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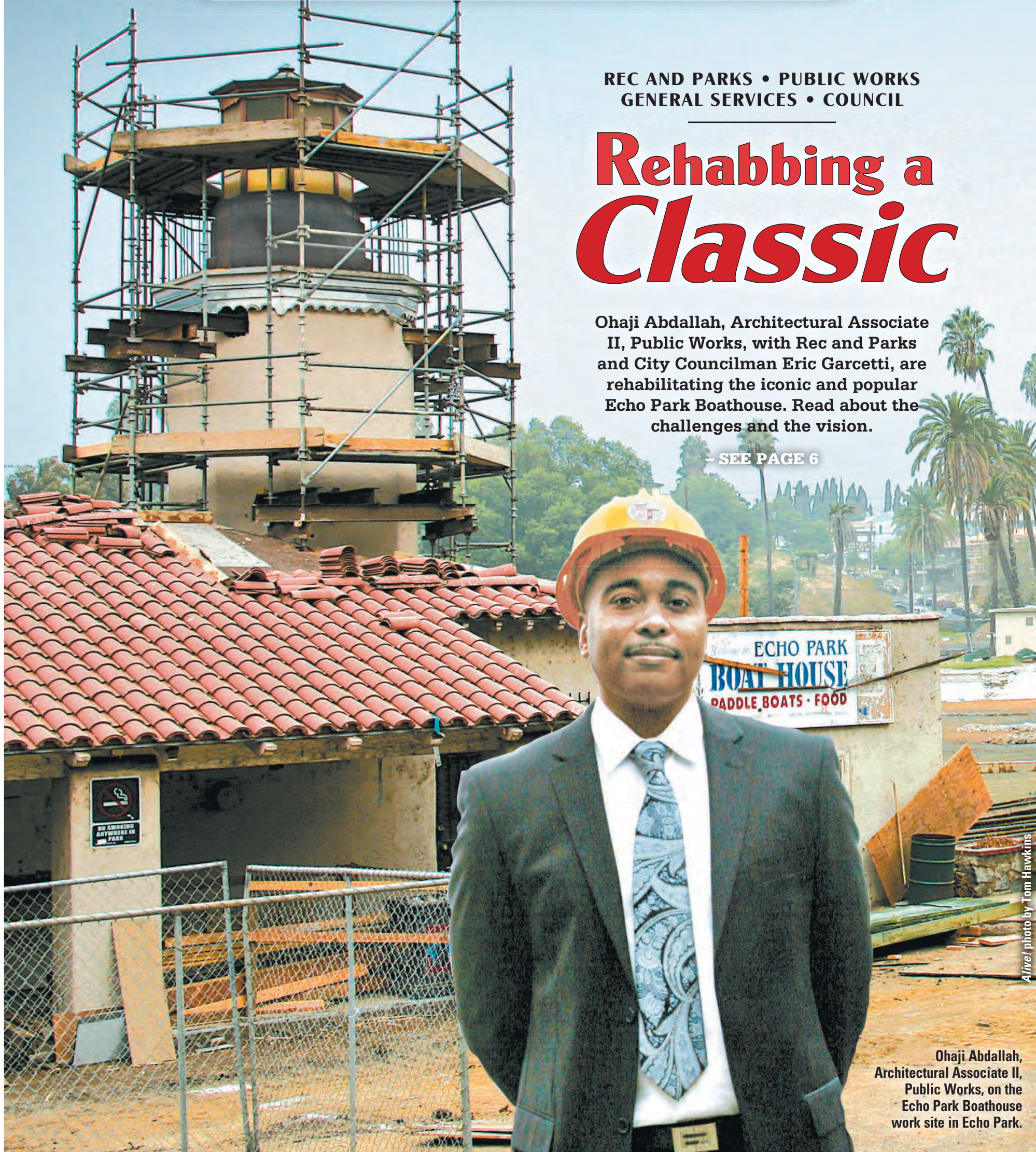
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Rehabbing a *Classic*

Ohaji Abdallah, Architectural Associate II, Public Works, with Rec and Parks and City Councilman Eric Garcetti, are rehabilitating the iconic and popular Echo Park Boathouse. Read about the challenges and the vision.

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Ohaji Abdallah, Architectural Associate II, Public Works, on the Echo Park Boathouse work site in Echo Park.



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A Message From the CEO

A Good City Keeps The Best of the Old

by John Hawkins,
President and CEO, The Club

There's a lot of hubbub these days over a potential new football stadium downtown, built in the shadow – and footprint! – of our Convention Center.

But for a City to be great, it has to respect its history. Honor it, take care of it. And when necessary, bring it back.

That's what I was thinking when I was driving past Echo Park a month or so ago, and I saw the work that was beginning on the lake (hard to miss that!) and the super-cool Echo Park Boathouse, as you can see in our cover story this month.

It's getting fixed, and I think that's awesome.

Further cool is that four City Departments are coming together to make it shine again – Public Works/Engineering, which is designing and supervising the project; Rec and Parks, which owns the building and is overseeing its progress; the City Council, notably Eric Garcetti's office, which is managing the process with the public, and finding the money to get it done; and General Services, which is doing the actual construction work, instead of hiring an outside contractor that probably wouldn't do as good a job on it, anyway. There are a lot of City Employees involved in this project, which isn't the biggest. But it's that important.



Boathouse project supervisor Ohaji Abdallah, Public Works/Engineering (right), talks about the rehab process with *Alive!* editor John Burnes.

I remember visiting the boathouse when I was a kid growing up in Los Angeles, so maybe I'm placing more emphasis on this than others might. And yet ... there's a bigger story here. Great cities take care of their histories. And great City Employees take pride in making that history come, well, alive. That's what's happening with the Echo Park Boathouse project. I can't wait to see it rehabbed and back to its happy self ... and maybe then even try to squeeze into a paddleboat ride with my family, when the lake is filled again. I'll do it for old time's sake. But I'll do it for the future, too.

Special thanks to **Ohaji Abdallah** and **Michelle Vargas** of Public Works; **Andrea Epstein**, **David Attaway** and **JuanCarlos Chan** at Rec and Parks; and the **awesome construction crew** from General Services, for making the story possible.

Meanwhile, we move on. Can you believe it's November already? Well, as I write this, we're still on the good side of Halloween -- meaning, the amazing Halloween events that **Ticket Gal**, Rachael Brecher, has for our Club Members are still being snatched up at a fast pace. (Good for you!) But soon the temperatures will dip, the light will shorten, and Thanksgiving will be ours once again. (**Chef Larios** is really on top of this – he's already making turkey leftovers! But I can't wait to try it.) This season always flies by so quickly. I'm happy to remind all our Club Members that our Club Store is a great destination for holiday needs because it's true. And there are holiday events to schedules and attend, and other seasonal appointments to keep us busy.

But don't forget to give a quiet – or otherwise – moment of thanks for all that you have. We live in the best country, we have work for our hands to do, and we have our loved ones in our lives. I know I am hugely thankful for my life, my family, my staff, and getting to know all our awesome Club Members every day, every week, throughout the years. Just like the boathouse, old-fashioned things are worth preserving, and being thankful for.

Happy Thanksgiving from the Club to you and your families.

—JOHN

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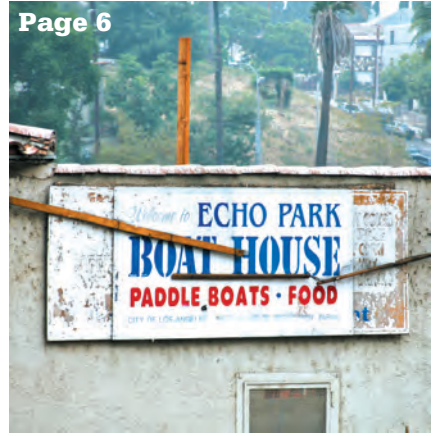
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- Mayorie, September 2011

"The service you provided to me was outstanding and very professional, including the claim service, personal attention, dealing with the mortuary, receiving the check and being nice when I met you in person. The book *[The Fall of Freddie the Leaf]* was very soul searching during my time of loss."

- Flora Miller, September 2011

The Club's claims service was "excellent. Services were quick, and your staff person, Monica, was polite and helpful."

- Murray Ott, September 2011

The Club's claims service was "excellent. This is one of the best services for City Employees and also a service that I, as a City Employee, can carry on even in retirement. *[The Fall of Freddie the Leaf]* is a good story about life and the changes that we might or will go through."

- Refugio Rodriguez, August 2011

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– Margaret Gonzalez, Retired

Glad to hear the ad worked for you, Margaret! But we hope you haven't given up cycling. We hear it's a great thing to do when you're retired. Keep on pedaling! – Ed.

Charlotte Is Taking Club Sports One Step at a Time, Enjoying It

Hello, Club SportsDude! Thank you for all efforts, hard work, and commitment to making the Stair Climb an event I will always remember. This was my first year to do the Stair Climb, and I look forward to doing it again. Thank you!

– Charlotte Hagos, General Services

Hi Charlotte, how was the view from up at the top of the skyscraper? We bet it was awesome, after climbing all the way to the top. When it comes to Club Sports, softball and basketball seem to get a lot of attention. We're delighted you're taking part in a different, but just as cool, part of the Club Sports scene. Nice going, and congratulations on your achievement. – Ed.

Club's Participation With Retirees Keeps Them Connected to City Life

It was great seeing Chef Larios at the RLACEI General Meeting on Oct. 6. He even brought two new staff members with him – Debbie [Schroyer] and Jackie [Causillas]. They were all smiles, and we loved talking with them. I wanted to thank them for taking the time to visit with our group. Sometimes we feel a little left out from the City now that most of us are retired, but a big thanks goes to Robert Larios and the Club.

– Mary Hanson, Retired

Hi Mary, you're welcome. I know that Debbie and Jackie had a great time at the meeting. Retirees are an important part of the Club. Keeping you connected to life in the City of LA is exactly why we do what we do. Thanks for writing. – Ed.

October Was Scary Time at Club Store, and He Loved It

I love the Club and the Club Store! October is the same for me as it is for children looking forward to opening presents on Christmas in December. This is the month were I get my heart racing with adrenaline hoping to get scared stiff! I know, I know, I sound like a crazy fellow, but it was great to buy the discounted tickets from Megan at the store for Knott's Scary Farm. Then I bought the ones for Universal Studios and the Haunted Hayride. The hayride is a scary one for sure – I have been on it and I still see those clowns in my sleep! I love the Club!

– M. Johnson, Rec and Parks

Club Adds a Second Pirate Show, As One Was Just Not Enough

Thank you to goes to Rachael at the Club Store for getting us another show for the Pirates Dinner Show. I was so saddened when I called to buy tickets for the one on Nov. 5, only to find out it was sold out. But she came to the rescue with the second night. Ticket Gal is a rock star!

– Art Ortiz, Transportation

There Are Good Stories to Tell From a Long, Long Way Away

What an amazing story and photos in the newspaper about the "New Growth in the Valley" [cover story, October *Alive!*]. The DWP is doing a great thing in managing and monitoring the new growth of vegetation up there in the Crowley Lake area. It is so beautiful up there... I would like to thank Lori Dermody of the DWP and the rest of the employees that are making a difference.

– Tim Kissinger, LAFD

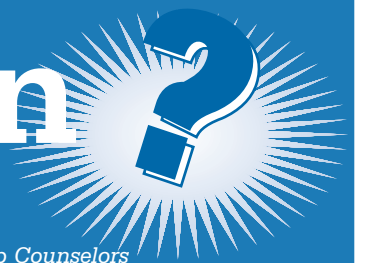
Hi Tim, we agree, the DWP is doing a good job bringing back some of the native growth in the Crowley Lake area. We love running into City Employees like Lori, who are experts in their field (pun intended), and can show us exactly what's happening. We always enjoy visiting our many Club Members out of Bishop. They may be far away, but they have great stories to tell, too. – Ed.

Corrections

• In last month's "History Comes Alive!" feature, the photo source was not credited. The photo credit should have read: Photos courtesy the Security Pacific Collection, the Herald Examiner Collection, and the Hollywood Citizen News/Valley Times Collection at the Los Angeles Public Library Photo Archive, Christina Rice, Acting Sr. Librarian.
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Question OF THE MONTH



– as collected from around the City by your friendly Club Counselors

? How do you like your Thanksgiving turkey cooked? ?



"Smoked."
– Det. Amy Sundquist,
16 years of City service.



"Fried."
– Bridget Talley,
Principal Worker's
Compensation Analyst,
11 years.



"Fried."
– Vivian Davis, Sr.
Worker's Compensative
Analyst, 12 years.



"Fried."
– Melva Varter,
LAPD, 5 years.



"Smoked."
– Christopher Moody,
Operations
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Airports, 15 years.



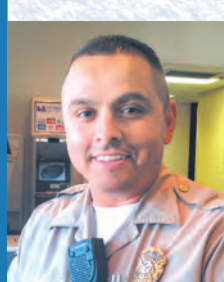
"Molé-style."
– Officer Vivaldo Torrez,
Officer, 8 years.



"Deep fried."
– Victor Mabin,
Construction
Management
Supervisor, 27 years.



"Roasted."
– Jose Baires,
Custodian Supervisor,
12 years.



"Smoked."
– Edgar Lopez,
Officer, 13 years.



Both like it "deep fried."
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Kenny Booth
and Claudius
Haynes.



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***Alive!* Feature: The Echo Park Boathouse**

Rehabbing a *Classic*



THE *ALIVE!* INTERVIEW

‘A Beacon of the Community’

On Sept. 28, *Alive!* editor John Burnes interviewed Ohaji Abdallah, manager of the Echo Park Boathouse rehab project, in the patio atop the Public Works building downtown. – Ed.

Ohaji Abdallah on the boathouse work site.



***Alive!* Thanks, Ohaji, for showing us the project worksite today. You’re an Architectural Associate II for the Bureau of Engineering’s Architectural Division. But what’s your title as it relates to the rehabbing of the boathouse?**

OHAJI ABDALLAH: I’m the project manager and architectural designer, or architect, of the Echo Park boathouse rehabilitation.

In layman’s terms, what’s going on there with the Echo Park boathouse?

OHAJI: We’re doing a structural retrofit and historical rehabilitation. I don’t know if that’s layman’s terms, actually, but to break it down, we are retrofitting the understructure of the boathouse so that it can support the facility for the next 40 to 80 years, making it a long-term structure.

Architecturally we are saving the historical character-defining features of the boathouse as well as bringing the boathouse up to all of the current codes as it pertains to the work that we’re doing. For instance, the [boathouse’s] commercial kitchen requires a great deal of new civil infrastructure, a grease interceptor, and a new sump pump and pit – these items take the waste from the boathouse and pump them up to the sewer line at the street level.

Are there restrooms in the facility?

OHAJI: There’s one existing restroom in the facility,

but it is not a handicap-accessible restroom. So as part of this project, there’s an adjacent restroom building that we’re also rehabilitating to bring it up to standards for use as the ADA restrooms for the boathouse.

Rotten to the Core

This isn’t a complete restoration back to 1932, when the facility was built?

OHAJI: No. Unfortunately not. We weren’t able to come up with enough [funding] to make that happen.

But what you’re doing is really significant, though, because you are doing the structural work and making the boathouse good to go for a long time.

OHAJI: Absolutely. It is our goal for all of our City projects to make them 40- to 80-year buildings, and that is the goal, whether it’s new construction or a historical rehabilitation.

How bad a shape was it in?

OHAJI: It was in very bad shape. And the more we go through construction, we find more and more areas of rot – entire walls are being supported by the stucco and plaster and not by the wood members themselves, because the wood members are so rotted. And that is the case with that [signature] tower. There were walls at the base of that

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Four City departments come together to rehabilitate the Echo Park Boathouse, an icon of the City of Los Angeles.

Photos by Tom Hawkins, Club Photographer, and John Burnes, Alive! editor; JuanCarlos Chan, Photographer, Rec and Parks; and courtesy the Security Pacific National Bank Collection, the Herald Examiner Collection, and Roy Hankey, Los Angeles Public Library photo archive, Christina Rice, Acting Sr. Librarian.

A classic Los Angeles structure that was almost literally on its last legs is getting a fresh but thorough rehabilitation, thanks to four City departments that are coming together to get the job done.

The iconic Echo Park Boathouse – well known from countless movies and visits from natives and tourists alike – is getting some thorough attention. It's a Rec and Parks facility that's being overhauled through the design work of Public Works/

Engineering's Architectural Division. The City Council Office of Eric Garcetti is raising the funds and building the neighborhood consensus, and the rehab work itself is being kept in-house through the efforts of General Services.

Everyone's combining their efforts to produce a first-rate attraction once again. The work is scheduled to be finished in early March.

The Project

The 1,500-square-foot Echo Park Boathouse, originally constructed in 1932, was designed in the Spanish Colonial Revival Style and is posi-

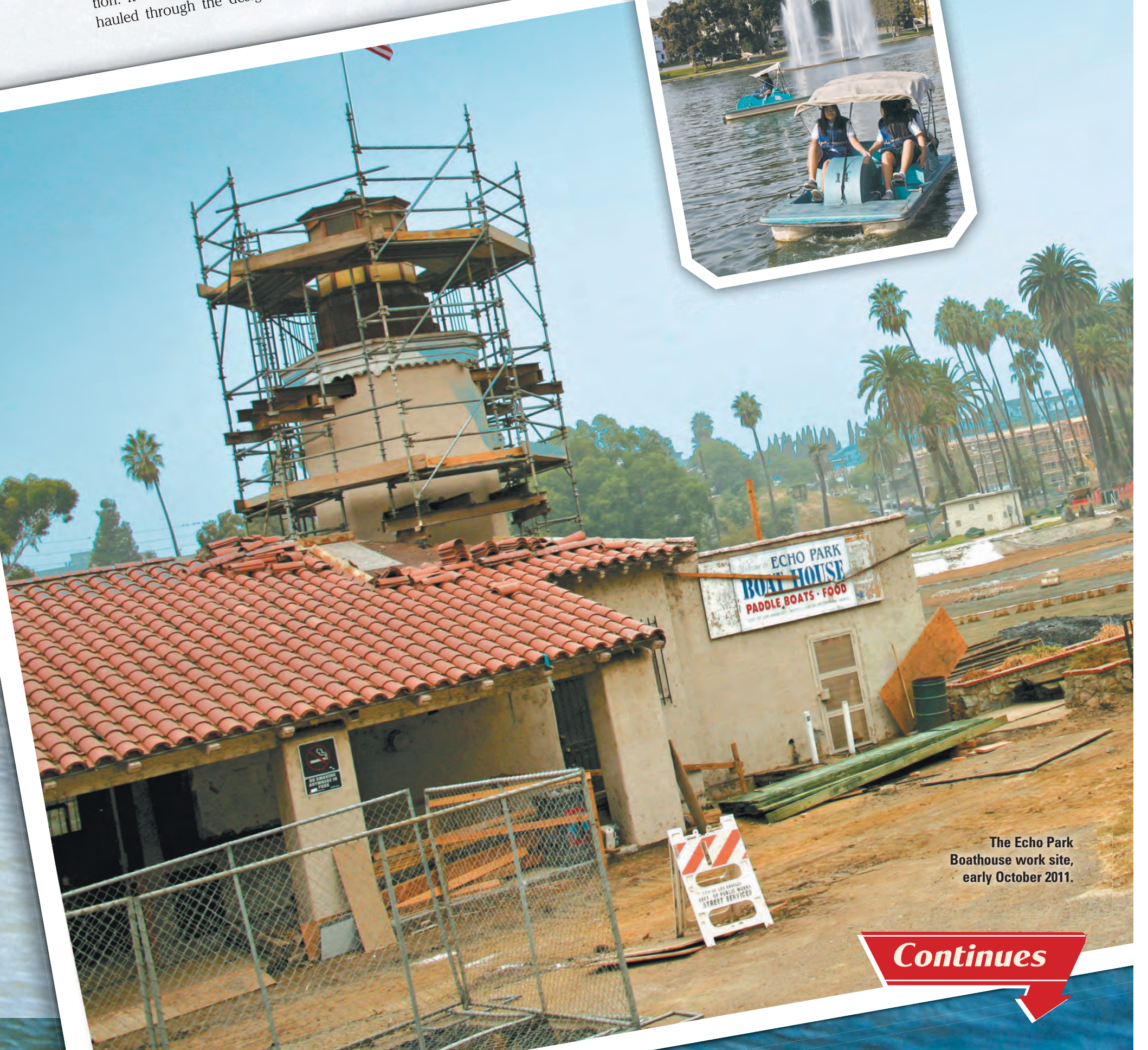
tioned over the Echo Park Lake. The facility has undergone several aesthetic and building system retrofits throughout the years. The most recent rehabilitation effort, Phase I, was completed in 2007. Phase I entailed preserving the existing piles, rehabilitating the dock, and providing disabled access to the dock.

Phase II of the Echo Park Boathouse Rehabilitation includes the completion of the aesthetic, and structural retrofit of the existing building and mechanical systems. The Boathouse Rehabilitation is a small part of the larger Echo Park Rehabilitation project.

Good luck with this great project! We'll come back and revisit once it's finished.



Padding on Echo Park Lake in the 1980s. These boats were rented out of the Echo Park Boathouse.



The Echo Park Boathouse work site, early October 2011.

Continues

THE *ALIVE!* INTERVIEW, continued



Ohaji Abdallah, Public Works/Engineering, explains the boathouse project.

tower area that were completely rotted out. It was literally the plaster holding it up before that shoring came in.

Wow. Phase one was a couple of years ago?

OHAJI: 2004, I believe. Phase One concentrated on rehabilitating the dock area, which had become so dilapidated – the dock itself was so rotted – that it was dangerous. People could have fallen through. There were plenty of holes throughout the dock. And we knew that, to do a Phase Two at a reasonable cost, we would need to tackle the structural retrofit of the dock, the piles and the diaphragm of that area, early on. We did that in Phase One.

I see. And that was completed. And then you were able to secure funds for the second phase.

OHAJI: Yes, absolutely.

Will there be a phase after this one?

OHAJI: Not that I know of. At the moment, no. As we went through design, we looked at a [possible] phase three and asked, what

would that consist of? At this point, it would consist of the proper [full] restoration of the facility. All of that work could be done without destroying all of the good work and money spent during the current Phase Two.

That makes perfect sense. So after Phase Two it will be a complete project.

OHAJI: It will be a complete project, absolutely. If additional historical funding comes through, then we can go through and restore it back to 1932, recreating the historical woodwork in the concession area and windows back to the style of 1932.

Some of the wood that you said was rotten, was the original wood from 1932?

OHAJI: Absolutely. It was original wood. And as a matter of fact, in the tower, we were able to find wood members that had the Sears stamp. Back in the 1920s and 1930s, Sears and I believe Montgomery Ward used to sell homebuilding kits, and they provided lumber for a variety of different reasons and were in the construction business. So yes, that wood is original.

That's amazing. Sears wood in a City building.

OHAJI: Yes.

So the rehabilitation project will bring the boathouse up to code. Does that also include seismic concerns?

OHAJI: Absolutely. The piles themselves have done a very good job at holding what is called the dead weight of the building. They've done an absolutely great job over the years. We're adding only

four new piles to address the seismic concerns. As earthquakes come, the building can act as one, as a complete diaphragm, and you won't have the tower peeling off from the rest of the building and falling into the lake.

Had it been closed recently? Or only in anticipation of this project?

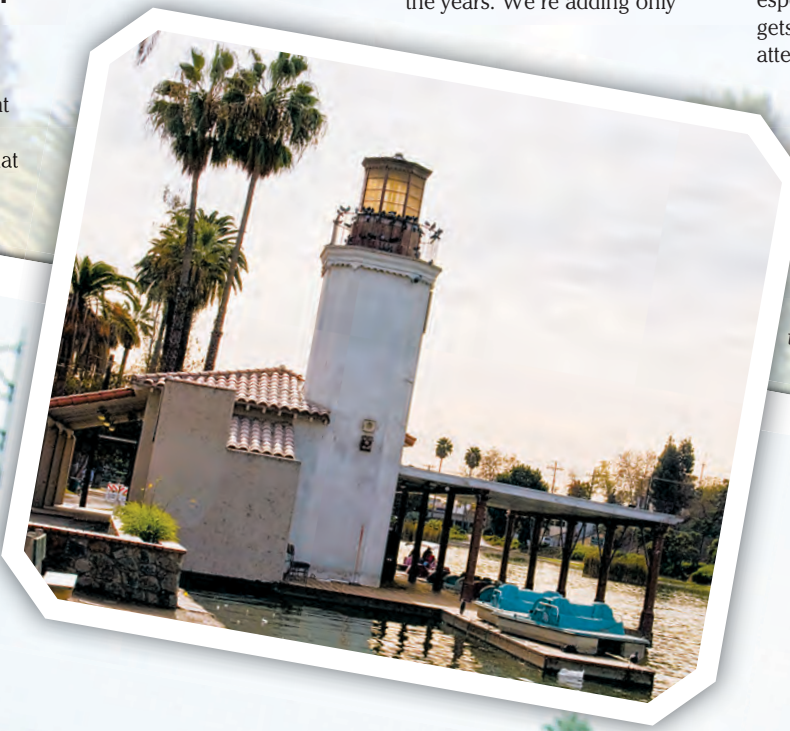
OHAJI: It had actually been closed for almost a year before this project began. That was unfortunately due to the financial state of the City itself.

An Important Project

How important is the boathouse? How much of an icon is it?

OHAJI: I personally believe that all historical structures, especially for this community, are tremendous icons. The lake and the boathouse are tied together as one obviously. But the boathouse is the iconic figure that the community members see when they open their windows from those homes along Echo Park Avenue and Glendale Boulevard. They see the structure as a beacon of their community, especially now since we've gotten the lighting back up and running. It has created more fanfare for the community in general.

Everyone has been looking forward to the rehab of the entire lake as well as the boathouse. *[Echo Park Lake is also being rehabbed by the City, in a completely separate project. – Ed.]* The lake project is such a large project. And yet the boathouse still garners similar amounts of attention. It's such a small project, especially when you look at the construction and design budgets. It became evident to me just how important it is when we attended the community meetings. There was such a strong reaction. There's a very strong historical preservation community presence in Echo Park. They're very concerned with the conservation and preservation of their historic structures. And they consider this as one of their signature buildings. An iconic building of Echo Park.



The Echo Park Boathouse with its iconic lighthouse tower, taken a few years ago.



Ohaji Abdallah, Public Works/Engineering, explains the project while on site.

Rehabbing a *Alive!* Feature Classic

THE *ALIVE!* INTERVIEW, continued

When people find out that you're involved in this project, do people say to you, "Oh, I grew up there" or "I met my wife there"? Do people tell you those stories?

OHAJI: Absolutely. I'm actually closing out several other major projects throughout the City, neighborhood city hall projects. When I mentioned this project to several of the councilmen and deputy [staff members], they were tremendously excited. They showed up at the community meetings, even though this wasn't the council district that they work in. They grew up in these neighborhoods.

And Echo Park has turned around. At one point it was considered a fairly dangerous neighborhood. It wasn't considered a neighborhood that you really wanted to drop \$300,000 or \$400,000 on a historic home. But it has made a complete turnaround. The community members have taken their neighborhood back from the unwanted elements. They're raising the bar for all of the neighborhoods in that area.

Cool Parts of the Project

When were at the site earlier, we talked about the portholes in the tower that you're uncovering. Talk about some of the unique features that you find really interesting as you supervise this project.

OHAJI: One of the most interesting features is that the entire boathouse sits on piles. As I've looked at some other boathouses – a lot of them, the main portion of the building is actually on land while the dock is on piles. But the Echo Park Boathouse sits entirely on piles. That's interesting, especially when you consider how well the substructure has held up over the years.

Architecturally the tower is one of the most striking elements. A large portion of the tower is built of copper. Essentially, the top portion of the lighthouse is built of copper and redwood.

The porthole windows that at one point were open but were closed I'm sure due to maintenance concerns, are now being reopened, re-glazed, and re-waterproofed.

There will be light coming out of them again.

OHAJI: Yes, there will be light shining out of them.

How long do you estimate they were closed?

OHAJI: I would say they've been closed since the 1970s. There was a rehab done in the '70s, and I noticed on the drawings from that project that the porthole windows were not shown on the drawings.

So at least that long.

OHAJI: So at least that long, absolutely.

There are whole generations of people who have never seen those original portals.

OHAJI: Absolutely.



From left: Ohaji Abdallah, Public Works/Engineering, with John Burnes, *Alive!* editor.

You rented a boat there before the boathouse closed.

OHAJI: Yes, I did. After Phase One was done, I took my daughter out. We went on to the lake. It's a really beautiful lake.

Departments Working Together

This is a multi-department project. I know that Councilman Eric Garcetti and his office staff have been very integral to this project. Can you talk a little bit about their passion and involvement?

OHAJI: They've been integral to the point that they've been out finding the grants to make this project happen. They facilitated the community meetings. They've been outstanding. They certainly went over and above the call of duty to make the project happen. And they also worked with Rec and Parks to go after the coastal historic endowment grant from the state of California.

Talk about the involvement of General Services involvement. They're doing the construction work.

OHAJI: Yes. They also did Phase One, so it was natural for us to use their construction team because they were already

familiar with the job. We were able to ship drawings over to them throughout the design phase, get their input on how to facilitate sort of the structural substructure work. The quality with General Services is always outstanding. They're not profit-based. It behooves them to provide quality rather than providing the cheapest element or the cheapest labor that they possibly can. They're also our maintenance division, so doing a good job during construction means less rework that will have to be dealt with by their maintenance division.

And finally, let's talk about Rec and Parks. I mean is this technically their project?

OHAJI: Yes, Rec and Parks is the owner of the facility. We are using their maintenance guidelines as a standard for us during design. They know that all of the plumbing and HVAC [heating-ventilation-air conditioning] items that we're adding can be easily maintained by their staff.

The Stuff of Dreams

What's your dream for the boathouse? What is your dream for the way that people will interact with it once your work is finished?

OHAJI: The dream is that people will actually hang out at the boathouse. I hope that the Council Office will find a vendor not just to facilitate the concessionaire stand and the boathouse rental but who will also pull in the artistic elements of the Echo Park community. It's a really artistic community, with lots of bands and performing artists. Allowing those activities to happen directly in front of the boathouse, creating a sort of stage for the entire Echo Park in front of the boathouse, would be an outstanding thing. And I'm hoping that we can offer Wi-Fi services there so that it becomes sort of a hangout place and a study area for all of the local community kids.

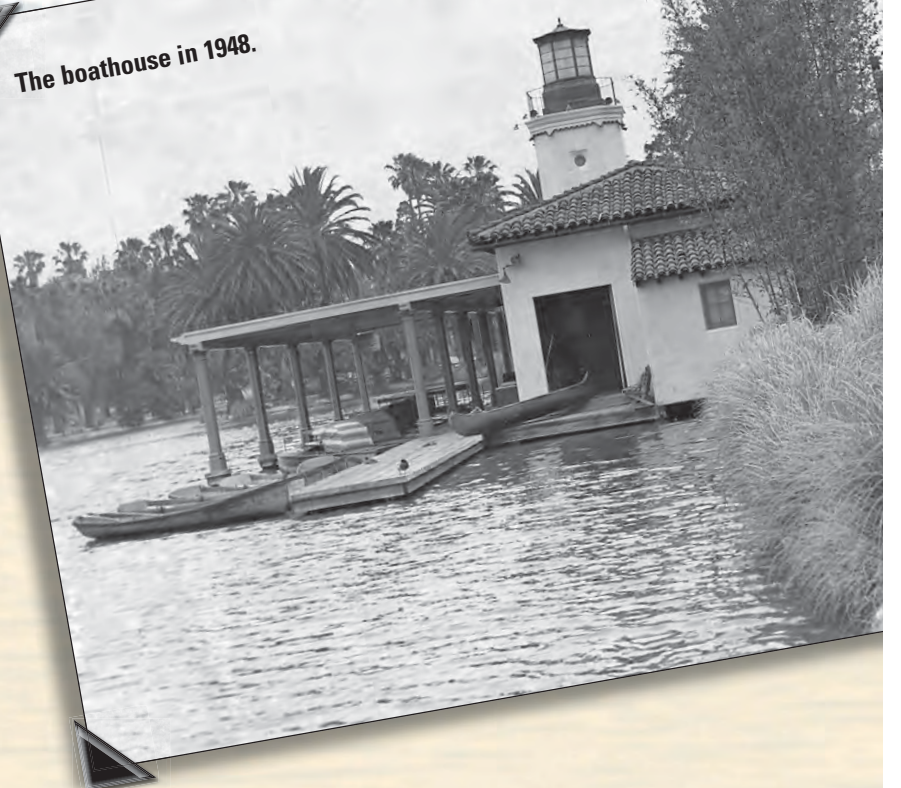
That's great to hear. And you need to be finished with it in February.

OHAJI: Absolutely. That is the goal, to be finished in February or early March.

Thanks, Ohaji. We'll be back when it's finished!

OHAJI: Thank you, John. We appreciate it. ■

The boathouse in 1948.



Much Work to Do!

Here are recent views of the boathouse during the early part of the rehabilitation project. As Ohaji Abdallah explains in the *Alive!* interview, there is much work to do.



Thank You!

The Club thanks Ohaji Abdallah and Michelle Vargas, Public Works/Engineering; and Andrea Epstein and JuanCarlos Chan, Rec and Parks, for their assistance in producing this article.



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Mission In Haiti

Group including firefighters helps out at an orphanage.



Capt. Rick Godinez with some local orphans. Can you tell they love getting their picture taken?

Story and photos by Capt. Rick Godinez, Fire Station 2

On July 23, Firefighters for Christ (FFC) sent a team to Haiti for one week to continue the work of previous teams that were sent following the devastating earthquake in 2010.

The team consisted of 12 members comprised of a mix bag of firefighters, nurses, a chiropractor, a teacher, a music teacher and an LAFD wife.

Their mission was to assist in an orphanage that was teaching English Camp to 250 kids. It was an opportunity for the team to minister to the children ranging in ages three to 15, along with the junior counselors who assisted with interpreting for the team.

The orphanage was run by Byron and Shelley Tuluchek and their seven children, who assisted in every aspect of the day-to-day operations.

"Once our team arrived at the orphanage, we quickly settled in and were anxious to receive our assignments for the week" says Capt. Godinez.

As our team toured the facility, we were taken down a dirt road to a vacant house that served as the school building. This house was constructed with cinder block and finished with cement for a smooth texture. The floors were dirt and the windows were open with no glass. Each room served as a classroom with no chairs, which meant each child would have to stand or sit on the dirt floor.

The daily routine was to rise early and get breakfast ready for the kids. 250 eggs have to be hard-boiled then wrapped in a napkin. Bananas have to be washed and cut at both ends, and the Kool Aid had to be made in quantity.

Before the kids arrived, the counselors and staff would meet for a morning devotional and discuss any pertinent items for the day.

As the kids arrived, the team served breakfast and prepared for stretching and the bible story for the day. After the story, the kids were lead down a dirt road to the classroom.

The kids seemed to be very receptive toward learning new skills. We weren't sure how they would do with simple knots, but they caught on quickly and were able to utilize them later in the week when we taught splinting and bandaging.

The next day was a whole new adventure for the kids and the team. The Firefighters taught Burn Safety and Stop, Drop and Roll. The kids really got into it and most of them shared how they had been burned. The living conditions in Haiti are very crowded, and most families have to share a very small living space where cooking hazards often occur.

The earthquake last year left many families still living in a tent constructed with only tarps or open windowed structures made of block walls.

As we started our third day of class, we couldn't believe our time here was halfway over. The firefighters on the team taught the kids wound care and treatment for broken bones. The kids used the knots that they learned on day one and did a great job splinting each other and the counselors.

As we demonstrated various ways of splinting and bandaging, I shared with the kids how God continues to heal my daughter Marisa from a recent head injury. The kids were curious about my daughter and how God intervened. I told them that we can help people that are hurt with splints and bandages, but we still need to pray to God for healing. I shared that Marisa spent three days in the hospital and had to undergo surgery

able to review all of the lessons taught during the week, which included: Knots; Burn Safety; Stop, Drop and Roll; wound care; and splinting and bandaging. The kids did great!

The vacant house that served as our classroom was hot, humid and dusty. Despite the conditions, the team remained in good spirits and energetic to work with the kids.

At the end of the day, the team enjoyed dinner

the performance started and the kids did an amazing job. They sang and danced to several worship songs. Shortly after, we started a picture slide show and the rain also started.

That evening marked the conclusion to our trip and it left the staff, counselors, and our team with feeling that we really made a difference this week.

Even in a Third-World country that was devastated by a severe earthquake, continued poverty, and homelessness, the children could still see God at work and trust that they are not forgotten.



Thea Van Gordon and Jen Elizarraras teaching a bible story.



Retired San Luis Obispo Capt. Rik Grecnik poses with one of the orphans.



Walking to school from the orphanage with Tom Zeulner leading the way.



Capt. Rick Godinez teaches the kids to make knots. These knots were later used for splinting and bandaging during the wound care demonstration.

for an epidural hematoma.

At the end of the day, the team was treated to a trip into town. This proved to be an eye-opening experience. The people of Haiti continue to survive despite the overwhelming destruction that is still evident from last year's earthquake.

Many people still live in shelter constructed of tarps, while others continue to live in earthquake-damaged structures.

The fourth day was our most challenging day. The kids arrived wound up and a little more difficult to control. Things settled down and we were

followed by a devotional and worship music.

Tom Zeulner, Rik Grecnik, and I spent the day rigging electrical wire to the vacant lot that we used for P.E. class. We strung lighting, hung a makeshift screen (plywood and a sheet) for our video and picture slide show.

As parents and relatives arrived (approximately 250 people), they were amazed how this dirt field was transformed into an outdoor theater. The team members were relieved that we got this far and close toward pulling off this concert. As the clouds moved in and threatened rain,



From left: Jennifer Elizarraras, LAFD wife, and Thea Van Gordon, teacher.



This is one classroom used for Bible class. Notice the dirt floor and open windows. This was a vacant house that used for classrooms.



Tom Zeulner, Retired, San Luis Obispo Fire Dept.



Game time with Dr. Ben Griffes, chiropractor.

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From left: Chief Charlie Beck; Sherrie Sanders, Sr. Clerk Typist, 24 years of City service; Chris Beatty, GIS, Club Member, 24 years; and P3 Gregory Williams, 9 years. Front: P3 Lin Hom, 16 years; Elena Asucan, Sr. MA, 25 years; and P3 John Kong, 9 years.

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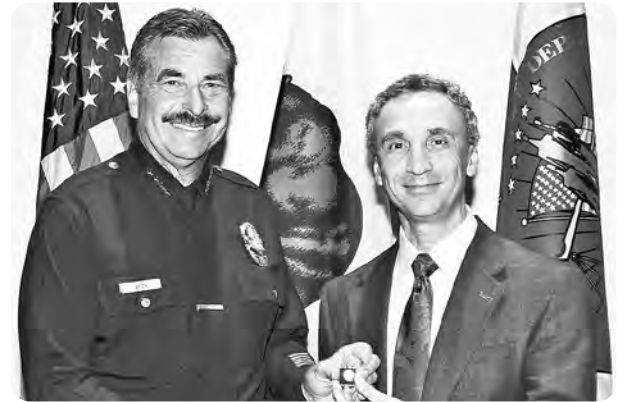
More than 40 employees receive pins in honor of their milestone.



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

On Sept. 20, more than 40 Police Dept. employees received pins in honor of hitting a milestone: 25 years of dedicated service to the LAPD.

The event took place at the Ronald Deaton Civic Auditorium, which is part of the LAPD's new headquarters building downtown.



From left: Chief Charlie Beck; Vartan Yeghyan, Director of Police Transportation II, Motor Transport Division.

The recipients were:



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From left: Berta Ugas, Sr. PSR 1, LAPD Communications, Club Member, with daughter Tiffany and son Dallas; Assistant Chief Sandy Jo MacArthur; and Sgt. II Delaney Jones.

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From left: Christal Smith, guest; Roslyn Lewis, guest; Sabrina Williams, Sr. Clerk Typist, South Traffic Division, Club Member, 25 years of City service; and Sgt. Samuel Mark, South Traffic Division.

Congratulations to all who received this great honor.
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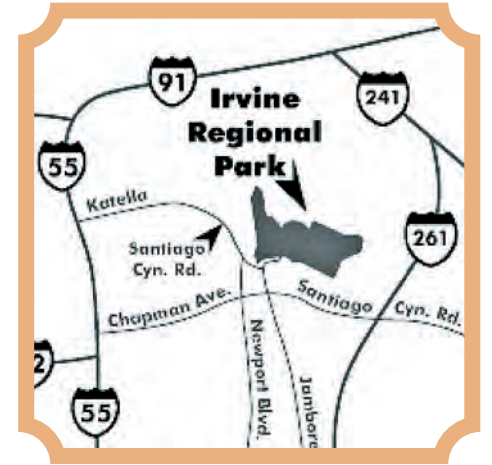
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Irvine Regional Park: Bike Path

— Irvine, Calif.



Angel Jr. gives us the "thumbs up" along the path.

Hello again, everybody!

This month, we traveled to the city of Orange. Irvine Regional Park is nestled amongst a grove of heritage oak and sycamore trees. The rolling foothills surrounding the park are filled with a variety of wildlife. Trees and shaded turf areas provide a serene setting for leisure activities. Santiago Creek bisects the park and a pond with a stonework waterfall, and a footbridge is located in the center of the park. The variety of landscape greatly enhances the park's beauty.

Let's begin!

HISTORY: Irvine Park was part of Don Teodosio Yorba's original Mexican grant of Rancho Lomas de Santiago. The first recreational use of the oak grove was by the early German colonists who settled Anaheim in 1857, and the area became known as the "Picnic Grounds."

In 1876, the grove and the surrounding rancho became the sole property of James Irvine, who had bought out his partners. Seven years after his father's death, James Jr. decided to give the county its first park.

The early 1920s saw some park improvements including wooden picnic tables and restrooms. Commercial electricity was not available till the mid-1920s.

The park underwent a major renovation and redevelopment in 1982-83. This included restoring the old buildings; redevelopment of the three group picnic areas; addition of three playgrounds and horseshoe pits; new turf and landscape; and relocating the roadways. A new zoo facility was also constructed,



Paddleboats at Irvine Park.



Aden found a small jaw bone and two thigh bones.

We stopped by the Irvine Regional Park Zoo.



Irvine Regional Park Bike Path

1 Irvine Park Road, Orange, CA 92869
(714) 973-6835 or (714) 973-3173

BIKE PATH ACTIVITIES:
walking, jogging, skating, rollerblading, and bicycling.

AREA: 477-acre park

DISTANCE: Various routes

DIFFICULTY RATING: Easy

BIKE TIME: 1 to 2 hours

TRAIL CONDITION: Asphalt

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS:
Barbeques/fire rings, botanical preserve, equestrian trails, family picnic area, fishing, horseback riding, interpretive center, paddleboat rental, train rides, softball fields, and lots of pavilion areas.

FALL & WINTER HOURS:
6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

SPRING & SUMMER HOURS:
6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

PARKING:
\$3 (weekdays), \$5 (weekends)

DIRECTIONS: Irvine Regional Park is in Santiago Canyon, six miles east of the City of Orange. To reach the park, take the Newport (55) Freeway to the Chapman Avenue east offramp. Head east on Chapman for approximately five miles. Turn left on Jamboree for one fourth a mile to the park entrance.



Angel's
Be Alive!

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

Angel Gomez,
Club Director of Sales



Angel and Aden inside the interpretive center, standing in front of a small bear exhibit.



Aden in front of the Native American display.



Irvine Regional Park, "California's first county park."

The Interpretive Center at Irvine Regional Park

which includes a children's barnyard area and native animal exhibits. 1983 also brought the listing of the park on the National Registry of Historic Places.

An interpretive center has been constructed in the historic exhibit hall. It has displays featuring the park areas; natural, cultural, historical, and recreational resources; and includes an audiovisual theater for interpretive presentations.

Throughout its history, Irvine Park has housed a wide range of animals. William A. Kinsley succeeded Fay Irwin as superintendent in 1960. He built up a compound of birds and animals, which became known as the park's zoo.

playing outdoor activities, or even going to the zoo. This is one of those parks you need to visit at least three for four times to get all the fun it has to offer. Thank you, Irvine Regional Park. We all had a wonderful time.

Bring water, snacks and maybe some sunscreen.



Aden looks through owl pellets.



Angel Jr. in front of footprint display.

Don't forget to bring your camera. Take plenty of photos and send them to me at agomez@cityemployeesclub.com.

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

The Bike Ride

Irvine Park is very nice, and there was much to see. I loved the variety of all the activities. There's a wonderful bike path (be careful of cars, though). There's plenty of room to do almost any activity, but on a very busy weekend all the areas are full, so arrive early. We all had a fine time looking at a variety of scenic views along the way. My wife was really nervous because our youngest, Aden, is still learning how to ride in crowded places, but we made it without any situations. I really wanted to go into the zoo, but there was a long line (it was a festive weekend). We did go inside the interpretive center. There was lots of cultural information and exhibits, lots of education for the kids. Next time I'll go earlier and avoid the crowds.

Swing by and take a look at this gorgeous park. Even if you do not bike ride, you can hang out fishing,



Swing by and take a look at this gorgeous park!

Enjoying a beautiful day outside.

LAFD

Memorial Breakfast For Eric

Fire Dept. hosts pancake breakfast and fundraiser for the late Eric Shepherd.



Firefighter Eric Shepherd.

Story by Gedina Bergstrom, Club Counselor, and David DeMulle; Photos by David DeMulle

On Sept. 24, more than 100 Firefighters and friends attended a pancake breakfast fundraiser to support the family of Firefighter Eric Shepherd. The event was held at Fire Station 29, Eric's home station.

Eric Shepherd, a Firefighter III on the C Platoon at Fire Station 29, died suddenly while off-duty July 18. A memorial was held in his honor July 29, which was covered in the September issue of *Alive!* He is survived by his father, Ronald, and his stepmother, Cindy; his mother, Loretta; sister, Rene; and Cacherel Smaith, the mother of his daughter, Sarai.

Donate at the Los Angeles Fireman's Credit Union in Eric's memory, to offset the future cost of the education of his daughter, Sarai. Those wishing to make a contribution may do so with either a walk-in or electronic transaction:

Sarai Shepherd
Educational Fund
Los Angeles Fireman's Credit Union
1520 W. Colorado Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91105



Captain Kelly and Fire Station 29 gathers to remember Firefighter Eric Shepherd.

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TRANSPORTATION

Goodbye, Jimmy!

Club friend and Member Jimmy Price retires from Transportation after 38 years of City service.



Chief Jimmy Price, Club Member, with his wife, Lt. Tovanni Price, Central Parking Enforcement, 10 years of City service, and Sgt. Frank Nuno, Central Parking Enforcement, 8 years.



Story and photos by Tanya Edwards, Club Counselor

Jimmy L. Price, Chief of Parking Enforcement and Traffic Control Operations, officially retired from City Service on June 4. He was honored by friends, family and those whose lives he touched within the City at a gala, held Sept. 10 at the beautiful Los Verdes Country Club in Rancho Palos Verdes.

Everyone from representatives of Senators and Congressmembers to fellow Transportation officers turned out. He was awarded the City of Los Angeles Mayoral Certificate, given a City Council Proclamation as well as honorary momentums from the Transportation Commission, Department of Transportation and many organizations, including your very own City Employees Club of Los Angeles represented by Robert Larios, Chief of Operations, and myself, who gave him a City of Los Angeles commemorative watch.

Here's some background on his career:

Chief Jimmy L. Price began his career as a Traffic Officer on June 18, 1973. He was hired as a Traffic Control Officer assigned to LAPD Central Traffic Division, where he directed traffic at various intersections and also enforced parking regulations on a three-wheel Harley Davidson motorcycle.

Chief Price worked as a traffic control officer until July 1, 1974, when the positions of Traffic Control Officer and Parking Control Checker were merged into the newly created civilian Traffic Officer class. In 1978, Chief Price transferred to the newly opened Southeast Police Division, where he was a part of the Storm Detail. In 1981, Chief Price became one of the first designated Training Instructors for the Traffic Officer Class. As a Training Instructor, he participated in traffic control training for recruit Police Officers in preparation for the 1984 Olympics.



One of the many ocean views from this beautiful country club.



Lt. Bennie Ellis, South Parking Enforcement, 31 years of City service, and Andrea Fernandez, Retired Deputy Chief, 38 years.



Joan Pelico, District Director for Councilmember Paul Koretz, and Ann Muenster-Nuiry, VP of Operations, Municipal Services ACS Government Services.



Chief Jimmy Price and his wife, Lt. Tovanni Price, enjoy some of the delicious catered food.



The event's band played all the great R&B classics.



From left: Lt. Cheryl Johnson, Transportation, enforcement, 25 years of City service, and Aaron Johnson Price, Chief Price's son.



Chief Jimmy Price and his wife, Tovanni, surrounded by friends and family.



From left: Rita Robinson, Former General Manager, Transportation, and former Club Board Member; John Frierson, Board of Transportation Commissioners; Julie Butcher, Union Representative; and Susie Frierson, Retired, 43 years of City service.



The Rev. Zane Tarver opened the festivities with a moment of prayer and blessings for the Chief.



Fawnda Sparks, Sr. Traffic Officer, 36 years of City services; Korla Hobbs, Traffic Officer, Hollywood Division, 27 years; and friends.

In 1985, Chief Price, with 400 other Traffic Officers, was reassigned from the LAPD to Transportation. Chief Price was transferred to the Southern Area Parking Enforcement Office, where he performed his duties in an exemplary manner, until he was promoted to Sergeant on Oct. 27, 1985. Chief Price was reassigned to the Central Area Parking Enforcement office.

In 1986, Chief Price was promoted to Lieutenant. During his tenure as Lieutenant, he was assigned to manage the Communications Center and later the Central Area Parking Enforcement Office. Chief Price was promoted to Captain in 1988. As a Captain, Chief Price continued to oversee Area Operations in the Central Area Parking Enforcement Office.

Also in 1988, Chief Price was promoted to Commander, where his responsibility consisted of managing the daily operations of the Support Services Division, which included Special Events and the Crossing Guard Program. He then was promoted to Deputy Chief in 1996, and was responsible for the management and oversight of all Parking Enforcement Area Offices.

In 1998, Chief Price was promoted to Chief of Parking Enforcement and Traffic Control Operations. As chief, he was given the responsibility of managing the Bureau's 24-hour, seven-

day-per-week operation, which consists of 700 full-time employees as well as more than 500 Crossing Guards.

During his tenure as Chief, he was responsible for the development and implementation of many different important programs.

Chief Price is known for his passion, commitment, compassion, and dedication. He strongly believed in our most important core value as an organization: Our employees come first, the customer second. He based this belief on the fact that a well trained and properly motivated work force will deliver exceptional service.

Congratulations on a great career, Chief Price. Enjoy your retirement!

Special thanks go to Sgt. Frank Nuno and Lt. Tovanni Price for their assistance.



One of the many appetizer stations.



From left: Michael and Pam Ingram; Helena Goss, Transportation Administration, 30 years of City service; and Dan Green.



The *Alive!* Children's Coloring Contest:

Compiled by Lupe Medina,
Administrative Services
Representative



Coloring with Lupe!

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

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

Your name _____ How old are you? _____

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

What is your favorite snack? _____

What is the first name of your best friend? _____

Why do you want to go to LEGOLAND: _____

For parents/guardian to complete:

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Job title and department with the City: _____

Parent/guardian phone number: _____

Child's address/state/zip: _____

Submit to:

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

Deadline for submission:

Dec. 1, 2011

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!

Lupe says,
"Win 4 free tickets to LEGOLAND"

An award package will be given for each age group:

- Ages 5 and under**
- Ages 6 to 7**
- Ages 8 to 10**
- Ages 11 to 13**

New Prize Category!



HOLIDAY SNOW DAYS

November 19 - January 2



For Retired Club Members

The Best Years



By Mary Beetz,
RLACEI Publicity Chair

City Retiree Associations

DWP Retirees Association



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9521 Las Tunas Dr. #4,
Temple City, CA 91780

Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



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

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.

RLACEI Upcoming Events:

Here's a listing of all the RLACEI events, dates and locations for 2011:

Dec. 1: Holiday party, Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles, Noon.

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

RLACEI:

Pension News Not Good In Other California Cities

President Ed Harding reports:

2010 Club Excellence
Award Recipient



Ed Harding

"I would like to report that our joint meeting with LACERS Open Enrollment Meeting held Oct. 6 was a great success. We had more than 100 attendees. Free flu shots and massages were given. A light breakfast and lunch were served.

"After lunch, we had our annual corporation meeting, at which time our members voted to re-elect Directors Hal Danowitz, Tom Stenmoch, Michael Karsch, Americo Garza, Michael Wilkinson, and Neil

Ricci. They will serve two-year terms. Next year, Ken Spiker, Helen Salgado, Gary Mattingly, Mary Beetz, and I will come up for re-election.

"Neil Ricci, our Nominating Chairman, reported that there is a vacant Director position open. Those who are interested are requested to send a resumé to Ed Harding, 2890 Waterfall Lane, Simi Valley, CA 93065.

"I also would like to inform our members that there is a change in

location for our holiday party. The Grace Simons Lodge was too small for last year's holiday party, therefore, our holiday Party will be held at the Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr. in L.A. Dec. 1 at 10:30 a.m. See the Upcoming Events Section of the monthly newspaper.

"On a different and more hopeful note, don't forget to call and make reservations by calling our toll-free number (800) 678-4145, ext. 701.

Legislative Report by Michael Karsch:



Michael Karsch

"*Pension News From Other Cities:* The city of San Jose faces a pension bill this year of \$245 million, which is expected to rise to \$430 million in four years. Five of the city's unions announced at the end of September pension changes (pension reductions for current and future employees and reducing the annual cost of living raises and retirement bonus checks) to save the city almost a half-billion dollars over five years. More than 2,000 job positions have been eliminated over the last ten years; current workers have taken 10 percent in pay cuts, and actual layoffs occurred this June when 66 young police officers lost their jobs. The mayor of San Jose, Chuck Reed, wants a declaration of a fiscal state of emergency to be followed by pension reforms on the city ballot in the spring.

"The mayor's proposal would cap the city's contribution for future employees' retirement at 9 percent of pay and no more than half the cost of the benefit. Retirees would keep their current pensions but a cut in cost of living increases from three percent to one percent for five years and lose bonus check payments. Employees would keep the benefits they have earned to date, but would either pay more out of their salary to enhance those benefits in the future, or accept reduced retirement benefits plus work ten years longer than the current minimum retirement age.

"Voters in the city of San Francisco will decide in an election Nov. 8 whether to choose a pension reform proposed by Mayor Ed Lee, the Board of Supervisors (the city and county of San Francisco is one

entity with an elected mayor and a Board of Supervisors) and the city's labor unions, designated as Proposition C, and a competing measure, Proposition D, by the city's Public Defender, Jeff Adachi. Both measures would increase the contributions employees must make to their pension accounts; Proposition C would increase them less, and would then reverse the cuts when City revenues improve. Adachi's measure saves more costs to the city/county by \$300 million to \$400 million over the next decade, per the Controller's office. Each measure has wealthy backers: D has a venture capitalist who is a registered Democrat, and a businessman who is a registered Republican; C has the resources of the public unions and a wealthy Republican financier."

LACERS Update by Mary Beetz:



Mary Beetz

"*Go Green With LACERS:* Let's Help Preserve the Environment Together. The Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System (LACERS) wants to help the environment and decrease administrative expenses by saving natural resources, energy, postage, and

paper. To do this, we encourage you to call or email LACERS and say, "I Want to Go Green." When you opt to Go Green, you will be asked to provide or confirm your email address so you can receive LACERS' newsletters by email instead of receiving mailed copies.

If you change your mind, you will always have the opportunity to receive hard copies upon request. LACERS hopes to hear from you soon. Please call (800) 779-8328, or email lacers.services@lacity.org, and "Go Green!"

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

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
- Gary Mattingly Ext. 702
- Neil Ricci Ext. 714
- Helen Salgado (membership) Ext. 713
- Phil Skarin Ext. 709
- Ken Spiker Ext. 705
- Tom Sternnock Ext. 708

Questions: Ext. 0

RSVP: Ext. 701

DWP Retirement Plan Office (213) 367-1722

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Evelyn at the lighthouse.

2010 Club Excellence Award Recipient



By Hal Danowitz, Secretary, RLACEI

Hal in the Hamptons

The conclusion of Hal and Evelyn's trip to the tony Hamptons in New York.

My wife, Evelyn, has a very good friend, Nancy, who lives in New York City. We visit Nancy whenever we are there, and she visits us at least once a year when she comes to Los Angeles on business. She lives in the west seventies, a block off of Central Park in a rent-controlled apartment too small for guests. About 10 years ago, she bought a house in East Hampton, NY.

The Hamptons refers to several villages and hamlets in the towns of Southampton and East Hampton on the far east end of Suffolk County in Long Island, NY, about 100 miles from New York City. These townships occupy the South Fork of Long Island, stretching to the Atlantic Ocean. The Hamptons form a popular seaside resort, one of the historical summer colonies of the American Northeast. They have some of the most expensive residential properties in the United States.

When Nancy visited us in the spring, she invited us to visit her at her "remodeled" home over the Fourth of July. When we arrived the Thursday before the fourth, we found a much-unfinished remodel, which I outlined in last month's article. As we begin this month's conclusion, we have been here three days.

That morning we got coffee and doughnuts and sat out on the beach for breakfast. You can park until 9 a.m. without a permit. Dogs are also allowed on the beach until 9 a.m. The east coast beaches just look different than Southern California beaches. The water is a different color, and of course there are no sunsets over the water (unless you are on the west side of the island).

Evelyn and I then drove to Montauk, at the end of the island. The attraction is the lighthouse. The Montauk Point Light House was the first lighthouse in New York state and is the fourth oldest active lighthouse in the United States. It became inactive in the

1980s and has been restored to its original layout. We climbed the 137 steps to the top. We had climbed the lighthouse in Key West a few years ago and it wasn't easy, so I was happy when we had no problems on this climb. One of the guides told me that this lighthouse is higher than the one in Florida.

We stopped in the village and, for lunch, we split a lobster roll, which was very tasty.

On the way home, we stopped at the Starbucks to download our e-mail.

The weather that day was somewhat overcast and felt like rain. As we walked around the Village, we felt a few drops.

We had dinner at home and watched a movie. The next day, Nancy was scheduled to go back to New York City. Evelyn and I were to be on our own until we flew home in a few days.

We had a picnic dinner on the back patio and then went to see Woody Allen's *Midnight in Paris*, which I really enjoyed because I'm reading *The Paris Wife*, a fictional account of Ernest Hemingway's first wife when they lived in Paris in the early 1920s.

Today was Monday, July 4, and the weather that morning was sunny. We hung with our host until she left for NYC, and then we were going to take a drive to Sag Harbor and walk around. There were a few fireworks shows scheduled, but because of budget problems there weren't as many as you would think.

The traffic was expected to be heavy, as many people would be driving back to the city to go back to work Tuesday. Our flight



was to leave JFK at noon, and I think we would have to leave here before 8 a.m. With no traffic it takes about two hours.

I was seated on the back patio reading, smelling the flowers, and listening to the birds sing. The backyard was very lush, and the birds were beautiful too.

They don't have a trash pickup in the Hamptons, so the resident have to buy a trash permit and haul their trash to the city collection site. After the trash run, we drove around trying to find a place for breakfast and ended up in the Village at a diner. It was the best breakfast of the trip.

We went back to the house so Nancy, our host, could pack. We drove her to the bus stop to catch one of the buses that travel between the Hamptons and NYC. During the season, the buses depart almost every hour. You can also take the train, but you have to change in Jamaica (the city, not the country), and with luggage it can be a hassle.

After we dropped her off, we drove out to Sag Harbor and walked around the town and out on to the pier. We stopped for a drink on the pier and watched the boats. The weather was great.

We had dinner a Nick and Toni's in East Hampton. The food was good, with prices to match. When I called to see if they were open, I asked what the corkage fee was and was told it was \$50 per bottle. Evelyn ordered a glass of wine off the menu, and I had a local beer.

We packed most of our bags the night before. We left East Hampton about 7:15 a.m. and were at the airport just before 10 a.m.

We checked in for our flight and waited in the Admirals Club until we boarded our flight.

We spent four full days in the Hamptons and found it very relaxing. There are enough things to see and do and lots of water activities. There are lots of good restaurants, and you can always just sit and watch the beautiful people go by.

A note to readers:

Evelyn and I will be traveling from Oct. 11 to Nov. 13. You are welcome to follow our trip at halandevelyn.blogspot.com



At the top of the lighthouse.



Hal in the block at Sag Harbor.

For Retired Club Members



Seated, from left: Melba F. Talise, Community Development, 34 years of City service; Jesusa Juatco, General Services, 31 years, Club Member; and Corazon Biscocho, General Services, 31 years. Standing: Celia Merto, guest.



Barbara Porter, raffle winner.



From left: RLACEI Board Members (and Club Members) Tom Stemnock, Phil Skarin, and Michael Karsch.

RLACEI HOLIDAY PARTY

Thursday, Dec. 1, Noon

Friendship Auditorium,
3201 Riverside Drive

You're Invited!

The RLACEI's annual Christmas Party and Installation of Officers is scheduled for noon Thursday, Dec. 1 at the Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles. There will be a light lunch (sandwiches, salad and drinks), entertainment and valuable door prizes. You must make reservations at least a week ahead: (800) 678-4145, x701. Guests welcome. Call one of the officers on the Retirees Helpline. Free taxi service can take you from the parking lot to the lodge.



From left: Ed Harding, President of RLACEI, Club Member; and Hal Danowitz, currently the Secretary/Treasurer of RLACEI and *Alive!* columnist, 35 years of City service, Club Member.

RLACEI/LACERS

A Combined Meeting

RLACEI, LACERS hold joint fall meeting that includes health fair, election of officers.



Raffle winner.



Ken Spiker, LACERS Commissioner and First Vice President, RLACEI.



Story and photos by Debbie Schroyer, Club Counselor

On Oct. 6, the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI) and Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System (LACERS), the City's pension division, held a joint fall meeting. The event, which included a LACERS health fair and the election of RLACEI officers, took place at the Friendship Auditorium.

Retirees from all Departments from the City gathered to visit the vendor booths and collect health information. The fair was followed by a wonderful lunch. RLACEI concluded the afternoon with official business, including electing Officers for the upcoming year, and a raffle with lots of winners!

Special thanks to RLACEI's Mary Beetz for her assistance.



Neil Ricci announced nominees for the election of RLACEI Officers.



Partab Ramasinghani, City Planner, 37 years of City service, Club Member, and raffle winner.



Dorothy Tamashiro, Controller's office, 36 years of City service, Club Member and raffle winner.



RLACEI officers, back, from left: Hal Danowitz, Tom Stemnock, Gary Mattingly, Americo Garza, Michael Wilkinson, and Neil Ricci. Front: Ed Harding, Robert Larios, the Club's Director of Operations, and Mary Beetz.



From left: Shirley Roy, City Clerk's Office and Public Works/Sanitation, 30 years of City service, Club Member; and Carol Mullen, Rec and Parks, 32 years.



From left: Josie and Jim Campbell, Rec and Parks, 40 years of City service, Club Member; and Phil Ord, Rec and Parks, 36 years.



From left: RLACEI President Ed Harding, Club Member, with Robert Larios, the Club's Director of Operations, are anxious to announce the raffle winners.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

Happy Thanksgiving.

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;

Count your gains instead of your losses.

Count your joys instead of your woes;

Count your friends instead of your foes.

Count your smiles instead of your tears;

Count your courage instead of your fears.

Count your full years instead of your lean;

Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.

Count your health instead of your wealth;

Count on your faith instead of yourself.

South L.A. Animal Shelter, 3612 11th Ave. Los Angeles 90018
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After Adopting, Tanya Goes Behind the Scenes

Club Counselor adopts a pet from Animal Services' South Shelter and meets the shelter's employees.



Animal Services' South Central Animal Shelter.



When you first walk in, you immediately notice the warmth and calmness reflected in the turquoise-colored walls, polished concrete floors and beautiful accents of floral arrangements and animal statues. You get more of a beautiful loft feel than of a typical animal shelter. In the lobby area is the information and payment window, where you can obtain information about adoptable animals and pay the adoption fees.



Behind the counter of the information and payment area is the Administrative staff, from left: Soptal Davila, 12 years of City service; Christine Marino, Administration Supervisor, 12 years; Cassandra Woodard, 4 years; and Erika Vela, 10 years.



The Animal Care Technicians team is lead by Supervisor Gerald Hill, 15 years of City service.



Making sure the animals are in perfect health and ready for adoption are the Registered Vet Techs, from left: Alex Cortez, 6 years of City services; Yesenea Espinoza, 10 years; and Hilcara Mano, 10 years. They are responsible for administering medications, vaccinating them and providing medical care under the direct supervision of the staff Vet.



Turtles are just some of the unusual animals that come into the shelter. The South Central shelter has had large tortoises and alligators, which were reported, and the Control Officers had to go out, rescue and bring into the shelter.



Story and photos by Tanya R. Edwards, Club Counselor

When we think of animal shelters, most people think synonymously of "the pound," but being given the opportunity to become the Club Counselor for Animal Services, and, after having visited the various shelters all around the City, I was surprised by not only the beauty of the facility but the genuine love for animals exhibited by the staff.

There was so much that I did not know about the shelters, their role and the animals that they take in, I felt the need to share this information with the public. So for the next few months, I will be doing a feature story on each of the Animal Shelters, which will include pictures of the staff, the facility and an interview with the Captain.

I loved the shelters so much that I adopted my own pet, CoCo! I encourage you to do the same.

Special thanks to Capt. Jorge Figueroa for his assistance and welcome as I toured the South Shelter.

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At the helm is Capt. Jorge Figueroa, who began his career in Animal Services more than 27 years ago. He's pictured here with his "Dog Pound." Captain Figueroa began as a field officer, and being an animal lover, he "immediately fell in love with the job. Seeing animals out the front door gives me the most satisfaction," he says. With more than 165 dogs and 60 cats in the shelter at any given time, Capt. Figueroa sees the results of the animal over population issue first hand and wants to impress on everyone "that first and foremost, love your animals by spaying and neutering them, and secondly, if you are considering adding an animal to your family, consider paying a visit to your local shelter first."



If you find a stray animal or need to put an animal up for adoption, you get to meet the smiling faces of the Animal Care Technicians (ACT), who are appropriately titled because, from personal experience, they truly do care. After adopting my little Coco Chanel, she had a little cough from a depressed immune system following spaying. Rodney Bingley, ACT, was always available by phone to answer questions and to offer suggestions about what to do to help her regain her health, and it worked. CoCo is in perfect health. Thank you, Rodney from CoCo and I. Pictured: Roman Racon, 5 years of City services; Rodney Bingley, 6 years; Deric Lee, 4 years; Julio Gonzales, 6 years; Tomika Johnson, 5 years; and Ansinee Townsend, 5 years.

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Tanya Edwards, Club Counselor, and CoCo Chanel, a two-year-old chocolate Chihuahua. The minimal cost of just \$122 for dogs gets a loving addition to your family that includes sterilization, microchipping, vaccinations and licensing, which is well worth it.



CoCo Chanel, the official Animal Services Club Mascot, sports her City Club Dress. On my first visit to South Central Animal Shelter, I met, fell in love with and took home CoCo and have never regretted it, not one day. She is the most perfect dog I have ever owned. She was totally housebroken, is loving and very obedient. I could not have asked for a more perfect companion. Thank you City of Los Angeles Animal Services!



Small animals including Chihuahuas are housed inside separately from the larger dogs in the outside kennels.



Medium to large dogs are housed in the outdoor kennels.

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In line with being committed to the health of the animals, the Shelters feed the animals only high-quality food known for its nutritional value such as Candida for dogs and Cat Tails for Cats.

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Shatana Bacon, Animal Control Officer, 6 years of City service.

Animal Control Officers are an essential part of the services offered. They go out into the field to investigate animal cruelty charges, and to rescue sick, injured, or aggressive animals. They also are responsible for enforcing licensing.



Byron Criddle, Animal Control Officer, 7 years of City service.



Miguel Gonzalez, Animal Control Officer, 23 years of City service.



Susan Botts, Field Officer Supervisor, 11 years of City service.



Part of the duties of the Registered Vet Techs is dispensing daily medications as pictured here, by Florencio Pabellon, Registered Vet Tech, 10 years of City service.

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Part of the services that are offered by the Shelters is information on how to care for your animals. Posters such as this "Hot Oven, Hot Car... It's the Same Thing" line the walls of the Shelter, which offer stunning reminders of how important it is to take care when leaving your animals in the car.

LAFD

That's Over the Line!

Fire Dept. hosts its first tourney dedicated to this unique sport.



The LAFD's first-ever Over the Line tournament.



Hitting is Apparatus Operator Sean Millett, Fire Station 15-C. Pitching is Capt. Chris Villavicencio, Fire Station 18-B.



Hitting is Apparatus Operator Dave Morman, Fire Station 50-A. Pitching: Apparatus Operator Ray Kokinski, Fire Station 3-A.



Hitting is Capt. Ray Hamel, Fire Station 78-A. Pitching is Apparatus Operator Sean Millet, Fire Station 15-C.



Story and photos by Gedina Bergstrom, Club Counselor

On Sept. 14, 16 teams gathered on the Santa Monica beach for the LAFD's first-ever over-the-line tournament.

The tournament was a benefit for the Widows, Orphans and Disabled Fireman's Fund.

Don't know what over-the-line is? We here at *Alive!* didn't, either. So here's an explanation from Wikipedia:

"Over-the-line is a bat-and-ball sport, a game related to baseball and softball. Like those games, you have the batter, pitcher, and fielders. Because a game requires only three people per team, it's considerably easier to get a good informal game going. Equipment consists of a rope (or lines marked in the sand), an 'official' softball bat and a rubber softball. No ball gloves are allowed except in women's games, however golf gloves may be used when batting. Game play, however, is very different.

"The name 'over-the-line' is a registered trademark of the Old Mission Beach Athletic Club (OMBAC) of San Diego, California, which organizes an annual tournament that is one of the city's largest summer social events. It is also known as OTL (also trademarked by OMBAC)."

Special thanks go to Steve Romas for his assistance.



Apparatus Operator Ray Kokinski, Fire Station 3-A.



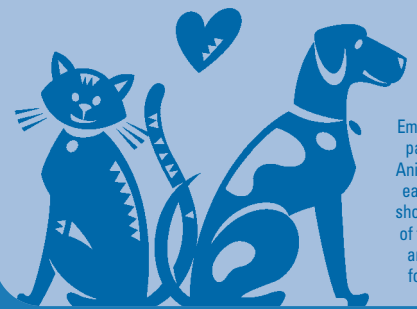
Capt. Rick Godinez, Fire Station 2-A.



The LAFD gets out to support a great cause.

the pet club

Your friend is waiting for you!



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

This Month's Pets For Adoption:

sampson

Sampson is a six-year-old neutered domestic short hair cat. He loves to be held and he's a great listener – the "puurfect" date!

ID# A0767000: Harbor Animal Care Shelter



wei

Wei is a four-month-old spunky girl who loves to play! She would be good for someone who has lots of energy and is down for a good play date! Don't worry, she is also very affectionate!

ID# A1230362: Harbor Animal Care Shelter



wiley

Wiley is a six-year-old spayed German shepherd mix. She loves people and to run and play. She has lots of hobbies like fetch, and belly rubs just to name a few! This beautiful girl is the perfect family dog!

ID# A1234528: Harbor Animal Care Shelter



fiona

Fiona is a six-year-old spayed Jindo mix. She is a complete lady who is polite and dog-friendly! "I love to share my affection and years of wisdom with my fellow animal friends. If you like, I'll even give you lots of kisses."

ID# A1237545: Harbor Animal Care Shelter



jacob

Jacob is a three-year-old male Chihuahua mix. He might seem a bit shy, but don't let that fool you! Once he warms up to you, he is a complete love bug! Jacob will make your heart melt with his affection and brighten your smile with his love!

ID# A1237689: Harbor Animal Care Shelter



All of these fabulous animals are available at the Harbor Animal Care Shelter, 957 N. Gaffey St. San Pedro, CA 90731. Information: (310) 548-2632.

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

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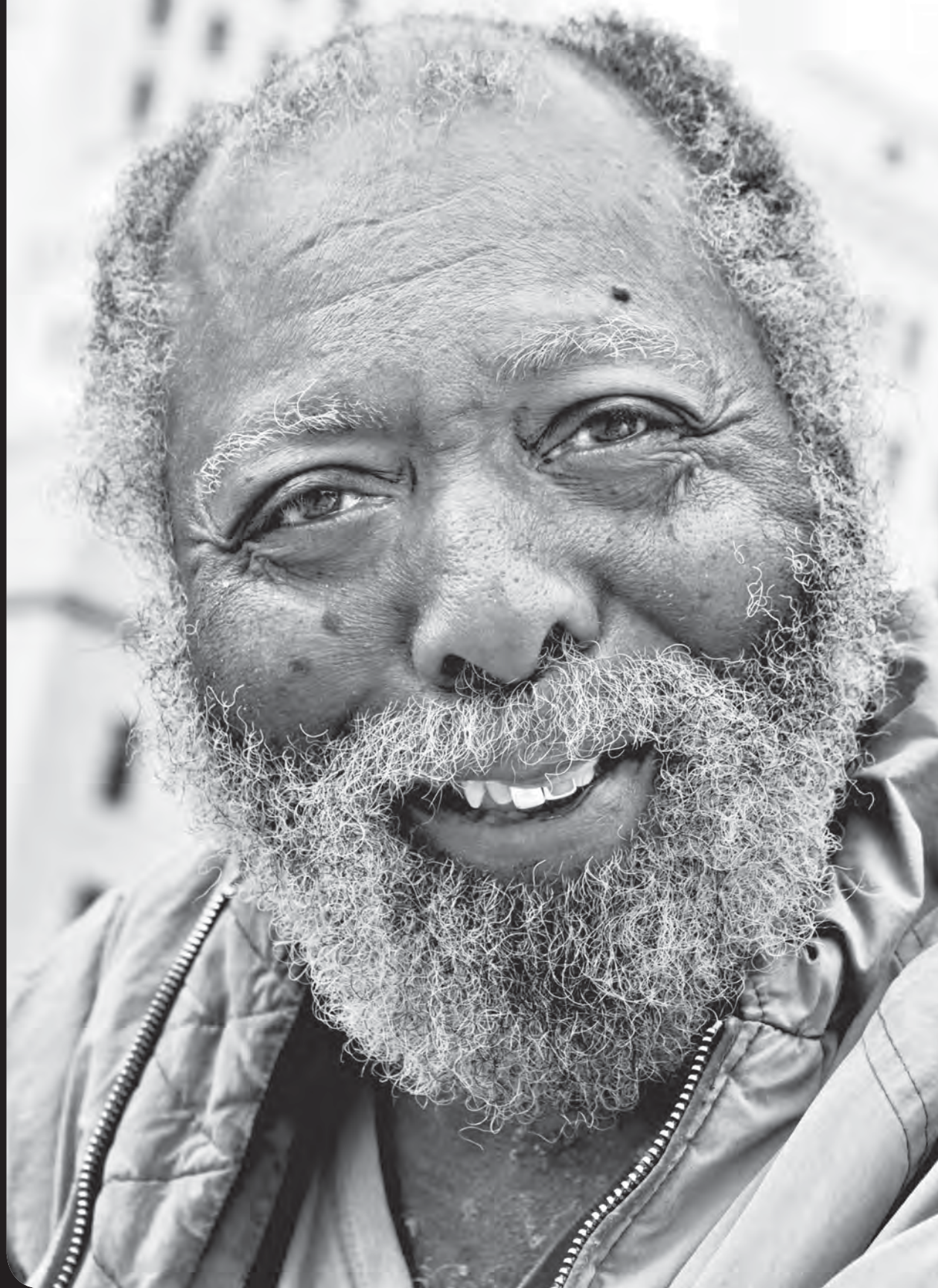


{ Who are the people you see every day? }

People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.

Meet Levert Robinson.



AGE: "I'm 74."

BIRTHPLACE: "Magnolia, Ala."

MARITAL STATUS: "Single."

FAMILY: "I have four brothers and five sisters. I am number three."

PARENTS MARRIED? "My mother was married twice."

MILITARY SERVICE:

"No. I volunteered for the Army but was rejected."

WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO

LOS ANGELES? "Dec. 19, 1964. I had a job waiting for me in LA. I was going to be doing sewing with sewing machines."

EDUCATION: "Halfway through the 12th grade I got a job and dropped out of high school. I went to Dixon Mills (Alabama) High School."

DID YOU PLAY ANY SPORTS?

"No."

FAVORITE CHILDHOOD

MEMORY: "I remember the first day of school in kindergarten; it was a good memory."

RELIGION: "No, but I believe in God. I was raised Baptist."

FRIENDS: "Nope. I pretty much stay to myself."

WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

"On the street, usually at First and Grand. I basically gather as many blankets as I can to stay warm at night. I've been sleeping on the streets since 2006. In 1995, I began getting Social Security since I was deemed to be totally disabled. I have chest problems, high blood pressure. I have no strength in my right hand, and I'm right-handed, which makes it difficult."

WHAT WAS THE LAST JOB

YOU HAD? "I worked in Hollywood at the studios for a spell."

FAVORITE ACTOR:

"I don't really have any."

FAVORITE ACTRESS:

"None come to mind."

FAVORITE MOVIE:

"No favorites."

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "I used

to like watching *Gunsmoke*. Anything with cowboys."

FAVORITE CANDY: "Peanut candy bars, like Baby Ruth."

FAVORITE FOOD: "Steak. Make that a T-bone!"

FAVORITE MUSIC: "It depends on my mood, but I pretty much like everything."

LAST THING EATEN: "I had some scrambled eggs and bacon this morning."

ON MEDICATION? "Nope, just some medication for my skin rash."

WHAT ITEMS ARE ALWAYS WITH YOU? "My blankets and a transistor radio."

WHO OR WHAT ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST HELP TO YOU? "Union Mission, I guess. I don't really use them that much."

IF YOU WERE MAYOR, HOW WOULD YOU HELP THE HOMELESS? "I would have programs for senior citizens that are homeless. I mean, man, I'm 74 years old for crying out loud."

IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE? "I would wish for a house, and that it was paid for, so I own it."

IF YOU HAD \$1 MILLION, WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH IT? "I would invest it and live off the interest."

ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "Be concerned with what's going on around you. Do something; get involved."

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

The interview took place Aug. 31 at Main and Temple Streets downtown. Photos by Angel Gomez.



{ In this monthly feature, Club CEO John Hawkins, 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. }

PUBLIC WORKS/DWP

International Assistance

Public Works staff provides input into history's largest water diversion project, in China.

Story and photos courtesy Public Works

Representatives of Public Works and the DWP took part in an international goodwill exercise Sept. 8 at Sanitation's Hyperion Treatment Plant in Playa del Rey, when they hosted 17 high level government officials from China. The Beijing Water Authority sponsored the delegation representing the South-to-North Water Diversion Project, the largest of its kind ever undertaken, at a cost of \$62 billion.

Visiting Los Angeles from several provincial governments in China, the delegation came to exchange information on water and wastewater-related technical matters, receive management briefings and enjoy a facility tour. Representatives of the Bureaus of Sanitation, Engineering, and Contract Administration, and the DWP gave presentations and answered questions about wastewater engineering programs, construction projects, operations, water resources management and supervision, water pollution control, and Clean Water for Los Angeles.

Of specific interest to the delegation was the Recycled Water Master Plan that includes development and implementation of the Integrated Resources Plan (IRP). The IRP addresses the City's needs for wastewater, stormwater and recycled water over the next 20 years in an integrated manner, focusing on maximizing beneficial reuse.

The South-to-North Water Diversion Project in China involves drawing water from southern rivers and supplying it to the dry north, and has already taken 50 years from conception to commencement. It is expected to take nearly as long to construct.

Planned for completion in 2050, the project eventually will divert 44.8 billion cubic meters of water annually to population centers in the north.

When finished, the project will link China's four main rivers – the Yangtze, Yellow River, Huaihe and Haihe – and requires construction of three diversion routes, stretching south-to-north across the eastern, central and western parts of the country.



A Chinese delegation visits the Hyperion Treatment Plant.



LACECA members pose with keynote speaker, the Hon. Gloria Molina, County Supervisor, First District.

Happy Anniversary!

LACECA

Chicano Employees Association turns 40.

Story and photos by Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor

On Sept. 8, the Los Angeles City Employees Chicano Association (LACECA), under the direction of President Stella Sias, held its 40th anniversary conference and luncheon.

Keynote speaker was County Supervisor Gloria Molina.

According to its Website, LACECA represents and promotes "the interests of Chicano, Latino, Hispanic and other employees who primarily work for the City of Los Angeles. Our founding members had very specific goals and objectives in mind regarding the recruiting, hiring, training,

promotion, and fair treatment of employees. Our present day organization continues to support equity in the workplace, in addition to raising concerns about education, voter rights and registration, public policy and legislation, economic and social issues that affect the Latino community as well as our membership at large.

"With more than 500 members, our voice has been very effective in bringing about change in the City workplace and within the greater Los Angeles area. We are always seeking new members and generating new interests through our work and community support."

Congratulations, LACECA, on your anniversary. *The Club thanks Sonia Solis, Club Member, for her assistance in producing this article.*



From left: Sonia P. Solis, LACECA Treasurer, Club Member, with Councilwoman Jan Perry, District 9, Club Member.



From left: Wilfredo Lares, Los Angeles County Probation Supervisor, Club Member; Leonor Garcia, Management Analyst II, DWP, 23 years of City service, Club Member; Robert Larios, City Employees Club Director of Operations; Lorenzo Sandoval, Supervising Detention Services Officer, LA County Probation; and Deputy Probation Officer George Castro, LA County Probation.



Andrew Benson, LA Port Special Events Coordinator, 17 years of City service, Club Member; and Amy Benson, Sr. Management Analyst II, LA Port, 22 years.



Officer Justin Sepe, Port Police, 5 years of City service, Club Member.



LAFD responds to a call.



Sgt. Logan Braun, Port Police, 4 years of City service.



Sgt. Al Guerrero, Port Police, 36 years of City service, Club Member.

Story and photos by Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor

The Port of Los Angeles' annual Lobster Festival took place the weekend of Sept. 16 - 18. Organizers call it the world's largest lobster festival.

The Port of Los Angeles Lobster Festival is known as the home of the Guinness World Record for the most seafood served at an outdoor event (more than 16 tons). The festival featured fresh 1.25lb Maine lobster for only \$19.99!

Lobster lovers enjoyed a scenic outdoor park and shops at Ports O' Call in San Pedro. After feasting on the world famous discounted Maine lobster meals, guests enjoyed dancing, parades, street performers, a pirate camp, tall ships, shopping for arts and crafts, and musical performances.

Special thanks to the Port Police for keeping everyone safe, and helping us enjoy the festival!



From left: Officer John Legaspi, Port Police, 3 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer Mark Pagliuca, Port Police, 5 years, Club Member.

HARBOR

Cracking Good Time!

Harbor holds popular annual Lobster Festival.



The festival entrance.



A lobster meal stand.



Lt. Rosa Reynoso, Port Police, 22 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Officer Cheryl Morris, Port Police, 17 years of City service, Club Member; and Sr. Lead Officer Masaki Imoto, Port Police, 8 years, Club Member.



Officer Jose Magana, Port Police, 4 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer Alfred Moya, Port Police, 3 years, Club Member.



Conducting random bag checks at the entrance of the festival were, from left: Officer Anthony Reitz, Port Police, 14 years of City service, Club Member; and Officer Andrew Sklarsh, Port Police, 3 years, Club Member.



From left: Officer Tyler Hellinga, Port Police, 4 years of City service, Club Member; Officer Aaron Smith, Port Police, 4 years, Club Member; and Officer Jose A. Alvarez, Port Police, 4 years, Club Member.



Ervin Govic, Ship Carpenter, 4 years of City service, Club Member.

Harbor Health

Port hosts a health fair for employees.

Story and photos by Debbie Schroyer, Club Counselor

The port celebrated five years of bringing a health fair to its employees when it produced this year's edition on Sept. 21. More than 26 vendors participated in the health fair, demonstrating what they had to offer the employees.

Employees circulated throughout the day and were able to take advantage of the following services, among others: flu shots; massages (in a chair); and tests for vision, blood pressure and glucose. Door prizes including sporting goods, fitness gear, movie tickets and more were raffled off.

The Club thanks Darrelle Pan and Chrizelle Quevedo for their help and support while we attended the fair.



From left: Marieann Gutierrez, Risk and Insurance Assistant, 12 years of City service; April Bennett, Retired, part-time, Light Duty Coordinator, 30 years, Club Member; and Chrizelle Quevedo, Clerk Typist, 5 years.



Darrelle Pan, Clerk Typist, 11 years of City service; and Kathy Merkovsky, Risk Management.



From left: Jeanette Carter, Sr. Lead Security Officer, 2 years of City service; Vernon Phifer, Sr. Lead Security Officer, 6 years; and Adrian Ornelas, Sr. Lead Security Officer, 5 years.



Miguel Rios-Chavez, Gardener/Caretaker, 5 years of City service, Club Member.



Ramon Estrada, 24 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Chrizelle Quevedo, Clerk Typist, 5 years of City service; Darrelle Pan, Clerk Typist, 11 years; and Lai Tan, Clerk Typist, 26 years. Seated: April Bennett, Retired, part-time, Light Duty Coordinator, 30 years, Club Member.

HARBOR

BE CHEAP.

Buy your movie tickets from the Club – the cheapest in the City!

– SEE PAGE 49



A group of Retired LAFD members showed their support for the handball tournament.



The early bird catches the worm! These guys are serious about their handball.



From left: Retired Firefighter and past LAFD Handball Champ Vito Magnipinto with Eddie Marez and John White.



LAFD Handball Commissioner Roy Harvey.



From left: Retired LAFD Ralph Rodriguez and John White.



Watching the games on the big screen are Fire Station 2 Firefighters (from left) Jorge Miranda, Casey Kettlesleger, Omar Veleasquez, and Cooper Kunath.

Handball in Boyle Heights

Fire Dept.'s handball tournaments continue in East L.A.

Story by Gedina Bergstrom, Club Counselor, and Capt. Rick Godínez; Photos by Gedina Bergstrom

A group of about 50 people gathered Sept. 22 at Fire Station 2 for some good times at the Boyle Heights Handball Tournament. These guys are serious about the game, starting at 7 a.m. There were many people both active and retired smiling, sharing stories, and enjoying the sport. I got a chance to meet with John White, a retired Fire Fighter who filled me in on many warm memories of being with the department and about his current mission trips to places like Haiti. Check out all the wonderful pics!

The tournament was a benefit for the Widows, Orphans and Disabled Fireman's Fund.



Ed Tapia with his kill shot on the front wall. Ty Miller and Terry Williams look on.



Retired and Active Fire Station 2 firefighters, from left: Chad Corona, Jorge Miranda, Glenn Creiman, Terry Williams, Eddie Marez, Fire Chief Brian Cummings, Rick Godínez, John White, Cory D'Arrigo, and Abe Carreto. Bottom: Greg Harvey, Art Figueroa, Juan Marez, Javier Campos, and Omar Velasquez.



From left: Second place—Abe Carreto, Dennis Bookil; Eddie Marez (FS 2 Handball Commissioner); First place—Juan Marez, and Rick Godínez (yay!). Prizes for the winners included towels for the champs and a sport bag for the runners-up.



Semifinalists, from left: Terry Williams, Ty Miller, Eddie Marez, and Greg Harvey.



Task Force 2 is the pride of Boyle Heights. There are 12 Firefighters assigned to this station every day. This Task Force Station is comprised of a paramedic Truck Company with six firefighters. The Engine Company has four members, and the Paramedic Rescue Ambulance has two Firefighter/ Paramedics assigned.

LAFD

AIRPORTS

Healthy Airports

LAX, Van Nuys and Ontario each hosts an employee health fair.

Story and photos by Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor; Photos by Debbie Schroyer and Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor

LAX, Ontario, and Van Nuys Airports each held a Hawaiian-themed health/wellness fair and Employee Appreciation Day in September. LAX held its fair Sept. 14-15; Ontario, Sept. 21; and Van Nuys, Sept. 28.

The events were held outdoors, where employees had a choice from various food vendors from In-N-Out Burgers, Rotisserie Chicken, ice cream, and Juan's Taco's. There were lots of raffle winners, with an iPod and flat-screen TV being the grand prizes. Vendors included credit unions, University of Phoenix, dentists, Costco and Identify Theft, to name a few.

It was a nice break from the day and great opportunity to recognize all the wonderful Airport Employees!

Thanks to Jimmy Sparks for his assistance.



From left: Barbara Guillory, Custodian Supervisor for LAX, 23 years of City Service, Club Member; Blanca Juarez, MTCE Services, LAX, 8 years, Club Member; and Adin Bonilla, Construction and Maintenance, LAX, 8 years, Club Member.



Denelda President, Clerk, 21 years of City service, Jackie Jones, Risk Manager, 30 years; and Jayson Patricio, Employee Health Nurse, 1 year.



Anthony Escarga, Landscape, 4 years of City service; Gerry Nunez, Sr. Gardener, 11 years; Michael Dibble, Gardener/Caretaker, 11 years, Club Member; Ernesto Wicab, Gardener/Caretaker, 5 years, Club Member; Omar Datarinda, Gardener, 5 years, and Alfonso Zayas, Gardener, 4 years.



Christian Moreno, Airport Superintendent of Operations II, 7 years of City Service.



From left: Jose Beltran, Custodian Supervisor, LAX, 12 years of City service, Club Member; and Jose Rosales, Custodian, LAX, 14 years.



Wing Lai, Custodian, 16 years of City service, Club Member; and Jim Koehler, Heavy Duty Equipment Mechanic, 24 years.



Rod McElhone, Plumber, 19 years of City service, Club Member; Brian Wreesman, Carpenter, 11 years; Tony Goff, Building Repair, 11 years, Club Member; and Nels Hansen, Security Officer, 24 years, Club Member.



From left: Gerald Oliver III, LAX Custodian, 27 years of City service; and Dan Robinson, LAX Custodian, 16 years, Club Member.



Saul Cortez, LAX Custodian, 5 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Walter Tatum, Security Officer, LAX, 9 years of City service, Club Member; and Timothy Turner, Security Officer, LAX, 9 years, Club Member.



Tyrone J. LaFrance, LAX Maintenance, 25 years of City service, Club Member.



Henry R. Williams, LAX Gardner/Caretaker, 8 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Juan Espinosa, Custodian, LAX, 12 years of City service, Club Member; Frank Silva, Custodian, LAX, 5 years, Club Member; Ralph Omar Robles, Custodian, LAX, 6 years; and Pedro Morales, Custodian, LAX, 8 years.

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United Agencies Inc.
INSURANCE

BY JEFF GELINEAU

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

Are You Prepared For an Earthquake?

Last month, we talked about preparing a family emergency plan. This month, let's discuss the specifics involved with preparing for an earthquake.

There are many things that you can do to prepare for the inevitable. The Red Cross recommends that the first thing that you should do is prepare an earthquake kit of non-perishable foods, water, blankets, and first-aid supplies. It's also vitally important for your family to have an emergency plan of where you are going to meet, and who is going to be responsible for what.

In addition, there are several things you can do around your house to help mitigate any damages:

- Secure heavy items of furniture to the studs in the walls using flexible nylon straps.
 - Secure TVs and other electronics using flexible nylon straps.
 - Secure breakables and collectibles with quake putty, wax, or museum gel.
 - Store emergency tools, including a gas shutoff wrench and safety light sticks in a place you can easily access.
 - Learn how to turn off gas, water, and electricity in case the lines are damaged.
 - Know the safe spots in every room – under sturdy tables, desks or against inside walls, and know the danger spots – windows, mirrors, hanging objects, fireplaces, tall furniture.
 - Secure water heaters with two-strap kits.
- Another important item to consider

when contemplating earthquake preparedness is reviewing your insurance.

Because earthquake insurance has traditionally been expensive, many homeowners have opted not to purchase the coverage. This may not be the smartest idea. The price of earthquake coverage continues to fluctuate based on the date since the most recent large quake. What was once very expensive, you might find to be quite affordable now.



Remember that the deductible on an earthquake policy is a serious issue.

Most policies issue deductibles that are 15 percent of the total insured values. If you are insuring your home for \$300,000, your contents for \$150,000, and your loss of use for \$200,000, then you are insuring a total of \$650,000 of values. Fifteen percent of \$650,000 is almost \$100,000. That means that in the event of an earthquake, you would be responsible for the first \$97,500 of the claim. While this is a huge amount, if your house is totally destroyed, it would be a blessing to have to pay only \$100,000 to get your entire life back.

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

Be safe and have fun!

About United Agencies

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.



Holiday Happenings



ZOO

Snow Days!

Zoo celebrates the icy stuff over November weekend.



A snow leopard in its element at the L.A. Zoo. Photo Credit: Tad Motoyama

Los Angeles will get a snowstorm as the Zoo's tigers, bears, snow leopards and more have their Zoo habitats transformed into winter wonderlands. This two-day event will offer an educational and unique venue for guests to learn about adaptation to the environments, and climate change.

The weekend is scheduled for Nov. 19-20. Regular Zoo admission applies.

More holiday events may be scheduled for December. See next month's *Alive!*

Snow Days at the L.A. Zoo

When: Over the Nov. 19-20 weekend

Time: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Admission: Free with regular zoo admission;

Information: www.lazoo.org

REC AND PARKS

All Aboard for The North Pole

Travel Town Museum in Griffith Park offers its miniature train ride to the North Pole.

For the eighth consecutive year, Travel Town Train Museum's Travel Town Railroad in Griffith Park is hosting a unique holiday event starring Santa Claus and thousands of dancing lights and beautiful music. On weekends from Nov. 26 to Dec. 18, and then nightly through Dec. 23, families will be able to take a miniature train ride to visit Santa at his house at the North Pole.

Once they arrive they will visit with Santa, get a picture with him, if desired, then get back on the train to return home along a decorated and music filled track.

While waiting for Santa the kids and parents can visit with Rudolph and one of Santa's helper elves.

This event is operated by Travel Town Railroad in cooperation with Rec and Parks. It is a wonderful alternative to visits to the mall.

Starting at 5 p.m., families may enter the museum and board the miniature train ride at the decorated station. While waiting to board they will be entertained by a dazzling dancing light show and a special corner of the museum where snowmen live and it snows all the time!

Once aboard, they will travel past the decorated train barn and Santa's Workshop to arrive at the North Pole. There they will disembark and visit with Santa, Mrs. Claus, Rudolph and Erin the Elf. Digital photographs will be available for \$5. Families may take their own pictures if they wish. After they have finished their visit, guests will re-board the train and travel along the decorated quarter-mile of track back to the station. The Travel Town Museum Gift Shop will be open most evenings.

Travel Town Train Ride to Visit Santa

Dates: Weekends from Nov. 26-Dec. 18, and nightly through Dec. 23 (weather permitting; trains do not operate in the rain)

Times: 5 until about 8 p.m.

Where: Travel Town Transportation Museum, 5200 Zoo Dr., Griffith Park

Cost: \$7 per person; infants under 18 months ride free. (Photos with Santa cost \$5 each.) Tickets are available by reservation for specific days and may be bought at the Travel Town ticket booth. Tickets will be sold to walk-ups at the gate until capacity is reached.

Information: (323) 662-9678, griffithparktrainrides.com/content/travel-town-christmas-train



REC AND PARKS/COUNCIL

Nice Ice, Baby

Downtown on Ice returns for its 14th season in Pershing Square with affordable rates, free events.

Get your glide on this holiday season at Downtown on Ice outdoor skating rink, where cool fun gets under way on LA's downtown outdoor rink with the low admission price of just \$6 and \$2 for skate rental. As the Southland tradition and favorite holiday destination "staycation," the community rink boasts a medley of free events including an all-star holiday concert series, a Winter Holiday Festival Dec. 10, championship skating exhibitions, charity broomball games, and more.

Celebrating its 14th season of skating under the sun and stars at picturesque Pershing Square, the facility will be open every day (including holidays) beginning Nov. 17 through Jan. 16.

Framed by towering skyscrapers and stunning historical landmarks, the spacious rink has a family favorite, thanks to sponsorship from Rec and Parks, and Councilmember Jan Perry, Club Member.

Centrally located downtown, the facility is easily accessible by car, bus or Metro. A partnership with Metro and Metrolink allows riders to receive a discount on skating sessions. The convenient stop at Pershing Square Station makes getting there easy. Underground parking is discounted with validation. For more info go to www.laparks.org/pershingsquare or call 213/ 847-4970.

Downtown on Ice

Pershing Square: 532 S. Olive St., Los Angeles

Cost: \$6 per session. Skate rental: \$2

Dates: Nov. 17 – Jan. 16

Hours: Mon. – Thurs., noon to 10 p.m.

Fri. – Sun., 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Special Extended hours: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily from Dec. 19 – Jan. 2. Also: noon to 10 p.m. on Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day and Martin Luther King Day.

Free Winter Holiday Festival: Sat., Dec. 10, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Info: www.laparks.org/pershingsquare, or call (213) 847-4970.



DWP

Lights Out for DWP Festival This Year

Construction along Crystal Springs Drive forces cancellation of annual light festival.

The DWP is hard at work, making Griffith Park better for all of us. But alas, that means the Park will be dark again this Christmas season.

As was also the case last year, the DWP will not be presenting its popular annual Holiday Light Festival in 2011, as construction crews are replacing a water main under Crystal Springs Drive – the usual path of traffic for the light festival. The roads are torn up, so the festival is lights out.

With great regret, Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Club Member, requested that the DWP pass on last year's 2010 Holiday Light Festival in Griffith Park. Due to the cost and amount of time need to halt a major construction project -- the installation of a major water line, the River Supply Conduit -- it is in the public's best interest to cancel this year's event.

"The light festival has been a great, free, family-friendly event for the residents of Los Angeles, and I'm disappointed that we must cancel it," said Councilmember LaBonge, whose district includes Griffith Park, last year.

For 14 years, the DWP has mounted a display

of holiday lights along a one-mile segment of Crystal Springs Drive in Griffith Park. The event has become a holiday tradition that attracts more than half million visitors each year.

In March 2009, the DWP began a major water line installation that connects the North Hollywood Pump Station with the Ivanhoe Reservoir in Silver Lake. The project entails the installation of 11,200 feet of 96-inch diameter welded steel pipe is being installed in Griffith Park. To halt construction for this year's festival would jeopardize the targeted completion date of November 2011 and would likely create cause to cancel next year's festival.

The DWP is undertaking this water line replacement project due to the age of the pipe and low water pressure issues. The project is also needed to comply with federally mandated Water Quality Regulations.

Councilmember LaBonge conferred with officials from the DWP, Rec and Parks and the Zoo and Botanical Garden to find other sites for the event, but with great regret found that it must be cancelled both last and this year.



Holiday Happenings



REC AND PARKS

Christmas Of a Bygone Era

Banning, Drum Barracks Museums in Wilmington recall the holidays of yesteryear.



Christmas at the Banning Museum.

The community is invited to welcome in the holiday season by traveling back in time at two Rec and Parks museums in the Wilmington – the Banning Residence Museum, and the Drum Barracks Museum, the City’s only surviving Civil War-era military structure.

Banning Museum

Welcome in the holiday season at the Banning Museum’s annual Victorian Christmas Celebration and Open House from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 3-4, at the Banning Museum, 401 E. “M” Street in Wilmington. This is a free event open to the general public.

In addition to complimentary tours of the Museum, families will enjoy fun-filled afternoons

featuring: free cookies and hot cider, a children’s craft project, Victorian musical entertainment, a complimentary ride on a horse-drawn trolley to the Drum Barracks, a special exhibit on the historic Red Cars of Los Angeles and a special appearance from Santa Claus for photos with the kids!

In addition to the authentically decorated mansion, visitors will also enjoy visiting the Harlyne and Kenneth Norris Visitor Center, the Harlyne and Kenneth Norris Museum Shop, and the beautiful Howard Rose Garden’s “garden-within-a-garden” featuring antique roses of the Victorian era.

For more details, contact Friends of Banning Museum at (310) 548-2005. Information on the museum can also be found at www.thebanning-museum.org.

Drum Barracks Civil War Museum

You are invited to tour the beautifully decorated museum and experience the holiday as it was celebrated in the Civil War era.

The 12th annual “A Civil War Christmas” is scheduled for 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 3 and 4. Guests can travel in the height of style on the popular horse-drawn, holiday-red trolley. Music will fill the rooms of the Drum Barracks with joyous sounds, and bell ringing will occur. An encampment will be set up on the museum grounds – visit the camp, and learn how Civil War soldiers and their families celebrated the holidays. Arts and crafts of the era will be taught during the weekend, including the decorating of a Soldier’s Christmas tree. Admission to Drum Barracks is free for this special event.

THE CLUB



Donate to The Toy Drive!

Drop off your unwrapped toys to the Club Store.

The Club’s gearing up its annual Holiday Toy Drive, held in conjunction with a number of City-related toy drives. Drop off your unwrapped toys to the Club Store (at 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012) between now and early

December, and we’ll take it from there!

It’s best to bring an unwrapped toy that’s not fragile. In these economic times, **please be generous!**



COUNCIL

Christmas on Parade

City’s holiday parade is set for Nov. 27.

The Hollywood Christmas Parade, sponsored by the City, is scheduled for 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27, in Hollywood.

The parade, an American tradition for more than 80 years, is held traditionally the Sunday after Thanksgiving. It will be telecast throughout the nation during December. Check local listings.

The parade, in operation for more than 80 years, had been known by that name for decades. But when it looked likely to die five years ago, the City – notably Councilmembers Eric Garcetti and Tom LaBonge, Club Member – took charge and restored the parade. The name was then changed to Santa’s Hollywood Parade. The original name reverted back two years ago.

The parade will feature entertainers, celebrities, marching bands, floats, equestrian units, food and some reserved grandstand seats, which cost \$35. General admission is free.

The parade starts on Hollywood Boulevard at Orange Street. The U-shaped route follows east to Vine Street, south to Sunset Boulevard and west back to Orange.

The Hollywood Christmas Parade

When: 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 27

Where: Hollywood, starting at Hollywood Boulevard and Orange Street. See route, above.

Cost: Free; grandstand reserved seating is available for \$35.

Information: (866) PARADE-1, or www.thehollywoodchristmasparade.com

Banning Museum Victorian Christmas

Dates: Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 3 - 4

Times: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tickets: Free but donations welcome

Regular museum tours:

Dates: Throughout November and December:

Tues. – Thurs.: 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.; Sat. – Sun.:

12:30, 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. Closed Christmas Day

Tickets: \$5 (suggested donation; \$1 for children)

Address: 401 E. M St., Wilmington, 90744

Information: (310) 548-7777 or www.thebanningmuseum.org

Drum Barracks Civil War Christmas

Dates: Special event: Dec. 3 - 4

Regular hours: Tues.-Thurs., and Sat.-Sun.

Closed Christmas Day.

Tickets: Free for special event (tickets for regular tours: \$5 suggested donation)

Address: 1052 Banning Blvd., Wilmington, 90744

Information: (310) 548-7509 or www.drumbarracks.org



At a previous Hollywood Christmas Parade.



American Financial Network, from left: Brad Barrett, Brett Ellen, and Charles Simpson.



Steinbacher Group, from left: Timothy Freeman, Alex Gattuca, David Steinbacher, and Robert Steinbacher.



Kaiser and Hedberg Group, from left: Andrew Brophy, Barry Hedberg, Francisco Gomez, and Steve Zahigian.



SA Recycling, from left: Chris Hart, Club Member; George Rios; Steve Robinson; and David Thornburg.



Bradawn Group 1, from left: Elliot Gray, Timothy Larson, Bob Melendy, and Bill Peterson.



Bradawn Group 2, from left: Andrew Allamby, Jeremy Hoffman, Michael Nerhus, and Kurt Stabel.



Eisenberg Foundation, from left: Rick Bender, Ron Burdzinski, Paul Gamez, and Mel Keefer.



Nascar Group, from left: David Alanzo, Mario Cobian, Manny Poveda, and Alfred Serpas.



The ball drop.

Letting all the balls go!



Winners of the ball drop.

Fairway To Charity

LAFD



A flyover by the LAFD Air Ops.

Fire Dept. hosts golf tournament for the Fireman's Relief Fund.



Story and photos by Gedina Bergstrom, Club Counselor

The LAFD Golf Invitational, hosted by the nonprofit Los Angeles Firemen's Relief Association, was held at MountainGate Country Club Sept. 19 in Los Angeles.

The LAFD Invitational featured:

- A full round of scramble tournament play, closest to the pin, longest drive and putting contests;
- A delicious barbeque lunch, cocktail hour and spectacular awards dinner;
- Prizes and trophies awarded to the top four teams and contest winners; and
- Silent and live auctions and exciting opportunity drawings.

Playing in the LAFD Golf Invitational was not only a great time, it was for a great cause. Since 1906, the Widows, Orphans and Disabled Firemen's Fund nonprofit association has been dedicated to helping our valiant firefighters and their families in times of difficulty and tragedy.

Funds given to the fund help a widow pay her basic bills, the son of a fallen firefighter afford college, and a firefighter, suffering from a job-related cancer, obtain much-needed medical supplies.

Thanks to all for a great event!



The LAFD Invitational.



The color guard at the opening ceremony.



Brian Smith Group, from left: Dae-Ho Moon, Craig Poulson, Andy Ruiz, and Brian Smith.



Lewis, Marenstein, Wicke, Shrew group, from left: Kenneth Buzzell, Michael Fargo, Kurt Fasmar, and Robert Sherwin.



Union Bank: Scott Bowman, Dan Child, Rod Diamond, and Trevor Lewis.



Mendenhall Group 1, from left: Rodney Feliz, Dennis Mendenhall, Mike Radomski, and Dennis Roberson.



Chris Bustamante Group, from left: Chris Bustamante, Club Member; Ivan Carmona; Kevin Easton; and Gabriel Lopez, Club Member.



Raytheon, from left: Mike Bostic, Mike Prout, Steve Ruda, and Scott Whatmough.



Covering the routes. Refreshments for everyone.



Mendenhall Group 2, from left: Bruce Bickly, Mike Franklin, Raul Cabrera, and William Zaring.



US Bank Group, from left: Nick Day, Brent Edgecombe, George Sacco, and Daniel deBrawwere.



Credit Union, from left: John Davis, Scott Gribbons, David McWhorter, and Larry Metz.



Raytheon, from left: Frank Brzezinski, Greg Costa, Greg Gibson, and Brian Rodriguez.



Anthem Blue Cross, from left: Rocco Calabrese, Rick Middleteon, Fred Miller, and Dan Smith.



Chicago Equity Partners, from left: Pat Lynch, Ruben Navarro, Glen Prine, and Leon Richardson.



Healthscope, from left: Darren Ashby, Joe Edwards, John Jacobsen, and Michael Weiss.



Pacific Financial Strategies, from left: Rick Fox, Art Garcia, Steve Johnson, and Darrylay Prosser.



Principal Global Investors, from left: Mike Carter, Bill Grayson, and Kevin Wright.



Harley Davidson Group, from left: Gary Cann, Lee Hanes, Mario Vindeni, and Ben Young.



Medco, from left: A guest, Chris Rowland, Dave Smith, and Joe Szabados, Club Member.

Be a Part of a
Club Holiday Tradition

It's Party Pix Time

We want to print pictures from your holiday office party in *Alive!*

*Is your office having a holiday party? Here are two ways to get your holiday office party pictures into the January *Alive!*:*

Take the photos yourself:

Take the photos yourself, and send them in as soon as you can. Digital photos are always best. And make sure you give us a description of the party: when it was, where it was, and if something significant happened, let us know that, too.

If there are just a few photos, then email them to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com. But if there are a lot, then it's best to burn them onto a CD and deliver (or mail) the CD to the Club. The address is on the inside front cover. Make sure the photos are as high resolution as you can make them.

We'll take your holiday photos for you:

Let us know when your holiday party is, and we'll try to send a photographer. *Please note:* There are more City holiday parties than we can cover, but we will try. That's why it's best to send in your own photos. If you want us to cover your party, talk to your Club Rep (Arlene Herrero, Angel Gomez, Jackie Causillas, Gedina Bergstrom, Noelle Kauffman or Tanya Edwards) or email Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations, at rlarios@cityemployeesclub.com. *We'll do our best to get to as many parties as we can, but we can't guarantee it. But let us know.*

See you at the party!



William Anderson, Wastewater Treatment Mechanic I and Ollie Veasey, Sanitation Wastewater Manager II.



Marcus Lyons, Wastewater Treatment Mechanic Supervisor.



Damon Rowe, winner of the 50/50 cash raffle.



David Patron, Plumber.



Major Pree, 1 year of City service.



Milton Bush, 6 years of City service.



From left: Patrick Utke, 3 years of City service; Leo Medina, 3 years; and Carla Dasselaar, 8 years, rocking the pink hard hat.



Guy Williams ("Mr. Cool"), 23 years.



From left: Meloni Nelson and the "guys" from Maintenance.



Anthony Jones, Wastewater Treatment Mechanic I.



From left: Guy Williams, Custodian; DeWayne Rockett, Custodian Supervisor; Danielle Lewis, Accounting Clerk; Yolanda Mitchell, Accounting Clerk; and Muriel Goosby, Custodian.



From left: Salvador Ruiz, Mechanical Helper; Anthony Glenn, Wastewater Treatment Electrician I; Ollie Veasey, Sanitation Manager II; Ron Campbell, Instrument Mechanic Supervisor II; Julius Hibler, Wastewater Treatment Electrician II; Rafael Gomez, Wastewater Treatment Mechanic I; Hugo Ruelas, Wastewater Treatment Electrician I; Alfredo Reyes, Wastewater Treatment Mechanic I; and Dante Sociolo, Instrument Mechanic.



From left: Murriel Goosby, 7 years of City service, and Lamar Payne, 6 years.

PUBLIC WORKS

Hyperion Employee Recognition

Water plant honors Maintenance Div. at monthly event.

Story and photos by Tanya Edwards, Club Counselor
On Sept. 28, the Hyperion Treatment Plant recognized several outstanding employees in the Maintenance Dept. as part of its employee of the month program.

Congratulations to those Maintenance personnel honored, who are pictured below. *And the Club thanks Mihrain Sarkisian, Asst. Plant Manager, and Ollie Veasey, Sanitation Wastewater Manager II, for assisting us.*



Kenneth Hagan, Custodian.



From left: Managers Mihrain Sarkisian and Ollie Veasey present an award to David Vaughn, Plumber.

LAPD



The 2011-12 LAWPOA Board of Directors.



From left: Ricky King, guest; Eva King, guest; Angeles Reynoso, First Vice President of LAWPOA, 23 years of City service; and Raul Reynoso, Retired Driver for Public Works, 33 years.



From left: Irma Villarreal, guest; Carol Schott, Sr. PSR II, Communications Div., 23 years of City service, Club Member; Beth Hicks, Sr. PSR II, Communications Div., 33 years; and Lt. Gloria Vargas, 30 years.



From left: Rashall Sanchez, SPA, 12 years of City service, Club Member; George Sanchez, guest; Annabelle Whettam, Secretary, 20 years; and Jan Kuris Doherty, Sr. Management Analyst, 26 years.



From left: Nicole Bershon, Commissioner, Los Angeles Superior Court; Marguerite Kelly, guest; Fonda Na'Desh, guest; Deborah Gonzales, Detective III, 30 years of City service, Club Member; and Beatriz Morales, guest.



From left: Teresa Alvarez, Sr. Clerk Typist, 25 years of City service, Club Member; Patricia Vargas, guest; Sgt. John Vasquez, 34 years, Club Member; Mary Lewis, guest; and Sean Lewis, guest.



From left: Capt. Gina Sanders, 31 years of City service; Sgt. Gloria Fanning, 17 years, Club Member; Jeff Fanning, guest; Gerardo Vazquez, guest; and Gloria Vasquez, guest.

New Leaders for

LAWPOA hosts directors installation ceremony.



Story by Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor; Photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager

On Sept. 13, the Los Angeles Women Police Officers and Associates (LAWPOA) gathered for the installation of the new 2011-12 LAWPOA Board of Directors. The ceremony, followed by dinner and live music, was held at the Kyoto Grand Hotel's Japanese Gardens.

The Club would like to recognize the new 2011 LAWPOA Officers:

- President: Deborah A. Gonzales
- First Vice President: Angeles Reynoso
- Second Vice President: Gloria Fanning
- Third Vice President: John Vasquez
- Secretary: Enid Gomez
- Treasurer: Ignacio Verduzco

Congratulations to the new officers from the Club!

Special thanks go to Deborah Gonzalez for inviting us to the ceremony!



Det. III Deborah Gonzalez, 30 years of City service.



Chief Charlie Beck.



Event host Patty Fogerson, Retired Detective III Supervisor, 25 years of City service.



Sandy Jo McArthur, Assistant Chief, 31 years of City service.



From left: Leticia Loreda, Secretary, 21 years of City service; and Serene Chen-Pang, Sr. Clerk Typist, 3 years, Club Member.



Top, from left: Lt. Lillian Carranza, 23 years of City service; Ignacio Verduzco, Treasurer for LAWPOA, 27 years; and Marvin Henriquez, guest; Rick Jacobs, Deputy Chief, 32 years; Bottom: Terry Hara, Deputy Chief, 32 years; Michael Moriarty, Commander, 30 years; Jeri Weinstein, Commander, 28 years; and Kirk Albanese, Deputy Chief, 30 years.



From left: Officer Deborah Hernandez, 18 years of City service; Officer Charlotte Broughton, 16 years.



From left: Teresa Casas, Sr. Clerk Typist, 27 years of City service, Club Member; Ashley Diaz, guest; Michelle Diaz, guest; and Toni Diaz, Management Analyst, 31 years.



From left: Carol Martin, Sr. VP of Operations, Police Credit Union; Manny Padilla Jr., VP of Marketing, Police Credit Union; Michel Moore, Assistant Chief, 30 years of City service; and Peter Repovich, Director of LAPPL.



From left: Catherine Guel, Police Officer, 31 years of City service; Serene Chen-Pang, Sr. Clerk Typist, 3 years, Club Member; Commander Regina Scott, 24 years; Lt. Felicia Hall, 26 years; and Sandy Jo McArthur, Assistant Chief, 31 years.

LAPD

Women's Association



From left: Sean Laule, Police Officer, 12 years of City service; Ross Curry, Police Officer, 17 years, Club Member; Robert Paterson, Police Officer, 16 years; Yvonne Gibson-Johnson, Chaplain, 3 years; and Patty Fogerson, Retired Detective III Supervisor, 25 years.



Top, from left: Det. Johnny Smith, 19 years of City service; Det. Kathy Amos, 21 years; Det. Tracey Benjamin, 22 years; and Det. Tom Vettraino, 30 years; Bottom: Terry Carter, Police Administrator, 21 years, Club Board Member; Sgt. Lisa Turvey, 24 years; and Lt. Yana Horvatic, 22 years.



From left: Andrew Reynoso, guest; Carmen Reynoso, guest; Dolores Medina, Sr. Clerk Typist, 32 years of City service; and Bertha Lopez, Sr. Clerk Typist, 25 years, Club Member.



From left: Javier Valenzuela, guest; Valna Wilson, guest; and Sgt. Ralph Morales, 28 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Donna Munoz, Management Analyst II, 30 years of City service, Club Member; Laura Valentine, Sr. Management Analyst, 18 years; Elizabeth Ochoa, Sr. Clerk Typist, 13 years; Enid Gomez, Secretary for LAWPOA, 13 years; and Lt. II Anne-Marie Fuller, 20 years.



From left: Lt. Stephanie Moten, 22 years of City service, Club Member; and Sgt. Monte Houze, 28 years.

CITY EMPLOYEES AT WORK

Do you have a photo of City Employees on the job? Send it in and we might print it! talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



At the Public Works/Sanitation Northridge Yard are (standing) **Fernando Diaz**, Maintenance Laborer, 10 years of City service, and (in the truck) **Robert Thusen**, Waste Water Collection II, 3 years.



David Chavez Sr., Parking Attendant I, General Services, Club Member.

Christian Moreno, Airport Superintendent of Operations II, 7 years of City service.



HARBOR EMPLOYEES CLUB



Yancie Mejia, catcher, 5 years of City service, Club Member.



Erika Cabrera, catcher and right field, 3 years of City service, Club Member.



Masaki Imoto, outfielder, 8 years of City service, Club Member.



Leigh Smith, catcher, 7 years of City service, Club Member.



Robert Parral, pitcher/infield, 10 years of City service.



Mario Saborio, shortstop, 14 years of City service.



Daryl Raasch, left field, 26 years of City service.



Tracey Zuliani, second base, 11 years of City service.

HDEC Softball Finals

Harbor employees club hosts softball championship game.



Vanessa Guillen, Clerk Typist, 5 years of City service, Club Member.



Christine Honeybone, catcher, 10 years of City service, Club Member.

Story by Tracey Zuliani; Photos by Noelle Kauffman, Club Counselor

After an exciting season, the Harbor Dept. Employees Club (HDEC) held its softball championship game Aug. 18 in Harbor Park Field.

This season's HDEC Softball League was a big thing, with its regional rivalries, on-field exploits, swirling rumors, tight races, and playoff encounters.

The games this season were evenly matched, and the excitement in the crowd has been a great barometer of the competition and drama. The real drama began when the regular season games ended with a four-way tie for second place. An unprecedented tie-breaker series was played, delivering some of the sport's defining moments. The Bombers, securely in first place, watched as the Bases Re-Loaded (Security) mowed over the Gardener's Green Machine to secure their spot in the playoffs, while the Port Police Frontline forcefully captured its playoff spot from the Torpedoes. With the taste of defeat still fresh in their mouths, the Green Machine and Torpedoes played a second game to determine the final playoff position, where the Torpedoes blasted the Green Machine's chances at the championships to bits.

The playoffs were just as frenzied when Bases Re-Loaded defeated the Port Police and the Torpedoes extinguished the Bombers, eliminating the first-place team. More trash-talking ensued the week leading up to the playoffs, especially since the two teams in the championship, Bases Re-Loaded and the Torpedoes, weren't supposed to be there. It was all about the underdogs, the comeback kids, and the chance for both teams to end the season at this year's HDEC Softball Championship and barbecue with a spectacular display of clanging metal on leather and clouds of dust across home plate.

With a heavy crossfire of insults and a volley of contempt between the two teams, this championship kept its promise to not be a dull affair. The Torpedoes thought they had this one in the bag because they have unloaded on the Bases Re-Loaded twice this season, but the Bases Re-Loaded brought out the big guns for an all-out offensive.

At the championship, everyone came out swinging! This game was full of excitement and spirit from beginning to end. The Bases Re-Loaded ignited the game in the first inning by scoring three runs, and the Torpedoes fired back with five of its own. Jammed up, the Bases laid low on the lam as the Torpedoes blasted in four more runs. The third inning was another barrage of hits for the Bases, tying the game and halting

the progression of the Torpedoes. Bases pulled the trigger in the fourth inning, never surrendering, and held the Torpedoes to only three more runs. The Torpedoes, the team that took the Bases Re-Loaded out of last season's playoff hope, just had their battleship sunk with a final score of 19 to 12 in favor of the Bases Re-Loaded. How sweet the victory!

There were some notable clutch plays:

- Jessica Bautista stretching out at first base to make several plays.
- Mike Swords stopping every ball that came down the third-base line.
- Leigh Smith's never-say-die attitude getting on base three out of six times.
- Ernie "Money Talks" Robledo, always challenging the 20-foot-high pitch, was not to be messed with.
- Robert Parral went four for four with a home run (it would have been two homers, but the ball rolled foul for a ground rule double) and 8 RBIs.
- Mario hitting the farthest ball of the day. Other hot hitters - Andy Wooster, Adrian Ornelas, and Brian Correa.
- Radames Macias catching a line drive just inches away from hitting the dirt for the first out of the last inning, only to be followed by the game-ending spectacular stretch and grab by Robert Parral to successfully complete a double play.

Next season, come out and support your fellow co-workers and see which team brings out their full arsenal and which team will end up cannon fodder.

Congratulations to all those who participated in this season HDEC Softball League and all the fans that came out to support it. It was a great season!



Bases Re-loaded hold up the team's victory trophy!



Spectator Mary Ramos, Clerk Typist, Port Police, 6 years of City service, with her son, Quentin.



Masaki Imoto, Club Member, with his guest, Nina.



Spectator Petty Santos, Senior MA II, 15 years of City service, with her daughter, Emelia.



Spectator Julie Ditucci, Secretary, 27 years of City service, Club Member; and Spectator Anthony Ditucci, Boat Captain II, 21 years of City service.



Jessica Bautista, first base, 16 years of City service, Club Member; and Ernie, pitcher, Club Member.



Robert Holquin, 6 years of City service, Club Member, with his daughter, Brianna.



Carlos Caldara with his daughter, Hailey.



Spectator Kevin Jennings, Security Officer, 10 years of City service, Club Member, with his daughter, Danielle, and son, Kevin Jr.



The Torpedoes.



From left: Carlos Caldara, center field, 3 years of City service; and Luis Tapia, right field, 6 years of City service, Club Member.



Melissa Malahni, second base, 7 years of City service, Club Member.



Leigh Smith, Club Member, with her son, Lucian.



Mike Myung, right field, 5 years of City service.



From left: Capt. Dave Schmitt, Burbank Fire Department, presents commendation letters to the DWP fire heroes. The letters were signed by the Burbank Fire Chief Ray Krakowski.

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations, and courtesy the DWP

On Aug. 24, members of the General Construction staff at the DWP responded to what could have been a very serious situation.

There was an incident next to the Headworks Reservoir project. A car traveling east on the 134 Freeway was on fire and had pulled over. This started a small brush fire between the Freeway and the Headworks Reservoir project.

Three water trucks, some Heavy Duty Truck Operators, and two of the Maintenance and Construction Helpers (MCH) staff that were on site immediately responded to the scene and started wetting down the area and extinguishing the fire. 911 was called, and the Burbank Fire Department, Station 12, Engine 12 responded. When they arrived, the brush fire was out, and they used the DWP water trucks' fire hoses to extinguish the car fire.



At the Burbank ceremony, from left: Roger Yessner, Heavy Duty Truck Operator; Timothy Rupp, Maintenance and Construction Helper; Jerry Loaiza, Maintenance and Construction Helper; Alfred Sosa, Maintenance and Construction Superintendent, Club Member; Tom De Smet, Labor Supervisor; Ricky Brazile, Heavy Duty Truck Operator; and Brian Guzel, Heavy Duty Truck Operator.

DWP

Fire Heroes!

DWP crew spots car on fire, comes to the rescue.

The DWP General Construction employees, the first responders who helped prevent the fire from escalating into a very serious situation were:

- Tom De Smet, Labor Supervisor;
- Jerry Loaiza, Maintenance and Construction Helper;
- Timothy Rupp, Maintenance and Construction Helper;
- Ricky Brazile, Heavy Duty Truck Operator;
- Brian Guzel, Heavy Duty Truck Operator; and
- Roger Yessner, Heavy Duty Truck Operator.

There were no reports of injury to the occupants of the car, or to the DWP or fire crews attending the situation.

A ceremony was held Sept. 8 by the Burbank Fire Dept. to honor the DWP heroes.

"With the high-fire danger that existed that day [and] the quick thinking and actions of your LADWP team, you prevented the vehicle fire from



At the Burbank ceremony, from left: Alfred Sosa, Construction and Maintenance Superintendent, General Construction Division; with Tom De Smet, Labor Supervisor, 22 years of service.

extending into the surrounding brush and the Griffith Park area," wrote Ray Krakowski, Fire Chief, Burbank FD, to Supervisor Tom De Smet, in a letter of recognition. "I commend and thank you for your service in assisting the Burbank and Los Angeles Fire Departments in averting a serious fire from becoming a potentially large and dangerous wildland fire."

Congratulations to the hardy, heroic and quick-thinking DWP crew, who might have saved a Griffith Park hillside, and quite possibly a lot more!

Special thanks to Alfred Sosa, Construction and Maintenance Superintendent, General Construction Division, DWP, and Club Member, for assisting us in the production of this article.



Brian Guzel, Heavy Duty Truck Operator, 4 months of City service, helps contain the fire.



Project Engineer Craig Davis, Waterworks Engineer, 24 years of City service.

SECOND DATE ADDED!

For the Pirates Dinner Adventure, a Club Exclusive Event.

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STUFF THAT STOCKING

With movie tickets from the Club!

- SEE PAGE 49



From left: Joel Tinajero, Gardener Caretaker, Rec and Parks, and the life he saved, Victor Gaw.

Photos by JuanCarlos Chan, Rec and Parks

On Aug. 8, at approximately 10:15 a.m., Joel Tinajero, Gardener Caretaker, Golf Maintenance, Rec and Parks, was working in his section at the Harbor Park Golf Course when he observed a 69-year-old male golfer, Victor Gaw, collapse near the fifth hole.

Upon seeing the golfer collapse, Joel immediately ran to his side and started rendering aid, while also using his department radio to call the Golf Starter's office for help. The Golf Starter's office called 911. As Joel Tinajero began to assess the golfer's condition, he determined that he was not breathing, had no pulse, and was in full cardiac arrest. Joel began to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), learned through the training he had received from Rec and Parks.

Joel radioed the Golf Starter's office again, requesting that the course's Automated External Defibrillator device (AED) be delivered to the scene. An AED device was quickly delivered, which Joel immediately connected to the victim. The AED device advised that an electric shock was needed. After one cycle from the AED, Joel detected a faint pulse and observed the victim breathing with difficulty. Joel continued to care for the golfer and monitor his condition until LAFD paramedics arrived on scene and took over. The golfer was taken via ambulance to Torrance Memorial Hospital for additional care. After several weeks of treatment and recovery, the golfer

returned home where he continues his recovery. On Oct. 5, Rec and Parks Board of Commissioners honored Joel for his quick actions.

Joel is commended for his quick and decisive action in responding to this emergency. He followed his training perfectly and was flawless in his actions, while paying great attention to detail. His actions were above and beyond the call of duty, and were in keeping with the highest standards and traditions of public service. He truly saved a life.

Joel received training in responding to med-

ical emergencies on the City's public golf courses. The training focuses on first aid, CPR, AED deployment, and the administration of oxygen. This training was initiated under the Rec and Parks Golf Division's "Golfer Down Program," a program designed to render assistance to our golfing public in the event of an emergency.

Huge congratulations from the Club to Joel, for saving a life, and to the golfer, Victor Gaw, on his recovery. Well done!



At the Commission hearing congratulating Joel Tinajero, Gardener Caretaker, were, from left: Jon Kirk Mukri, General Manager, Rec and Parks; W. Jerome Stanley, Rec and Parks Commissioner; Lynn Alvarez, Rec and Parks Commissioner; Joel Tinajero; Victor Gaw, whose life was saved; Barry Sanders, Rec and Parks Commission President; and Jill Werner, Rec and Parks Commissioner.

REC AND PARKS

...and on the Golf Course, Too

Joel Tinajero saves the life of a golfer.



Health Fair Committee Members, front row, from left: Rachel Harris, Principal Clerk, 23 years of City service; Officer Shawntrice Watkins, 15 years; Sgt. Mary Culpepper, 22 years; and Police Officer Tamara Marshall, 13 years. Back row: Joseph Hudzik, Management Assistant, 5 years.



Police Cancer Support Group, from left: Sgt. Mary Kite, 21 years of City service; and Det. Amy Sundquist, 16 years, Club Member.



Shahrokh Mohamadkhani, Transportation Engineer, Transportation, 23 years of City service.



Checking her heart rate is Martha Gracia, Sr. Clerk Typist, 25 years of City service, Club Member.



Kathy Bell, Community Relations Secretary, Office of the Chief of Police, 18 years of City service.



Giving blood are Det. III Cleo Guevara, 23 years of City service, Club Member; and Elsa Hernandez, Secretary, 10 years, Club Member.



Family Support Group, from left: Mary Lodolo, Donna Harden, Carole Carreon, and Blondelle Grant.



From Fire and Police Pensions, from left: Mary Duong, Clerk Typist, 4 years of City service; and Erika Robinson, Management Assistant, 15 years, Club Member.



Getting her flu shot is Officer Lori Lee, 23 years of City service, Club Member.



Getting her flu shot is Sgt. Gloria Fanning, 17 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Officer Ben Hong, 6 years of City service; Officer Jilvee Abalos, 3 years; Armando Magana III, 8 years; Officer Richmond Afful, 4 years; and Officer Jovannie Barrillas, 4 years.



Carole Carreon is being tested for muscle stimulation.



From Personnel: Bridget Talley, Principal Worker's Compensation Analyst, 11 years of City service, Club Member; and Vivian Davis, Sr. Worker's Compensation Analyst, 12 Years, Club Member.



From the Los Angeles Women Police Officers Association (LAWPOA), from left: Teresa Alvarez, Sr. Clerk Typist, 25 years of City service, Club Member; and Angeles Reynoso, First VP of LAWPOA, 23 years.



From left: Lt. Leonard Cross, Officer in Charge, 30 years of City service; and Rachel Harris, Principal Clerk, 23 years.



Spinning the Wheel of Health is Claudia Perez, Sr. Clerk Typist, 11 years of City service.



Checking up on her blood pressure is Rhonda Brown, Sr. Clerk Typist, 17 years of City service, Club Member.



Children's Support Group: Terry Reyna.



From left: Bonita Shanklin, Clerk Typist, 17 years of City service, Club Member; Diane Alonzo, Police Officer II, 17 years; Sonji Waiters, Clerk Typist, 6 years, Club Member; Rachel Harris, Principle Clerk, 23 years; and Andy Hachache, Management Assistant, 5 years.

Police Health Fair

LAPD

Police Dept. holds employee health fair at downtown headquarters.



Story and photos by Debbie Schroyer, Club Counselor

What a great turnout there was for the LAPD's annual employee health fair, held Sept. 27 at the LAPD Headquarters. Hundreds of attendees (sworn and civilian) and more than 50 vendors took part in gathering information, gaining insights, participating in health checkups and handing out lots of promotional items!

Attractions included the American Cancer Society, Alzheimer's Association, Smile Finders, Children's Hospital, dentistry, chiropractic, flu shots, blood donations and blood pressure readings and much more. The line was especially busy for the flu shots!

The event included a lecture series: Spinal Injuries and Treatment Options; Foot and Ankle Problems/Treatments; How Trigger Points Help Relieve Pain; Dental Health; Hand and Upper Extremities Injuries; and How Diabetes Affects Orthopedic Medicine.

Thanks go to Sgt. Mary Culpepper for her assistance.



From left: Sgt. Hector Villanueva, 12 years of City service, and Sgt. Leslie Mariscal, 12 years.



From left: Enid Gomez, Secretary, 13 years of City service, Club Member; Gloria Fanning, 2nd VP of the Los Angeles Women Police Officers Association (LAWPOA), 17 years, Club Member; and Yolana Young, Member, LAWPOA, 27 years, Club Member.



From left: Patricia Carter, Medical Services, 4 years of City service, Club Member; and Rochelle Jordan, Medical Services, 24 years, Club Member.



From left: Officer Shawn Bradford, 2 years of City service; and Officer Daniel Trunco, 2 years.

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John Hawkins, Club CEO

John's Picture Perfect Contest



Carson National Forest in New Mexico. “[We were] fishing in the lake, and seeing the silhouette of the clouds in the water with the beautiful colors. [There was] a bit of action in the water and peaceful at the same time.”

– **Yolanda Riboni, Retired**

John's comments: Yolanda, the colors are mesmerizing. What a perfect day for fishing. Hope the fish were biting!



“I shot this from the Hotel Maya looking across the water into Long Beach. It was raining, and there were two rainbows. The one in the foreground was very faint, and the other was very obvious. The sun reflected through the clouds and made the buildings light up.”

– **Liz Carlin, Deputy, Councilmember Herb J. Wesson Jr.**

John's comments: What a spectacular photo, Liz ! With two rainbows, does that mean there are two pots of gold? Thank you for sharing!



“I took this picture last Labor Day weekend. This group of seagulls got my attention because they were close to me and very noisy. When I turned around to see what was going on, I saw the beautiful cloud formation and the sun behind it as the background; I was sold. I had to take a picture.”

– **Glenn Y. Abellanosa**

John's comments: Wow, wow and wow! Glenn, this is a really cool picture. The lighting is simply amazing!



“‘Couple Having a Spat’ – this picture was taken on the wall of the Lake Forest Denny’s.”

– **Donald Abrams, Retired, General Services**

John's comments: If you look carefully at the shadows, you can see the “couples” having a spat... I love it. Good eye, Donald!

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.



Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



1 England



"Here is a picture of my son, Dylan, and I at Stonehenge in England. Hope you can print it in your awesome newspaper!"

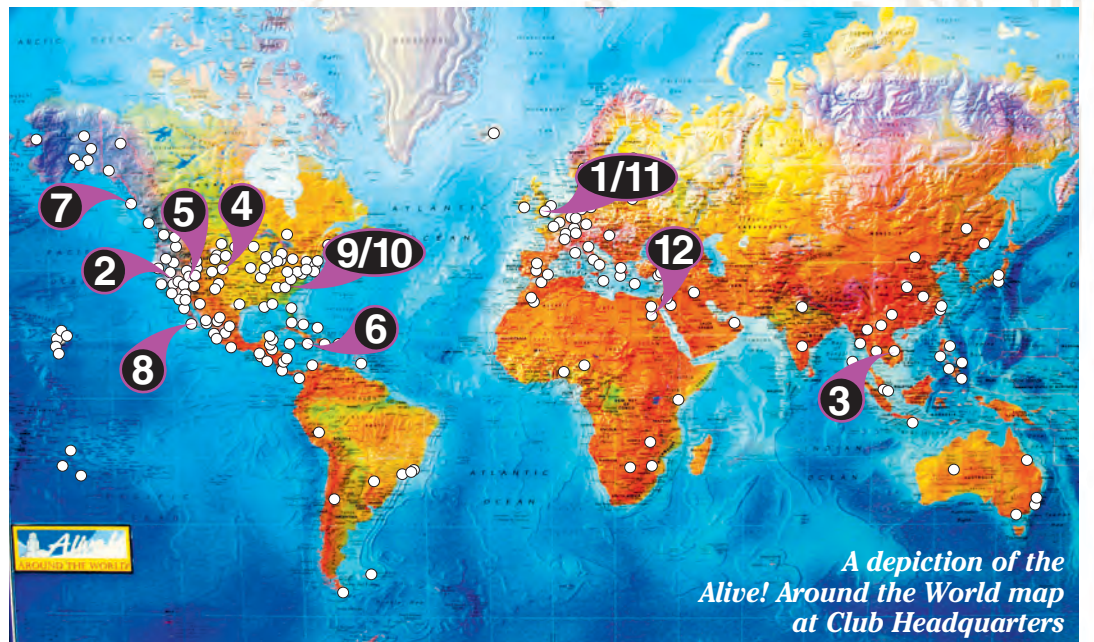
- Stephanie Clements, General Services

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

2 California

Bob's been on the road again! It's the summer travels of **Bob Hill, DWP**, with his wife, Lindsay, to the California wine country. The photo was taken at a vineyard along St. Helena Highway in Napa.



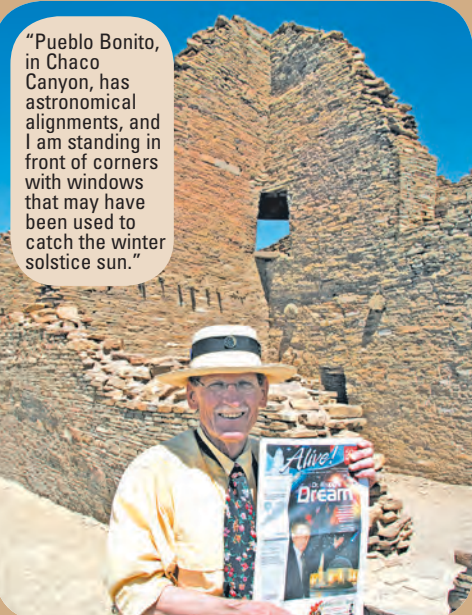
3 Vietnam



Here's Club Staff member **Katie Hesseltine** at the Bridge over the River Kwai in Vietnam.

4 Southwest

"I am finally sending a few pictures shot last June in the Southwest."
- **Dr. E.C. Krupp, Director, Griffith Observatory, Rec and Parks, Club Member**



"Pueblo Bonito, in Chaco Canyon, has astronomical alignments, and I am standing in front of corners with windows that may have been used to catch the winter solstice sun."



"Supernova Pictograph gets its name from the star/crescent imagery in the rock art on the overhang behind me."



"This picture has me centered at Four Corners Monument, where the corners of four Western states all meet in celebrated perpendicularity."

5 Colorado



Here's **Shinetha Scott, Transportation, Club Member**, at the Grand Canyon at Eagle Point above the Colorado River.



Alive! **AROUND THE WORLD**

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Jamaica

"Hello *Alive!* Here is a picture of me vacationing in Negril, Jamaica. In the background is the beautiful beach from the resort."

- **Angela Hayes, Office of Finance**



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Canada

Bill LaRosa, DWP, and his wife Dena at the world famous Fairmont Empress Hotel in Victoria, B.C., Canada. "This hotel is in the inner harbor area, and the grounds are surrounded with beautiful flora."



8

Mexico



Cabo San Lucas.

"Hello again: Here are the latest pictures of **Mike Boyd, Public Works/West Valley Sanitation,** on our recent vacation: Mike with his wife Shawn on the beaches of Cabo San Lucas, and Mike in Puerto Vallarta."



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Georgia

From left: **Vernal Beal, Public Works/Sanitation;** **Sharon Redditt, Public Works/Contract Administration, Retired;** and **Annette Farrow-Gardner, Public Works/Sanitation,** attended a 40th birthday bash in Atlanta.



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Georgia



Here's **Mike Dario, DWP** (right), with his son Scott Dario while Scott was on a mid-cycle pass from Army infantry training. "The photo was taken in front of the National Infantry Museum at Ft. Benning, Ga. on Sept. 10."

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England



"Here I am, *Alive!* in two hemispheres at the same time: Eastern and Western. I'm at zero degrees longitude, 51 degrees latitude at the Prime Meridian, Greenwich, London, England."

- **Arlene Herrero, Club Product Manager**

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Egypt

"This follows the path of my tour. I first went to Egypt, then Jordan, and finished in Israel."

- **John Gale, Retired, Rec and Parks**



On a camel ride around the pyramids.



In front of the Great Pyramids of Cairo, Egypt.



Caesarea Harbor, Caesarea National Park, Israel. "This is the highly recognized harbor in Caesarea National Park Israel, which was built and destroyed several times by wars and nature."



"Jesus Boat" - a first-century Galilean boat from the time of Jesus in Israel.

HARBOR

Goodbye to the Summer Interns

Harbor celebrates the graduates of another successful summer internship program.

Story courtesy Harbor Dept.; Photos by Jackie Causillas, Club Counselor

During the summer of 2011 the Harbor Dept. began its second decade of "Opening the World Today and Preparing for Tomorrow" when 54 students from Banning High School participated in the International Trade Education Summer internship coordinated by the Port of Los Angeles. On Sept. 1, Martin Chavez, of the Port's Human Resources Division and a Club Board Member, hosted the reception culminating the nine-week summer program. The event took place at the Crown Plaza Hotel in San Pedro.

As part of the program, the 54 interns got valuable work experience at 27 different organizations.

The students, who will be returning to school for their senior year, had an opportunity to perform jobs in public service, commerce, and the maritime industry for many of these students this was their first real work experience. Martin, who has directed the program since its inception, commented, "Over the years, the students have risen to meet the program requirements, no matter how rigorous they have become, and have competed to earn these jobs. No student was given a job; they worked hard by attending workshops since the beginning of the school year. Then they interviewed and competed with other students to be selected." He also added, "More than 100 students met the program requirements at the beginning of their junior year. Those students then had to attend classes learning to prepare a resume, personal statement, and write a cover letter. The students took the SAT exam to gain a qualifying score and then did an assessment interview." The students commented on how the assessment interview was the most dreaded aspect of the program, because it is with Martin, but the reality may be because it is their first time having a "real" job interview. After completing the steps, the students interviewed with four employers, who then selected an intern for their organization.

Students who have participated in this program have gone on to pursue college degrees or entered careers in international trade, commerce, finance, and the public sector. The success of this innovative program and its staying power is due to the support from the private sector and the Port. Eli Romero from Pacific Gateway Workforce Investment was instrumental in attracting past employers American President Lines, California Cartage, and DCA Engineering to return as participants this summer with long time organizations Moffatt & Nichol, Pasha Stevedoring, SA Recycling, Tesoro Refining, and Watson Land Company continue their participation.

Under the direction of the Port's Internship Coordinator, Gabriela Perez, who herself was a summer 2006 program participant and who cur-

rently attends UCLA, the interns attended workshops each Friday afternoon. Topics included: personal financial management (presented by the Los Angeles Federal Credit Union), stress management, communication skills, and an employers' panel from BNSF Railroad, Cal Cartage, and the DWP's Evelyn Cortez, who was a student engineer when Martin coordinated DWP's student program. Students also took math, geography, and vocabulary exams. An added feature this summer, students visited the Cal State campuses of Dominguez Hills and Long Beach. Ms. Perez also took a group of students to UCLA. This year Ms. Perez received assistance from Beatrice Rebollar, who was a summer intern in 2008 and is majoring in international business at the California Maritime Academy.

The City Employees Club sponsored the 2011 Student Awards. The Outstanding Student Award was presented to Evelyn Valle, who related how long the students had to work for this opportunity and their commitment in their quest to be part of this program. She emphasized how the students now feel they are "young adults" ready to compete in the job market and able to contribute to the workplace. She also shared the students' gratitude to the employers for the opportunity to work alongside adults in a professional environment. The Club presented Miss Valle tickets to Knott's Berry Farm for her accomplishment. The Workshop Excellence Award was earned by Nicole Diaz for her scores on the quizzes and participation in the workshops. The Workplace Professionalism Awards were presented to Evelyn Cortez, Rebecca Rodriguez, Violet Paredes, Richard Tucker, and Jamie Vasquez. Recognized for Outstanding Personal Development were Summer Beavers, Alberto Limas, and Julien Sykes. A special recognition for Outstanding Dedication was presented to Alberto Limas, for overcoming any obstacle to attend work each day and the workshops, all the while utilizing public transportation, for this the Club presented Mr. Limas two tickets to Knott's as well.

In closing, Martin Chavez thanked the employers for opening their world to the students and reminded the parents, school administrators, and supervisors that, when students know what they have to do to be successful, they do step up, they work hard to do well and they accomplish those requirements. These young adults proved they are preparing for tomorrow. Congratulations 2011 ITEP Summer Interns!

The Club thanks Martin Chavez for his extra efforts to produce this great program, and for contributing the information for this story.



Stephanie Holloman, pictured with Jose Gonzalez, worked with three students at the Port's C&M Division.



Evelyn Cortez, who interned with Brissa Sotelo at Tesoro Refining and Marketing.



Miguel Madrigal interned with Cal Cartage's Chris Goytia.



The USCg continued its participation by hosting Martha Gallardo.



Martin Chavez addresses the audience about the students' hard work to earn a spot as an intern.



The Port's Martin Chavez with Sylvester Vallejo of the POSSE Foundation, who awarded a full scholarship to summer 2010 Intern Edy Delgado to attend Tulane University.



From left: Amy Grat, ITEP, and Alberto Limas share a light-hearted story of his internship at California State Lands Commission.



LA CityView Channel 35 interviews Natalie Aleman regarding her summer experience with Wilmington's Juanita's Foods.



From left: Melissa Avila, Financial Management, a summer 2010 intern; Karen Bajza, ITEP; and Gabriela Perez, Human Resources, prepare for the guests.



State Sen. Roderick Wright coordinated with State Sen. Ted Lieu, along with Assemblymembers Warren Furutani and Bonnie Lowenthal, to provide certificates to each intern. Pictured are Liliana Sivitos, Jamie Vasquez, and Ashley Ingram.



The Port's Internship Coordinator, Gabriela Perez, shares how the program influenced her and now has the opportunity to help these students prepare for their futures.



Nicole Diaz with her supervisors from American President Lines.



Guadalupe Bazan with representatives from Assemblymember Warren Furutani's Office.



Martin Chavez presents the Outstanding Student Award to Evelyn Valle.

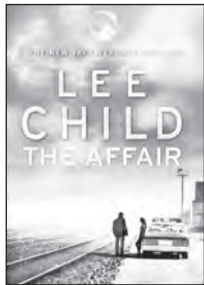


The graduates of the 2011 Harbor summer intern project.

Reviews by Fellow Club Members

ENTERTAINMENT

Book Reviews

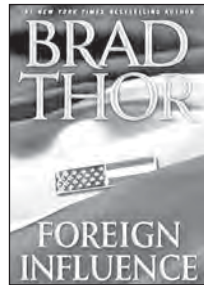


The Affair
Lee Child
Thriller fiction,
416 pages
Random House
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Military police officer Major Jack Reacher goes undercover with some help from the local Mississippi sheriff, Elizabeth Deveraux, to investigate the murder of Janice May Chapman. Jack runs into political entanglements while investigating the murder. There is a killer loose near Fort Kelham, and Jack's search to piece together the evidence to find the killer runs into problem after problem.

This 16th Jack Reacher novel is an action-packed thriller from the beginning to end. It's a great read for all Jack Reacher fans.

— Linda Rorex, Personnel



Foreign Influence
Brad Thor
Thriller fiction,
384 pages
Atria Books
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Former Navy Seal turned field operative Scot Harvath has returned from his first assignment when American college students are killed in a bombing in Rome. At the same time, a woman is struck by a taxi in a hit-and-run accident in Chicago. A family attorney discovers that there is shocking similarity between the accident and the bombing in Rome. Scot must uncover the truth and find out who is behind this terrorist plot against Americans.

This fast-paced thriller is the ninth Scot Harvath novel that will keep Brad Thor fans at the edge of their seats.

— Linda Rorex, Personnel Dept.

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Water for Elephants
Rated PG-13
My Score: 3 (out of 5)

When tragedy strikes, Jacob (Robert Pattinson) sets out on the railroad and ends up joining the circus. As the new vet, he becomes something of an "elephant whisperer" to the newest and most stubborn member of the travelling troupe, Rosie the Elephant. But it is Rosie's owner and circus manager August (Christoph Waltz) who proves impossible to tame, and his wife Marlena (Reese Witherspoon) is caught between both men as Jacob falls in love with her. Beautifully shot, the film is sometimes shocking in its depiction of the animal and human cruelty, which the Depression Era fostered.

— Dearbhla McNulty, Club fiancé

Theatre Reviews



Don't Hug Me, I'm Pregnant
Secret Rose Theatre,
North Hollywood
Through Nov. 20
My Score: 3 (out of 5)

This is the fourth in the "Don't Hug Me" series. But don't worry if you have not seen any of the others, it is not necessary. This very funny and clever musical/comedy takes place in the "Bunyan," a small bar in Bunyan Bay, Minn. A snowstorm comes and no one can leave the bar, and then the fun really begins.

For a little more than the price of a movie, you get very good live entertainment. Tickets are \$20, but if you use the code "hug," you get \$5 off. You can get more information on the Website DontHugMe.com.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

At the Movies

• In the cinema



The Debt
Rated R
My Score: 3 (out of 5)

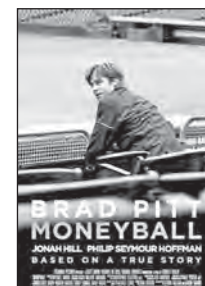
A spy thriller with Helen Mirren and Tom Wilkinson? Wow. Can't lose! Except this is a fictional, historically inaccurate tale of a failed 1966 Mossad mission that attempted to capture and bring to justice a notorious Nazi doctor on the lam. In the film, the team of Mirren and Wilkinson are considered heroes as they publicly declare a victorious mission – they claim the doctor was killed and his body dumped.

The Debt is entertaining and, like any good thriller, has wonderful moments. The acting is impeccable. But the soap opera-ish love story at the film's center left me empty.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

ly disappointed. There are major characters that were never really developed, no intense scenes that one would expect from a thriller movie, and it just fizzled flat at the end. I scored it a 3 because Marion Cotillard is in it. Otherwise this movie would have been a total dud for me.

— Marilou Romney, LAPD



Moneyball
Rated PG-13
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

In 2002, Oakland "A's" general manager Billy Beane (Brad Pitt) attempted to put together a baseball team on a budget by employing a new business method promoted by accountant Peter Brand (Jonah Hill). Well-illustrated in the film is that the sport is dominated by the big-money teams. Beane and Hill put into action their new business model and attempted to challenge the well-heeled teams, using statistics and inexpensive second-rate athletes. Pitt and Hill are excellent as Beane and the youthful business genius.

A cynic would say that professional sports is big business. *Moneyball* may have been written by that cynic.

— Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks



Contagion
Rated PG-13
My Score: 3 (out of 5)

I was so looking forward to seeing this movie; the trailer was great and the critics raved about it, but the movie did not live up to the hype. I was sore-

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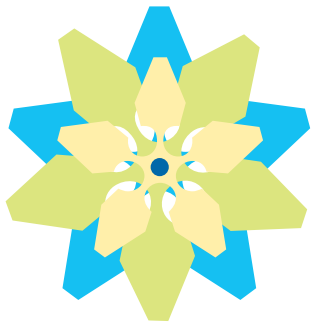
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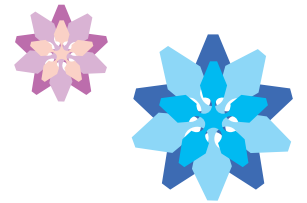

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New Members

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.

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

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| <p>Airports
Genaro Aguayo
Francisco Arias
David Armstrong
Tarek Azmy
Kenneth Buyard
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Rhonda Fleming
Luz Flores
Francisco Guzman
Hendley Hawkins
Ben Matias
David McMahon
Andrew Millett
Joseph Raviol
Nathan Ruvalcaba
PUBLIC WORKS
PW-Engineering
Vincent Shavers
Jennifer Ware
PW-Sanitation
James Camacho
Randy Conoway</p> | <p>Donnie Frazier Jr.
Robert Haskin
Lenore Jones
Anthony Migliori
Arnold Taylor
PW-Street Lighting
Felipe Rodriguez Jr.
PW-Street Services
Adam Golem
Rec & Parks
Josefina Barragan
Jorge Caceres
Juan Hernandez
Sierra Kennedy
Carmen Lipari
Jesus Navarrete
Jauitzio Rodriguez
Transportation
Linda Arnaiz
Cynthia Cole
Ricardo De La Cruz
Laura Gomez
Konan Kouame
Arturo Morales
David Nolasco
Francis Piazza
Eddie Portillo
Delilah Puche
Ronald Salazar
Retired
Arthur Johnson</p> | <p>DWP
Daniel Barnes
Justin Campbell
Luis Carlos
Damon Carrington
Raymond Castillo
Gerardo Castillo
Darrin Chirrick
Michael Cruise
Brandon Dixon
Richard Ellis
Michael Fix
Michael Galvin
Michael Gibson
Oscar Hernandez
Elsa Jimenez
Ian Keller
Flortessa Lulu
Forest Mathieu
Don McGhie
Jesus Melendez
Anthony Montero
Le Mundara
Ernesto Nava
Troy Noland
Cynthia Orozco
Richard Penter
George Perez
Noe Pimentel
Cynthia Rafftevoid
Randall Riesche
Andrew Routt</p> | <p>Rick Schadler
James Stephens
David Tait
Chris Thompson
James Thomson
Ezra Tsosie
Norma Velez
Andrew Virzi III
Maria Vizcarra
Julie Wang
Wendy Wooten
Other
Juan Aguilar
Michael Bonner
Guy Fluegal
Gary Gilbert
Mark Horne
Clifford Kennish
Bryan Lee
Jorge Melara
Richard Musgrove
Jorge Nunez
Manuel Rodriguez
Nathan Slick
Anna Soberanis
Kenneth Underwood
Joel Vega
Brian Wilcox
Sergio Yanez</p> |
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In Memoriam

Our thoughts and condolences are with the family and friends of the following current and retired City employees who have passed away.

The City's information on recent deaths was not available at press time. We hope to run the missing names next month. Thanks for understanding. —Ed.

Quinceañera

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

Military

Does someone in your extended family serve their country as a member of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard? Send to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Graduations

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

Peace of Mind

by Tiffany Sy
The Club's Peace of Mind Expert



Do You Need Insurance For Long-Term Disability?

Is your paycheck covered if you can't go to work?

Protect yourself against the worst odds, and apply for Long Term Disability (LTD). The purpose of LTD is to provide a replacement income when you can't go to work due to an illness or disabling injury.

All City employees enjoyed a benefits Open Enrollment in October. The selections you made during your City Flex open enrollment take effect January 1 and will continue as an unalterable benefit until the end of the year, unless changes are present in your family status. Did you sign up for the City's disability plan? If you have, it is identified on your paycheck with the acronym: "SUPP DIS".

But if you missed your chance to enroll onto the City's disability plan, it is not too late to apply with the Club's Long Term Disability (LTD) plan. Unlike the City, we accept applications all

year long. Our group-exclusive Long Term Disability plan is offered to City/DWP employees and will pay a benefit to supplement your income if you cannot perform your duties at work. It provides insurance protection to you in the event of an illness or injury, whether on or off the job. You are entitled to a nontaxable benefit of 70 percent or 60 percent of your gross salary when there are no other benefit sources. Since the benefit you receive from us is not taxed, it will closely reflect the amount of income on your paycheck statement after your tax deductions. The duration of the benefit is paid out until the age of 65 (retirement age) or until you can return to work.

Our LTD plan offers three waiting periods: 90 days, 180 days, and 360 days. The multiple options were designed to establish a time to issue benefits and coincide with your sick time and salary continuation accrued to maximize your benefit and premiums.

If you have recently been hired by the City/DWP, I have great news about Open Enrollment! If you apply for LTD within the first 60 days of your hire date, you can enroll without medical underwriting! That means no health questions are asked, and you are automatically approved. If you have been employed longer than 60 days, you can still apply, but medical underwriting will occur. Medical underwriting is an evaluation of pre-existing conditions, and typically your medical records are requested by the insurance carrier from your physician's office. The carrier has the right to decline your application if you are considered uninsurable.

Don't delay and gamble with your paycheck! Contact your Club Counselor for a quote.

Contact me at info@cityemployeesclub.com



Share your moments!



Did you get married? Have a baby? Get a promotion? 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



Special Achievements

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



On Aug. 17, Aaron James Millager earned his Eagle Scout Award, the highest rank that a young man can earn within the Boy Scouts of America. Aaron is a 2011 graduate of San Dimas High School and is a student at Riverside City College in Riverside. He was a member of Boy Scout Troop 419, San Gabriel Valley Council, Valley Del Sol District. Aaron's grandmother, Marguerite Taylor, is a retired 30-year City employee who served in the Controller's Office as the City's Paymaster. His mother, Kyle, is the Business Manager for the Library, and has served the City for 34 years. His dad, Eddie Millager, is a Communications Electrician, ITA, with 22 years of City service. "Aaron's steady, persistent progress through the ranks to achieve this prestigious award demonstrates his determination to prepare himself for a meaningful, productive role in society," his dad writes. "His exemplary performance in scouting will serve as a beacon to those Scouts who follow him." Congratulations, Aaron, and the entire Millager family.



There is a new queen in town! Well at least at California High School in Whittier! Miranda Medina, Cheer Captain, was named Homecoming Queen recently. Her dad is Matthew Medina LAPD. Miranda is the granddaughter of Lupe Medina, Administration Service Representative at the Club; and Red Medina, Construction Inspector, Public Works. "This is such a proud moment for the Medinas," says Lupe. Congratulations, Miranda!



Emma's first Halloween! Emma, 16 months, is the niece of Jason Wyland, DWP Customer Service.



Hannah Franco, 11, has been invited to participate in *Voices of Leadership: Reflecting on the Past to Create the Future*, the Junior National Young Leaders conference in Washington, D.C. The conference is scheduled for this fall. More than 250 outstanding middle-schoolers from throughout the United States have been invited to attend. The aim of the conference is to inspire students to recognize their own leadership skills, measure their skills against those of current and former leaders, and return home with new confidence in their ability to exercise positive influence within their communities, according to the organization. Hannah is the granddaughter of Lupe Medina, Administration Service Representative at the Club, and Red Medina, Construction Inspector, Public Works and they are very proud of her accomplishments.



Births

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



Milan Danette Lee Staton, born Feb. 5 to Sa'Lina D. Tasker, Clerk Typist, Airports, and Dewayne Staton.



Weddings

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



Napoleon Fuller III, General Services, and his wife Frida, married on July 23, 2011.



Retirements

NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT	YEARS
Alarid, Joseph	Land Surveying Asst.	Public Works	12	Greenaway, La Verne	Sr. Legal Clerk	City Attr. Office	24	Matthews, Rosalind	Sr. Police Ser. Rep II	LAPD	30
Anderson, Ruby	Sr. Detention Officer	LAPD	31	Harb, Majed	Civil Eng. Associate	Public Works	20	McConnaughy, Tim	-	DWP	-
Bernal, Robert	Ref. Coll. Truck Opr. II	Public Works	36	Hernandez, Augustine	-	DWP	-	Noor, Vali	Civil Engineer	Public Works	17
Bogar, Leroy	Maint. Constr. Helper	Public Works	9	Herron, Larry	Info. Sys. Oper. Mgr. III	Airports	30	Ornelas, Lorraine	Clerk Typist	Rec and Parks	3
Buenavista, Leonardo	-	DWP	-	Hoffman, Ellen	Management Asst.	LAPD	7	Reyes, Henry	Wstwr. Coll. Supv.	Public Works	23
Chirica, Ecatarina	-	DWP	-	Hooper, Tom	-	DWP	-	Reyno, Remigio	Veterinary Technician	Animal Services	11
Collins, Geri	Police Service Rep	LAPD	27	Howard, Thomas	-	DWP	-	Rodriques, Ansel	Building Inspector	Building & Safety	25
Cortez, Roberto	Delivery Driver II	Rec and Parks	6	Humes, Roy	Wstwr. Coll. Worker II	Public Works	19	Sam, Kenneth	-	DWP	-
Cuejilo, Danilo	-	DWP	-	Jeong, David	Equipment Mechanic	General Services	9	Smith, Brian	Motor Sweeper Opr.	Public Works	22
Curtis, William	Maint. Constr. Helper	Public Works	13	Jomaa, Walida	-	DWP	-	Spiegelman, Joseph	Messenger Clerk	Library	6
Davis, Lillian	Recreation Asst.	Rec and Parks	4	Katz, Carole	Delivery Driver II	Rec and Parks	13	Tanahashi, Lisa	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst II	Housing	31
Delhagen, Norma	Management Analyst II	LAPD	33	Kirwan, Julia	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst II	Harbor	15	Velez, Norma	-	DWP	-
Dennis, Nancy	Librarian III	Library	7	Kurose, Danny	-	DWP	-	Vohra, Kiran	Sr. Civil Engineer	Public Works	25
Escalante, Jose	-	DWP	-	Kuzmich, Peter	-	DWP	-	Washington, Tyrone	Wstwr. Treat. Oper. III	Public Works	37
Fabela, Ruby	-	DWP	-	London, Cade	Ref. Coll. Truck Oper. II	Public Works	24	Wendell, Alan	PR Inspector	Building & Safety	34
Freehling, Allen	Council Aide VII	Council	7	Longboy, Victor	Sr. Clerk Typist	Planning	21	Williams, William	-	DWP	-
Giangiuli, Gloria	Park Services Att. II	El Pueblo His. Mon.	19	Mar, Tammy	Sr. Legal Clerk	City Attr. Office	24	Zelaya, Linda	Stores Supervisor	General Services	23
Greenberger, Christine	Librarian III	Library	2	Matthews, Marjorie	Asst. Gen. Manager	Rec and Parks	2	Zeledon, Delfa	Custodian	Airports	18

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If you would like your recipe published in the next issue of *Alive!*, you may fax your recipes to (213) 620-0398 or e-mail us at talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Cooking with the Club

with Chef Robert Larios



TURKEY LEFTOVERS: POT PIE

Everyone I know enjoys roasted turkey, especially on Thanksgiving Day. But not too many people know what to do with the leftovers. Sure, you can make turkey sandwiches to feed the entire neighborhood, but is there anything else we can do with leftover turkey? Yes indeed! Try turkey pot pie. For some, turkey pot pie after the Thanksgiving turkey dinner is more sought after than the traditional turkey and fixings most Americans have become accustomed to.

It is quite delicious and very easy to make. As for the pie dough, it can be made from scratch, or some supermarkets already have the pie crusts pre-made. I leave the choice up to you because it is the mixture that fills the pie that is the holder and keeper of the tasty flavors. Happy Thanksgiving to you all!

Turkey Leftovers: Pot Pie

Makes 6 Servings

INGREDIENTS:

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- 2 cups cubed or sliced cooked turkey from Thanksgiving the day before.
- Pastry to make a 10-inch double-crust pie
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 cup diced onion
- 1/2 cup diced onion
- 1/2 cup diced carrots
- 4 tablespoons dried parsley
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- Sea salt and pepper to taste
- 2 cubes turkey bouillon
- 2 cups turkey or chicken stock
- 4 red rose or baby Dutch potatoes, diced
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup milk

Cooking TIDBIT

If you have more of the filling mixture, make another pie!

DIRECTIONS:



1 Cut about two cups of turkey breast from your Thanksgiving turkey. Make sure you have a super clean and sanitized cutting board.



2 Add two tablespoons of butter, onion, celery, carrots, parsley, oregano, salt and pepper and let sauté until tender. Stir in two cubes of chicken or turkey bouillon cubes. Bring to a boil, then stir in the cubed potatoes. Cook until tender.



3 Add in remaining butter, turkey, flour, and milk. Stir and let boil for one minute, then turn off the stove burner. Let cool.



4 Prepare your pastry dough for the pie crust. Add the filling mixture onto the pie and cover with pastry dough. Cut several slits on the top of the pie. Bake at 350 degrees F for 20 minutes or until crust is golden brown.



5 Plate and enjoy!

[A Cook's Dictionary]

Bouillon Cube:

A compressed, flavor-concentrated cube of dehydrated beef, chicken, or vegetable stock. Bouillon granules are the dehydrated form of the dehydrated concentrate. Both the cubes and the granules must be dissolved in a hot liquid before using.

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Fun Food Quote:

"Man cannot live by bread alone; he must have peanut butter."

– James A. Garfield



CLASSIFIED ADS

Members Marketplace

New Ads This Month!

Gas Stove: freestanding, 20" Hotpoint, white, like new, \$325 OBO. George @ (310)831-0790. 11/11

Cemetery Plot: Rose Hills Memorial Park, Double Niche 301, Tier H, Redwood Corridor-SkyRose Mausoleum. Manny @ (562)695-2677. 11/11

HOUSE FOR RENT: 3BD/1BA, patio, detached garage, big back yard, new paint, hardwood floors. Near Imperial & Western. Rob @ (310)534-3028. 11/11

Hammond Organ: dual-key board, antique. FREE to good home. Mickey Miner @ (310) 833-9997 or David Miner @ (310) 519-8113. 8/10

Homes/Rentals/Land

For Rent: Lancaster beauty. 3BD + Loft, 2.5 BA, large family & dining room, huge backyard, outside pets & SEC 8 OK. Gardner included. Quiet neighborhood. Near Shopping Center & schools. Chasity Taylor @ (661) 886-8303. 10/11

For Rent: 2 BD/1BA apt, newly remodeled, 1 parking space, no pets, near Frank Hotchkiss LAFD site, \$1,100/month, 1 yr. lease. Info @ (323) 919-1163. 10/11

For Rent: 2 BD/2BA apt., downtown view, newly remodeled, 1 parking space, no pets, near Frank Hotchkiss LAFD site, \$1,300/month, 1 yr. lease. Info @ (323) 919-1163. 10/11

For Sale: House in Quintas Del Mat Development - Rosarito. Development has 2 restaurants. 2 BD/2BA home. Has lots of shopping nearby & tons of amenities w/walking distance. Property ready for \$154,000. Sam @ (818) 787-1426. 9/11

For Rent: West Covina- 3 BD/2 BA 1826 sq.ft. large family room, large master bedroom, C/A, new windows, paint & carpet. \$2000 monthly. Javier @ (626) 384-7915. 8/11

For Sale: 3BD/2BA beautifully landscaped Palmdale home. Large backyard w/ spectacular mountain view. Won't last at \$115K. Rocio @ (562) 201-7704. 7/11

For Sale: Lake Elizabeth, 2 buildable view lots. Great place to build your future retirement home w/ lakes & golf, located 25 minutes from Santa Clarita. One lot is 7500 SF, \$20,000. The other is 15,000 SF, \$45,000. Negotiable on financing & terms. Frances @ (805) 583-5321. 7/11

For Rent: Townhouse located in Ontario. 3 BD/2.5BA. Large enclosed patio, laundry hook-ups, 2 parking spaces & no pets. \$1350 monthly plus security deposit. Info @ (562) 322-6972. 7/11

For Rent: Inglewood house. Lg BD in a 3 BD/2.75BA home. Excellent location, responsible person. Avail-6/15/11. 3 months or more lease. Full house privileges; gated community, wifi, laundry, own bath. \$850/mo, \$400 deposit. Supri @ (310) 674-3536. 6/11

For Rent: 2BD house in nice part of N. Long Beach. Recent upgrades include granite countertops, new carpet, tile, laminate floors, private yard & garage. Near schools & freeways. W/D hook-up. No pets. \$1500/mo. Call for appt. (562)537-5972. 6/11

For Rent: 1BD/1BA apt. in Highland Park. 10-15 min. from PAB, and 5-10 min. from Academy. Courtyard, hardwood floors, new windows, walls, ceiling fan, blinds, paint. Walk-in closet. No pets. 1 year lease. Street parking. \$700 month. (323) 919-1163. 6/11

For Rent: Lake Tahoe Cabin, 3BD/2BA, quiet forest setting, large deck, bbq, satellite TV. Completely furnished. Close to beach, bike path, stables, casinos. Jess @ (626) 797-5992. 6/11

For Rent: 2BD/1BA apartment near Sunset Bl/Alvarado, 10 min from downtown. \$950/mo. Ben @ (213) 484-2682. 5/11

For Sale: Acton land, 10 acres, 360 view, Graded 1 acre level pad, ready to build! \$220K, OBO. Owner will carry w/ 50% down. Bill @ (661) 400-9893. 5/11

For Rent: Inglewood, single family dwelling, 2BD/1BA, living room, dining room, back yard & detached garage. Recent upgrades. Quiet community. Call Char @ (323) 600-4615 after 7:00pm. 3/11

For Rent: 2 BD house. Near Long Beach, sharp, clean, near school & freeway. \$1,450/mo. Call for appt @ (562) 537-5972. Sec 8 ok. 3/11

For Rent: House in La Crescenta, 3 BD/1.75A in nice & quiet neighborhd, upper Glendale. Good schools, walk to Crescenta Valley HS. \$2,100/mo. Call (818) 621-7758. 3/11

Household Items

Air Conditioning Unit: "New" 3 Ton/10 Seer self contained heating/cooling unit. Gas/Electric. \$1500. Info @ (818) 361-8917 or iokc7@yahoo.com. 8/11

Portable Pet Crate: Never used, 3'D x 2'H x 2"W. Has removable pan. Paid \$125, asking \$75. Call Richard @ (818) 399-9730. 3/11

Maytag Washer & Dryer: Top of the line, in excellent condition, \$245. Larry @ (818) 883-5870. 2/11

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

Miscellaneous

Zumba Class: \$8 per class. Curves 16000 Paramount Bl Unit A Paramount Bl 90723 (corner of Paramount & Alondra) Saturday's @ 9-9:45am zumbaswag@yahoo.com 8/11

French Mastif Pups: Mona @ (661) 724-1335. 8/11

Swiss Army Watch: silver band, \$80 OBO. Carlos @ (424) 212-5473. 5/11

Roll-A-Ramp: 14 feet long, railing 36 inches high w/sturdy railing. 1500 lb capacity. Excellent condition. \$2,000. John @ (661) 946-5937. 5/11

Polygraph: Discount to city employees, www.ldbpolygraph.com 2/11

Ganoderma is often regarded as the King of the mushroom world, mainly because of its healing properties. Now you can enjoy a delicious and healthy drink that not only awakens and refreshes you each day but also provides long-term health benefit as well. (818) 325-5529; www.henrikorganogold.com; hendot@yahoo.com 2/11

Enjoy ATV & m/c riding in our area but no one to ride with? Making list of families interested in **camping & riding** together. Rick (DWP) @ (805)433-3195 or email: rhinohd@dslextre.com. 12/10

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

Scenic Flights Over LA: Fly Ricchiuzzi Aviation, LLC over the city of LA for a spectacular aerial tour. See local landmarks such as Downtown LA, Dodger Stadium, Rose Bowl & much more. Based at El Monte Airport (EMT). Reserve today. (818) 415-7253. 9/10

Feng Shui onsite consultation: by retired City employee. American Feng Shui Institute certified report package include rooms, occupants, goals, health, buy/sell analysis. Peter @ (310) 854-8952. 9/10

On-site Taco Bars for your special events. Treat your guests to mouth watering tacos! Info @ (562) 884-6069 for pricing & booking. 9/10

Travel / Timeshare

Wyndham Resort Timeshare: No meeting to attend! 1BD or 2BD, sleep up to 8. Various USA locations including Hawaii, Mexico, Caribbean & more! \$700-\$1400 depending on location and season. Mary @ m.kay91@yahoo.com or (310) 936-4853. 6/11

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. 2/11

Mountain Lake campground membership: 2 life time. Paid \$9,000 asking \$4,500 OBO. Details @ (909) 606-5633. 4/11

Monterey Bay Timeshare: \$875, 2 BD/2 BA, kitchen, fp, bbq, pools, etc. Dates: 7/25/11 - 8/1/11 (Monday to Monday, 7 nights). Sleeps 6 max, however 4 adults is comfortable. Terry @ (818) 769-3382. 3/11

Autos / Motorcycles / Boats



2007 V-Star 1300 Edition Motorcycle: 48k FWY miles, runs perfect! Black & Chrome, new tires, cover included, gets 45 mpg. \$6,000 OBO. Bill @ (661) 400-9893. 10/11

cover included, gets 45 mpg. \$6,000 OBO. Bill @ (661) 400-9893. 10/11



1999 Ford CNG police interceptor: carpool lane sticker expire 2015, 74k miles, v8, ice-cold a/c, average cng prices \$2.05/gge, Riverside price \$1.38/gge. Marcus @ (626) 232-7794. 10/11



Snow Chains: Brand new for pick-up truck or SUV Never been used, sold truck before I could use them, \$25. John @ (626)757-5341. 9/11



Snugtop Camper Shell: Black, was on 6' Toyota Tacoma Bed, carpet kit included. Good condition, \$350 OBO. Info @ (661) 992-4664. 8/11



1975 Dodge Dart Sport: Great project car, not running but has new Disc brakes, tires & rims. Many new parts still in the box. \$2100 OBO. Greg @ (818) 771-6777. 8/11



Ford Mustang: 98 white convertible, 190,000 miles, mint condition, tan convertible top, \$2500 OBO. Nyra @ (310)634-6768. 8/11



2006 Harley Davidson: Like new, 1200 Custom Sportster, black cherry, 617 miles. Warranty, original owner, garage stored. Vance & Hines Pipes, lowered struts & clip-on windshield: original parts (pipes and struts) included. Asking \$9,500 OBO, more photos on request. Info @ (562) 884-0675, divebunie@hotmail.com 7/11

Tire Chains: Alpine sport SUV & light truck, fits various stock truck rims & tire sizes, easy installation. Used once \$50. Dwain @ (323) 754-8382. 6/11

2007 Toyota FJ Cruiser 4x2: White/titan, black interior, auto 5-speed 4.0L V6, like new! 106K miles, LoJack included. \$18,500 OBO. Armando @ (323) 252-7065 or pk4wiz@sprint.blackberry.net 6/11

2007 Harley Davidson Soft Tail FXSTC: black custom bars, grips, seat, sissy bar, saddle back. Great condition, low miles. Fernanco @ (626) 393-7349 or email me at fernandod1698@aol.com 5/11

1996 Oldsmobile Ciera SL: 118K miles, maroon color, V6, very clean, power windows, 4 door, tinted windows. Runs great! \$1,700 (Kelley Blue Book). Linda @ (310) 833-6801. 5/11



1969 Dodge Dart GTS with Scat-Pak, 340, 4 Barrel, 355 gear, ready for the street or track. This car is a Turn Key ready to GO! \$30,000 invested & looking for \$23,000. Harry @ (714) 222-2210, (714) 997-7471 or harryhunold@sbcglobal.net 4/11



2001 Monaco Diplomat: 38ft w/ 2 slides, 330 HP Cummins, 43,000 miles. 4 door refrigerator, Alcon wheels, washer & dryer, good cond., well equip., 4 new tires. Asking \$50,000. Info @ (909) 229-6540. 4/11

Mazda 626 LX: 1999, 4 door, clean interior, green color, 140,000 miles (salvage). No major accident reported, runs great, moving out of town. \$1,700. Shaq @ (404) 209-2492. (2-8pm). 2/11



Truck parts for 1995 Chevy: One air-conditioner part & one exhaust system part. If you can figure out what they are & offer a negotiable price, call Marieta @ (626) 912-6195. 1/11

Cemetery Plots

4 Cemetery plots: Reduced Even More! Rose Hills, \$12K for 4 plots. Info @ (323)382-2405. 10/11

Cemetery Plot: Ontario Cemetery, Ontario, California. Grave 6, Lot 411, Section Evergreen. \$1500. Sylvia @ (661)297-0271. 10/11

2 Cemetery plots: "Garden Of Eden" at Rose Hills Memorial Park, only \$7,500 for the pair including transfer fee! Connie @ (310) 237-3318. 10/11

Cemetery Plot: One plot located at Rose Hills Cemetery, Garden of Affection (across from memorial chapel), asking \$2000 but will negotiate. Info @ (909) 561-3985. 9/11

2 side by side Cemetery Plots: Located Hillcrest Memorial Gardens Veterans Section. Las Cruces, New Mexico. \$2000 each OBO or consider trade. Harold @ hshaw43@charter.net 8/11

Cemetery Plot: Valhalla Memorial Park, Sec 2530, Lot C -Track 6618, 10621 Victory Park, N. Hollywood, 91601. \$3500 or OBO. Call (661) 251-0362. 3/11

Electronics/Computers

Apple Macbook Pro: Core Duo Laptop computer. 1.83 ghz, 1.5GB RAM, 80GB HD, 15" 128VRAM 10.5.8 OSX. Great condition, will sell for \$1,000. Orig price was \$2,500 w/upgrades. Larry @ (818) 521-3517 or trueblue22@sbcglobal.net. 12/10

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

Furniture

Everything Sale: Marietta @ (909) 218-7586. **Reclining Couch & Love Seat:** center console, couch vibrates, \$900 OBO. **TV Stand:** black glass & wood, 3-tiered, flat panel tv stand, holds up to 55" tv, \$100 OBO. **Big Fridge:** white, 23 cu. ft., french doors w/ bottom freezer w/ ice maker, \$900 OBO. **Deep Freeze:** large chest freezer, \$200 OBO. **Coffee Table:** w/2 end tables, dark wood w/ glass & has lower shelves, \$175 OBO. **Dining Room Table:** dark wood w/ 4 chairs & bench w/ leaf, \$450 OBO. **Home Theatre System:** dvd player w/sound system, \$150 OBO. **Video Game:** DSI w/4 games & case, \$175 OBO. 7/11



Bed Frame: w/ headboard, all wood, 2 side cubby shelves w/doors & mirror, in great condition. \$200 OBO. Frankie @ (818) 340-3059. 7/11

Exercise Machine: Elliptical Pro-Form 15-5S, good condition, asking \$250 but will take a reasonable offer. Jaime @ (310) 955-8871. 1/11



Mobile Wheelchair: Excellent condition collapsible for easy transportation. \$800 O.B.O. Call Mark @ (909)322-5140 or tspgtr@msn.com. 12/10

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

Weslo Cadence C42 treadmill: 2 years old. Great condition. \$65. Judy @ (909) 800-0414. 9/10

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11/10/2011

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Sunset World Timeshare: Cancun, Mexico. Sleeps 4 facing ocean. Avail: anytime except weekends of July 4, Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year. \$600/7 days Saturday to Saturday. Available starting April. Gina @ (818) 265-5940. 3/11

Escondido Timeshare for sale. Studio suite 1 Bdrm; sleeps 4 w/ full kitchen; overlooks 18 hole golf course. \$3,000. Brad @ (626) 297-2924. 11/09

Collectibles

Mint Comic Books: from the late 60's, 70's & early 80's. Many large runs: Spiderman, Thor & many others, most \$2.50 - \$6 each, a collector's dream. John @ (951) 203-4438. 7/11

ESTATE SERVICES - Appraisal or Liquidation of Fine Art, Collectibles and Coin & Stamp Collections. Michael @ (626) 592-2929.

Wanted

Wanted: 2 BD/1BA or 2BD/2BA pet friendly apt/home/condo in Long Beach/ Lakewood/Bellflower area. Can pay \$900-1000 per month. Call @ (562)989-7968 & leave a message. 10/11

Wanted: 35mm slide projector, Kodak Carousel 850 Auto-Focus. Harold @ (818) 892-9328. 7/11

I purchase: Coins, Stamps, WWII Items, Hunting/ Pocket Knives, Trains, vintage tools, Fishing reels & lures, Almost anything old! Collections or single items. Michael @ (909) 592-4332 1/10

Vintage stereo/Radio equipment, Receivers. Marantz, Yamaha, etc. 1975 and older. Call (805) 300-2147 7/09

Wanted: Your Childhood Barbie Dolls and Clothes. I collect dolls from 1959 - 1966 and pay top dollar! I will buy 1 - 1,000 dolls. Clothing, structures, cases. Anything vintage Barbie! Cheryl @ (208) 855-2430 or (818) 822-5369.

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



CLUB SPORTS

News from Sports Leagues sponsored by the City Employees Club of Los Angeles • Nov. 2011

BASEBALL STATS

Team Standings

(as of October 11, 2011)

TEAM	GAMES PLAYED	WINS	LOSSES	FORFEITS	TOTAL POINTS
LAX JETS	0	10	0	0	20
I'd Hit It	0	9	1	0	18
Guzzlers	0	8	2	0	16
Sluggers	0	7	3	0	14
Enforcers	0	6	4	0	12
Hitmen	0	4	6	0	8
Unstrikeoutables	0	3	7	0	6
Dot-gers	0	3	7	0	6
Transformers	0	2	8	0	4
Warriors	0	3	7	0	2
Blue Dragons	0	0	10	1	0

Game Scores

September 14, 2011		September 28, 2011	
Yosemite	SCORE	Yosemite	SCORE
Unstrikeoutables	6	Blue Dragons	3
Sluggers	29	LAX Jets	30
Shatto	SCORE	Shatto	SCORE
Blue Dragons	3	Transformers	7
Warriors	11	I'd Hit It	14
Shatto	SCORE	Shatto	SCORE
Transformers	1	Unstrikeoutables	2
Enforcers	3	Warriors	12
Downey	SCORE	Downey	SCORE
DOT-gers	3	Guzzlers	18
I'd Hit It	18	Enforcers	10
Downey	SCORE	Downey	SCORE
Hitmen	10	DOT-gers	7
LAX Jets	18	Hitmen	9

BYE - Guzzlers

BYE - Sluggers

September 21, 2011

Yosemite	SCORE
Warriors	13
Transformers	8
Shatto	SCORE
LAX Jets	19
DOT-gers	6
Shatto	SCORE
I'd Hit It	19
Blue Dragons	3
Downey	SCORE
Enforcers	8
Unstrikeoutables	5
Downey	SCORE
Sluggers	4
Guzzlers	19

BYE - Hitmen

Teams in the Playoffs

- LAX Jets
- I'd Hit It
- Guzzlers
- Sluggers
- Enforcers
- Hitmen
- Unstrikeoutables
- DOT-gers

Watch your coworkers play, and cheer them on!

SOFTBALL:
Downey Recreation Center
1772 North Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA, 90031

Shatto Recreation Center
3191 Fourth St.
Los Angeles, CA. 90020

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

BASKETBALL:
Expo Center
3980 Bill Robertson Lane
Los Angeles, CA 90037

Busy Fall Sports Season

Club softball heads to the playoffs.
Basketball gets under way. Running competes.

Photos by Summy Lam, Club Marketing Director, and Robert Larios, the Club's Sports Dude

The Club Softball summer season 2011 has reached the playoffs! The regular season has quickly come to an end and the playoffs are under way in October. The teams that made the playoffs are the LAX Jets, I'd Hit It, Guzzlers, Sluggers, Enforcers, Hitmen, Unstrikeoutables and DOT-gers. See scores and highlights of the playoffs on the Club Website and in the December edition of *Alive!*

Club Basketball

The fall season of Club Basketball is under way at the Expo Center, 3980 Bill

Robertson Lane, in Los Angeles. There are two new teams playing in the league—the Rebels and Seventy Four Eleven from Airports. Games are held on Thursday nights. Check the Club Website for complete schedule details.

Running Club

At the YMCA StairClimb, held Sept. 23, Club runners participated in the race to the top of the tallest building on the West Coast—the US Bank building downtown. Our own Sports Dude, Robert Larios, and Ticket Gal, Rachael Brecher, climbed the monstrous building as well. Transportation Officer Art Ledezma tells *Alive!*, "It was a challenging climb. It's different than running a 10K or marathon."

Robert Morales, LAPD, climbed with his SWAT gear, and Genevieve Fernandez made it to the top with a Club record time of 15 minutes, 24 seconds.

At the Long Beach Half Marathon, held Oct. 9, an elite group of Club runners participated. Ten Club members ran through Long Beach and represented the Club and the City well! The runners were: Karen Dienhart, ITA; Edward Kim, DWP; Jennifer Corona, LAFD; Renne Gardner, Housing; Stacy Rafter, LAPD; Ron Haywood, Transportation; Arturo Ledezma, Transportation; Marco Hernandez, Transportation; Milan Romero, Transportation; and Renee Jones, Harbor.

To view more Club Sports game pictures go to:
<http://photos.cityemployeesclub.com/ClubSports>



BASKETBALL STATS

Team Standings

(as of October 12, 2011)

TEAM	WINS	LOSSES	TIES	TOTAL POINTS
105 West	2	0	—	4
DOT Outlaws	2	—	—	4
Traffic Jam	1	1	—	2
Rec & Parks Hoopers	1	1	—	2
Rebels	1	1	—	2
Hydropower	1	1	—	2
Blue Dragons	0	2	—	0
Seventy 4 Eleven	0	2	—	0

Game Scores

Sept 22, 2011		Oct 6, 2011	
North Gym: 7pm		North Gym: 7pm	
105 West	59	DOT Outlaws	47
Rebels	56	Seventy 4 Eleven	28
South Gym: 7pm		South Gym: 7pm	
Seventy 4 Eleven	24	Blue Dragons	48
Hoopers	55	Rebels	83
North Gym: 8pm		North Gym: 8pm	
Traffic Jam	61	Hoopers	45
Blue Dragons	29	Hydropower	46
South Gym: 8pm		South Gym: 8pm	
Hydropower	14	105 West	45
DOT Outlaws	41	Traffic Jam	42

Sign Up Mondays!

Stop by the Club on Mondays (8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.) to sign up for any upcoming Club sports league!

Come meet Robert Larios,
The Sports Dude

Contact Robert Larios, the Sports Dude, for registration information:

- sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com
- (800) 464-0452, ext. 134
- www.cityemployeesclub.com



DWP

Happy 75th, WPCCU!

**Water, Power Credit Union celebrates
75 years of serving City Employees.**



When Water and Power Community Credit Union was organized in March 1936, it was created as a member-owned financial cooperative. The credit union allowed DWP employees to pool their assets and make loans to one another, earning dividends on savings. The organization was founded just two years after President Franklin Delano Roosevelt signed into law the Federal Credit Union Act in 1934.

Before then, 32 states had already passed credit union legislation to help small borrowers.

The concept worked. Today, credit unions continue to operate under the same original philosophy of "not for profit, not for charity, but for service."

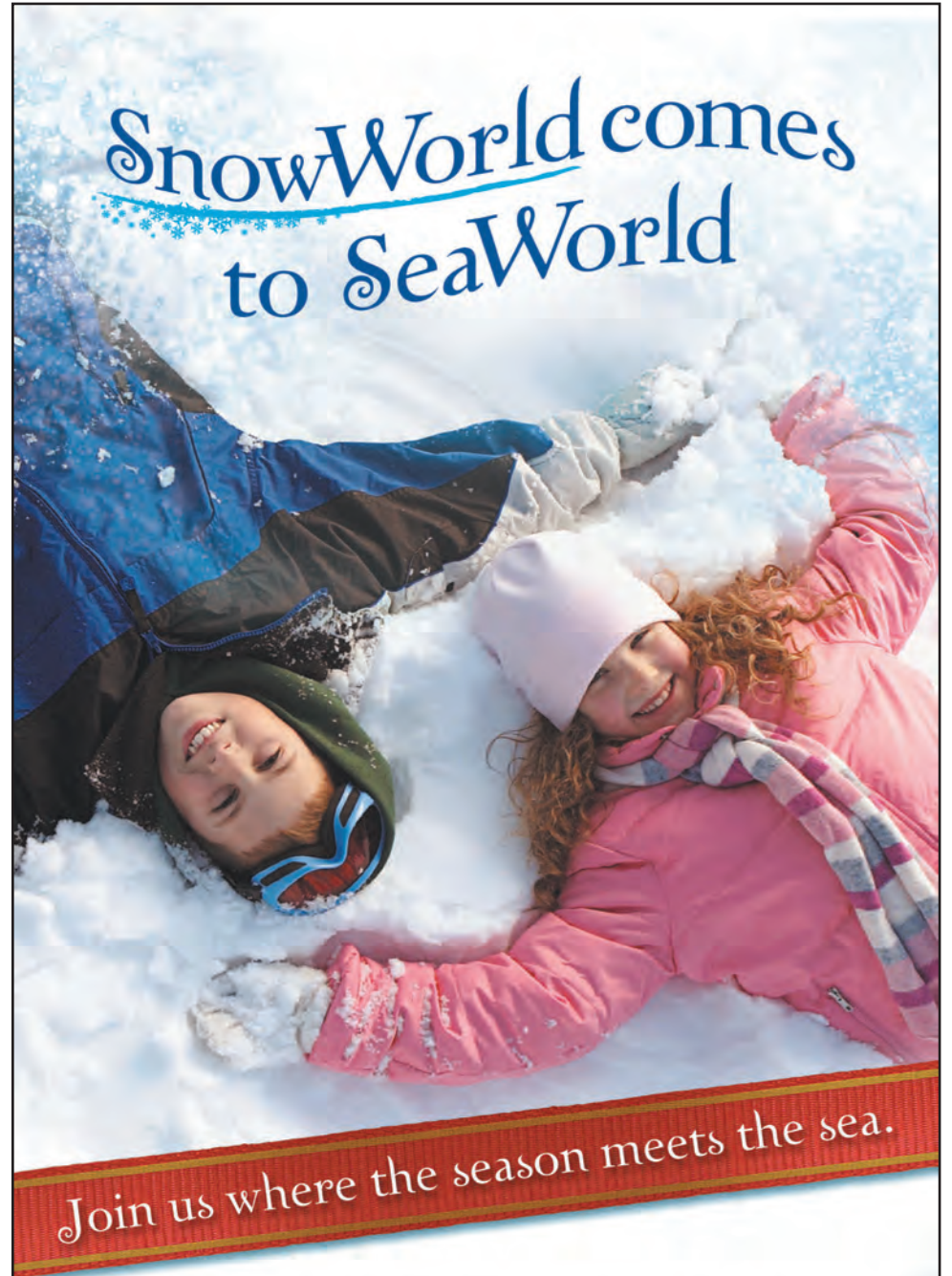
Water and Power Community Credit Union is celebrating its 75th anniversary through March 2012 and asking for you to share any WPCCU memorabilia they may have from its 75-year history. Anyone interested may go to www.wpcu.org/75thHistory for more information on the archiving efforts. WPCCU will be collecting stories, pictures, and documents from its early days throughout 2011 at any of the five branches in Westchester, Granada Hills/Northridge, Sun Valley, and two offices in downtown Los Angeles. If you have memorabilia or stories to share, please call (800) 300-9728 and ask for the Marketing memorabilia project.

The Club congratulates the Water and Power Community Credit Union (WPCCU) on its 75th anniversary!

During the Great Depression, news headlines told of bank runs and 22 percent unemployment across the nation. It was a time when many couldn't get credit, or if they could find a loan it might be at a whopping 1000 percent interest rate. It was during that time, in 1936, that 10 Los Angeles City Water and Power employees pooled their money and decided to form a new kind of bank, a credit union, to help out fellow employees.

Originally named the Los Angeles Water and Power Employees' Credit Union, the credit union's first office, located in one room of the Broadway Building in downtown Los Angeles, held one table and one typewriter.

It was a modest beginning for a credit union that would grow to become more than \$450 million in assets, offer five full-service branches, and serve 42,000 members.



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NOVEMBER

MOVIE

RELEASES

Puss and Boots (3D, IMAX)- 10/28

Tower Heist - 11/4

A Very Harold & Kumar

Christmas (3D)- 11/4

My Week With Marilyn- 11/4

Immortals (3D)- 11/11

Jack and Jill- 11/11

J. Edgar- 11/11

Twilight: Breaking Dawn- 11/18

The Decendants- 11/18

Happy Feet 2 (3D, IMAX)- 11/18

The Artist- 11/23

The Muppets- 11/23

Hugo (3D)- 11/23

Piranha 3-DD- 11/23

Arthur Christmas (3D)- 11/23

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The Club Christmas Tree.
Toy drive.

They're all available
at the Club Store
this holiday season.



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the Club Store!

Here's what's in store for you this Christmas season at the Club Store:

- ❖ **Gift Central:** Buy fantastic Club merchandise that will be great under your tree.
- ❖ **Movie tickets** make great for stocking-stuffers.
- ❖ **Decorate the Club Tree!** When you stop by the Club, write your name on an ornament (provided), representing you or your department, and hang it on our Club Christmas Tree. Join the Club family this holiday.
- ❖ **Toy Drive:** Bring an unwrapped gift to be given away as part of the Club's Toy Drive. See details in a separate story on page 29.



The Club Store is located at:
120 West 2nd Street • Los Angeles, CA 90012

The Club has the Cheapest Tickets in the City!

THE Club Store

To order from the Club Store go to www.cityemployeesclub.com.
Ordering online is fast and easy. –or– Complete the order form below, and fax or mail it in.

	RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Theatre Tickets				
AMC				
Restricted Tickets	\$13.50	\$6.00	X	= \$
Good Any Time	\$13.50	\$7.50	X	= \$
Small Popcorn	\$5.50	\$3.00	X	= \$
Small Drink	\$4.50	\$3.00	X	= \$
Movie Pack	\$35.00	\$24.00	X	= \$
<i>Includes 2 unrestricted movie passes, 2 small drink concession and 1 small popcorn concession.</i>				
Rave Motion Pictures "Rave 18"				
Restricted Formerly "The Bridge"	\$14.00	\$6.00	X	= \$
Good Any Time	\$14.00	\$7.50	X	= \$
Cinemark Theatres				
Good Any Time	\$10.75	\$7.50	X	= \$
Harkins Movie Theatres				
Restricted	\$10.00	\$6.00	X	= \$
Good Any Time	\$10.00	\$7.75	X	= \$
Krikorian Theatres – Good Any Time				
	\$11.00	\$6.50	X	= \$
Laemmle Theatres – Good Any Time				
	\$11.00	\$6.00	X	= \$
Mann Theatres – Good Any Time				
	\$11.00	\$7.50	X	= \$
Pacific Theatres				
Restricted	\$12.50	\$6.00	X	= \$
<i>\$2 surcharge for use at Grove, not valid at Arclight.</i>				
Gift Book	\$40.00	\$27.00	X	= \$
<i>2 unrestricted admissions, 2 medium drinks, 1 medium popcorn.</i>				
Regal/Edwards Cinema/United Artists				
Restricted	\$12.50	\$6.50	X	= \$
Good Any Time	\$12.50	\$7.50	X	= \$
Regency Theatres – Good Any Time New				
	\$11.50	\$7.00	X	= \$
UltraStar Cinemas				
Good Any Time	\$10.00	\$6.00	X	= \$
<i>Tickets can be upgraded for 3-D, IMAX, or ETX.</i>				
Attraction Tickets				
Adventure City				
Adult/Child	\$14.95	\$10.50	X	= \$
<i>Expires 12/31/2011.</i>				
Aquarium of the Pacific				
Adult	\$24.95	\$17.00	X	= \$
Child (3-11)	\$12.95	\$9.95	X	= \$
<i>Expires 11/30/2011.</i>				
Boomer's Family Fun Centers				
All Day Pass	\$24.99	\$15.50	X	= \$
Catalina				
Island Express – Round Trip	Adult \$66.50	\$55.50	X	= \$
	Child \$51.00	\$46.00	X	= \$
<i>Expires 12/31/2011. Not valid 5/28-30, 7/2-4, 9/3-5.</i>				
Davey's Locker				
Whale Watching	Adult \$30.00	\$21.00	X	= \$
	Child \$25.00	\$17.00	X	= \$
Sportfishing – 1/2 Day	Adult \$40.00	\$30.00	X	= \$
	Child \$29.00	\$25.50	X	= \$
Sportfishing – Full Day	Adult \$69.00	\$56.00	X	= \$
	Child \$55.00	\$47.50	X	= \$
Disneyland/California Adventure				
1-Day 1-Park	Adult \$80.00	\$75.00	X	= \$
	Child (3-9) \$74.00	\$70.00	X	= \$
1-Day Park Hopper	Adult \$105.00	\$95.00	X	= \$
	Child (3-9) \$99.00	\$90.00	X	= \$
2-Day 1-Park	Adult \$158.00	\$139.00	X	= \$
	Child (3-9) \$146.00	\$129.00	X	= \$
2-Day Park Hopper	Adult \$173.00	\$154.00	X	= \$
	Child (3-9) \$161.00	\$144.00	X	= \$
Annual Passport (SoCal Select)	\$199.00	\$189.05	X	= \$
<i>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 12/31/2011. Valid 170 days.</i>				
Annual Passport (SoCal)	\$269.00	\$255.55	X	= \$
<i>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 12/31/2011. Valid 215 days.</i>				
Deluxe Annual Passport	\$379.00	\$360.05	X	= \$
<i>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 12/31/2011. Valid 315 days.</i>				
Premium Annual Passport w/Parking	\$499.00	\$474.05	X	= \$
<i>Valid 1 year from date of activation. Must be activated before 12/31/2011. No blackout dates.</i>				
Golf N' Stuff				
3 Hour Unlimited Wristband: Norwalk location	\$30.00	\$16.00	X	= \$
All Park Pass: Ventura location	\$20.00	\$15.00	X	= \$
K1 Speed Racing				
Admit one	\$25.95	\$15.00	X	= \$
<i>This pass entitles the owner to one 1/4 Lap race and an annual license for the day. Minimum height requirement 4'10".</i>				
Knott's Berry Farm				
1-Day Ticket	Adult \$56.99	\$29.99	X	= \$
	Child (3-11) \$24.99	\$20.99	X	= \$
Season Pass	Adult/Child \$69.99	\$59.99	X	= \$
Legoland				
Adult	\$69.00	\$52.00	X	= \$
Child (3-11)	\$59.00	\$52.00	X	= \$
<i>Expires 12/31/2011.</i>				
Sea Life Resort Hopper	Adult \$89.00	\$62.00	X	= \$
	Child (3-11) \$79.00	\$62.00	X	= \$
<i>Expires 12/31/2011. Pass includes admission to Legoland, Sea Life Aquarium and the new waterpark. Ticket comes with a second day free to all 3 attractions.</i>				
Los Angeles Zoo				
Adult	\$14.00	\$11.00	X	= \$
Child (2-12)	\$9.00	\$8.00	X	= \$
Madame Tussauds Wax Attraction				
Adult	\$25.00	\$12.00	X	= \$
Child (4-12)	\$18.00	\$10.00	X	= \$
<i>Expires 12/31/2011.</i>				
Magic Mountain				
Adult	\$59.99	\$25.99	X	= \$
Child (under 48")	\$34.99	\$17.50	X	= \$
<i>Expires 12/31/2011.</i>				
Magic Mountain: Private Party – Nov. 12th, 6pm-12am				
Admission	\$59.99	\$24.99	X	= \$
Admission and Buffet	\$79.99	\$34.99	X	= \$
Medieval Times				
Adult	\$57.95	\$43.50	X	= \$
Child (0-12)	\$35.95	\$31.50	X	= \$
<i>Not valid 12/31/2011.</i>				
Mulligan's Family Fun Center				
All Day Pass	Adult/Child \$23.99	\$16.50	X	= \$
<i>Restrictions: Pass gives 1 Adult or Child unlimited use of Laser Tag, Miniature Golfing, Go-Karts/Speedway and the Rock Wall. This ticket is valid Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, major holidays and everyday during the summer. Attractions vary per location. Certain height, weight, restrictions may apply. This ticket is accepted at Mulligan Torrance, Marietta, and Palmdale.</i>				
Gift Certificate	\$15.00	\$10.00	X	= \$
Pirates Dinner Adventure				
Adult	\$56.95	\$36.00	X	= \$
Child	\$37.95	\$27.50	X	= \$

	RETAIL PRICE	CLUB PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
Attraction Tickets, continued				
Pirates Dinner Adventure: Club Exclusive Event – Nov. 12th New Show Added				
2:00pm Show	Adult/Child \$56.95	\$19.99	X	= \$
<i>Limit of 6 tickets per member.</i>				
Queen Mary				
Adult	\$24.95	\$19.99	X	= \$
Child (4-11)	\$21.95	\$10.25	X	= \$
San Diego Safari Park				
Adult	\$40.00	\$32.00	X	= \$
Child (3-11)	\$30.00	\$24.00	X	= \$
2-Visit Pass	Adult \$70.00	\$57.00	X	= \$
	Child (3-11) \$50.00	\$42.00	X	= \$
San Diego Zoo				
Adult	\$40.00	\$32.00	X	= \$
Child (3-11)	\$30.00	\$24.00	X	= \$
2-Visit Pass	Adult \$70.00	\$57.00	X	= \$
	Child (3-11) \$50.00	\$42.00	X	= \$
Santa Monica Pier/Pacific Park				
Unlimited Wristband	\$18.95	\$12.50	X	= \$
Sea World San Diego				
1-Day	Adult \$69.99	\$45.00	X	= \$
	Child (3-9) \$61.99	\$45.00	X	= \$
Snow Valley – Lift Ticket New				
Adult (20 and over)	\$64.00	\$35.00	X	= \$
Teen (13-19)	\$54.00	\$25.00	X	= \$
Child (7-12)	\$28.00	\$10.00	X	= \$
<i>Direct to lift, good for 2011-2012 season, includes night skiing when available. No blackout dates.</i>				
Speedzone				
Admit one	\$39.99	\$25.00	X	= \$
<i>Includes use of all tracks and 1 round of miniature golf. Expires 9/2/2011.</i>				
Universal Studios				
3 Days for the Price of 1	Adult/Child (under 48") \$72.00	\$64.00	X	= \$

Gift Certificates

See's Candies				
Gift Certificate (1 lb.)	\$16.50	\$12.50	X	= \$

Shipping & Handling

Tax (Only applicable to Hats, shirts, books, clocks, watches, lapel pins and stuffed bears.)	X	9.75%	= \$
Tickets: Standard Mail*	\$2.75	X	1 = \$
Tickets: Certified Mail	\$3.99	X	1 = \$
Tickets: Priority Mail (2-3 Days)	\$7.00	X	1 = \$
Hats, Watches, T-Shirts, Books, Clocks	\$6.49	(any quantity)	= \$

SUBTOTAL \$

Merchandise

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ITEM:					= \$
ITEM:					= \$
ITEM:					= \$
ITEM:					= \$
ITEM:					= \$

TOTAL (please include shipping) \$

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HOLIDAY HEADQUARTERS!

Head to the Club Store today!

— SEE NEXT PAGE

THE CLUB



Club Cruise!



The first-ever Club Cruise through the Mediterranean was a success! After Club Members had already boarded the *Nieuw Amsterdam*, Club staffers and their families posed before setting sail Oct. 3 in Barcelona. Pictured here are (top row, from left) Noah Hawkins, son of John Hawkins, Club CEO, and Daniel Wang, guest of Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager. Middle row: Kelley Hawkins, wife of John Hawkins; Isaiah Hawkins, son of John Hawkins; Arlene Herrero, Club Products Manager, and her mom, Josephine. Bottom: Hannah Hawkins and her dad, John Hawkins, Club CEO.

NEWSBRIEF

MODERNIZING HAYNES:

The DWP, joined by representatives of the South Coast Air Quality Management District and the cities of Long Beach and Seal Beach, recently broke ground on repowering the Haynes Generating Station in Long Beach, marking the start of a long-term effort to completely eliminate ocean water for cooling its coastal power plants. The project is also an important milestone in the DWP's continued efforts to improve air quality at its in-basin power plants through a series of repowering projects since the early 2000s.

The Haynes Repowering Project will replace two aging power-generating units that now use ocean water cooling with six 100 megawatt fast start natural gas combustion turbines. These turbines provide "peaking" capability to meet the City of Los Angeles' energy needs and better enable tracking the variation in power supply provided from wind and solar energy generation – a growing part of the DWP's power supply. The turbines will also use "dry cooling," completely eliminating the use of ocean water for these units.

The Haynes Repowering Project is the first of a series of repowering projects designed to eliminate the use of ocean water cooling—a process known as "Once-Through Cooling" at three coastal power plants. "At the DWP, we are absolutely committed to eliminating the use of ocean water to cool our coastal power plants," said DWP General Manager Ronald O. Nichols. "The challenge lies in how we stage and rebuild a critical part of our power supply, while at the same time ensuring we have enough power to reliably meet our customers' needs."

By replacing the two aging generating units—Haynes Units 5 and 6—with six advanced technology gas turbines, the project also serves the dual function of increasing the plant's reliability and supporting current and future generation of renewable energy. "The new units are akin to jet engines that can ramp up to full power in just 10 minutes, as compared to the existing units, which require about a day and a half to reach full capacity," Nichols said.

"That speed in ramping up and down will help us meet another very important objective – integrating more renewable energy into our electric grid," he continued. "When the wind is blowing strong and delivering power to LA, we need speed and flexibility to adjust to that power source. These new generating plants are part of an intricate balancing act to maintain a steady flow of power to our customers."

Haynes Generating Station is a natural gas and steam power plant located in Long Beach and built in the mid-1960s. The station currently has seven power generating units with a combined capacity of 1,600 megawatts, enough to power approximately 1 million homes. In 2005, the DWP repowered Units 3 and 4, utilizing advanced combined cycle technology, which significantly increased fuel efficiency of the plant.



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LA CITY EMPLOYEES CLUB
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2011
PRIVATE PARTY HOURS: 6:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. (Closed to the public)
PARK HOURS: 10:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

OTHER SELECTED COMPANIES WILL ATTEND

PRIVATE PARTY ADMISSION WITH BUFFET: \$34⁹⁹* EACH
BEST DEAL IN THE PARK
 GENERAL USE TICKET (REG. \$61.99)
 *ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT MENU: Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs with Chili and Cheese, BBQ Baked Beans, Tossed Green Salad, Kernel Corn, Twin Pops and Soft Drinks.

TICKETS VALID ALL DAY WRISTBAND REQUIRED

PRIVATE PARTY Admission Only: \$24⁹⁹ EACH
 GENERAL USE TICKET (REG. \$61.99)

SEASON PASSES NOT ACCEPTED

CHILDREN AGES 2 AND UNDER FREE

FREE PARKING AFTER 5:00 P.M.

TO PURCHASE TICKETS:
 Online at www.cityemployeesclub.com
 or at the **Club Store (888) 777-1744**

THREE NEW COASTERS ONE EPIC YEAR

GREEN LANTERN: FIRST FLIGHT NOW OPEN

SUPERMAN: ESCAPE FROM KRYPTON

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Due to maintenance and other circumstances certain rides and attractions, including new rides, may not be open to the public.

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City Employees Club Store

Monthly Featured Merchandise

Available Exclusively to Club Members

Official City Merchandise

Products of the Month

City Seal Hat Overstock Sale
- City Seal and City Seal with Script Hats Only -

\$5 each

<p>\$15</p> <p>City Bucket Cap</p>	<p>SALE \$5</p> <p>LA Hall Safari</p>	<p>\$8</p> <p>B - Label LA City Cap</p>
<p>\$65</p> <p>Los Angeles City Stainless Steel Watch</p>	<p>\$39.99</p> <p>Mens Silver "MA" City Watch</p>	<p>\$64.99</p> <p>Ladies Classic City Service Watch</p>

<p>\$24</p> <p>Bear - DOT</p>	<p>\$20</p> <p>Bear - DWP</p>	<p>\$20</p> <p>Bear - Sanitation</p>	<p>\$2.49</p> <p>City Retractable Badge Holder</p>	<p>\$4.99</p> <p>Lanyard - City of LA</p>	<p>\$8</p> <p>City Seal Lapel Pin "Classic Enamel"</p>
<p>\$25</p> <p>City of Los Angeles Professional Bag</p>	<p>\$34.99</p> <p>City of Los Angeles Expandable Computer Bag</p>	<p>\$2.31</p> <p>DECALS</p> <p>Decals - City & DWP</p>	<p>\$5</p> <p>One Color City Seal Mug</p>	<p>\$19.99</p> <p>City of Los Angeles Classic 2 Tone Pen</p>	<p>\$5</p> <p>Los Angeles City Seal Key Chains</p>

Club Apparel

More Merchandise Selection at www.CityEmployeesClub.com

<p>\$8.99</p> <p>City of Los Angeles Kid's T-Shirt</p>	<p>\$10</p> <p>Women's Los Angeles City Classic T-Shirt</p>	<p>\$10</p> <p>City Girl Classic T-Shirt</p>	<p>\$19.99</p> <p>Womens LA City Polo Shirt</p>	<p>\$17.99</p> <p>Women's Embroidered City Seal Shirt</p>	<p>\$34.99</p> <p>Men's LA City Full-Zip Polar Fleece</p>
<p>\$15</p> <p>Men City Classic Long Sleeve T-Shirt</p>	<p>\$10</p> <p>City Seal One Color T-Shirt</p>	<p>\$25</p> <p>City Long Sleeve Button Down Shirt</p>	<p>\$45</p> <p>LA City Seal Alpine Jacket</p>	<p>\$37</p> <p>Los Angeles City French Terry Zip Hoodie</p>	<p>\$35</p> <p>City Seal One Color Hoodie</p>



Fall Specials

Official City Licensed Merchandise



\$10

Women's T-Shirts

\$25

Women Long Sleeve Shirts

\$19⁹⁹

Men's Polo Shirts

\$10

Men's Long Sleeve Polo Shirts

Clearance

\$5

- SALE ON SELECTED HATS -
City Seal, City Seal with Script,
and Safari Hats



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