park.

Call (800) 678-4145, ext. 701 for reservations.

RLACEI:

First Joint Meeting Between RLACEI, LACERS Set Oct. 7

President, Ed Harding reports:



Ed Harding

"It is with a heavy heart that I must report that Jack Mathews has resigned his position of Director of RLACEI, due to ill health. Jack has been one of our Directors for the last 15 years. I have known Jack for the last 35 years. Jack was President of the All City Employees' Association for 20 years prior to his retirement. No matter what Jack did, he did a good job and everybody loved him. I am going to miss him sitting across from me at our director's meetings. The Board unanimously approved Jack as an

Honorary Member of RLACEI.

"I just received a flyer from LACERS regarding the Open Enrollment Meeting on Oct. 7 at the Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr. in Los Angeles. This is the first joint meeting with LACERS and RLACEI. LACERS is starting their meeting at 9 a.m., with a Continental breakfast and fill continue with their meeting until noon.

"RLACEI will serve lunch at noon with a choice of three different kinds of sandwiches and a side salad. After lunch we will elect

Directors. The nominees to be elected are Ken Spiker, Helen Salgado, Mary Beetz, Gary Mattingly and myself, Ed Harding. Please come to the meeting and support the newly nominated Directors. They have done so much for all our retirees.

"After the election, LACERS' representative will talk and bring us up to date on what is new at LACERS. The giving away of many door prizes will conclude the meetings."

LACERS Update: Mary Beetz, LACERS representative, reports:



Mary Beetz

"LACERS Health Plan Open Enrollment for Plan Year 2011 to be Oct. 15-Nov. 15. These events will give LACERS retired Members an opportunity to speak with their medical and dental plan providers as well as direct questions to LACERS health advocates, representatives, and other health benefits staff. There will be a Continental breakfast served, carrier presentations, health screenings, raffles, and more at each location. Parking at each location is free or validated."

"Open Enrollment Meeting: RLACEI will co-sponsor LACERS' first retiree health benefits Open Enrollment Meeting for plan year 2011, which will take place Thursday morning, Oct. 7 at the Friendship Auditorium. RLACEI's Annual Meeting and Elections will follow at 1 p.m. after the Open Enrollment meeting.

Open Enrollment Meeting Schedule: 9 a.m. – noon (except Las Vegas: noon – 3:30 p.m.)

Oct. 7	Los Angeles	Friendship Auditorium 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles
Oct. 21	San Fernando Valley	Airtel Plaza Hotel 7277 Valjean Ave., Van Nuys
Oct. 27	Inland Empire	Ayres Hotel and Suites 1945 East Holt Blvd., Ontario
Nov. 2	South Bay	DoubleTree Hotel San Pedro 2800 Via Cabrillo Marina, San Pedro
Nov. 4	Las Vegas	The Orleans Hotel and Casino 4500 West Tropicana Ave., Las Vegas
Nov. 10	North Hollywood	Beverly Garland Hotel 4222 Vineland Ave., N. Hollywood

RSVP today by calling LACERS at (800) 779-8328

"Express Scripts: LACERS Anthem subscribers who are using the NextRx mail order pharmacy are being transitioned to Express Scripts. The transition is being done gradually, and new Express Scripts cards will be issued in

January. Until then, Anthem subscribers can use their existing ID cards and numbers, and customer service phone numbers.

"Should you experience any difficulties in filling your prescriptions

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RLACEI Website

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

Contact LACERS

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

The Best Years

ADVENTURES with HAL!



Evelyn dances with a friend.

By Hal Danowitz,
Secretary, RLACEI

Retiree Hotlines

Who to call? Call the Helpline and reach the officers of the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. If you move or change your address, contact Helen Salgado. Also notify LACERS, ACEBSA, and LAFUCU.

City Employees Retirement System:
(213) 473-7200

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

• Mary Beetz	Ext. 711
• Hal Danowitz	Ext. 707
• Americo Garza	Ext. 710
• Edward Harding	Ext. 703
• Michael Karsch	Ext. 704
• Jack Mathews	Ext. 712
• Gary Mattingly	Ext. 702
• Neil Ricci	Ext. 714
• Helen Salgado (membership)	Ext. 713
• Phil Skarin	Ext. 709
• Ken Spiker	Ext. 705
• Tom Stemnock	Ext. 708
RSVP:	Ext. 701

DWP Retirement Plan Office: (213) 367-1722

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Tom Stemnock and Phil Skarin: Golf

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Phil Skarin



A Birthday by the Bay

■ Hal and Co. celebrate a birthday in San Francisco.

The birthday of our cousin Myrna (of Don and Myrna fame) is in July, and she asked us if we would go to San Francisco with them to celebrate the occasion. What sealed the deal for me was when she said she would pay for the airfare. Seeing that it was her party, I let her plan where we would stay and all of the activities. To tell you the truth, it was nice not having to do all the reservations and planning.

We flew up on Tuesday morning from LAX to San Francisco International on Southwest Airlines. For short trips they are the best airline, with no baggage charge. Now, if I were planning the trip, I would have flown into Oakland International, one, because it has more Southwest flights; and two, because it is a smaller, less crowded airport that's closer to downtown San Francisco. As it was, it was no problem getting our bags (it seems they had come on an earlier flight), and the taxi ride into San Francisco only took about 30 minutes and cost \$40, including tip.

We stayed at the Andrews Hotel (624 Post Ave, [800] 926-3739), which is in a great location just two blocks from Union Square. It's a charming, European-style hotel centrally located in San Francisco's renowned theater and shopping district. Its small size -- just 48 guest rooms -- allows the friendly and courteous front desk staff to give you individual attention.

The hotel offers a complimentary Continental breakfast buffet each morning served on each floor, and complimentary coffee and tea in the cozy (small) lobby all day long, along with free Wi-Fi throughout the hotel.

In the evening you can have a complimentary glass of wine at Fino Ristorante & Bar, just off the lobby.

This is how the hotel describes itself: "It was built back in 1905; construction began for the Sultan Turkish Baths, a gentleman's bath and relaxation establishment. It was a Class-A structure, meaning a steel frame that was state of the art for the time. It was a good move on the part of the architects, because some months later, in 1906, the big quake struck the city. Though the fire that followed left its mark, the baths frame was

hardly damaged by the earthquake, and repairs didn't take long. The Sultan Baths, which finally opened in 1907, was a full-service affair, with a tiled hot room, a rubbing room, a restaurant, bar, barber, and chiropodist. Bedrooms could be rented as well, and the place had a steamy reputation that didn't arise from the sauna.

for lunch, we walked around Union Square and the Market Street area. They have done a lot to cleanup the area, and there is a lot of high-end shopping. As a tourist, you want to stay east of Jones Street and north of Market Street. To the west is the area known as the Tenderloin with a heavy population of homeless and street people.



Evelyn with the famous San Francisco cable car.

"In 1928, the Sultan Baths catered to its last gentleman, and a hotel opened in its place. During the next decades, 624 Post was an office building, a youth hostel, and a number of restaurants (including the China Doll, which had an aquarium spanning most of a wall). In 1981, Harry Andrews acquired the property, renovated it to its original Victorian splendor, and named it after his grandfather, under whose name it flourishes today."

Our room was a petite suite, all of 140 square feet, but at \$172 night (including taxes) it was fine. The location was great and the hotel services were what they advertised.

After checking in and getting a quick bite

While the ladies did some shopping, Don and I had a beer at an outdoor café in Union Square.

Myrna planned for our dinner that evening to be at the Cliff House (1090 Point Lobos, [415] 386-3330), which has been around for years and is known for its sunset views and is part of the Sutro Historic Landscape District. The first Cliff House was a modest structure, built in 1863 by Sen. John Buckley and C.C. Butler. Perched on spectacular cliffs overlooking the Pacific Ocean, the Cliff House is one of the crown jewels of San Francisco's Golden Gate National Recreation Area, the largest urban park west of the Mississippi River.

ADVENTURES with HAL

We had to wait for a table by the window, so we had a drink in the lobby area. The food was just okay, and I was disappointed that the changes made to both the inside and outside of the structure have changed the appearance from a 19th-century building to 20th-century modern.

The one attraction we did plan to see was the *Birth of Impressionism: Masterpieces From the Musee d'Orsay* at the De Young Museum in Golden State Park. The d'Orsay is in Paris and is being renovated. Paris is a sister city to San Francisco, and the almost 100 paintings represented the beginning of the impressionism movement. The current showing ended in September; however, another group of paintings from the later period was scheduled to open at the end of September. All of us had been to the d'Orsay, but seeing them again in a closeup showing was great. Evelyn were scheduled to go to Napa at the end of September and hope to see the second part of the show.

We caught a taxi back to Union Square and walked through the Stockton Street Tunnel to go to Fisherman's Wharf. San Francisco is a very hilly city, and normally you would have to climb a hill to get over California Street. But using the tunnel, you can skip the hills. It is about a two-mile walk, and you pass through Chinatown.

We had lunch on Pier 39 where we stopped to watch the seals, and then walked over to Ghirardelli Square for ice cream. The square once had a lot of shops, but is now being converted into a hotel, condominiums and timeshares.

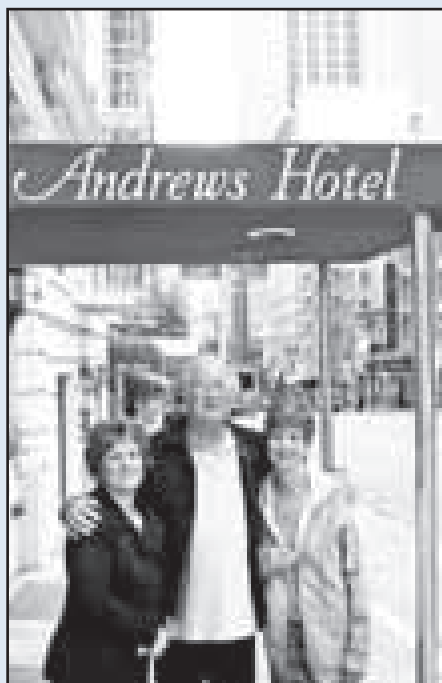
We took the cable car back to Union Square, waited about 45 minutes and paid \$5 to take a very uncomfortable ride with a bunch of smelly tourists.

We had dinner at Fino on the ground floor of the Andrew Hotel adjacent to the lobby. The food was Italian, and overall I give the restaurant a good rating with the exception that it was very noisy.

Thursday was our last full day, and we took a walking tour of Chinatown. It is the oldest Chinatown in North America and the largest Chinese community outside Asia. Since its establishment in the 1840s, it has been highly important and influential in the history and culture of ethnic Chinese immigrants to the United States and North America.

We booked our 10 a.m. tour with Local Taste of San Francisco which started at the main gate on Grant Street. We met our guide and began our private tour by visiting one of the oldest cathedrals in San Francisco, which survived the 1906 San Francisco earthquake.

Next stop was at a music store, where they seemed to have every musical instrument ever made. We stopped to sample some dim sum, which was not very good. We then visited a local Buddhist temple, which was very interesting. Then at a local market, we stopped to watch them make fortune cookies, and they even let us put our own fortunes in the cookies. Our last stop was at a teashop, where we tasted at least 15 different types of tea. Except for having to use the bathroom, the experience was good.



In front of our hotel.

We played a little bridge in the afternoon, and for dinner we celebrated Myrna's birthday by eating at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse. The food and service were very good.

In the morning, Evelyn and I decided to go to a breakfast place that was recommended by one of the taxi drivers. Dottie's True Blue Café (522 Jones St.) is a small hole in the wall with about 10 tables and a seven-stool counter. The wait time in the morning is about an hour, but you get to talk to other tourists, and the food is well worth it.

After breakfast, we walked over to Union Square and then back to the hotel where we met up with Don and Myrna. We took a taxi back to the airport to catch our afternoon flight home.

San Francisco is a great short vacation trip, with lot of attractions and very good restaurants.



The four of us have dinner at the Cliff House.

LACERS Update

■ By Mary Beetz



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during the transition, please contact Anthem's member services at (800) 288-2539 (PPO/Medicare Supplement) or (800) 227-3771 (HMO) or call LACERS to assist you.

Health Care Legislation: The federal government will reimburse LACERS up to \$20 million in health care costs, subject to approval.

"LACERS will receive an estimated \$20 million in reimbursements and savings as a health plan sponsor as part of its successful acceptance in the Early Retiree Reimbursement Program (ERRP). LACERS was one of the first agencies to submit its ERRP application to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The ERRP is part of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), as amended by the Health Care and Education

Reconciliation Act (HCERA).

"LACERS was notified of its acceptance into the federal ERRP by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The ERRP was created by the Affordable Care Act to assist employers in maintaining coverage for early retirees age 55-64 who are not yet eligible for Medicare.

"The ERRP is a temporary program that will reimburse 80 percent of early retiree medical claims ranging between \$15,000 and \$90,000, with each claim subject to approval as a condition of ERRP. The ERRP ends on January 1, 2014, when state health insurance exchanges are up and running. LACERS is one of the nearly 2,000 organizations that have been accepted into the program, which will begin issuing reimbursements this fall."

LACERS Joins Fed. Early Retiree Program

■ LACERS approved into the federal early retiree reinsurance program.

On Aug. 31, the Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System (LACERS) was notified of its acceptance into the federal Early Retiree Reinsurance Program (ERRP) by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The ERRP was created by the Affordable Care Act to assist employers in maintaining coverage for early retirees age 55 and older who are not yet eligible for Medicare.

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LACERS administers the City's pension plan to more than 43,500 active and retired City employees and other beneficiaries



Bob Wilkinson

RLACEI

■ Bob Wilkinson, Ex Councilman, RLACEI Officer, Dies at 92

Robert M. "Bob" Wilkinson, who served the City as a Councilman and, in retirement, continued that service as an officer of the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI), died Sept. 27. He was 92.

He served on the Council for the Third and then the 12th districts. The Robert M. Wilkinson Multipurpose Senior Center in Northridge was named for him.

For the RLACEI, he served as officer/first vice president, and then as a chair of the audit committee in the mid- to late-2000s. He left the RLACEI leadership position in December 2008. Services are to be held Oct. 9 at the First Lutheran Church in Northridge.

Did You Know?

■ Halloween History

The origins of Halloween can be traced back to ancient Ireland and Scotland. On Oct. 31, the Celts celebrated the end of summer. This was important because it was when animal herders would move their animals into barns and pens and prepare to ride out the winter. This was also the time of the crop harvests. This annual change of season and lifestyle was marked by a festival called Samhain – pronounced "sow-ane," and it means "end of summer." Sow rhymes with cow.

There was much superstition associated with this time of change, including the belief in fairies, and that the spirits of the dead wandered around looking for bodies to inhabit. Since the living did not want to be possessed by spirits, they dressed up in costumes and paraded around the streets making loud noises to confuse and frighten the spirits away. In addition, the new year began for the Celts Nov. 1. So, the day of Samhain was believed to

be a day that was in neither the year past nor the year to come. Since it was in between, chaos ruled on that day. Often, people would pull practical jokes on others as a result.

Around the fifth century, the developing Catholic Church moved into the Celts area, instead of adding on a new day and to celebrate, the church took over the Samhain celebration. Nov. 1 became "All Hallows Eve," where all the saints of the Catholic church were honored. A later custom developed where people would go door-to-door on Nov. 2, requesting small cakes in exchange for the promise of saying prayers for some of the dead relatives of each house. This arose out of the religious belief that the dead were in a state of limbo before they went to heaven or hell and that the prayers of the living could influence the outcome. This may have been the precursor to trick-or-treating.

– Mary Beetz, RLACEI



Angel's

Be Alive!

Angel Gomez,
Director of
Member
Services

Lake

Hello again!

This month we visit Lake Arrowhead. Nestled in the mountains of the San Bernardino National Forest, Lake Arrowhead, also known as "The Alps of Southern California," is a cozy mountain resort paradise featuring numerous outdoor recreational activities, stunning year-round scenery and wildlife, and a natural peacefulness that has lured people to these mountains for centuries for relaxation and a romantic getaway from Los Angeles.

History

In 1891, three businessmen from Ohio decided to build a lake in Little Bear Valley. They planned to supply water to the San Bernardino Valley. After buying the land, they obtained water rights and formed the Arrowhead Reservoir Company. They began building a dam in 1893. It was to be a semi-hydraulic fill dam, and would be 200 feet high, 720 feet long, and 1,100 feet thick at the base, with 60 miles of tunnels for moving water when completed.

Trees and bushes were cleared from Little Bear Valley, which would be the bottom of the new lake. By 1905, the core wall of the dam was 43 feet high, but bringing equipment up the mountain and moving the earth and materials was a huge job. Two narrow-gauge locomotives were used. The first, a little engine from San Francisco, named "Black Annie," proved to be the real workhorse of the dam construction. The little locomotive backed dump cars to the steam shovel for filling, and then hauled them out to be emptied.

The reservoir slowly began to fill up with water that had made its way down the creeks and little canyons around the valley.

In 1905, the idea of using the lake's water for power caused the project to be changed to a new operation called the Arrowhead Reservoir and Power Company. They continued work on the dam and tunnels.

This made the farmers and ranchers in the desert angry. They depended on water from the mountains. They sued the company and won their case. In 1912, the state passed laws preventing the company from selling the water, except for domestic use, or using it to make electricity. Even though the lake was still filling up, they quit the reservoir project.

In 1920 a group from Los Angeles, the Arrowhead Lake Company, bought the lake and surrounding land. They changed the name to Lake Arrowhead and began to develop the area as a tourist resort. They improved roads, water and sewer systems, built three hotels, a golf course and a shopping village with a theater, restaurant, gift shops and beach area. The remaining land was subdivided for private homes and cabins. The area soon began to grow and prosper. Being so close to Hollywood was convenient to film producers, and the area became popular for making movies. Many celebrities stayed in the resorts and even bought homes. During the war years, Lake Arrowhead was a popular recreational area for servicemen.

In 1946 the lake and surrounding land was sold to the Los Angeles Turf Club. They donated large tracts of land to a variety of churches and organizations, including giving the North Shore Tavern to the University of



Angel Jr. and Kathy at Lake Gregory, enjoying some exercise.

The view from the shore trail.



California, and land and money to the Sisters of St. Joseph for building a hospital. The remaining land became known as Arrowhead Woods.

In 1960, the lake was sold to the Lake Arrowhead Development Co., which later became part of the Boise Cascade Co. The land was further subdivided and improved, and the golf course was renovated and enlarged to 18 holes.

After the Sylmar earthquake in 1971, the state required studies of all dams in California. It was determined that the Arrowhead dam would not be safe in a 6.5 earthquake, so a bond was passed to build a new dam just downstream. In 1974 the new dam was completed, creating Papoose Lake. Soon afterwards, property own-

ers in Arrowhead Woods bought Lake Arrowhead from Boise Cascade.

In 1978, developers bought the old village. The buildings needed many repairs. The new owners let the fire department burn the buildings as a training exercise, and rebuilt the village with modern shops and a marina.

The Lake and Trail

We traveled to Lake Arrowhead, and let me tell you it was amazing! The trip from near Los Angeles to Lake Arrowhead was only about an hour and 20 minutes. The views on the way there were just fantastic. We stayed in the Lake Arrowhead Resort; this place is an oasis! The resort is right on the lake; they have a spa, a beach, nearby trails and let's not forget the heated pool and two small Jacuzzis.

Along the way to Lake Arrowhead, you will see signs to Lake Gregory.

This lake is about 10 minutes before you arrive on Lake Arrowhead.

I recommend you swing by and enjoy the lake; there are many things to do there. They have paddle boats, big three-wheeler bikes and a slide.

After, checking in we walked around a bit and then asked about Lake Gregory. We traveled back to Lake Gregory (about 10 minutes), took some big three-wheelers and paddled around the lake for about an hour.

The cost to rent these was about \$3. Kids and adults really enjoy this, and I have to say you will be tired after an hour of paddling, but that will last only a few minutes, and you will recover. Your memories will last forever.

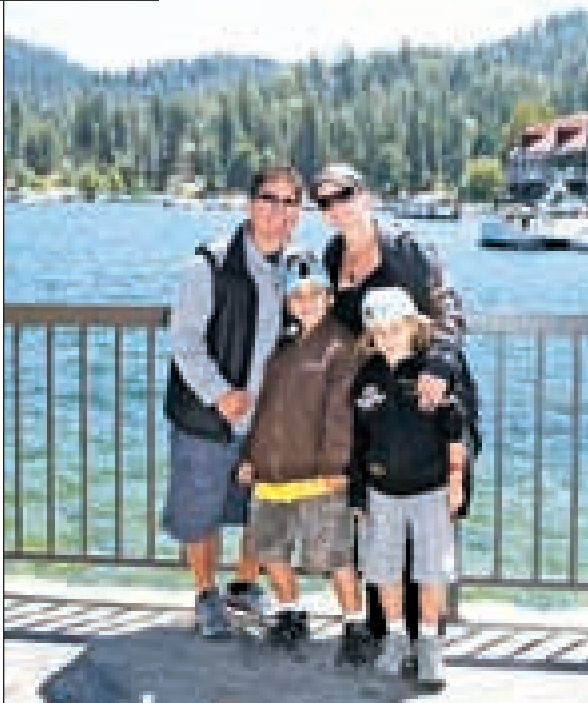
The resort also has a big water slide, and that looked pretty fun, too. If you hang around the lake, you will also be next to the Lake Arrowhead Village, where you will find small shops, a supermarket, an arcade and a McDonald's restaurant overseeing the lake. There's a pretty nice view from there too.

Lake Arrowhead Resort offers storytelling about animals in the area on Fridays and Saturdays. While you listen to the stories, you can make s'mores.

The two women who gave the presentation told us about the trail that basically takes you almost all the way around the lake. Just ask the front desk for the code.

The trail takes you on a relaxing tour of the lake, and

My family, the beautiful lake and gorgeous mountains surrounding us.



Lake Arrowhead Village

Arrowhead



Highlights:

- DAYS OF SUNSHINE:** 310
- SIZE:** 782 acres
- DEPTH:** 185 feet
- ELEVATION:** 5,108 feet

Directions:

- From Los Angeles:
- Take the I-10 east
 - Merge onto I-605 north
 - Take CA-210 until you reach the CA-18/Waterman Ave, Exit 76
 - Turn left at the CA-173 west
 - Go toward Lake Arrowhead Village
 - The resort is to the right of the village

Angel on the trail and a view of the lake behind him.



The private beach at the resort.



Aden and one of his new friends, the squirrel.



Aden and I sitting outside, enjoying our partial view of the lake.

you will see many beautiful homes and boats along with special views along the way.

Before I forget, the village has a shorefront area where you can shop, and eat at a restaurant with a beautiful lake view. I also saw a tour boat that takes you around the lake. The cost is minimal, less than \$10. I would bet you could get a lot of great shots from that tour.

We like this place so much (and it is really convenient) that we already made reservations for this winter. Prices are on Lake Arrowhead Resort's Website.

We stayed in a room with a partial view, it was cheaper that way. I am always, looking to save a buck!

I hope you can take a few days or even one day to go up to Lake Arrowhead and enjoy the beautiful landscapes. I promise you will feel relaxed and really enjoy yourself. Don't forget to pack plenty of water and snacks, and maybe spend a little time just walking and enjoying the scenery.

If you also take your family or friends, I would love to see your pictures. So send them to me at agomez@cityemployeesclub.com.

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

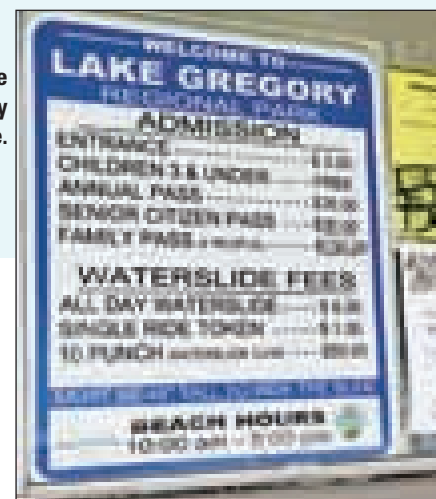


Aden and Lake Gregory.

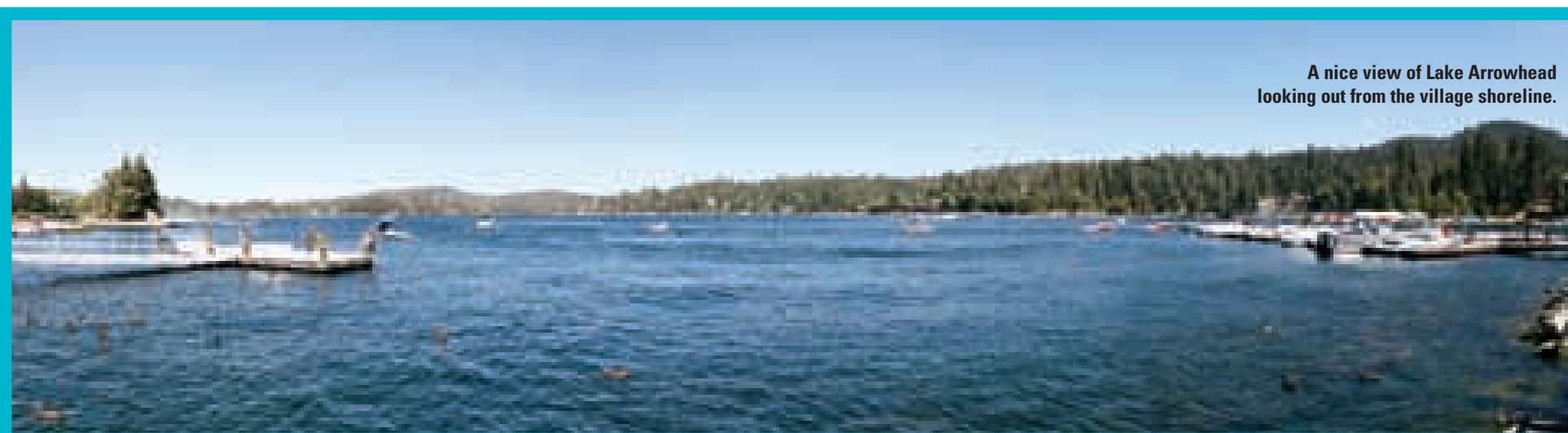


Angel enjoys a s'more without the marshmallow.

The Lake Gregory entrance.



Angel Jr., Aden and me at the Lake Gregory sign.



A nice view of Lake Arrowhead looking out from the village shoreline.

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

No. 32 in a series.



People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.

Meet Charles Phillips.



AGE: "I'm 54."

BIRTHPLACE: "I was born in Los Angeles, but I grew up in Milwaukee."

MARITAL STATUS: "I am single."

FAMILY: "I have seven sisters and two brothers."

MILITARY: "Never been in."

WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES?

"In 2000. I moved here because my mother passed away."

EDUCATION:

"I went to Rufus King High school in Milwaukee."

FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY:

"My grandmother."

RELIGION: "I am Christian but I do not go to church." (He pointed to the cross on his neck chain.)

DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS? "I have no friends."

WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "At 14th Place and Broadway."

WHAT WAS THE LAST JOB YOU HAD? "Back in Milwaukee, I worked in a tannery shop and at an extrusion company making straws. When I moved to LA, I worked at the Midnight Mission, making \$200 a month."

FAVORITE SPORT: "I play ping pong. And I also like baseball and football."

FAVORITE MOVIE: "*The Magnificent Seven*."

FAVORITE ACTOR: "I like a lot of actors."

FAVORITE ACTRESS: "Marilyn Monroe, Debbie Reynolds, Doris Day, and also Ella Fitzgerald."

FAVORITE MUSIC: "When you walked up, I was listening to Kool and the Gang."

FAVORITE CANDY: "Candy money— they are red like cherries. And I love chocolate-covered raisins."

FAVORITE FOOD: "I love meatloaf, chicken a la king, liver, meatballs and mock chicken legs."

WHAT'S THE LAST BOOK YOU READ? "Perry Mason."

ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "Do your *thang*. Keep it real. Life's worth living."

IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE? "I would wish for a million dollars."

IF YOU HAD \$1 MILLION, WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH IT? "I would head straight to Vegas and play the slot machines."

IF YOU WERE THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES, WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO HELP THE HOMELESS? "I would walk around the streets and talk to people. I would spend money on housing."

The Club gave Charles shaving cream, a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, two pairs of socks, shampoo, hand wipes, some food, \$20 and some bottled water.

The interview took place Sept. 8 at Fourth and Spring Streets downtown.

Photos by Angel Gomez



{ 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.

HARBOR

Summer Interns, Prepared for the World

Port honors summer high-school interns.



The Port's Martín Chavez, innovator of the intern program, hosted the event.



Amy Grat, ITEP's new CEO, shared her thoughts of the importance of the opportunity given to the students.



Alameda Corridor Transportation Representatives (from left) Elaine Silvestro, Maria Melendres and Janice Putman pose with their intern, Vanessa Garcia.



Earning the Workshop Excellence Award was Edy Delgado, presented by Martín Chavez.



Martín Chavez presents the Outstanding Student Award to Cynthia Tejada.

For ten years, the Harbor Department has been "Opening the World Today and Preparing for Tomorrow" through its coordination of the International Trade Education Summer Internship. On Sept. 2, Martín Chavez of the Port's Human Resources Division celebrated the culmination of the nine week summer program. The event was held at Wilmington Banning High School's Woodson Hall.

During the summer, 49 students experienced jobs involved in public service, commerce and the maritime industry. "It is hard to believe a decade has passed and we have seen so many outstanding students grow into adults before our eyes and have gone on to have an impact in education, industry, and their community," says Chavez, who designed the program. "This has been possible because of the support from industry, education, public officials and the City."

Even with today's economic challenges, ten new employers came aboard this summer to hire students: Aquarium of the Pacific; Cal State/Dominguez Hills; CNY Distribution Hub LLC; International Cargo Equipment, Inc.; NYK Logistics; Ocean World Lines; Source Abroad; Congresswoman Jane Harman's Office; Club Deportiva Chivas USA; and Shell Oil Company/Total Western.

Under the direction of the Port's college intern, Cynthia Jaime, the students attended workshops on preparing their résumés, personal statements, interviewing, and how to properly knot a tie. Cynthia designed and added workshop sessions this year to assist the students to prepare for the SAT exam. Eli Romero of Pacific Gateway coordinated with potential employers and, with Cynthia, identified students to interview for employment with those organizations.

Each student prepared for their interviews by composing a personal statement; created a résumé; achieved a good attendance record; and practiced interviews. After having successfully completed these tasks, they were ready for the assessment interview. The assessment interview with Chavez is what every student "looks forward" to having. Students interviewed with new employers to the program and returning companies: Halcrow Engineering; Watson Land Co.; California State Lands Commission; Alameda Corridor Transportation Authority; Juanita's Foods; Moffat & Nichol; Pasha Stevedoring & Terminals; SA Recycling; and Tesoro Refining; as well as the Port of Los Angeles' Wharfingers, Risk Management, Information Technology, Public Relations, Real Estate, and Construction & Maintenance Divisions, to name just a few of the employers.

The interns attended workshops each Friday afternoon on topics by the Los Angeles Federal Credit Union on financial management; college admission requirements, presented by the Outreach Office from Cal State/Dominguez Hills; peer pressure, goal setting, positive communication skills, and public speaking presentations. Students also took math and vocabulary exams. The workshops were coordinated by Ms. Jaime, who had assistance this year from Elizabeth Machuca, who was a Summer Intern in 2008 and is currently a marine engineering major at the California Maritime Academy.

During the culmination reception, the interns were addressed by new ITEP CEO Amy Grat, who reminded them of their obligation to commit to becoming involved as leaders in their school and community, and continue preparing to enter higher education. She spoke about the need the international trade industry has for new employees and the advantage they have been given to enter the workforce.

The City Employees Club sponsored the 2010 Student Awards. The Outstanding Student Award was presented to Cynthia Tejada, who spoke to the audience about how hard she and each student had worked to be part of the program; the positives it has brought to their lives; and thanking the employers on behalf of her classmates for the great opportunity to work alongside adults in a professional environment. The Workshop Excellence Award was awarded to Edy Delgado for his scores on the quizzes and participation in the workshops; for his hard work, he earned two tickets to a Dodgers game. The Workplace Professionalism Awards were presented to Melissa Avila, Stephanie Aguirre, Benjamin Castaneda, Edy Delgado, Denif Lopez, Daniel Ruvalcaba and Oscar Vargas. Recognized for Outstanding Professional Development were Ana Mayoral and Luis Serafin. Samira Aguilera received the special recognition Experiential Education Award. Thanks to Los Angeles Harbor College, each student in the program is eligible to receive three units of college credit.

In his closing, Chavez reminded the students of how hard they had worked and how they had grown into being young adults, reminding them they are more than students. "They are representatives of Banning High School and their academies who committed to be more than teens - they are those who care about their community and their future." These students are opening the world today and preparing for tomorrow. *Congratulations to the 2010 ITEP summer interns!*



More than 250 people attended the culmination reception in Banning High's Woodson Hall.



Martín Chavez thanks Elizabeth Machuca, intern class of 2008, for her assistance with the 2010 intern program.



California State Lands Commission representatives (from left) Kim Rogers and Debbie Smith pose with intern Oscar Caballero.



Intern Coordinator Cynthia Jaime thanks the students and employers for another great summer experience.



Cal State/Dominguez Hills Government Affairs Rep David Gamboa poses with his intern, Daniel Ruvalcaba.



SA Recycling representatives Frank Muratalla and Ellinor Lester with their intern, Selena Aguilera.



Friendship Transport's Emily Chen employed Valentina Rivera, with benefactor Mary Ellen Bonner.



Watson Land Company representatives (from left) Kelly Justiniano and Susan Miller with intern Alexis de Anda.



The Summer 2010 interns.



Pasha Stevedoring's Peggy Barteske with her intern, Olivia Amaya.

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 Dec. 5, 2010**

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- 50/50 drawing!
- Riding pin for first 250 bikes!
- With a special invitation to all Classic Cars!!



<p>LOCATION #1: DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catch 21 Restaurant (parking lot) 441 S. Central Ave. • Arrive 8:30 a.m. • Leave at 10:30 a.m. for LA Harbor-UCLA Medical Center in Torrance <p>Contact: Ray Reynoso (562) 857-9888 or Roberto Larios, LACEA (800) 464-0452</p>	<p>LOCATION #2: MISSION HILLS –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miller's Restaurant (parking lot) 10018 Sepulveda Blvd. • Arrive 8 a.m. • Leave 8:30 a.m. (heading to location #1) <p>Contact: Ralph Sanchez (818) 400-0652 or Dave Mills (861) 993-9431</p>
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After the ride, we will be going to San Pedro Ports O'Call at 6th & Pacific



Bring a new, unwrapped toy for a child age 1-18 to your starting location.

QUESTIONS? ... Call Ray Reynoso (562) 857-9888, Ralph Sanchez (818) 400- 8652 or Dave Mills (661) 993-9631
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LAPD

Breathing New Life

While off-duty, Detention Officer Juanita Kepford saved the life of a young boy who had stopped breathing.



Detention Officer Juanita Kepford holds a "Good Samaritan" plaque given to her by the community of Silver Lakes.

low breathing. I knew that was a good sign. "I looked around, and there must have been 100 people standing there, watching me do CPR on this little boy."
 The boy, six years old, was then airlifted to Loma Linda University Medical Center, where he survived. The boy reportedly is doing fine now and in school. The family prefers privacy, and Juanita has not met him since he left her arms on that day. At press time, a medal ceremony is pending.

Grief and Sadness No More

Is this the first time you've ever saved a life? "It is," she said. "It's the first time I've ever used CPR in real life, outside of my training." But maybe she wishes she would have known it as a little girl. "There was a tragedy in our family growing up. When I was just a kid, my aunt's little girl, Caroline, dropped her shoes in a ditch. She went into the waters, and they took her. She drowned in that ditch. She was so beautiful. It's been a lifetime of grief and sadness that you go through because of that."

And you prevented that grief and sadness from destroying another family.

"Yes, I guess I did. I prevented that in this family."

"I was thinking about [Caroline]; I always think about her. But I was really thinking about that little boy because I was trying to help him as much as I could. I know the community is now calling him 'The Miracle Boy.'"

"I thank God that he brought this child back. I just kept praying too in my mind. I kept saying that I wanted to bring this child back. I just feel that God listened to me or my prayer."

Alive! thanks Brian Hollenbaugh, Detention Officer and Club Member, for telling us about Juanita's great story.

A lot of City Employees are heroes day in and day out, for the great things they do for the City. It's not often their actions go past even that, but that's what Juanita Kepford did.

Juanita, a Detention Officer at the North Hills Area Jail, found herself using off-duty the CPR training she had learned for the job. And that training literally saved a life.

"My girlfriend invited me out to a carnival that was happening out where she lives, at Silver Lakes in Helendale" in San Bernardino County on July 3, she explained to *Alive!* "I was watching the kids, and then I heard a lady yell, 'Call 911!' I knew that something was wrong.

"So I looked down and to my right. [Sitting] a few feet from me was a little boy who a man had just brought out from the water, and it looked like the boy had drowned. The man said he wanted to start CPR, but he didn't know how. So I walked up to the boy, and I started checking for his heart-beat and for breathing. His color wasn't good. He wasn't breathing; he had no heart beat, and his eyes were dilated. I thought I'd have to act fast because this little boy is going to go.

"I started CPR right away. A lot of water came out of his mouth, and I continued with the breathing. I did compressions on his heart, and I continued back and forth for almost 10 entire minutes. A security officer at the park jumped in at the last minute; he did the compressions then, and then the fire department arrived [and took over]. But I continued, and in the last minute of those 10 minutes, the little boy started to breathe. He had shal-



Billy Rosenberg, Silver Lake City Council Member, presents Juanita with a plaque recognizing her heroic efforts.



At the Silver Lakes ceremony where Juanita received her plaque, back row from left: Consuelo Vasquez (Juanita's mother); Judy Martin, P.D.O., Van Nuys Station; John Martin, husband of Judy; and Dawn Tate (white top), Juanita's daughter. Front row: Joshua Kepford, Juanita's son; Juanita Kepford; Ella Tate, Juanita's granddaughter; Julie Suppa, Juanita's sister; and Nora Tate, Juanita's granddaughter. Photo by Billy Rosenberg.

Attention Lords and Maidens:

Medieval Times tix at the
 Club Store!

History Comes Alive!

Tales From the City Archives



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

The Road to Watts

LAPD Chief William Parker's preoccupation with the Mob in general (and Mickey Cohen in particular) blinded him to the changing nature of race relations in LA. *Third and final part.*

Hello everyone. This is John Buntin's third article in the trilogy excerpted from his *L.A. Noir: The Struggle for the Soul of America's Most Seductive City*. It is one of the finest articles I have read on this subject of an internal struggle within any given city in this country. I want to take this opportunity to thank John for this trip through the City of Los Angeles' mid-20th-century development and growth. I sincerely hope that reading these three parts of a cunning true story has enlightened your knowledge about this incredible city we work and live in. And we're working to have the Club Store carry John Buntin's volume in the very near future.

—Hynda



John Buntin. Photo by David Kidd.



L.A. Noir: The Struggle for the Soul of America's Most Seductive City by John Buntin.

Story by John Buntin; Photos courtesy the Herald Examiner and Security Pacific Collections, Los Angeles Public Library photo archive, Christine Rice, director.

In Greek tragedy, the hero is often undone by a tragic flaw in his personality. The same might be said of the final episode in the decades-long struggle for power between mobster Mickey Cohen and Dragnet-era police chief William Parker. Two more different personalities would be hard to imagine, yet each man was undone by a tragic flaw. For Cohen, it was a weakness for showgirls. For Chief Parker, it was a blindness to the moral dimensions of the civil rights movement. Cohen's lapses would lead to the end of his criminal empire. Parker's antipathy to the civil rights movement would lead the City straight to the Watts riots.

Mickey Cohen was not a handsome man, nor was he a natural conversationalist. Given these drawbacks, it's easy to understand how Cohen would eventually gravitate toward "professional" women including artist/stripper Liz Renay and burlesque dancer Candy Barr. Mickey was soon spending tens of thousands of dollars on Barr and a succession of other stripper paramours as the LAPD and federal agents watched. Cohen had already done one stint in the federal penitentiary system during the mid-1950s. In 1961, he was convicted of income tax evasion again. This time he was fined \$30,000 and sentenced to 15 years in prison.



Former LAPD Chief William Parker.

Parker's tragic flaw was far more consequential. As a devout young Roman Catholic who had grown up in Los Angeles at a time when Protestant ministers such as The Rev. "Fighting Bob" Shuler had routinely castigated Catholics for everything from the assassination of Abraham Lincoln to the Mexican Revolution, Parker might have been expected to have some understanding of what motivated the civil rights movement but as it turns out, he didn't. The chief was particularly horrified by the concept of civil disobedience. Parker seemed to believe that Los Angeles already was as integrated as it could be, barring "reverse discrimination" (i.e., forcing white people to work with and live next to black peo-

when they would rather not). To Parker, the willingness of Los Angeles-area civil rights organizations to criticize the LAPD – a department that Chief Parker firmly believed had done "a magnificent job" with race relations – afforded the final proof that the civil rights movement was essentially pro-Communist and anti-police.

In Chief Parker's world, race relations had a "through the looking glass" quality – race relations in Los Angeles seemed bad only because race relations were normally so good. Unnamed forces, Parker insisted, had chosen Los Angeles as "a proving ground" for their strategy of damaging the police precisely because it took racial complaints so seriously. Fortunately, the chief asserted, it wasn't working. "Negroes," he confidently asserted in the summer of 1963, "aren't ready to make big demonstrations." Nor would he permit the threat of disorder to intimidate the department into unilaterally disarming.



Mickey Cohen in handcuffs, 1962.

"This city can't be sandbagged by some threat of disorder into destroying itself," he told *Los Angeles Times* columnist Paul Coates in the summer of 1963. "We have the most advanced department in the nation in human relations." Even the outbreak of the Watts riots two years later failed to change his mind.

"A great deal of the courage of these rioters was based on the continuous attacks of civil rights organizations on the police," declared

Parker one month after the riots. Most Angelenos seemed to agree. Parker claimed that in the weeks following the riots and his media appearances he had received 125,000 telegrams and letters — "99 percent of them favorable." Forced to choose between Chief Parker and his critics, L.A.'s elected politicians made their choice: they went with the police. In March 1966, the City Council voted to commend Chief Parker for his management of the department and the "pattern of realistic human relations" he had established with the city's African-American community.

"It's most plausible that Chief Parker is the most powerful man in Los Angeles," mused *Los Angeles Times* publisher Otis Chandler to a *Washington Post* reporter that summer. "He is the white community's savior, their symbol of security."

Parker's post-Watts power proved short-lived. On the evening of July 16, 1966, the chief went to a banquet at the Statler Hilton Hotel to receive an award from the Second Marine Division, which was celebrating its 17th annual reunion. There he received a plaque citing him as one of the nation's foremost police chiefs. After a few brief remarks, he walked back to his table while a thousand Marines Corps veterans gave him a standing ovation. He sat down, then suddenly he leaned back and start-

ed gasping for air. Slowly he crumpled to the floor. His heart had finally failed him. After almost 39 years on the force, Chief William H. Parker was dead. He was 61.

Six years later, on Jan. 6, 1972, Mickey was released from the Springfield federal penitentiary. He was a shadow of himself. Nine years earlier, a deranged inmate had brained Cohen with a three-foot-long led pipe. Despite extensive physical therapy, Mickey still needed help with the most basic tasks, including getting dressed and standing up. After a visit with Carlos Marcello in New Orleans and some R&R in Mob-controlled Hot Springs, Cohen returned to Los Angeles to find a city transformed. The Sunset Strip he had once known was gone. Teenage punks and rock-n-roll had taken over what had once been Hollywood's grandest boulevard. Women now walked around "with skirts up to their neck." Even crime was bewildering and different.

"Today, it's a whole new setup, because you got punks running around. Kids go in, and people give them their money, and they still kill them afterwards," Mickey lamented.

Mickey's muscle days were over. But as the threat of violence that had long been associated with him dissipated, he now became what arguably he'd long wanted to be – a celebrity. When he went to the fights, real celebrities like Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr. and Redd Foxx would come over to say hello. (Mickey appreciated the fact that Sinatra always greeted him with a kiss on the cheek and the more formal, "Michael.") Although Cohen's tips were sadly reduced ("I maybe used to tip a barber \$20, I maybe tip \$5 now"), he still lived much as he had lived before. He still wore tailor-made



The funeral Mass for LAPD Chief William Parker, 1966.

clothes and robes. He still dined at restaurants including Chasen's, Perino's and Mateo's, even though it now took him four or five hours to get dressed to his standards. His sources of income remained mysterious.

In September 1975, Mickey checked into UCLA Medical Center, complaining of pain from an ulcer. It turned out he had stomach cancer. His doctors informed him that he had only months to live. Mickey used the time to relate his biography to the writer John Peer Nugent. The highly idiosyncratic result was *Mickey Cohen: In My Own Words*. The following summer, Mickey Cohen died at home in his sleep, leaving \$3,000 in cash, which the IRS promptly took. With back taxes, penalties, and interest, he still owed the U.S. government



Mickey Cohen and a bulletproof car, 1950.

Life's Important Moments

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Did you get married? Have a baby? (Yea!) Get a promotion? (Hooray!) Retire? (Ahhhh.) We want to hear from you. Share your news with the world! Send all notices and **high resolution photos** with the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com or send paper notices and print photos to: *Alive!*, 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**
Arturo Galvan
Gerald Heinold
Henry Higginbotham
Michael Johnson
Santosha Joseph
William Merritt
Mark Moody
Timothy Robertson
Arturo Saenz
Brandon Seale
Gregory Sherman
Ben Spolarich
Joseph White
- Building and Safety**
John Zolnikov
- City Attorney**
Donna Edmiston
- City Council**
Franki Becerra
- CDD**
Sandra Cervantes
Luis Medina
Margarita Schmeda
- Cultural Affairs**
Reverdia Trammell
- LAFD**
Timothy Crass
Jazmyn Davis
John Jacobsen
Annmarie Sanchez
Linda Ullum
- Finance**
Karen Dean
- General Services**
Howard Brown
Anthony Brownlee
Clarence Brumfield
Maria Canada
Julie Ocampo
Daniel Trask
- Harbor**
Kei Chan
- Housing**
John Alipio
Craig Arceneaux
Laura Flores
Marco Guerrero
Garrett Hysen
David McDonald
Sonia Panameno
- Teresa Williams
- ITA**
Mark Ishii
Maria Martinez
- Convention Center**
Jimmy Sotelo
- Library**
Joseph Gavile
- Neighborhood Empowerment**
Bonghwan Kim
- Personnel**
Phyllis Lynes
Demetna Willis
- Planning**
Patrick Ullum
- LAPD**
Alison Alexander
Annie Auzenne
Reynaldo Avalos
Yvette Binns Sharon
Chow DeEsta
Crenshaw Kari Davis
Algertha Dooley
Arlwin Flores Maria
Garcia-Ortega Teresa
Haddad Curtis
Handford Michelle
Harvey Yoshitaka
Iwanaga Lisa Kelly
Joseph Lamar
Tonya Lyn
Javier Mora
Merrick Morton
Hardy Muller
Donna Munoz
Jack Richter
Rosemary Ruvalcaba
Colleen Ryder
Miguel Sanchez
Hayley Smith
Marcus Smith Sr.
Reynaldo Solorzano
Yvonne Thompson
Salvador Torres
Conrado Torrez
Aloaf Walker
- PUBLIC WORKS**
- PW-Contract Administration**
David Dean
- PW-Engineering**
Willie Shaw
- PW-Sanitation**
Gwendolyn Jean-Baptiste
David Michel
Gary Valles
- PW-Street Lighting**
Ted Clark
Roy Lujan
- PW-Street Services**
Jesse Garcia
Jason Jaramillo
- Rec and Parks**
Lisa Banuelos
Sonia Carrillo
Margaret Dyer-Ramirez
Omar Espinoza
Stephanie Flores
Maria-Carlotla Flores
Charlotte Gutierrez
Anthony Lopez
Delia Noguera
Teresita Oliva
Jose Ramos
Richard Sisneros
Robin Smith
- Transportation**
Douglas Aleman
Yvonne Coleman
Robin Coston
Greg Frampton
Shahin Khajavi
Severa Mugol
Francisco Prieto
Daphany Robinson
Irene Serrano
Wanda Stearns
- Zoo**
Shirley Richardson
- Retired**
Lynn Avalos
Gloria Johnson
Victoria Messina
- Other**
Lorraine Betts
Tyrone Carter
Hugo Fimbres
Rene Moreno Lawrence
Rivera Patrick Woo
Gary Yates



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**
Garcia, Gloria, Rec and Parks, 4
Murrell, Clifton, Rec and Parks, 12
Stanley, Melvin, Public Works, 23
Williams, Anthony, Aging, 13
Winters, Derek, LAPD, 26
- Retired**
Argento, Raymond, Public Works, 28
Asuncion, Nena, City Clerk, 25
Bender, Richard, DWP, 24
Berge, Victor, Building and Safety, 19
Bibo, Gary, DWP, 31
Blyler, L.P., Library, 34
Brauckmann, Theodor, DWP, 20
Campbell, Gloria, DWP, 49
Chavez, Erlinda, Housing, 30
Chester, James, Airports, 6
Clark, Duane, DWP, 12
Collier, Bernice, Transportation, 12
Cole, Walter, DWP, 17
Cunningham, Kenneth, Transportation, 5
Davies, Loyal, DWP, 30
Escudero, Mike, DWP, 16
Gaulton, Lois, LAPD, 10
Godward, Richard, Public Works, 36
Graves, Charles, DWP, 33
Greenwood, Annunziatt, DWP, 25
Grim, Johnny, LAPD, 29
Hall, Bettie, Rec and Parks, 15
Harmon, Leonora, Finance, 26
Harvey, William, LAFD, 7
Hugo, Edmond, DWP, 24
Huling, Evelyn, DWP, 34
Hunnewell, Rodney, DWP, 7
Ingram, William, DWP, 29
- Jaranilla, Cesar, Public Works, 22
Jobe, Judy, Transportation, 10
Kopenec, Charles, Public Works, 34
Levin, Marvin, Public Works, 32
Linton, Gene, DWP, 18
Masang, Felipe, Rec and Parks, 2
McCall, Foster, Public Works, 22
Millan, Robert, DWP, 30
Miller, William, City Admin. Office, 21
Mota, Manuel, Rec and Parks, 12
Muma, William, Rec and Parks, 14
Najera, Benjamin, DWP, 10
Nash, John, DWP, 31
Niksick, George, DWP, 21
Pillon, Andre, General Services, 16
Read, Richard, Public Works, 37
Robertson, E.A., DWP, 20
Sambrano, Joe, DWP, 36
Shaffner, Ronald, DWP, 32
Smith, Albert, DWP, 31
Smith, Ray, Transportation, 17
Steiger, Frank, Harbor, 26
Steward, Russell, DWP, 40
Thompson, Fred, Public Works, 30
Turner, Frank, DWP, 34
Ulin, William, Public Works, 17
Walder, Charles, General Services, 24
Wallace, Frederick, DWP, 30
Wheeler, Jeanette, LAPD, 9
White, Emanuel, Transportation, 10
Withers, Paul, Public Works, 28
Yagura, Johnson, General Services, 10
Young, Gerald, DWP, 29
Zuber, William, DWP, 7



Weddings

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Births

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Peace of Mind

City Flex Benefits Open Now!

Are your current benefits offering you the satisfaction of peace of mind? If you haven't given your benefits a second look, now is the time to do so. A good reference is your paycheck statement, which will indicate deductions for corresponding benefits. The City Flex Benefits office is holding its annual open enrollment this month. Any changes made this time of year will begin effective Jan. 1 and continue throughout the year. Take advantage! Also, I encourage you to contact the Club's Member Services to review your benefits with the Club! We offer group supplement

insurance benefits to what your City Flex offers. Most of our plans (with the exception of Long-Term Disability) offer portability so that they continue when you retire. A last reminder -- the last day we are accepting applications for the Long-Term Care insurance plan during this open enrollment is Friday, Oct 29. Long-Term Care insurance protects your retirement income by providing a monthly benefit to pay for costs associated with custodial or nursing care. In comparison to Long-Term Disability, which is designed to cover your income in the

event of injury or illness, Long-Term Care is portable when you leave the City or retire. Also, you can have both benefits, and one plan will not affect the other. To ensure your qualification for the Long-Term Care insurance open enrollment, please plan your visit with the Club by mid-October.

BY TIFFANY SY
The Club's Peace of Mind Expert



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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



Special Achievements

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



Quinceañera



Stephanie Amber Hernandez turned 15 on July 10. She's the daughter of Florence and Val Hernandez, Public Works/Street Lighting.

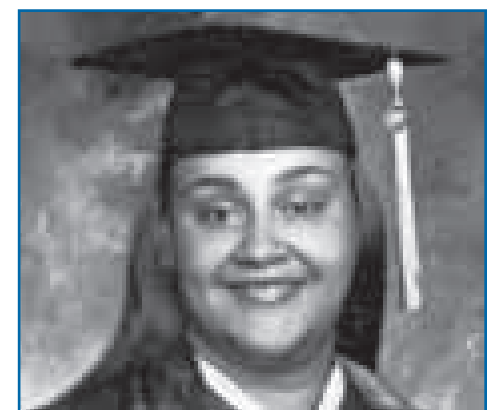
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Graduations



Dylan Akira Diaz graduated from kindergarten at St. Marianne School. He is attending first grade this fall. He received a couple of awards, including one for perfect attendance. He is the grandson of Jeannette A. Diaz, Accounting Clerk, LAPD Fiscal Operations Division.



Elna Louise Simpson graduated from the University of California, Irvine, with a Bachelor's degree in public health and a minor in sociology. She plans to work as a social worker for the Dept. of Children and Family Services or the Public Health Dept. She's the daughter of the late Carl E. Simpson, Airports, and Salome Simpson. "I am very proud of you, Elna, and I know your Dad is, too."

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



Retirements

NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS
Adagio, Victor	Messenger Clerk	Libraries	17	Gualberto, Madeleine	Chemist II	General Services	28	Maturino, Joe	Environmental Supv. II	Public Works	20
Allomong, Michael	Sr. Safety Officer	Airports	35	Gutierrez, Teresita	Child Care Center Dir.	Rec and Parks	20	McFee, James	—	DWP	—
Amato, Margaret Ann	Correctional Nurse	Personnel	23	Haggins, Hazel	Systems Analyst II	LAPD	25	McVicker, John	—	DWP	—
Aquino, Robert	Messenger Clerk	Libraries	9	Halajian, Garabet	Civil Engineer	Public Works	22	Mendoza, Esther	Event Attendant III	Convention Center	9
Arreseigor, Ada	Crossing Guard	Transportation	12	Hallstead, John	Sr. Systems Analyst II	Public Works	34	Mitschel, Robert	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst II	Housing	25
Ashikaga, Yosh	Sr. Construction Inspector	Airports	22	Harmon, Leonora	Clerk Typist	Finance	26	Mooney, Pamela	Asst. Dir. of Finance	Finance	22
Baca, Roy	—	DWP	—	Henderson, Thomas	—	DWP	—	Monroe, Betty	Crossing Guard	Transportation	7
Barajas, Felix	Sr. Gardener	Rec and Parks	34	Hernandez, Paul	Sr. Construction Inspector	Public Works	31	Morgan, Danny	Ref. Collection Truck Op. II	Public Works	36
Barklow, Stephen	Constr. and Maint. Supv. II	Rec and Parks	24	Hernandez, Robert	Special Prog. Asst. II	Rec and Parks	6	Murphy, Joseph	—	DWP	—
Barnes, Sterling	City Planning Assoc.	City Planning	26	Herrada, Carmen	Clerk Typist	Libraries	22	Nakawatase, Howard	—	DWP	—
Bass, Abram	Off. Engr. Tech. III	Building and Safety	22	Hewett, Kenneth	Motor Sweeper Operator	Public Works	40	Natividad, Barbara	Management Analyst II	CDD	35
Blazer, William	—	DWP	—	Hollis, Robert	Sign Painter	General Services	11	Nelson, Curtis	—	DWP	—
Bowers, Robert	Machinist	Public Works	11	Huang, Patricia	Store Guide II	Airports	7	Nettleton, James	—	DWP	—
Bragg, Willie	—	DWP	—	Jacobo, Louie	Storekeeper II	General Services	12	Nguyen, Peter	Transport Eng. Assoc. IV	Transportation	25
Brito, Reinaldo	Carpet Layer	General Services	27	Jaffray, Joseph	—	DWP	—	Ochoa, Violeta	Witness Service Coord.	City Attorney's Office	13
Broadwell, Jane	Info. Systems Mgr. II	Harbor	30	Jamieson, Allen	Systems Analyst II	Airports	30	Owen, Jeffrie	—	DWP	—
Broidy, Susan	Librarian III	Libraries	6	Jamshidinia, Hossein	Sanitary Engr. Assoc. III	Public Works	25	Orozco, Emil	—	DWP	—
Brown, Robert	Welder	General Services	30	Jaquez, Manuel	Purchasing Spec. Analyst II	General Services	33	Palacio, Antonio	—	DWP	—
Burwell, Jennie	Sr. Clerk Typist	Personnel	33	Jimenez, Jose	Sr. Detention Officer	LAPD	29	Pallan, Jose	Ref. Coll. Truck Opr. II	Public Works	31
Cabrera, Sergio	Truck Operator	General Services	20	Johnson, Charles	Security Officer	Airports	25	Penera, Karen	Dep. Supt. Building II	Building and Safety	35
Casteneda, Lamberto	Asst. Park Services Att.	Rec and Parks	1	Johnson, James	Rehab. Construction Spec. III	Housing	35	Pepito, Jose	Wastewater Trmt. Oper. III	Public Works	23
Castaneda, Michael	—	DWP	—	Johnson, Joey	—	DWP	—	Pettigrew, John	Street Lighting Elec.	Public Works	17
Caton, Thomas	—	DWP	—	Johnson, R. G.	Intermed. Wastewater Trmt. Opr.	Public Works	34	Pierce, Gereline	—	DWP	—
Chang, Chi Mei	Sr. Admin. Analyst II	—	24	Johnson, Robert	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	35	Pintar, Gary	—	DWP	—
Chinovsky, Charlotte	Management Analyst II	Personnel	15	Johnson, Valerie	Clerk Typist	LAPD	30	Pinto, Maurice	—	DWP	—
Corrales, Rosa Maria	Council Aide V	Council	16	Jolley, Kris	—	DWP	—	Ponce, Guadalupe	Crossing Guard	Transportation	11
Couris, John	Sr. Gardener	Rec and Parks	22	Jollivette, Charlotte	—	DWP	—	Portaluppi, Carmen	Crossing Guard	Transportation	11
Crespo, James	Stores Supervisor	General Services	25	Kazor, Virginia	Historic Site Curator	Cultural Affairs	40	Potter, Betty	Clerk Typist	Libraries	13
Curwen, Mary J.	Dep. City Attorney II	City Attorney	29	Kenney, Thomas	Street Lighting Elec.	Public Works	39	Reeves, Julianne	Sr. Admin. Asst.	ITA	16
Davis, Madelen	LAPD Pr. Clerk Police II	LAPD	35	Kerr, Donna	Crossing Guard	Transportation	11	Reichardt, Dwayne	Wastewater Trmt. Oper.	Public Works	36
Dela Cruz, Marcelino	—	DWP	—	Kiefer, Patricia	Asst. City Librarian	Libraries	31	Rendon, Gilberto	—	DWP	—
De Leon, Nancy	Accountant II	Public Works	15	Kinoshita, Richard	Sr. Rec. Director II	Rec and Parks	30	Reynosa, Raul	Ref. Coll. Truck Oper. II	Public Works	33
Dembigiotes, Pantale	Sr. Sanitary Engineer	Public Works	30	Kostrenich, Maria	Legislative Asst. II	City Clerk	35	Rodas, Mariano	Electrician	Rec and Parks	39
Diener, Gladys	Rec. Asst.	Rec and Parks	4	Kranen, Henry	Truck Operator/One Man	Public Works	19	Rodriguez, Raul	—	DWP	—
Di Sano, Paula	—	DWP	—	Kriley, Carolyn	Animal Keeper	Zoo	23	Roll, Dale	—	DWP	—
Dominguez, Mary	Special Prog. Asst II	Rec and Parks	6	Kung, Verena	Airport Guide II	Airports	7	Ruiz, Rosa	Clerk Typist	General Services	25
Duffin, Gary	—	DWP	—	Lacy, Marvel	Printing	General Services	20	Scott, Larry	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	18
Dunn, Jimmy	Sr. Construction Inspector	Public Works	24	Lamb, William	Director, Fin. Reporting	Controllers	41	Shamblee, Ronald	Wastewater Trmt. Mech. II	Public Works	26
Duran, Ronald	Cement Finisher	Public Works	11	Lancaster, Herman	Librarian III	Libraries	10	Shoop, Randall	Storekeeper II	General Services	20
Dyson, William	—	DWP	—	Lane, John	City Atty. Ch. Invest.	City Attorney	12	Singletary, Richard	—	DWP	—
Edwards, Jim	Street Services Supv. II	Public Works	27	Lawson, Wayne	Pr. Civil Engineer	Public Works	41	Skeen, Donald	—	DWP	—
Ellington, Michael	Pr. Detention Officer	LAPD	35	Lecour, Abraham	Street Services Worker II	Public Works	29	Slater, Lucille	—	DWP	—
Emerson, Elizabeth	Custodian	Airports	10	Lee, Larry	—	DWP	—	Slick, Roy	—	DWP	—
Eng, Glenn	—	DWP	—	Leskiw, Wendy	Physician I	Personnel	23	Snell, Judy	Forensic Print Spec. III	LAPD	36
Evans, David	Management Analyst II	Airports	15	Leyva, Joseph	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	33	Solis, Mario	Detention Officer	LAPD	15
Eyerly III, James	—	DWP	—	Loftin, Rita	Clerk Typist	Rec and Parks	15	Tavlian, Oysanna	—	DWP	—
Feagin, James	Construction Inspector	Public Works	19	Long, Miriam	Dep. Mayor	Mayor's Office	10	Thompson, Robert	Painter II	Airports	21
Francisco, Helen	Cartographer	Public Works	31	Longobardi, Robert	—	DWP	—	Thompson, Steven	Ref. Coll Truck Operator II	Public Works	30
Frescas, Jesus	—	DWP	—	Lopez, Beatrice	Sr. Personnel	LAFD	24	Thorne, Stephen	Management Analyst	LAPD	31
Gallagher, Dan	Chief Investment Officer	LACERS	35	Lopez, Jose	Accounting Clerk II	Cultural Affairs	40	Thrush, Dale	Council Aide VI	Council	10
Garcia, John	Harbor Equip. Mechanic	Harbor	35	Love, Johnny	Messenger Clerk	Libraries	9	Torres, Mercy	Clerk Typist	LAPD	10
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REC AND PARKS

Home, Home for the Rangers

Rec and Parks breaks ground for a new Ranger Station and visitor center in Hansen Dam.

Story courtesy Rec and Parks; Photos by JuanCarlos Chan, Rec and Parks

On Sept. 2, Rec and Parks broke ground for its new Park Ranger Station facility at Hansen Dam Recreation Center in Lakeview Terrace. A ceremony was held, which was hosted by Councilman Richard Alarcón.

The Hansen Dam Ranger Station, which is being made possible by Prop K funding, will be approximately 4,000 square feet and will provide a visitor center for the public; offices for the Rangers; restrooms; a storage area for ATVs; and new chain link fencing. This center has been eagerly anticipated by the adjacent community and will be a great addition to the services and

amenities provided at Hansen Dam, according to Rec and Parks.

The Ranger Station is the first of several projects at Hansen Dam to break ground. Upcoming

projects include the Hansen Dam campground, which will provide the opportunity for inner city youths to enjoy camping in the outdoors; wetland restoration, which will capture water from three adjacent parking lots and treat it with biofiltration; the Hansen Dam Skate Park, a 6,000 square foot skate plaza and small building for youths; as well as parking lot improvements and improvements to the equestrian trails.

The Hansen Dam Recreation Area is comprised of 1,437 acres in a natural setting that encompasses a wildlife preserve; 12 miles of equestrian and walking trails; a 40-acre water recreation facility, including a nine-acre recreation lake with year-round fishing; a 1.5 acre seasonal swimming lake; two large water slides and a sand volleyball court.



At the groundbreaking.



A rendering of the new Hansen Dam Ranger Station and visitors center.



At the groundbreaking.

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REVIEWS BY FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS

ENTERTAINMENT

MOVIE REVIEWS

**The Concert**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Thirty years ago, the conductor and musicians of the Bolshoi Orchestra were fired by the Communist Party for political reasons. The conductor becomes the Bolshoi's janitor. He learns

by accident that a famous theater in Paris wants the orchestra to play there. In an act of daring defiance, he calls his disgraced musicians to perform in place of the current orchestra.

This is a wonderful comedy from France, with heart and a rebellious sense of humor. Melanie Laurent, so wonderful in Tarantino's *Inglorious Basterds*, also stars. The music alone is worth the price of admission. Don't miss it.

– Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

**Despicable Me**

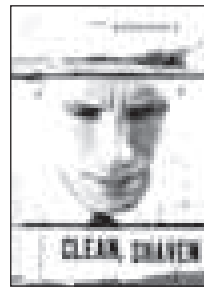
Rated PG

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Despicable Me is an excellent animated feature about a villain named Gru who has a change of heart. He schemes from a haunted house and works with a scientist and a bunch of cute, little yellow creatures

to develop weapons and stage crimes. He runs into three orphans and flashes back to his mother's continued rejection of his accomplishments. It is an excellent story, and the voice casting is perfect. I highly recommend it to families and kids of all ages.

– Erin Knight, Public Works

**Clean, Shaven (1993, on cable)**

Not Rated

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Peter Greene plays a schizophrenic father in this expressionist film that places the viewer inside the mind of the protagonist. Recently released from a hospital, he is being

hunted by a detective who suspects him of being a child killer. The suspense is heightened when the father finally gets to speak to his daughter.

While this film may be seen as sad or depressing, I found it life affirming, and Peter Greene's performance is incredible. This is a disturbing, unique look at the inner life of a schizophrenic trying to reunite with someone he loves.

– Erin Knight, Public Works

DVD Reviews

**Hachi: A Dog's Tale (2009)**

Rated G

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

This movie stars Richard Gere and Joan Allen. Richard Gere plays a profession who finds a dog at the train station. The bond the two have is like no other bond. There

are some scenes that give you the idea that you are the dog looking into a people world. This movie is based on a true story that took place in Japan. If you like or love dogs, you need to see this movie even though it's a bit sad at the end.

– Gwen Lew, DWP

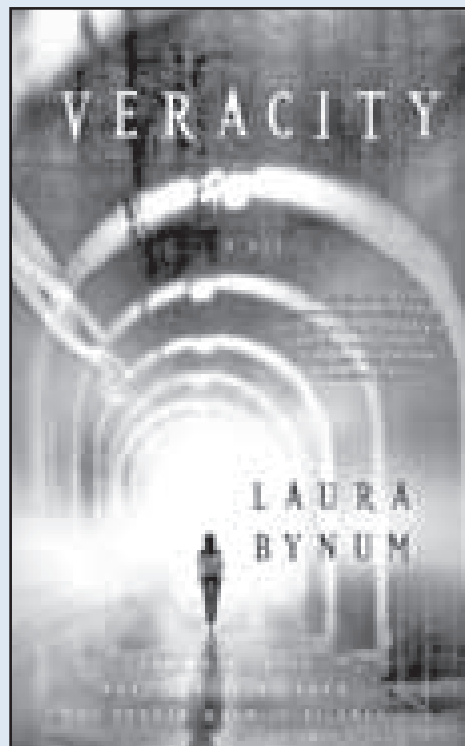
Book Reviews

**The Help**Kathryn Stockett
Historical fiction,
443 pages**My Score: 5 (out of 5)**

Black maids in 1962 Mississippi come together to write a book about the white women they work for and their on-the-job experiences. This fictional

account of these maids – the help – is an entertaining and eye-opening depiction of life in the South during the Civil Rights movement. The maids – Aibileen, Minny, Yule, May and others – are convinced by Eugenia "Miss Skeeter" Phelan, a budding author and white lady raised by help, to relate their stories when she notices how unfairly they are treated. After a publishing house agrees to accept the project, the ladies secretly meet for more than a year to dictate while Miss Skeeter types. All the while they continue to work for the employers they're writing about. The Mississippi town is in an uproar when the anonymously published book hits the stands. *The Help* is a wonderful read – the motion picture will be released next year.

– Carmen Steward, Fire and Police Pensions

Veracity

Laura Bynum

Crime fiction, 376 pages

Pocket Books

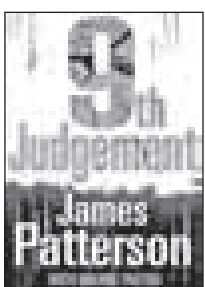
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This novel, which takes place in the year 2045, is Laura Bynum's debut novel in which speech is a weapon and security comes at the highest price of all.

Harper Adams was six years old in 2012 when an act of viral terrorism wiped out one half of the country's population. Out of the ashes rose a new government, the Confederation of the Willing, dedicated to maintaining order at any cost. The populace is controlled via government-sanctioned sex and drugs, a brutal police force known as the Blue Coats, and a device called the slate, a mandatory implant that monitors every word a person speaks. To utter a red listed forbidden word is to risk physical punishment or even death.

But there are those who resist. Guided by the fabled "Book of Noah," they are determined to shake the people from their apathy and ignorance, and are prepared to start a war in the name of freedom.

– Linda Rorex, Personnel

**The 9th Judgment**James Patterson and
Maxine Paetro
Mystery,
355 pages,
Little, Brown and Co.**My Score: 4 (out of 5)**

The ladies of the Murder Club are back – Lindsay, Claire, Yuki and Cindy, and they are

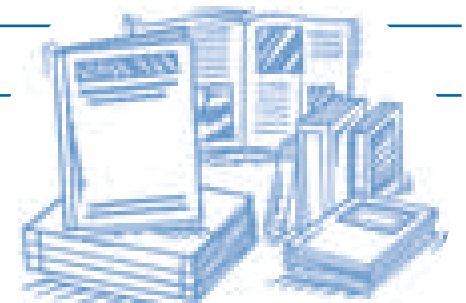
shocked by the killer who targets young mothers and babies. The murderer seems to have no qualms about killing a child and leaves messages written in blood at the crime scenes. Sgt. Lindsay Boxer works this case and a murdered socialite

wife of a film star at the same time. Medical examiner Claire suggests that people should start carrying a gun to protect themselves; the socialite was a classmate of Yuki's, and having friends in high places gets Cindy exclusive scoops on all the action for her reporting gig. How long will this killing spree last? I loved this book, and Patterson never disappoints.

– Carmen Steward, Fire and Police Pensions

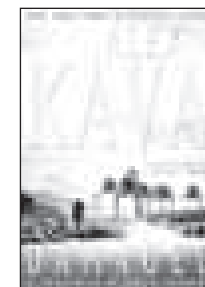
**Private**James Patterson and
Maxine Paetro
Mystery,
385 pages,
Little, Brown and Co.**My Score: 5 (out of 5)**

Patterson and Paetro have teamed up again to introduce a new character – Jack Morgan. Jack is an



ex-Marine who now owns a private investigation firm, called Private, which caters to the rich and famous. His crew of top-notch, well-paid investigators is expert in forensics, psychology, protection and deduction, and is currently juggling three high-profile cases that the LAPD can't seem to solve. These cases – a murdered housewife, an NFL cheating scam and a serial killer of teenage girls – keeps the Private staff highly energized. The short chapters and fast-paced writing style that readers love about Patterson's work don't let you down, and the action in Private doesn't disappoint.

– Carmen Steward, Fire and Police Pensions

**Damaged**Alex Kava
Crime fiction,
262 pages,
Double**My Score: 5 (out of 5)**

Criminal profiler Maggie O'Dell is sent to investigate a double crime when body parts are found in a cooler that was found

drifting in the Gulf of Mexico. She also is sent to investigate a mysterious virus that affects war veterans at the VA hospital. Maggie must also battle a category-five hurricane while investigating both crimes.

This riveting novel, with its cliffhangers and behind-the-scenes forensic details with colorful characters and its psychological twists, will keep you interested until the very end.

– Linda Rorex, Personnel

Your Reviews

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Cooking with the Club

by Chef Robert Larios

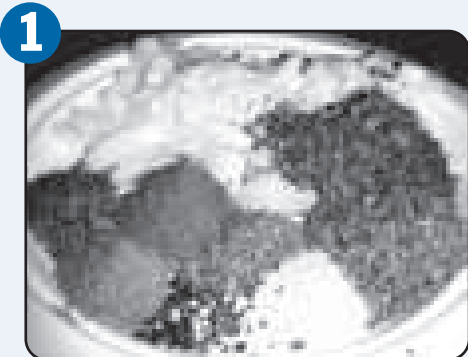


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Homemade Tomato Sauce

DIRECTIONS:



1 Wash the tomatoes. Dice the onion; mince the garlic and place in a plate with the other ingredients.



2 Place the tomatoes in a large pot of water on high heat until boiling. When the tomato skin begins to crack and separate, drain the water from the pot and let the tomatoes cool. Once cool, begin peeling the skin.



3 In another pot, add the olive oil, diced onions and minced garlic. Let cook for about five minutes over medium heat. Now add the peeled tomatoes to the pot with olive oil, onions and garlic. Add the rest of the spices with the red wine in medium heat. Once it reaches the point of boiling, reduce to a simmer. Let cook for about 3 to 6 hours.



4 At about the halfway point in cooking time, add the flour. It will thicken the sauce. Then use a handheld blender to puree the tomatoes.



5 The sauce is ready and can be added to any pasta you wish – spaghetti, lasagna, linguine, etc. Cook the pasta in boiling water until tender; plate and add the sauce.

I visited my mom and dad's farm last weekend. My dad is a real farmer and, given the opportunity, he would have excelled as a cowboy. But underneath the rough exterior is a tender man, especially when it comes to produce. There was such an abundance of corn, tomatoes and squash that he was giving it away to anyone he would see. Of course, he gave me a giant box filled with tomatoes. My first thought was, "What am I going to do with all these tomatoes? I certainly don't have enemies to throw them at!"



Then it came to me! Two words: tomato sauce! And so preparations began immediately once I arrived at the Club kitchen. Tomato sauce can be used for many dishes. My favorite is in spaghetti and meatballs and, of course, lasagna.

It is true that there are dozens of tomato sauces at markets everywhere, but none can copy the texture and deliciousness of fresh tomatoes. If you have more time, you can certainly replace all the dried ingredients I used for the recipe with fresh ingredients including fresh basil and parsley.

Homemade Tomato Sauce

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 pounds tomatoes (about 5 to 7 large beefsteak tomatoes)
- 1 medium white onion
- 3 cloves garlic
- 2 tablespoons dried basil
- 2 tablespoons dried tarragon
- 2 tablespoons garlic powder
- 1 tablespoon thyme
- 2 tablespoons coriander powder
- 1 tablespoon cumin
- 2 tablespoons dried parsley
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- A pinch dried chili pepper flakes
- 1 tablespoon flour (thickening agent)
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 cup red wine
- 1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil

Makes Four Servings



[A Cook's Dictionary]

Tomato:

Like the potato and eggplant, the tomato is a member of the nightshade family. It's the fruit of a vine native to South America. Tomato sauce often comes with seasonings and other flavorings added so that it is ready to use in various dishes or a base for other sauces.

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



6 Throw in a little dried parsley and enjoy!



Food Factoid:

"What keeps me motivated is not food itself, but all the bonds and memories the food represents."

– Julia Child

CLASSIFIED ADS

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New Ads This Month!

Ballroom Dancing: Beginners, intermediate & advanced. Wednesday's - 7:00pm - 9:00pm The Gallery, 122 N. Market Street, Inglewood 90301. Group workshops too! Contact: Dance instructor/coordinator Erick Weaver @ (310) 351-5303. 10/10

Cemetery Plot: Forest Lawn Glendale, CA. Located in Heaven Peace. \$2,500, Space #1 Lot A. Alicia @ (760) 987-1962. 10/10

Motorcycle: 2005 Yamaha YZ250T1 off road bike. Seldom used, in great condition & runs perfectly. Stored inside & continually maintained. \$2,800 OBO. Gary @ (818) 522-5531. 10/10

2003 Chevy Pick Up truck: 1 ton 4 dr duramax diesel duelly allison trans 5,500 miles w/2004 lance 11 1/2 ft camper w/slideout dinette. Delia @ (562) 698-3928. 10/10

Leather Jacket: Brand new, 2XL, men's official #8 Team Dale Jr. Earnhardt Inc. New w/tags, retail \$300. Made by Wilson's Leather, Chase Authentics; sponsors stitched on, Budweiser, Bass Pro Shops, Gillette. \$150 OBO. Frances @ (805) 583-5321. 10/10

For Rent: Condo in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. 7-Day Getaway for only \$895. Has full kitchen, is a couple of blocks from town & on the beach. Info @ (562) 301-2940. 10/10



For Rent: 1 BD apt. near First/Alvarado, 10 min. from downtown, close to schools, parks, markets, stores, St. Vincent Hospital. Newly cleaned, painted & repaired, one-car garage. No pets; 1-yr. lease. \$750/month. Info @ (323) 919-1163. 10/10

For Sale: 2-story home w/hillside views, Eagle Rock. Hrdwd floors, 2-car attached garage. Upstairs: 2 BD/2 BA, living room w/fireplace, formal dining w/balcony, kitchen w/ nook. Downstairs: 2 private entrances, 2 BD/1 BA, den w/fireplace, kitchen & spacious porch. Flat front & rear yards. 2224 sq ft; 6 miles from JFB. MLS#10-473669. Susan @ (323) 344-9489. 10/10

Autos / Motorcycles / Boats



1950 Chevy Fleetline: 2 door, solid floors, straight body, no motor or transmission. All patch panels have been done. Includes seats & inner window moldings. \$2200 OBO. Everett @ (818) 339-2092. 9/10

1989 Mercedes: New tires, moon roof, \$2,300 OBO. Mr. K @ (310) 637-3949. 9/10

1966 Chevrolet C10: shortbed fleetside, wood bed floor, 235 engine, 6cyl. 4 speed on column. Rebuilt eng, w/2,000 mil. new battery. No dents, chrome rims, needs paint. \$6,000. Hugo @ (818) 361-6150. 9/10

1971 Ford Torino: good project car, needs some minor body work, in running condition, has a rebuilt 351. \$4000 OBO. Fernando @ (323) 346-7821 or (323) 222-3886. 9/10



For Rent: studio apt. in Highland Park. 5-10 mins. from Police Academy, off

Pasadena Fwy. Near markets, stores, MTA and Gold Line. Courtyard. Hardwood floors, much new. Street parking. No pets; 1-yr. lease. \$700/month. Info @ (323) 919-1163. 10/10

Craftsman 10" Table Saw: 1 H.P. Motor, safety switch. 120V A/C mounted on heavy-duty steel cart w/casters. Delivery available, from Thousand Oaks to Northridge. Kurt Kaufman @ (805) 300-2147. 10/10

Curio Cabinet: Excellent condition oak 2-piece curio cabinet w/glass doors, decorative w/curved legs. Has original key for locking. Great for displaying collectibles! 48" W x 18" D x 6" H. \$350 OBO. Frances @ (805) 583-5321. 10/10

Kenmore Dryer: Super capacity, like new, hardly used \$150. Info @ (562) 301-2940. 10/10

Bombay Chests: 3 excellent condition Bombay Chests. Beautiful decorative designs w/3 to 5 drawers. Each \$350. Frances @ (805) 583-5321. 10/10



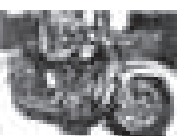
For Rent: Condo in Palm Springs - for rent weekly or weekends. Gated community, 8

swim pools, tennis court, near shopping, restaurants & Spa Casino Resort. Rates @ (562) 301-2940. 10/10

For Rent: In Montrose - 1 BD/1 BA house, good schools, nice & quiet neighborhood. walk to Montrose shopping park. \$1,200 monthly. Info @ (818) 248-7758. 10/10

For Sale: Luxurious 1 BD timeshare in the heart of the Las Vegas strip, in Polo Towers Villas. Several amenities: full kitchen, sleeps 4 comfortably, DVD/VCR & private balcony. Best offer! Angela @ (626) 233-5259. 10/10

For Rent: Spacious Townhouse in Ontario. 3 BD, 2.5 BA, dining & laundry room, & attached garage. Large enclosed outdoor patio. \$1400. Info @ (562) 322-6972. 10/10



2005 Custom Harley "Fatboy": 4,300 miles, custom paint, 95 inch w/power commander, Vance & Hines Headers, Lost of chrome & Accessories, \$15,995. Pete @ (626) 646-7285. 9/10

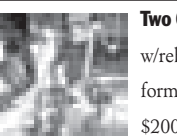


2006 Forest River 37' Toy Hauler: 2 pop-outs, dual AC, generator, much more, excellent cond. \$31,500. Gerald @ (661) 948-1962. 9/10



2008 Mercedes R350, 18K miles. Like NEW, excellent condition, under warranty. Harman

Kardon sound, dual-rear dvd system, moon roof, parking sensors, extras. \$36,000. Shelley @ (213) 688-3232. 9/10



Two Go Peds, 2 stroke engine w/rebuilt carbs & new platforms. \$125 each or both for \$200. John @ (626) 757-5341 or jgonzlez@hotmail.com 8/10

2-seat Wave Runner & Trailer: 1992 Kawasaki wave runner; org price \$4,199. (used 3 times!) Zieman trailer to carry 2 wave runners - org price \$1,050. Sell both for \$1,800. Call (323) 401-1547 or jaort73@sbcglobal.net 7/10

Cemetery Plots

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2 Cemetery plots: Rose Hills, Whittier, CA. Located in Garden of Affection. One for \$3,500 or both for \$6,000. Moved out of the area. Grace @ (661) 718-2809. 7/10

Cemetery Plots: 2 plots Lupine Lawn, Rose Hills. Lot 2388, Sites 1 and 2. Retail \$9,075, selling \$8,000, including transfer fee. (928) 541-9366 or leebkableone.net. 5/10

Electronics/Computers

TV Mitsubishi projection VS50, TradeMill, Bike for sale. \$300. Call (310) 994-3877 or jasnad@yahoo.com 4/10

Polaroid 7" LCD TV widescreen, under cabinet w/ DVD-CD player AM/FM radio & remote. \$125. Regina @ (323) 754-8382. 2/10

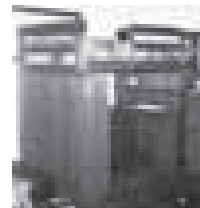
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Furniture



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Dining Room Set: Mission style, excell. condition, table w/ 2 leafs, 8 chairs. Still have plastic covering. \$695. Lisa @ (818) 406-1047. 5/10

Homes/Rentals/Land

For Rent: Lovely apartment in LA(5-units). 1 BD/1 BA, kitchen, living room, dining room, 1-car garage. Downstairs unit, new paint, carpet, windows & fixtures. Very quiet on Don Tomaso Dr., close to public transportation. Details @ (310) 365-1868. 9/10

For Rent: Small 5 room, 2 BD Rear House, 2924 S. Cloverdale Avenue, 90016. \$950 per month, (323)937-8390. 8/10

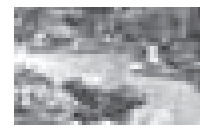
For Sale by owner: 10 acres in Acton, graded, water & power. Ready to build \$249K OBO. Bill @ (661) 400-9893. 8/10



Vacation rental in Big Bear Lake: 3 BD/2 BA house located in the village of Big Bear Lake, CA, near the lake. Fully furnished. Contact John Long @ (909) 837-8347. 8/10

Room for rent: Furnished w/kitchenette, \$450/mo. No pets, no smoking, utilities included. Commute to work w/city employee. Call Marta @ (562) 863-4545. 8/10

For Rent: 2 BD/1 BA back house, 1 car garage, hrdwd flrs, Indry hkups, some utilities paid. San Pedro. \$1300. Raymond @ (310) 293-5407. 8/10



For Rent: East Long Beach, 1430sq.ft condo 3BD/2A, \$2100 per month, 2 garage stalls, hidden oasis pool, spa, sauna, small pets ok- avail Sept./ prior viewing ok! 4835 E. Anaheim St., L.B. Ryan @ (714)376-3889. 8/10

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For Rent: Charming Sunland Home. 10417 Eldora Avenue, Sunland. 2BD/1 BA, kitchen comes w/fridge & stove, W/D in back. Fenced in front yard, private parking. Location off Sunland Blvd. Close to transpo, school, park w/ recreational facilities, etc. \$1395 per mo. Security deposit \$1995. Small pets welcome w/owner's approval. Contact @ (818) 352-8731. 8/10

Household Items

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H2O Mop w/extra covers & instructions \$50. Contact Frankie @ (818) 340-3059. 8/10

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Beautiful engagement ring. Center Stone: Princess Cut, 1.72 ct, VS2, F color, GIA certificate included. Wedding called off. \$14,000 OBO. Contact: Marlon.santacruz@sbcglobal.net for pictures. 6/10

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Autumn haze **mink stole**. \$400 OBO. Mary @ (626) 794-9066. 4/10

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CLUB SPORTS



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

Club Softball League 2010 STATS

Team Standings (as of September 19, 2010)

	GAMES PLAYED	WINS	LOSSES	TIES	FORFEITS	TOTAL POINTS
West Division						
LAX JETS *	4	3	1	-	-	6
I'd Hit It *	4	3	2	-	-	6
Guzzlers *	4	2	2	-	-	4
Shockers *	3	2	2	-	-	4
Bravo Tango**	-	-	-	-	-	-

* Game Postponed
** Withdrew

	GAMES PLAYED	WINS	LOSSES	TIES	FORFEITS	TOTAL POINTS
Central Division						
Sluggers	4	4	0	-	0	8
Warriors	5	3	1	1	0	7
Smooth Operators	5	2	3	-	0	4
Transformers	5	1	3	1	0	3
DOT-GERS	5	1	4	-	0	2

	GAMES PLAYED	WINS	LOSSES	TIES	FORFEITS	TOTAL POINTS
East Division						
Enforcers	4	4	0	-	0	8
Hitmen	5	4	1	-	0	8
Blue Dragons *	5	2	3	-	0	1
Reservoir Dogs *	4	1	4	-	0	2
Head First	5	1	4	-	3	2

* Game Postponed

Game Scores

August 18, 2010

HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	LOCATION
Enforcers-11	Head First-9	Yosemite
Operators-2	Warriors-3	Yosemite
Sluggers-16	Transformers-11	Downey
LAX Jets-*	Guzzlers-*	Downey
Blue Dragons-0	Hitmen-14	Shatto
Shockers-W	Bravo Tango-L	Shatto

* Postponed.
BYES: I'd Hit It, DOT-GERS, Reservoir Dogs

August 25, 2010

HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	LOCATION
Blue Dragons-6	Head First-7	Yosemite
Reservoir Dogs-1	Hitmen-11	Yosemite
Shockers-0	Guzzlers-18	Downey
DOT-GERS-6	Warriors-12	Downey
I'd Hit It-W	Bravo Tango-L	Shatto
Operators-12	Transformers-11	Shatto

BYES: LAX Jets, Sluggers, Enforcers

September 1, 2010

HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	LOCATION
Transformers-5	DOT-GERS-1	Yosemite
Guzzlers-15	I'd Hit It-4	Yosemite
LAX Jets-12	Shockers-5	Downey
Head First-5	Reservoir Dogs-11	Downey
Sluggers-17	Operators-0	Shatto
Enforcers-9	Blue Dragons-0	Shatto

BYES: Warriors and Hitmen

September 8, 2010

HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	LOCATION
Reservoir Dogs-3	Enforcers-27	Yosemite
Bravo Tango-L	Guzzlers-W	Yosemite
I'd Hit It-21	LAX Jets-19	Downey
DOT-GERS-4	Sluggers-15	Downey
Warriors-4	Transformers-2	Shatto
Hitmen-9	Head First-1	Shatto

BYES: Shockers, Operators and Blue Dragons

September 15, 2010

HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	LOCATION
Blue Dragons-*	Reservoir Dogs-*	Yosemite
Shockers-*	I'd Hit It-*	Yosemite
Operators-12	DOT-GERS-11	Downey
Enforcers-12	Hitmen-11	Downey
Sluggers-3	Warriors-9	Shatto
LAX Jets-W	Bravo Tango-L	Shatto

* Postponed.
BYES: Guzzlers, Transformers and Head First

Strong Contenders Mark 2nd Season, but Upsets Galore

Photos by Sunny Lam, Club Director of Marketing; Robert Larios, the Sports Dude; and Tom Hawkins, Club photographer.

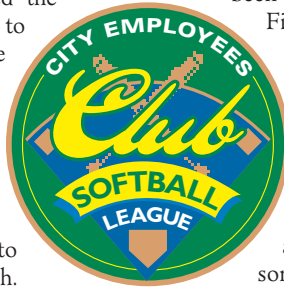
The season has approached the midway mark, and the race to the playoffs is heating up. The West Division seems to be very tight as all teams in that division are still in the race. The Sluggers in the Central Division and the Enforcers in the Eastern Division are holding the top spots and appear to be very strong down the stretch.

This season produced some wild games with underdogs beating the juggernauts. For example, I'd Hit It topped the LAX Jets 21 to 19 on Sept. 8. The Warriors came back strong to hand the Sluggers their first loss of the season Sept. 15, 9 to 3. Warriors manager Jacobi Patterson told *Alive!*, "The Sluggers are a much improved team and

a powerhouse. We are happy we could pull out a win against them."

Brent Urban, one of the Club's Member Services Counselors, has been picked up by the Head First team. He's the first Club employee in the history of Club Sports to play.

The yard at Yosemite has experienced some challenges with lighting a few times this season with light malfunctions, but the Club thanks David Gadelha and everyone at Munisports of Rec and Parks for their hard work and dedication in making sure that the Club's second season is a memorable one.



Game Locations



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

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

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

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

CLUB SPORTS



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The Club's Sports Dept. is expanding ... and that's great news for City Employees and Club Members.

Here's what's coming up. Interested? Contact the Club's Sports Dude at (213) 620-0388 or sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com. Information is also available at the Club's Website (www.cityemployeesclub.com, under the Sports pulldown).

Call today!

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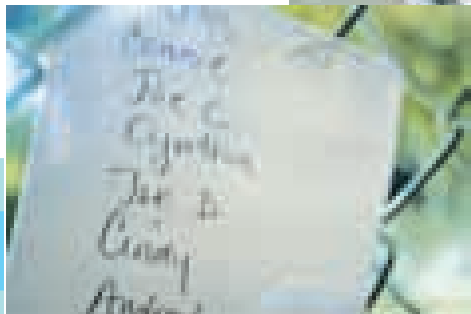
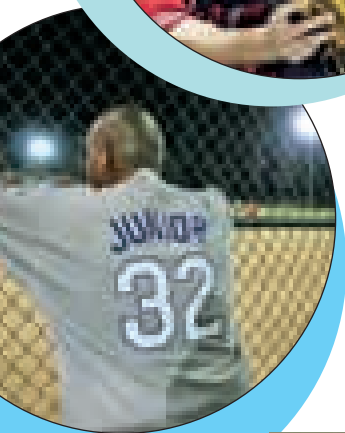
RUNNING

A Club Running Group. The Club's Sports Dept. is putting together a Club Running Group. Contact the Club Sports Dept. and meet up with other Club Members who are runners.

CYCLING



A Club Cycling Group. The Club's Sports Dept. is putting together a Club Cycling Group. Contact the Club Sports Dept. and meet up with other Club Members who are cyclers (bicycles).



CLUB SPORTS



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



John's Picture Perfect Contest

John Hawkins, Club CEO

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



"The Grand Canyon."
 - Hector Cardenas

John's comments: Hector, to me the Grand Canyon is really difficult to photograph, mainly because you can never do it justice. However, what struck me with this photo is how you were able to get so much of its beauty in one picture – the Colorado River, the intensity of the sky, the towering cliffs and immense valley. Not to mention the color variations that are so prevalent.



"Elephant seals on a beach south of Big Sur over the Labor Day weekend. Male elephant seals can weigh 5,000 pounds."
 - Mike Aubin, Airports

John's comments: Thank you, Mike, for bringing us something that's pretty remarkable and not too far up the coast from Los Angeles. The first time I saw them, I was amazed to see such big sea/land creatures out in the open on the beach. Very nice depiction, Mike!



"This is a picture of a juvenile antelope inside his pen, peeking through the foliage. He's kind of shy but curious. This was taken at the L.A. Zoo, in the early summer of this year."
 - Glenn Abellanosa

John's comments: Glenn, you really took the depth of field to a new level with this shot. Not only did you get the background but the foreground as well. That's not easy when you are trying to focus on such a small object. Nice work!



"Here's a view of the New York skyline from New Jersey. This statue is a monument in honor of the Polish people in remembrance of those who were killed in 1939, with the backdrop of the noticeably missing World Trade Center. We were very moved by this scene."
 - Tonja Bellard

John's comments: Thank you, Tonja; this is a powerful statue, especially for me since I'm half Polish. For those who have never seen this, this is Andrzej Pitynski's Katyn Memorial and honors the victims of the Katyn Massacre. A few weeks after Nazi Germany invaded Poland in 1939, the Soviets rounded up 22,000 Polish officers, intellectual leaders and prisoners of war for a mass execution in Russia's Katyn Forest. For years, the Soviets blamed the Nazis for the execution, and it wasn't until 1989 that the Kremlin finally acknowledged Soviet responsibility. The statue is at Exchange Place in Jersey City.

RUNNERS-UP:

- Thanks, **Cheryl Garcia**, for some really cool pictures of your son, Jonah, getting his jersey signed by Dodger Jonathan Broxton, and his hat signed by Matt Kemp!

- **Dominique Daito**:

Thank you, Dominique, for your great shot of the flower at Solvang!

- Thank you, **Grace Scarlett**, for your awesome Yosemite photos. I'll have them re-entered for the next month's contest.

- And thank you, **Rose Serrato**, for the great shot of Mt. Shasta!

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
- 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.

LIBRARY

Library Shows How To Get to Sesame Street

40 years of *Sesame Street* are celebrated in art exhibit at Central Library through April.

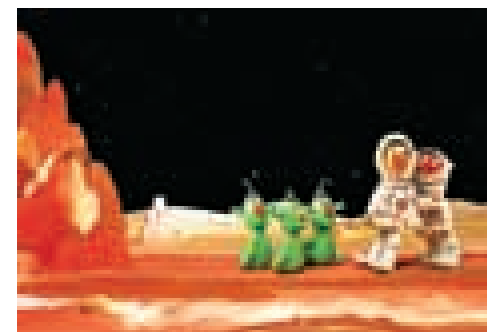


A cover illustration from *Finish the Picture* by Tom Brannon. Produced by Western Publishing Co., 1987.

The exhibit "Forty Years of *Sesame Street* Illustration: Selections from the Publishing Archive of Sesame Workshop," which explores the history of the popular children's educational television show *Sesame Street*, will be on display at the downtown Central Library's First Floor Galleries, 630 W. Fifth St., through April 30.

The exhibit, which is free and open to the public during regular library hours, is a collection of original *Sesame Street* book art showcasing a variety of artists, styles and themes from the early 1970s to the present. The exhibit is the result of a partnership between the Los Angeles Public Library and Sesame Workshop, the nonprofit educational organization that produces *Sesame Street*.

"We are excited about this partnership with Sesame Workshop and the opportunity to display this unique book art that encourages learning," said Martín Gómez, City Librarian, Los Angeles Public Library. "The Los Angeles Public Library's commitment to education and early literacy development parallels that of the Sesame Workshop, and we share a goal of creating and nurturing life-long readers."



A digital rendering from a *Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures* animation segment. Produced by Misseri Studio, 2008.



An illustration for the puzzle *Sesame Street Shapes* by Leon Jason Studios. Produced by Western Publishing Co., 1971.



An illustration from *Food! By Cookie Monster* by Mike Pantuso. Produced by Random House, 2002.



An illustration from *The Together Book* by Roger Bradfield. Produced by Western Publishing Co., 1971.



An illustration from *Going Up: The Elevator Counting Book* by Tom Leigh. Produced by Western Publishing Co., 1980.



A cover illustration from *Museum of Monster Art* by Tom Brannon. Produced by Western Publishing Co., 1990.



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Alive! AROUND THE WORLD

1 New York

Alive! on the Today Show!

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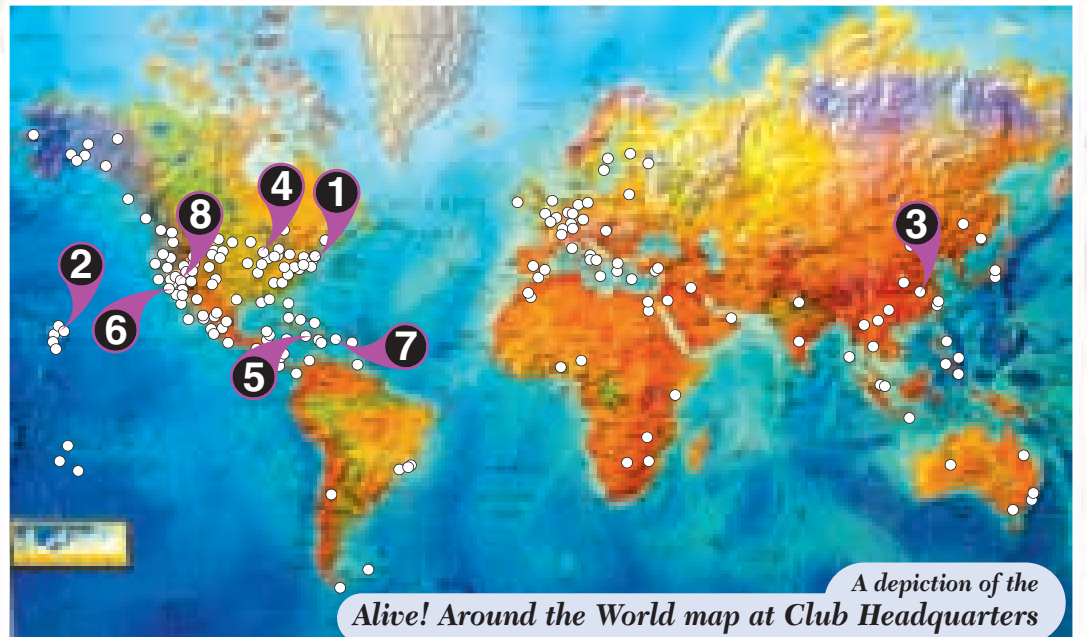
"Yipeeee! We are on national TV! Hey, is that *Alive!* there?"

"The following are photos from our recent vacation in New York. Of course *Alive!* is included in the trip. Can't leave home without it!"

- Vernon Tabirara, Public Works, and Christine Tabirara, Building and Safety



"We went for a short walk to the set of the *Today Show*, hoping to get some face time like the mayor on national TV."
"It was such a beautiful day visiting the Statue of Liberty. The museum is worth visiting also. There's so much to learn about how the United States became a melting pot."



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

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

2 Hawaii



"La Perouse Bay."

"Keawakapu Beach."

"Haleakala crater."

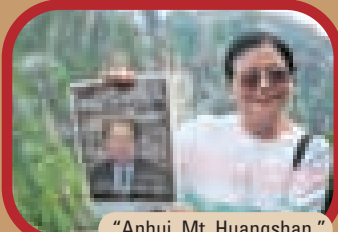
"My wife, son and I brought *Alive!* with us to Maui. My family and I decided to take a last-minute vacation to Maui before the end of summer and before our son started school again. We hit a number of beaches and explored just about every nook and cranny on Maui. In fact, during the eight days we were on Maui we drove a total of 826 miles!"

- Erwin Gee

3 China



"Here are some pictures from our China tour. We had a wonderful three-week trip."
- Grace Shen



"Anhui, Mt. Huangshan."

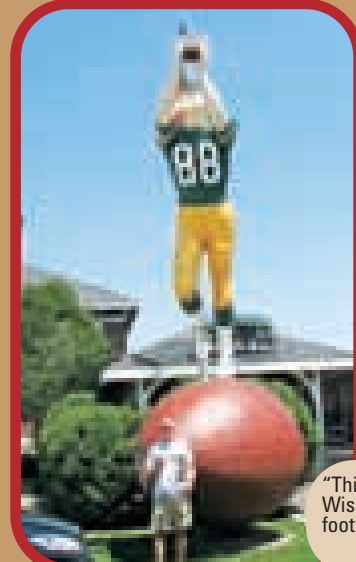


"The People's Congress Hall."



"Shanghai World Expo."

4 Wisconsin



"This photo was taken of me during a recent trip to Wisconsin to visit my family. They do love their football. Go Packers!"

- Patrick Tomcheck, Airports



Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



5 Jamaica



Dorla Crawford, General Services, in Jamaica with her *Alive!* paper.

6 California



Mico Rousso and his son, David, 6, visited Legoland and SeaWorld. On the third day, they visited the *Star of India* and the Russian Submarine at the Maritime Museum of San Diego. "I would definitely recommend it to everybody to visit. My son was very excited!"

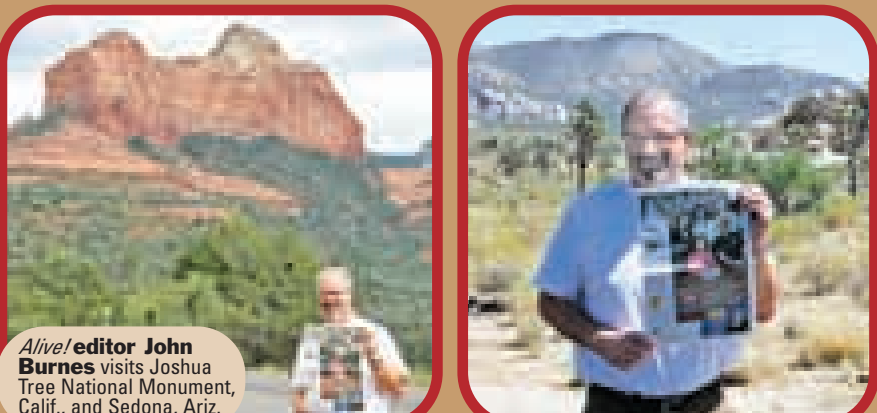
- **Mico Rousso, Retired, Public Works/Engineering**

7 Puerto Rico



Here's **Leonor Garcia** on vacation in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands with her son, mother and a girlfriend.

8 Southwest



Alive! editor **John Burnes** visits Joshua Tree National Monument, Calif., and Sedona, Ariz.

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ZOO

Oh, Baby!

Zoo celebrates births of a giraffe, a Calamian deer and Chacoan peccaries.

Photo by Tad Motoyama/Zoo

The Los Angeles Zoo is proud to announce the birth of a Masai giraffe, a Calamian deer and two Chacoan peccaries.

On Aug. 30, a female Masai giraffe was born at the Zoo. Able to stand shortly after birth, giraffe calves can grow four feet during their first year. When fully grown, giraffes can reach a height of 18 feet, making them the tallest land mammal.

Native to Kenya and Tanzania, Masai giraffes can reach a speed of 35 miles per hour. Their kicks are so powerful that they're capable of decapitating a lion. Giraffes communicate with one another through posturing, movement and carriage of their tails, retreat and sometimes vocalization, which includes moos, bellows and whistles.

Sept. 1 brought the birth of a male Calamian deer, a type of endangered deer native to the Philippines' Calamian Islands. These deer prefer to live in swampy areas close to rivers, marshes with tall grass, open forests, clear-cut areas or second-growth scrub.

These deer feast on low-lying leaves, twigs and shoots. Occasionally they will graze on fallen flowers and fruits. Male deer need large amounts of calcium and phosphate from their food to grow antler bone.

On Aug. 23, two Chacoan peccaries, a species similar to pigs, were born. Chacoan peccaries are native to Bolivia, Argentina and Paraguay. They were thought to be extinct until 1972 when biologists found the species still existed in Paraguay.

Although peccaries look similar to pigs, they belong to a different taxonomic group than the true pigs of the Old World. In peccaries, the tusks point downward as opposed to upward. They have 38 teeth instead of either 34 or 44 like suids, and peccary babies don't have the "watermelon" striped

The Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens

Where: Griffith Park at the junction of the Ventura (134) and Golden State (5) freeways

Time: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

Cost: Admission is \$14 for adults and \$9 for children ages 2 to 12

Info: (323) 644-4200 or www.lazoo.org

coats that the offspring of true pigs, such as red river hogs and Visayan warty pigs, are born with.

In the wild, low-growing species of cactus make up most of the peccary's diet. Like hogs, peccaries have a well-developed snout used to root out bulbs, roots, tubers and rhizomes of a variety of plants. Occasionally, peccaries also eat small mammals and reptiles. Unlike the domestic pig, the peccary is a slow and dainty eater; they do not devour their food rapidly.

These recent births are just a few of the exciting reasons to visit the L.A. Zoo this fall. All these babies are now on exhibit with their parents. Visitors can also stop by the Winnick Family Children's Zoo to see several of the young Komodo dragons that hatched last month, as well as a variety of exotic hoof stock youngsters that are being raised in the nursery. The male harbor seal pup, born in June, is also on exhibit after a successful introduction to the Zoo's five adult harbor seals.



The zoo's baby giraffe.

Halloween Spooktacular

An Ocean of Halloween Fun

Come trick-or-treat where Halloween meets the sea. Meet amazing sea creatures, catch silly and spooky Halloween shows — all in an underwater Halloween Fantasea. Coming ashore new this year is the Pirates 4-D movie experience, a humorous tale of a hapless pirate crew. Kids, come in costume and leave swimming in ghoulish goodies.

Weekends in October

Spooktacular is included with park admission.

Inquire about SeaWorld Tickets

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PUBLIC WORKS



Two 'Living Treasures'

Kenny Fox and Errol Quimpo honored for excellence.

Story and photos courtesy "Cityworks," the Public Works newsletter

Recently, Kenneth Fox, Refuse Collection Truck Operator II, Public Works/Sanitation; and Construction Inspector Errol Quimpo, Construction Inspector, Public Works/Contract Administration, were honored individually with the "Going Beyond Excellence" award. Known as a GOBE, it is bestowed upon exceptional Public Works employees who are commended by the public for efforts in the community.

Fox, who works at Sanitation's North Central Yard, was recognized for his exceptional customer service to the residents on his collection route. He is so popular, reportedly, that residents on his route have T-shirts that say, "Kenny Fox Rocks."

Quimpo was acknowledged for his outstanding work as an inspector on the Metro Gold Line Eastside rail project. Congratulations to Kenny and Errol for this GOBE honor!

From left: award recipients Kenny Fox and Errol Quimpo.

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Newsbrief

HORROR FILM FRIDAYS:

Every week in October there will be a free Friday Fright-day Night Flick screening outdoors at Pershing Square, a Rec and Parks facility at 532 S. Olive St., in advance of Halloween.

Moviegoers are welcome to bring a blanket, lawn chair, and picnic (or purchase food on site) and enjoy seeing a classic horror film with big-name stars under the stars at a multi-use entertainment and cultural oasis amid the downtown skyscrapers.

The schedule is:

- **Oct. 1:**
Carrie (1976, based on a novel by Stephen King and directed by Brian De Palma), starring Sissy Spacek as a high school girl who gets even with the students who torment her by using her telekinetic powers to reign terror at the prom.
- **Oct. 8:**
Psycho (1960, directed by Sir Alfred Hitchcock), starring Anthony Perkins as Norman Bates and Janet Leigh as a woman on the run after stealing money from her employer who checks into the Bates Motel but doesn't check out.
- **Oct. 15:**
Shaun of the Dead (2004, directed by Edgar Wright), which pays homage to classic zombie movies while following the comedic escapades of a lovable loser who tries to change his life for the better while battling the undead.
- **Oct. 22:**
House of Usher (1960, based on a short story by Edgar Allen Poe and directed by legendary horror filmmaker Roger Corman), starring Vincent Price as the head of a cursed family living in a creepy mansion who welcome an unsuspecting suitor.
- **Oct. 29:**
Whatever Happened to Baby Jane? (1962, directed by Robert Aldrich), starring Bette Davis and Joan Crawford as sisters and aging actresses living as recluses in a mansion, each having suffered tragedy that ultimately pits them against each other.

The shows are presented by Rec and Parks, together with the Downtown Neighborhood Council and The Historic Downtown Los Angeles Business Improvement District. For more information call Pershing Square at (213) 847-4970. For more information about Department of Recreation and Parks events, activities, services, programs, and facilities, go to www.laparks.org, or call 311, or (213) 202-2700.






LA City Employees Club PRIVATE PARTY

Saturday, November 13, 2010

PARK HOURS: 10:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
PRIVATE PARTY HOURS: 6:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. (Closed to the public)

TICKETS VALID ALL DAY – WRISTBAND REQUIRED

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<p>PRIVATE PARTY Admission Only:</p> <h1 style="color: red;">\$21.99</h1> <p>EACH</p> <p><small>GENERAL USE TICKET (REG. \$16.00)</small></p>	<p>PRIVATE PARTY Admission with buffet:</p> <h1 style="color: red;">\$31.99</h1> <p>EACH</p> <p><small>GENERAL USE TICKET (REG. \$16.00)</small></p>
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