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Dive Team Member Ryan Mullany checks the horizon as the Port Police vessel leaves Los Angeles Harbor.

The Club Raises Fees Just Slightly

■ **Vastly enhanced services, inflation lead to first fee increase in more than four years. Increase amounts to 25 cents per pay period.**

CLUB HEADQUARTERS — Due to ever-expanding service, inflation, and a continuing commitment to be the best employees club in the City, The Club has raised its fees.

The increase amounts to 50 cents per month, or 25 cents per pay period. That's a 12 percent increase. But, spread over four years (when the Club was created), it's less than three percent per year. The increase applies to all Club Members.

Why the increase? First, sales through the Club's ticket service — which sells discounted tickets directly to members, with no added cost — have increased five-fold since the Club began. Secondly, the price of printing and mailing this newspaper has gone up; you tell us we're the best paper in the City, and we're honored. So we want to keep that quality coming. And third — as you certainly know, the price of everything else has gone up, too.

You are the best Club Members in the world, and we thank you for understanding.

Please go to page 9 to read an interview with Brian Trent, the Club's Chief Financial Officer, for more information.

CITY EMPLOYEES IN ACTION

Protecting the Port

Come along with *Alive!* as the Port Police Dive Team executes a real-life dive operation to keep our harbor safe. See page 24.

Librarian Wins Big Award for Children's Book

■ **Congratulations to Susan Patron, author and L.A. Librarian, who was awarded the 2007 Newbery Medal, among most prestigious children's book awards in the world.**

REC AND PARKS — The American Library Association announced the award of its prestigious John Newbery Medal for 2007 to author and Los Angeles Public Library children's librarian Susan Patron for her book *The Higher Power of Lucky*.

"The Newbery Medal is a tremendous honor, and I feel grateful to be part of the distinguished group of authors who have received it," Susan said. "I'm pleased that this award focuses attention on children's literature and

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Age & Gender	Active/Retired	Cause Death	Amount	Age & Gender	Active/Retired	Cause Death	Amount
48F	Active	Breast Cancer	\$50,439.72	42F	Active	Massive Bleeding	\$73,330.00
67M	Active	Cardiovascular Disease	\$15,061.64	85M	Retiree	Bladder Cancer	\$10,009.86
80M	Active	Respiratory Failure	\$10,033.70	68M	Retiree	Postoperative Bleeding	\$5,035.34
66M	Active	Cardiovascular Disease	\$30,110.96	73M	Retiree	Cardiopulmonary Arrest	\$5,015.61
73F	Retiree	Ventricular Fibrillation	\$5,016.03	66M	Retiree	Metastatic Tonsil Cancer	\$30,093.70
82F	Retiree	Breast Cancer	\$2,511.50	70M	Retiree	Cardiovascular Disease	\$10,031.23
68M	Retiree	Heart attack	\$15,046.86	41M	Active	Drug and Alcohol Abuse	\$36,180.19
Total Insurance Paid							\$216,061.20

Disability Claims

Age	Condition	Monthly Payment	Age	Condition	Monthly Payment
37	Carpal Tunnel & Broken Toe	\$4,981.60	48	Heart: Congestive Failure	\$1,305.54
52	Surgery: Knee Injury	\$1,667.49	58	Injury: Back	\$4,728.28
39	Back Injury	\$1,470.10	48	Fever: Valley Fever	\$1,329.00
53	Arthritis: Post-traumatic arthrosis	\$1,148.88	58	Osteoarthritis: Mult site	\$1,258.95
41	Lumbar, Radiculopathy	\$1,694.40	48	Knee Surgery	\$1,198.29
53	Carpal Tunnel	\$1,327.56	58	Heart: Emphysema OT	\$1,311.78
45	Carpal Tunnel	\$1,963.52	48	Injury: Back	\$3,000.40
53	Multiple Sclerosis	\$1,347.53	60	Cancer - Lung	\$1,274.92
45	HIV	\$1,197.17	48	Multiple Sclerosis	\$1,639.25
54	Injury: Back	\$1,287.71	60	Mental Condition - Stress	\$4,233.04
46	Major Depressive Disorder	\$4,026.36	49	Knee Replacement	\$1,440.98
46	Back - Behcets	\$2,467.96	60	Injury: Thumbs	\$2,281.76
55	Carpal Tunnel	\$2,000.00	49	Knee Replacement	\$1,000.00
46	Carpal Tunnel Syndrome	\$1,417.45	61	Stroke	\$2,256.43
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46	Back - Injury	\$1,907.57	62	Loss of Hearing	\$1,013.11
56	Forehead and spine injury	\$3,187.67	50	Lower back pain	\$1,813.76
46	Vertigo	\$3,549.49	63	Injury: Back	\$1,555.56
57	Leukemia	\$1,341.85			
57	Stroke	\$1,358.95			

TOTALS PAID

	Last Month	Year to Date
Life Insurance	\$297,916.34	\$297,916.34
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* A Message From the CEO *

Port Protectors Are City Heroes

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



Greetings, Club Members!

Firstly, I'm sure you couldn't help but notice the vigilant diver on the front cover. That's one of your fellow City Employees, Port Police Dive Team member Ryan Mullany. From monitoring drug smuggling container ships, terrorist threats and at-sea collisions, he and his fellow divers are ready to do what it takes to keep our harbor safe and free from illegal activity. One day they might be looking for survivors from a plane crash; the next day they might be underwater inspecting the hull of a super-tanker suspected of having hidden compartments filled with drugs. It's a dangerous job, and they're well deserving of the title "City Hero."

To cover this story, John Burnes and I were honored and privileged to be able to go on two separate missions enabling us to take lots of pictures and to see first-hand how they respond to disasters and criminal activities. We were also lucky enough to get a one-on-one interview with the guy in charge, Lt. Michael Graychik. So, put your feet up and take a trip with the *Alive!* down to the harbor.



You'll also notice on the front page that we are going to have to raise our membership fees just a bit. The good news is that it's only 25 cents a pay period. On page 9 there's a comprehensive interview with the Club's Chief Financial Officer, Brian Trent. The bottom line is that as the cost of doing business increases we chose to not cut the quality of our service to you, the member.

Also, make sure you mark your calendars right now for the City's St. Patrick's Day Parade Friday, March 16. It's always fun and entertaining; and since there are thousands of City Employees enjoying the parade on the sidelines it's an excellent way to run into that long lost co-worker.

Lastly, I want to shout out a big *thank you* to all the kids who entered the Coloring Contest. We had the biggest response ever! You can see the winning entries on page 41 as well as a list of the participating children. Nice work, kids!

Well, that's it for now. Don't forget to wear green on March 16!

JOHN

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Rhino Bye-Bye

■ Zoo's Sumatran rhino to be relocated from LA Zoo to reinforce captive breeding program.

ZOO — Andalus, the first Sumatran rhinoceros born in captivity in more than 100 years, will leave his Los Angeles Zoo home of three years later this week to go to Indonesia. Andalus will become the first Sumatran rhino ever to be transported from the United States to Indonesia as part of an international breeding program. He will join two female rhinos at the Sumatran Rhino Sanctuary in the Way Kambas National Park on the Island of Sumatra.

"Andalus' journey to Indonesia is vital to the future of Sumatran rhinos," said Zoo Director John Lewis. "This breeding program is just one example of the extent zoos will go to in order to save a species from extinction."

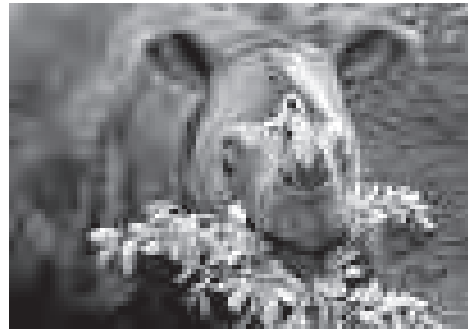
Andalus (the original name of the Island of Sumatra) received great fanfare when he was born Sept. 13, 2001, to rhinos Emi and Ipuh at the Cincinnati Zoo. His birth marked the first time that a calf was born at a zoo since 1889 when a live birth was recorded at the Calcutta Zoo in India. His mother Emi, who had several unsuccessful pregnancies prior to having Andalus, has been on loan to the Cincinnati Zoo from the LA Zoo since 1995.

The Sumatran rhinos, which can weigh 1,300 to 1,800 pounds, are the smallest and hairiest of the rhino species. They have a reddish-brown coat covered sparsely with long hair. Considered the most endangered of all rhino species and one of the most endangered mammal species on earth, it is estimated that 70 percent of the Sumatran rhino population has been lost in the last two decades. The primary cause is poaching due to the demand for its horn that is believed to contain medicinal properties by some Asian cultures. Today, a population of less than 300 ani-

mals is thought to exist in isolated pockets of Malaysia and Indonesia.

The Los Angeles and Cincinnati Zoos are working closely with the International Rhino Foundation (IRF) to protect this species in its home range. The continued loss of animals in the wild, however, makes the success of the captive breeding program that much more important. This program was established as a collaborative effort among the Malaysians, Indonesians and Americans.

During his journey, Andalus will travel to Indonesia with Los Angeles Zoo Chief Veterinarian Dr. Curtis Eng and his LA keeper Steve Romo. "I am extremely excited and privileged to be part of this historic event. This is a significant accomplishment in any conservation program. This is what we live for — helping conserve animals and contributing to programs that will sustain the species' population long term," said Zoo Veterinarian Dr. Curtis Eng.



Andalus, a three-year resident of the L.A. Zoo, will soon be heading to Sumatra.

Once in Indonesia, Veterinarian Robin W. Radcliffe of the Rhino Conservation Medicine Program, in partnership with Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine and the International Rhino Foundation, will oversee the health of Andalus and the other rhinos in their protected home in Sumatra.

Bon voyage, Andalus.

The Word on the Street



Cecilia Talbot, Claims Administrator

"To all, [I write] to thank you for your thoughtfulness and to tell you how very much it meant. May God bless all of you for your kindness, sincerely."

— Carmen Haro and family, January 2007

"Your service was 'awesome!' Friendly, hassle free, fast, efficient, basically painless. Too bad there was death involved for me to figure that out. Hopefully there is not a next time, but when there is I would want it no other way. The [sympathy] card was the icing on the cake. Thank you!"

— Sherrie Lee, January 2007

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

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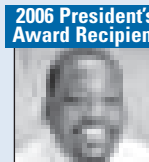
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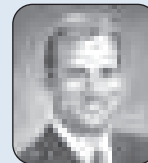
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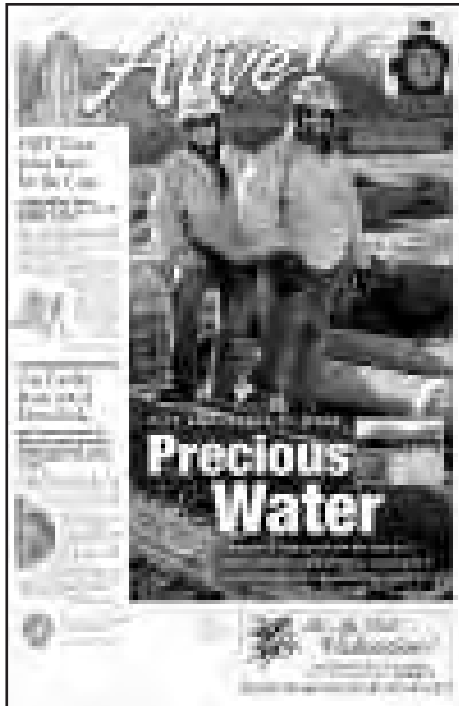
Alive! Editor, Cover Guy Only Look Like Twins

I love the February *Alive!* I had no idea that your editor, John Burnes, has become a DWP employee up there in Owens Valley. Good for him. It's the beard that gave it away. By the way, those are great photos. Who was the photographer?

— Juliette Grover, DWP

I agree that there's a striking resemblance with our own John Burnes and Jeff Roberts, Building Repairer, DWP, on the cover of the February issue. The rumor mill at Club Headquarters has not turned up anything that would indicate that John will be heading to the DWP for employment, and we'd like to keep it that way. If it weren't for him, we wouldn't have been able to share the fantastic photos he took while at Owens Valley for the feature story - *Precious Water*. John took the cover shots, and all the photos inside. Take credit, John, and thanks for your help. — Robert Larios, Club Director of Communications and Marketing.

Alive! editor John Burnes (left, at the DWP's Lee Vining station) is not related to the DWP's Jeff Roberts (top, right), believe it or not.



To Her, DWP T-Shirts Are As Cool as Blue Lightning

I'm with Todd from last month's Letters to the Editor about the new and cool DWP T-shirts the Ticket Guy has at his store. I really like the one with the lightning bolt, and they even have my size since I'm a really big person. Thanks, Club, and thanks to the Ticket Guy.

— Loretta Mitchell, DWP

Reader Badgers Photographer About Picture Perfect Location

When I saw the badger photo in John's Picture Perfect Contest in the last newspaper, it reminded me of my travels to South Dakota and Montana, where the groundhogs roam. Just thinking about it makes want to take a plane ride there and just live off the land. That is such great country. I wonder, where was this photo taken by Ron Angst?

— Yancy Hillard, Retired

Perhaps Ron can write in and let us know. — Ed.

He Wants to Take *Alive!* to Pole Position Before It Melts

I can't believe that Dolly Sevilla went to India and took her *Alive!* newspaper, and even took a photo for *Alive Around the World*. You go, girl! I'm hoping to head to Antarctica before the entire region melts, due to global warming.

— Thomas Garrett, Rec and Parks

He Saw Proof That Club Is Serious About Fast Response

You guys don't joke around when you say you will get back to us when we email you guys from the Club Website. I did just that on the President's Day Holiday, and I could not believe my eyes the moment I got a reply email only a few minutes after I sent it. Don't you guys rest?

The Club is really amazing, and I'm glad to be a member.

— Joe L.

Do You Enjoy Your Water? Thank Employees of the DWP

Your story on how the water gets to our City was absolutely fascinating. I am so impressed by those DWP guys and gals. Working for the DOT for 17 years, I honestly never connected our water with City employees. I just never thought of it.

Thank you for enlightening my fellow co-workers and me.

— Herb Wilcox, Transportation

Mary Rose Brews a Story About Her City Girl Shirt

Greetings kids. I thought you would be tickled to hear this story. Two weeks ago I was visiting my nephew in Salt Lake City. He wanted some coffee, so we skedaddled over to that Starbucks place. We were both relaxing in two of the most pungently purple sofa chairs I have ever seen in my life; he was nursing a chocolate coffee, or mocha, or whatever, and I ordered a café latte. He treated me, but I noticed he used a charge card, so it must have been expensive. I offered him a dime and he just laughed.

Anyhow, I'm sitting there sipping my latte, and some guy comes up to me and asks me if I was a City of Los Angeles employee! Imagine that! Turns out he noticed that I was wearing my City Girl shirt. We had a great conversation about the old days. Jack was his name; a nice looking fellow he was.

Anyhow, thanks for offering City Girl clothing. I love showing off my pride in being a retired City of LA employee. All the best.

— Mary Rose Wilkens, Retired, Library

Mayor Gets Major Props for Working on Widening the 405

So we're finally going to get the 405 widened. Nice work, Mr. Mayor!

— Tom Wainsworth, Rec and Parks

Question



of the Month

Our Club Counselors are all over the City, every day, serving our Club Members. While we're out, we'll be asking City employees a fun question. Keep your eyes open... you never know when we'll be asking you what you think!

What's the luckiest thing that's happened to you?



"Coming to work this morning knowing that I didn't get stuck in the snow blizzards of New York!"

— Steve Fathaway, General Services



"Finding my new home at Manhattan Beach."

— Tina Torrell, Rec and Parks



"Getting married while skydiving in Lake Elsinore."

— Fred Gilmore, LAFD



"Living for the past 65 years."

— Gilbert Handle, Retired



"Working for the City of Los Angeles."

— Luis Guerra, Rec and Parks



"Getting my degree in engineering."

— John Burgos, DWP



"Getting my picture taken for *Alive!*"

— Loyd Leonard, LAFD



"Being married for 35 years."

— Hilda Smith, Retired



"Having a great family."

— Mandy Moore, Rec and Parks



"Losing 120 pounds last year."

— Jim Kendall, LAPD

Goodbye to Events Guru

CLUB HEADQUARTERS — Club Events Guru Michelle Moreno has created her own event, so to speak: She has left the Club family to spend a year or more traveling the world.

"I would like to thank everyone at the Club family for being absolutely wonderful," she wrote in her final Events 411 column. "Thanks to all you wonderful Club Members, who made this job possible."

Those interested in her travels can follow her global trek here: www.globenotes.com/michelleandapril
Thanks, Michelle, and happy wandering!



Michelle Moreno, former Club Events Guru

Wireless LA

■ Will LA Go Wireless?

Wi-Fi — Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa Feb. 13 declared "the start of Los Angeles version 2.0," announcing a plan to roll out what would be the largest municipal Wi-Fi network in the country.

Bidding for the project may begin as soon as this fall with a target of mid-late 2008 construction and early 2009 completion. It could cost up to \$60 million to cover Los Angeles' 470 square miles, City ITA Assistant General Manager Mark Wolf told the Los Angeles Times.

"On a practical level, this means providing integral, high-speed solution for entertainment companies to juggle simultaneous projects in real time at lower cost with reliable teleconferencing, for example," Villaraigosa said.

Two tiers were being discussed: a slower, free service, and a faster, fee-based service. Details are still being worked out at press time.

"With LA Wi-Fi, we are dedicating ourselves to the idea that universal access to technology makes our entire economy stronger," Villaraigosa said.

Councilman Tony Cardenas, who heads the City's information technology committee, said the Council has supported past efforts that included Wi-Fi hot spots at Pershing Square downtown and the Marvin Braude Center in Van Nuys.

Another New Safety Officer



GENERAL SERVICES - When we ran our feature on the General Services Officer Graduation (last October), we inadvertently left out a graduate. He is Officer Daniel Oropa Jr.

Congratulations, Daniel, from everyone at Alive!



New graduate Officer Daniel Oropa Jr. with his parents, Gricelda and Daniel Oropa Sr.

Be Prepared for Severe Weather



By Jimmy Hill; Fire Marshal, LAFD

This is the time of year when Californians are dealing with weather conditions that can change very rapidly.

This could endanger your safety at home as well as on the road. The following information may save you or someone in your family during an emergency.

- Never drive or wade across swift running water.
- Drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths.
- Be aware of any high tide warning.
- Never turn your back to the ocean or any fast moving water.
- Never leave children unattended during periods of flooding or severe weather.
- Never let children play or ride bikes near deep puddles or flood control channels.
- If you see someone in the water, don't jump in. You could become the next victim.
- Stay away from downed power lines and electrical wires.
- Call 9-1-1 to report all emergencies.

Have sandbags, hand tools, and plywood ready for use if you live in the canyons, hills, or areas that are either prone to flooding or has had a recent brush fire. In Los Angeles City, you can get sand and/or bags at your local fire station. If the weather forecast calls for a chance of flooding, make sure you listen to a radio or television station for updated information. Plan for bad weather before it arrives by having emergency supplies, such as flashlights, water, bedding, a radio, medical supplies, shovels, plastic, tape and gloves. Do not forget your pets. Have leashes, crates, food and identification for them. If told to evacuate, do not wait. Evacuate the area immediately.

Be sure your entire family knows where your emergency meeting place is. Make sure your fireplace is cleaned regularly and that it has a spark arrestor. Have a working smoke and carbon monoxide alarm. Check them at least once a month. If you have a hearing and/or vision impairment, make sure you have a special alarm. Check rain gutters regularly and keep them clear of tree branches and debris. Take photographs of important objects and documents for insurance purposes. During a power outages, have flashlights available. Never use candles. Never use a hibachi, barbeque, or cooking stove indoors for heating or cooking. Keep family and emergency telephone numbers available. Keep cell phones charged.

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Crime Drops at LAX

LAX — The Law enforcement officials at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) reported Feb. 2 that overall crime in 2006 dropped 6.4 percent compared to 2005. This includes a 24 percent drop in property crime as passenger volume in 2006 of more than 61 million travelers was just under the 2005 level. The total number of crimes reported last year was 2,520, compared to 2,694 in 2005.

"LAX continues to be one of the safest airports in the world, and one of the safest areas in all of Southern California," said Los Angeles Airport Police Chief Brian A. Walker. He attributed the results to proactive crime prevention and joint law enforcement efforts, increased uniformed and plain-clothes officers and canines on patrol, crime trend analysis, and a comprehensive system of surveillance cameras.

Property crimes, which include non-violent theft from individuals, as well as burglaries from businesses and vehicles, decreased 24 percent to 973 incidents in 2006 from 1,273 in 2005. Theft from persons and petty and grand thefts dropped 20 percent to 850 incidents in 2006 from 1,068 in 2005. Burglaries from airport businesses rose to 17 incidents last year from six in 2005, and most of these were reports of random shoplifting. Vehicle burglaries (from locked cars) dropped 63 percent to 44 incidents last year from 118 in 2005. Theft from motor vehicles (from unlocked cars) dropped 34 percent to 46 incidents from 70 in 2005. Out of 14,007,612 vehicles parked last year in LAX's passenger terminal area parking structures and economy parking lots, 16 vehicles were reported stolen. This is compared to 11 stolen vehicles out of 14,502,409 parked at LAX in 2006.

"The majority of all property thefts at LAX were potentially preventable opportunity thefts, during which victims either did not pay attention to their belongings or surroundings, did not lock

doors or close windows after parking their vehicles, or left valuable items in plain view in parked vehicles," said Chief Walker. He added that officers conducted telephonic follow-up investigations from which 27 percent of property theft victims reported their property was found in other belongings, or returned by the airlines or Airport Police's Lost and Found Unit. Officers are continuing to contact property theft victims to determine whether more reports can be similarly cleared.

There were no homicides, rapes or kidnappings among the nine incidents of violent crime reported in 2006. This is compared to five incidents of violent crime in 2005, including the killing of an on-duty Airport Police officer. Aggravated assaults stayed the same at three incidents for 2006 and 2005. The number of reported robberies increased to six last year from one in 2005. However, according to Airport Police, there have been no robberies reported since last Nov. 4, when officers arrested three suspects who were about to commit a second robbery of a cashier's booth in an airport economy parking lot. In the airport environment, one arrest often leads to the resolution of several crimes. The number of arrests dropped seven percent to 1,206 last year from 1,299 in 2005.

Reports of vandalism to vehicles increased from 48 in 2005 to 59 incidents last year. An estimated 25,670,000 million vehicles used Central Terminal Area roadways last year.

The number of simple batteries dropped 22 percent to 50 incidents last year from 64 in 2005.

Miscellaneous "other" offenses, the largest single statistical category, increased nine percent to 1,429 incidents in 2006 from 1,304 in 2005. However, Airport Police attribute this increase to proactive law enforcement actions and new federal passenger and checked-luggage screening



measures. Miscellaneous offenses include doing business without a license, misusing a handicapped placard, loitering, disturbing the peace, forgery, driving without a license or with a suspended license, possession of prohibited items or weapon violations, being drunk in public, and violations of the City's solicitation ordinance that Airport Police began enforcing last November after a federal court injunction was lifted.

Proactive law enforcement actions by the Airport Police Ground Transportation Enforcement Unit, which regulates commercial vehicles within the Central Terminal Area, resulted in the arrests of several "bandit" drivers operating illegally at LAX and the impoundment of 268 vehicles throughout the year.

LAX experienced a 24 percent decrease in drug-related offenses, totaling 142 incidents last year compared to 186 in 2005. Chief Walker attributed much of this decrease to enhanced passenger security screening procedures implemented by the U.S. Transportation Security Administration, including requiring passengers to remove jackets and other outerwear and pat-

downs during secondary screening.

Also included in the miscellaneous category is the offense of attempting to carry a prohibited item (kitchen knife, fireworks, cigarette lighter, scissors, etc.) aboard an aircraft. The number of seized items decreased 56 percent to 101 incidents last year from 233 in 2005. Almost all of the 153 weapon confiscations (brass knuckles, butterfly knife, firearms, batons, nunchakus, etc) on airport property in 2006 occurred at federal passenger security screening stations. There were 147 weapons confiscated in 2005.

The crime statistics are compiled from reports filed by Los Angeles Airport Police and the Los Angeles Police Department substation at LAX. The statistics cover the 3,600 acres of LAX property, including passenger terminals, parking lots, aircraft ramps, cargo areas and offices.

More than 61,041,066 travelers used LAX in 2006, a decline of seven-tenths of one percent from 61,489,523 passengers in 2005. Including non-traveling visitors and airport workers, airport officials estimate the total population of the airport in 2006 at 153 million.

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Club Raises Fees Modestly

■ **Alive!** interviews
Club Chief Financial Officer Brian Trent about the higher fees, which begin in late March.



Alive! Thanks for sitting down and explaining the Club fees, which are going up slightly.

Brian Trent: Of course! Well, as you now know the membership fees for the City Employees Club of Los Angeles will increase by 50 cents per month starting April 1. Deductions through payroll and pensions will be seen by Members during the last week of March.

Alive! Who will be affected by this change?

Brian Trent: Every Member of the Club, including active and retired employees.

Alive! Why is the Club raising its fees?

Brian Trent: The Club has not raised its fees since we started the Club more than four years ago. Over that time, costs have increased. The newspaper has expanded and has been a big success. People tell us they love it, and we want to make sure we continue that. Sales of tickets sold with no markups at the Club Store have grown from \$250,000 a year to \$1.25 million. Just the credit cards fees alone cost \$25,000 a year.

The Club can only absorb these costs for so long before it must increase its fees slightly so that the Club can continue to offer its high level of customer service that our Members expect.

LACEA is all about its Members, and has been since 1928. They deserve the best Club possible.

Alive! How does the raise in membership fees benefit Members?

Brian Trent: The Club will not have to reduce its level of customer service that Members have come to expect. For an active employee, the increase amounts to 3 percent a year over the last four years.

The Club is not trying to make money. The Club still doesn't make money on the sale of tickets because we believe that Members deserve the lowest ticket price. But we want our Members to know that, when they come in or go to the online store, that they will get good turnaround service and competent responses to Member questions. They will receive good service at a level they expect. To maintain that level, we had to raise our fees slightly, just like inflation has gone up.

Alive! What would you say to the Club Member who is angered with the fee hike?

Brian Trent: No one ever is pleased with fee hikes. Nobody likes anything to go up. But, The Club works hard to keep our costs down and pass those savings to every Member. We can do only so much in maintaining our cost structure, and that's a reality.

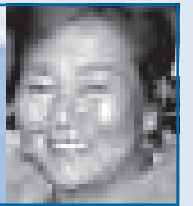
I would much rather live in a city that offered quality services than one that did not or could not. And I would much rather be part of an organization like the Club that will maintain their commitment to its Members than to lower its standards of quality and service.

If anyone has questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Club Headquarters at (800) 464-0452 or at the Club website at www.cityemployeesclub.com.

Bottom line, Club Members deserve the very best service we can provide. And that's what this is all about – guaranteeing Members the best Club possible, now and into the future.

WORKINGMATTERS

by JACKIE DAVID, Public Information, Public Works



Spring Was Made for Cleaning

Just thinking about walking into my office these days makes me want to turn right around and use the conference room instead. My desk, bookcase and the tops of my filing cabinets are piled high with paper, files, magazines, photos, videotapes, premiums and who knows what else – a situation I inherited and that I've day-by-day religiously added to.

This wonderful mess of busy-ness has me pulling my hair out on some days. "Now, where did I put that document?" or "I know I have that number here somewhere...let me call you back as soon as I find it...Oh, never mind, here it is!" or "Can you please re-send that document to me? I can't seem to find it."

Now add to this mess several boxes that I dragged with me when I moved into my office and that as of this writing have still not been sorted through and you get a pretty good picture as to why I would rather do my work in the conference room – except that I wouldn't have my computer or printer or phone, but then that's another topic altogether.

To those of you who share this painful daily plight, I offer you this challenge as I challenge myself: Spring clean! Spring clean for that professional look and feel.

Since my situation is particularly severe, I've decided to take maybe two or three days where I intend to tell the world that I am out of the office (at a seminar perhaps), wear blue jeans to work, and then tackle the ever-increasing mounds of paper and the ever-crushing stress it generates. I'll need two or three days. All you may need is a few hours.

Since I truly need help, I thought I'd consult the professionals for a few tips that you may want to use as well:

- **Clean off your desk.** (I truly do envy all those who maintain a pristine, shiny, clutter-free desk. It looks so managerial and professional. To me, a clean desk simply states: "I've got it all under control.")

Since the whole idea of spring cleaning may be overwhelming or daunting, you might want to start out with that pile of Post-It notes and loose paper by the phone and computer. It's tedious but it must be done.

Go through your Rolodex and discard old contacts that you know have moved on or with whom you will never do business with again.

Throw out old magazines and stacks of paper. They are evil culprits that loom over your daily existence.

- **Go through your filing cabinets.** Sort through and recycle old paper files. A strong note of caution: Keep all contracts and documents with approval signatures.
- **Clean your files/folders on your computer.** Move old projects to a sub-folder. Clear your in-box.

- **Throw out anything and everything that's broken.** Painful as it is, you will never get that chance to fix it.

You know all those trinkets and things you've picked up just because they were free? Bag the free stuff and give it away or put it in a box outside your office with a "help yourself to this free stuff" sign. It will be gone before you know it.

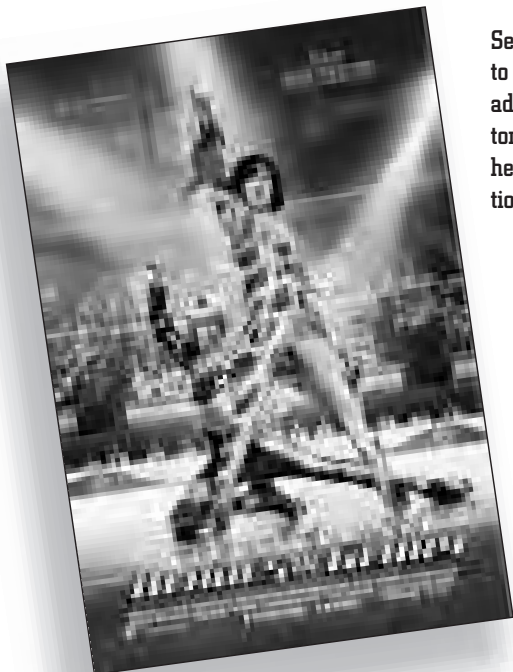
Now here comes the fun part. You've cleared your office and notice this film of dust and grime and a few dust bunnies hopping around your office.

- **Clean your desk and monitor** and every surface that screams: "Wipe me down! Wipe me down! I yearn to look clean and shiny again."
- **Freshen up your office or cubicle with some new stuff:** a plant, a new poster/picture, perhaps different and updated photos in the frames you keep on your desk or around the office. Whatever the case, be careful not to overdo it or you begin to add to the clutter again.

Once done, you can sit back and take in all the wonderful work you have done and gloat about how professional your office looks and how stress-free it feels to sit at a clean desk. Spring-cleaning is cathartic. Now, all I have to do is find the time to do it.

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City Librarian Wins Prestigious Award for Children's Book

Newbery Winner

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connects children to stories, because stories give them a way to figure out the world."

Patron's first children's book, *Burgoon Stew*, was published in 1990. It was followed by three more picture books and the book *Maybe Yes, Maybe No, Maybe Maybe*, which won the 1993 Parent's Choice Award. Patron is a senior librarian at the Los Angeles Public Library, where she began in 1972. She also reviews children's literature, has taught and lectured on the subject, and has served on boards and committees in the field.

The Higher Power of Lucky is the story of 10-year-old aspiring scientist Lucky Trimble. Fearing that her legal guardian plans to abandon her to return to France,

Lucky determines to run away while also continuing to seek the higher power that will bring stability to her life. The Website of Simon and Shuster, the book's publisher, describes the book thusly: "Lucky, age ten, can't wait another day. The meanness gland in her heart and the crevices full of questions in her brain make running away from Hard Pan, Calif (population 43), the rock-bottom only choice she has.

"On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, I want to congratulate Susan Patron for receiving the prestigious John Newbery Medal for 2007, the 'Oscar' for American literature for children, for her book *The Higher Power of Lucky*," said Los Angeles Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa. "I am pleased to acknowledge Ms. Patron for her contribution to the lives of children through her work in the City of Los Angeles and

Susan's book for their inspiration."

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The Club congratulates Susan for her fantastic achievement.

"All of us at the Los Angeles Public Library are so proud of Susan... Today's children have Susan's book for their inspiration."

— Fontayne Holmes, City Librarian



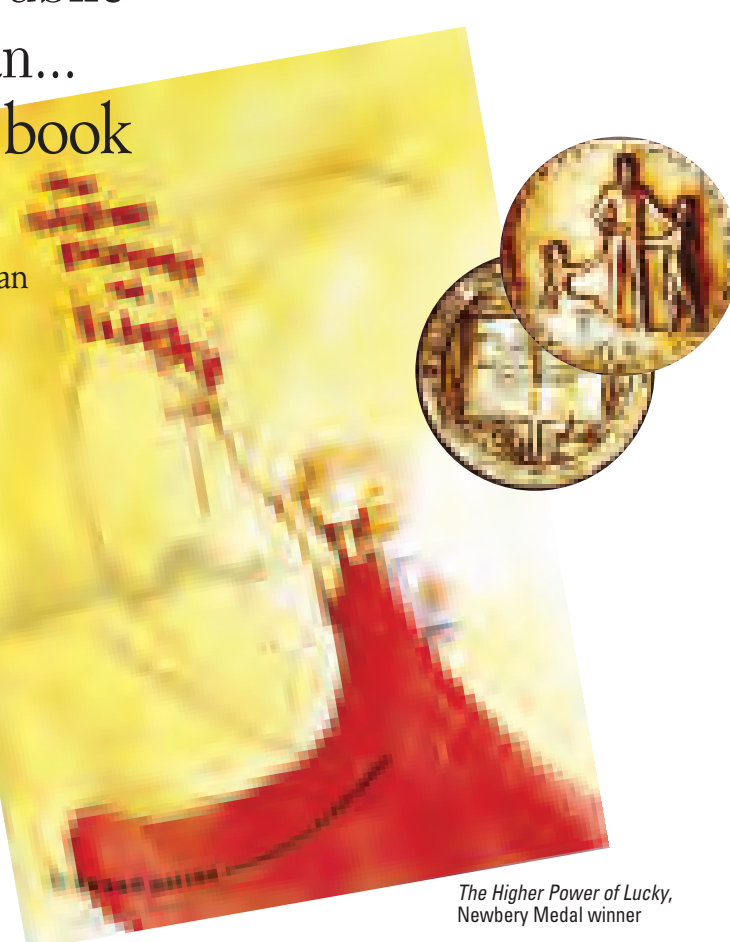
Susan Patron

"It's all Brigitte's fault – for wanting to go back to France. Guardians are supposed to stay put and look after girls in their care! Instead Lucky is sure that she'll be abandoned to some orphanage in Los Angeles where her beloved dog, HMS Beagle, won't be allowed. She'll have to lose her friends Miles, who lives on cookies, and Lincoln, future U.S. president (maybe) and member of the International Guild of Knot Tiers. Just as bad, she'll have to give up eavesdropping on 12-step anonymous programs where the interesting talk is all about Higher Powers. Lucky needs her own – and quick.

"But she hadn't planned on a dust storm. Or needing to lug the world's heaviest survival-kit backpack into the desert."

through her books read by young people and their parents throughout the world."

"All of us at the Los Angeles Public Library are so proud of Susan," said City Librarian Fontayne Holmes. "With this award, she has joined the ranks of other Newbery winners including Scott O'Dell for *Island of the Blue Dolphins*, Patricia MacLachlan for *Sarah, Plain and Tall*, and Elizabeth Yates for *Amos Fortune, Free Man*. These are the books that have inspired our children and us for years. Today's children have



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Life Insurance Needs Worksheet

4 Easy Steps This worksheet provided by the City Employees Club of Los Angeles can help you get a general sense of how much life insurance you need. However, you should always consult with a Club Counselor or other licensed agent before buying any insurance products. The worksheet assumes you died today.

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Total Expenses	\$

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Total Assets	\$ (A)

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New Service to Ontario, Palmdale

■ Two City airports see enhanced service partially to relieve pressures at LAX.

AIRPORTS — New service is coming to the City's inland airports to better serve residents in those areas, and to relieve congestion at LAX.

On Feb. 5, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa announced the largest expansion of air service in the 84-year history of LA/Ontario International Airport (ONT) and the re-opening of LA/Palmdale Regional Airport (PMD) to commercial airline jet service this summer.

Houston-based ExpressJet, the nation's largest regional airline, and one of *Fortune* magazine's most admired airlines, has selected LA Ontario as the focus city for a new airline it is launching this spring. ExpressJet will inaugurate 29 daily flights at Ontario between April 2 and May 14, which will serve 14 new nonstop destinations.

The new service represents a 25 per-

cent increase in daily departures at LA Ontario and a 63 percent increase in the number of non-stop destinations available from Ontario. ExpressJet will become the 14th airline to serve the airport, which was named "Best Alternate Airport" in Southern California by Forbes.com. The facility served seven million passengers in 2006 and is forecast to serve 30 million by 2025.

"I am elated that ExpressJet chose LA/Ontario International as the hub for its West Coast flight operations," Villaraigosa said. "This action is the latest tangible evidence that the refocused aviation priorities and air service marketing efforts of my administration are working."

The ExpressJet Ontario operation is expected to create more than 600 direct jobs for the Southern California economy, including pilots, flight attendants, aircraft mechanics, ramp workers and passenger service personnel based at Ontario.

Villaraigosa also announced that LA Palmdale will re-open with the start of new service by United Airlines June 7. United will provide regional jet service to San Francisco International Airport (SFO). The effort to initiate commercial service received a boost from a \$900,000 small community air service grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation, enabling the City of Palmdale to provide incentives for scheduled service at LA Palmdale. Under the small community program, Airports was also allowed to contribute an additional \$1 million to help support the start up period for United's service.

"Until now, LA Palmdale had been the Antelope Valley's field of dreams, but today's historic development means that jet service is about

to become reality at Palmdale," Villaraigosa said.

"We are at long last achieving our goal to have dependable service by a well-known carrier that will attract large numbers of travelers to this high-potential airport and effectively serve the community's air travel needs," he added.

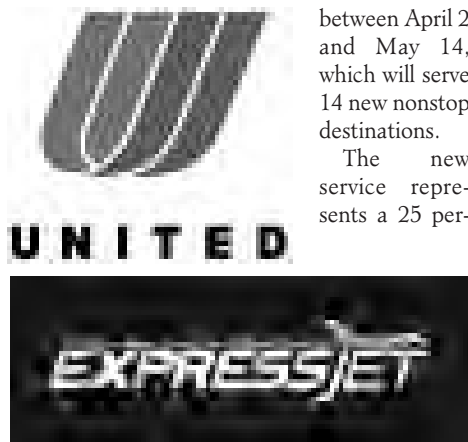
LA Ontario and LA Palmdale are owned and operated by Los Angeles World Airports, which also operates Los Angeles International (LAX) and Van Nuys (VNY) airports.

"The twin actions will jumpstart our aggressive growth plans for LA's regional airports and ensure that LAX will no longer have to carry the burden of meeting a greater-than-necessary share of region's demand for air service," Villaraigosa said.

"This is a great step in the right direction," said Councilman Bill Rosendahl, whose district includes LAX. "If we are to meet Southern



California's air travel needs, we must expand service within airports that are located throughout the region. These airports have the potential to serve as major hubs for our traveling public."





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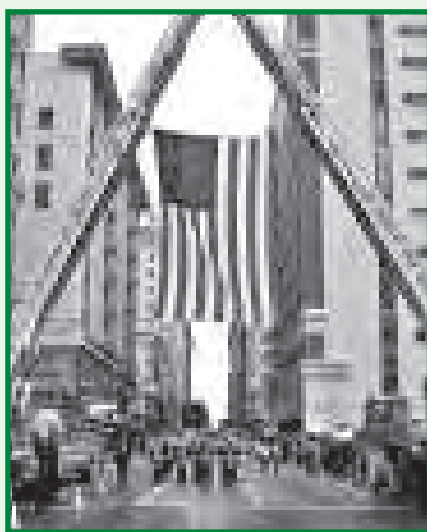


St. Patrick's Day in the City

Friday
March 16th



It's Parade Time



From last year: a giant American flag, courtesy the LAFD, framed the endline of the annual downtown St. Patrick's Day parade.

■ Annual St. Pat's Parade downtown set for Friday, March 16.

DOWNTOWN — City employees downtown are encouraged to spend their lunch hours enjoying the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade downtown Friday, March 16.

The parade route is expected to follow last year's modified route, ending at Pershing Square and leading directly into Rec and Parks' Pershing Square St. Pat's party.

The parade is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m. Check local papers a few days ahead of the event for exact parade route.

City groups are expected to take part in the parade, which will feature bagpipe bands, floats, politicians and celebrities.

Information: (310) 537-4240, or www.pageantproductions.com



From last year: Pershing Square hosted its annual St. Patrick's Day party after the downtown parade March 17.

... And Onto Pershing Square

■ After the parade, party down in Pershing Square.

REC AND PARKS — At the conclusion of the St. Patrick's Day Parade, the festivities continue at a noontime party sponsored by Rec and Parks.

- The Pershing Square party will feature food, drinks and a concert by Dublin 4.
- \$1 drafts of O'Doul's non-alcoholic brew will be available.
- Parking is available in the lot underneath Pershing Square. Pershing Square is at 532 Olive St. downtown.
- Information: (213) 847-1970 or www.laparks.org

Another Close Shave ... For Charity



■ LAFD, LAPD to take part in popular nationwide St. Baldrick's fundraiser to fight childhood cancer. Any City employee can take part.



From last year: Caden Smith, 2, might have been the youngest shave participant. His proud dad is Dale Smith, Fire Station 3.



FIRE, POLICE DEPTS. — On Friday, March 16, Los Angeles City Fire and Police personnel will take part in their fourth annual combined St. Baldrick's event. Participants, or "shavees" as they are known, will be collecting pledges from friends and family in exchange for shaving their heads. The bald heads signify solidarity with child victims of cancer, who often lose their hair while undergoing treatment. All money raised goes to the St. Baldrick's Foundation, and is distributed to doctors and other researchers on the front lines of the war on childhood cancer.

Participants and helpers are needed to staff this event. If you are able to help, please contact Sgt. Greg Doyle at Valley Communications. If you would like to be a shavee, you can sign up at www.stbaldricks.org.



From last year: LAFD Capt. Waldie Brangham and LAPD Sgt. II Greg Doyle, event organizers.

- **Who:** LAPD and LAFD personnel (All City employees, family and friends welcome, too!)
- **What:** Fundraiser for childhood cancer research
- **When:** Friday, March 16, from 8 a.m. to noon
- **Where:** Mission Police Station, 11121 Sepulveda Blvd., Mission Hills
- **Why:** To raise funds to fight childhood cancer
- **How:** Sign up or donate at www.stbaldricks.org



From last year: Brian Humphrey, dubbed the "Voice of LAFD," is shaved by Councilwoman Wendy Greuel.



Housing Opens The Doors

■ Housing has grand opening for East Regional Office.

Story and photos by Liz Montes, Club Counselor

HOUSING — The Los Angeles Housing Department celebrated the grand opening of its East Regional Office Jan. 18. Councilmember Ed Reyes attended the ceremony and received a tour of the new facility. The office provides Rent Stabilization and Code Enforcement information for the East side of Los Angeles.



From left: Roberto Aldape, Director of Enforcement, and Hakha Mortezaie, Director.



Councilmember Ed Reyes, First District, cuts the ribbon at the new Housing office.



Mercedes Marquez, General Manager, Housing.



Councilmember Ed Reyes, First District, speaks about the new Housing office.



The staff of the East Regional Housing Office.

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Officers Save a Life

■ Four Airport Police Officers save the life of a traveler.

Story by Officer Belinda Nettles, Public Information Officer, Airport Police

AIRPORTS — Four Los Angeles Airport Police officers were recognized for their heroic actions in saving the life of a female traveler at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) this January.

On Jan. 5, at approximately 6:15 a.m., Los Angeles Airport Police Officers Marlon Coronado, Gina Luttenegger, Charles Pierce and Brian G. Davis immediately responded to an emergency radio call of an unconscious woman on the sidewalk at Terminal 6. The officers collectively manually performed cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on the traveler until the arrival of Los Angeles Fire Department paramedics, who continued life-sustaining measures using an automated external defibrillator (AED). The traveler was taken to Centinela Hospital in Inglewood. She reportedly made a full recovery and was discharged a few weeks later.

Officers Coronado and Luttenegger have



Officer Brian Davis

served on the Airport Police force for two years, Davis for six years and Pierce for seven. All Los Angeles Airport Police officers have been fully trained in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.

Congratulations to the four quick-acting Airport Police Officers.



Officers Charles Pierce and Gina Luttenegger



Officer Marlon Coronado

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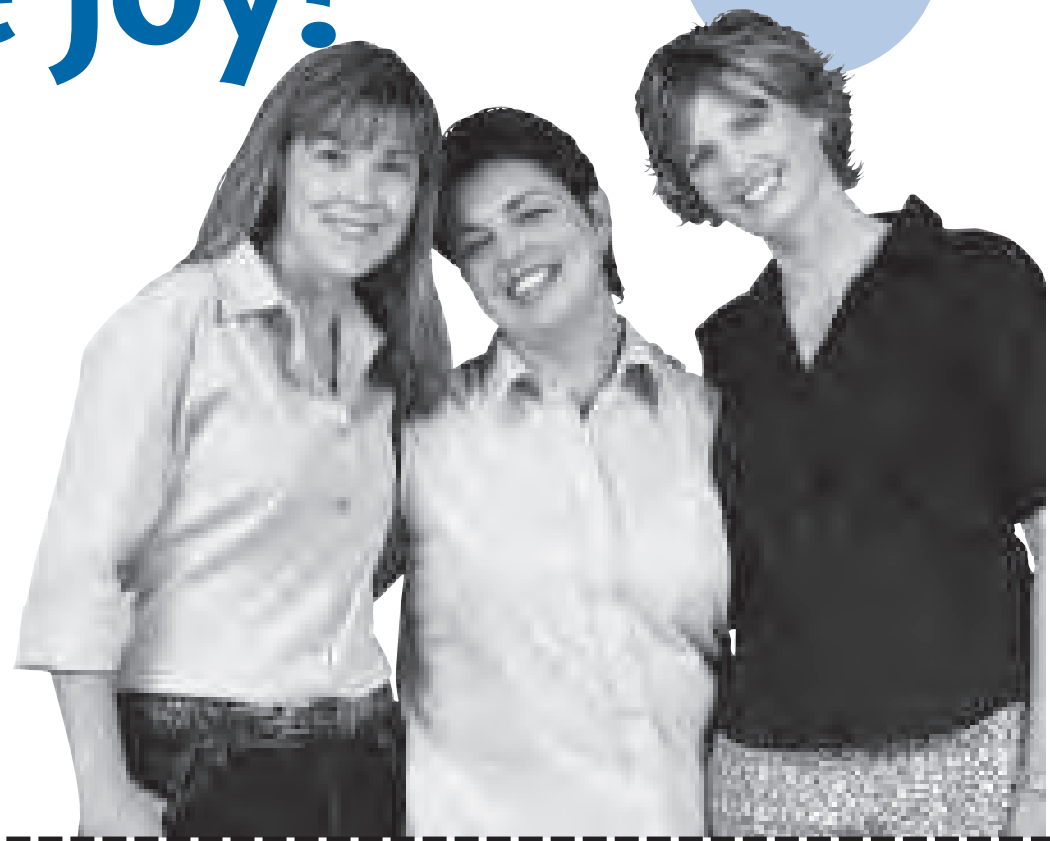
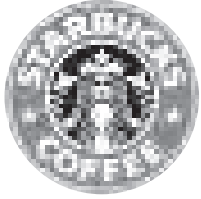
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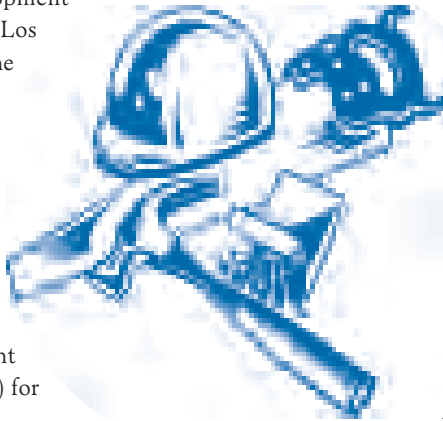
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Newsbriefs

GRAND AVE. PROJECT

The City Council unanimously approved the Grand Avenue project in a 13-0 vote Feb. 13. The project is a public-private partnership with the Related Company, Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), Los Angeles County, and the City of Los Angeles that will redevelop a large portion of the Civic Center, which currently houses parking. Councilwoman Jan Perry serves as Vice Chair of the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) for the project.



"The Grand Avenue project is a catalytic investment that will change the entire region, attracting people throughout the City and abroad to downtown Los Angeles. It will have a positive impact on our local economy by generating job opportunities for people at all skill levels," said Councilwoman Perry. "Through the JPA, the City and County have worked well together to negotiate the best deal for the people of Los Angeles and for the future of this region."

The Grand Avenue project includes City/County land that extends south from Grand Avenue along First Street and two parcels on First Street east of Grand Avenue.

The project includes a hotel, retail and office space, residential units, and a 16-acre Civic Park. 20 percent of the housing will be

affordable and will be developed on-site along with the market-rate housing to create a truly mixed-income community. Phase I of the development will provide 100 units of low income housing with 35 percent of the units at 35 percent Area Median Income (AMI) and another 65 units at 50 percent AMI.

"By ensuring that the affordable housing component was integrated into the project, we have created an opportunity for people to live near their place of work. And, the recreation and job opportunities made possible by this project will result in a broad range of benefits for the people of Los Angeles" Councilwoman Perry added.

Additionally, Phase I of the project will produce approximately 9,900 construction jobs and 3,100 permanent jobs. As part of the agreement, the developers have agreed to a 30 percent local hiring requirement. In addition, they have contributed \$500,000 to the CRA job-training trust fund.

NEW HOLLENBECK STATION

Councilmember José Huizar joined Police Chief William J. Bratton, City engineers and a host of community members for a ceremony Feb. 15 to mark the halfway point in construction of the new Hollenbeck Community Police Station in the community of Boyle Heights.

The Hollenbeck Replacement Police Station is an important component of Councilmember Huizar's vision of a mini civic center in Boyle Heights, which will eventually include the Boyle Heights Constituent Services Center, a modernized Benjamin Franklin Library, and the newly opened LANI Pocket Park. The emerging civic center will provide communities throughout the Eastside with easy access to a wide range of important services and amenities.

"This is another example of the great things that can be accomplished here in Boyle Heights if we all work together," Huizar said. "Creating safer communities is my top priority, and the men and women of the LAPD are part of that community. I am honored to be part of this great day as we bring the Hollenbeck Replacement Police Station one step closer to completion." In addition

to housing the officers of the LAPD Hollenbeck Division, plans for the new station include a meeting room that will be available for community use.

The new facility is being built with funding from Proposition Q, a Citywide Public Safety Bond Measure that yielded \$600 million for the purposes of improving, renovating, expanding and constructing public safety facilities. The Hollenbeck Replacement Station is one of ten Proposition Q-funded projects currently under construction throughout the City that include police stations, jails and a new Emergency Operations Center. The project is scheduled for completion in the first quarter of 2009.



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New Harbor Library

Library Dept. opens new facility in Harbor area.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; and Library Public Affairs; Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

LIBRARY — Hundreds of schoolchildren and even an Abraham Lincoln look-alike watched as City officials, including Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, cut the ribbon to the new Harbor City-Harbor Gateway Branch Library Feb. 1.

The branch is at 24000 S. Western Ave.

The ceremony included students from local schools, City Librarian Fontayne Holmes, Councilwoman Janice Hahn, Library Commission President Robert Chick and State Librarian Susan Hildreth.

The new 14,650-square-foot, state-of-the-art branch features special areas for children, teens and adults, a multipurpose meeting room, and two study rooms. It also provides 50 computers with access to the Internet and the library's full range of electronic resources. Also provided is a Computer Training Center for joint use with Narbonne High School.



"Abraham Lincoln," pictured with some of the schoolchildren at the ceremony.

Harbor Gateway-Harbor City Library was the only library in leased storefront space in the City, and it was way too small. The new library is big; it is state of the art; and its location is in the perfect space to share with Narbonne High School. This is exactly what this community deserves."

The Los Angeles Public Library serves the largest urban population of any library in the country. Its Central Library, 71 branch libraries, more than six million books, and state-of-the-art technology provide everyone with free and easy access to information and the opportunity for life-long learning. For further information, visit the Library's Web site at www.lapl.org.

The Harbor City-Harbor Gateway Branch Library is in the 15th Council District represented by Councilmember Janice Hahn.

Special thanks go to Sr. Librarian Jene Brown, Club Member, for assisting us.



Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa welcomes the crowd gathered at the ceremony.



The new Harbor Gateway Branch Library.



Councilwoman Janice Hahn proclaimed the library as a "place where residents can get away from the travails of life."



City Librarian Fontayne Holmes joined Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa, Dist. 15 Councilmember Janice Hahn, Library Commission President Robert A. Chick, State Librarian Susan Hildreth and other dignitaries Feb. 1 to cut the ribbon announcing the opening of the new Harbor City-Harbor Gateway Branch Library, at 24000 S. Western Ave.



A new library patron enjoys the Kid's Path computer section with her mom.

The branch was formerly located in leased space. Construction of the new purpose-built library building was funded by savings from Proposition DD, the 1998 City of Los Angeles library bond that built 32 branch libraries on time and under budget, as well as funds from Proposition 14, the State Library Bond Act of 2000.

"We need to celebrate reading, and we need to make opportunities to read, learn and share the joys of reading together readily available in our communities," Mayor Villaraigosa said. "It is our



The Harbor Gateway Branch staff.


job to create and maintain places for them to do just that because our children are the bridge to a brighter future. The new Harbor City-Harbor Gateway Branch Library will provide a haven for children and adults to have easy access to information, ideas, books and technology that will enrich, educate and empower every resident of Harbor City and Harbor Gateway."

"The residents of Harbor City and Harbor Gateway have been waiting for this library for 40 years," said Councilwoman Janice Hahn, Club Member. "For years, the



Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa talks with Sr. Librarian and Club Member Jene Brown.

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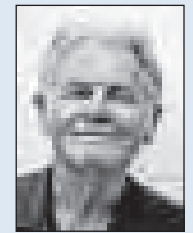
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Upcoming Events:

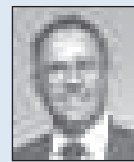
- April 12: General Membership Meeting, Van Nuys / Sherman Oaks Senior Center. Lunch reservations must be made at least a week in advance.
- June 6: Golf Tournament
- Aug. 9: Picnic
- Oct. 11: Annual Corp. Meeting and Elections
- Dec. 6: Christmas Party

RLACEI: Groups Look to Support Post-Retirement Spouses



By Phil Skarin,
RLACEI Publicity Chair

President Ed Harding reports:



Ed Harding

"As I reported last month, this is my 13th year as your president. I can't believe the last 12 years have gone by so fast. I've enjoyed working with all of our Directors. They have done a bang-up job! All of the benefits that our retirees enjoy have been due to the efforts of our Directors.

"In January, Hal Danowitz, our secretary, and I met with Dolores Foley, President of the Retired Water and Power Employees, and her husband, Vince; and Robin Welborn, President Warren B. Braun, Vice President, and Lee Kebler, Director, all of the Fire and Police Retirees Association, Inc.

"The Fire and Police Retirees

Association has been working hard to have the new spouses that the retirees married after they retired, eligible to receive a pension. This is one of the four benefits we are trying to get for our retirees. The Fire and Police believe they can get this proposed benefit on the May 2008 ballot.

"I'll look to see you at our general membership meeting at 1 p.m. Thursday, April 12, at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center. You may come at noon for a free lunch **only** if you have made a reservation by calling one of the Officers on the Retirees Helplines at least a week ahead. You may bring a guest.

"Please note that we now have a toll-free 800 number to call our officers from anywhere in the United States, thanks to Hal Danowitz."

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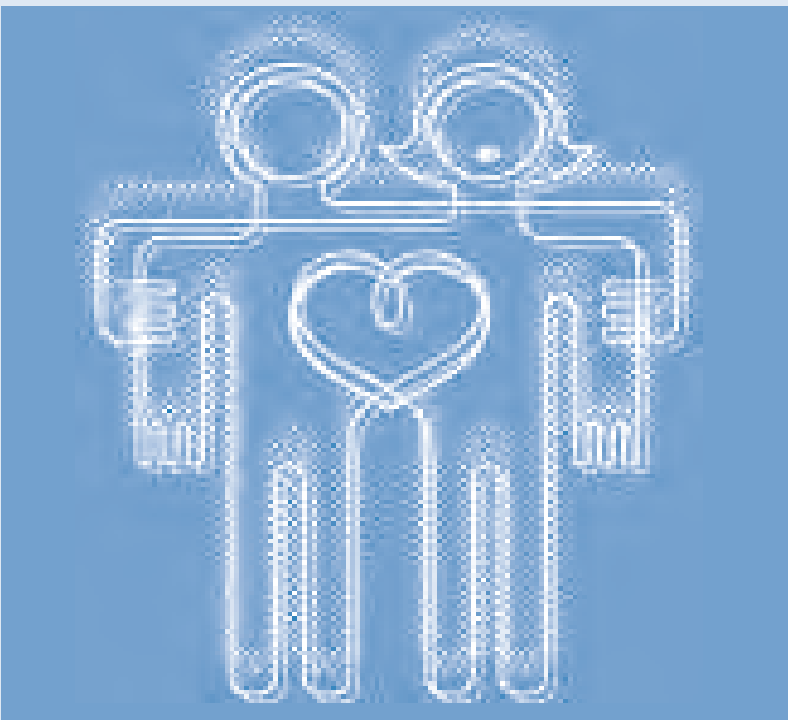
Ken Spiker, our elected commissioner, is pleased to report that as a result of a recruitment process completed last month, Tom Moutes has been appointed to serve as LACERS Assistant General Manager. Tom fills the position previously held by Sally Choi, who is now serving as Deputy of Finance for Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. Congratulations and best of luck to Sally in her new position.

Since 1983, Tom Moutes has held a number of positions with the City of Los Angeles. He started his career as a messenger clerk, worked for the Library Department, LAPD, the Personnel Department, Information Technology Agency, and the City Clerk prior to joining LACERS in 2001. He has served as Chief Management Analyst, heading the Retirement Services Division for four years and the Administrative Services Division for a year and a half, prior to becoming Assistant General Manager.

Tom earned a Bachelor of science degree in business administration and a Master of science degree in Public Administration from California State University Northridge, and a Certified Employee Benefit Specialist designation from the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Tom is well qualified for the position and will contribute significantly to the retirement system in his capacity as Assistant General Manager.

Ken also reports the annual cost of living index for 2006 is estimated at 4.73 percent. The report should be considered by the Board in late February. When approved, retirees can expect a 3 percent cost of living increase effective July 1 with any extra amount banked for future use.



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 Hall at (800) 678-4145 Ext. 707.

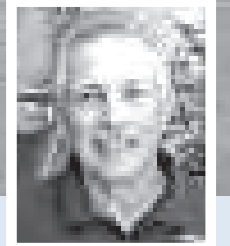
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By Hal Danowitz,
Secretary, RLACEI

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Cruising Down Under

■ Hal and Entourage begin a cruise from Australia to New Zealand.

Last March, our travel group – Myrna, LDon, Effie, Pierre, Evelyn and I – decided to plan a cruise from Australia to New Zealand. After some research we selected the Holland America Line's *MS Statendam*. We had sailed around South America on its sister ship and had enjoyed the experience.

We booked a cabin with a balcony, and at the time I made the reservation I asked for a quote for an upgrade to business class for our air transportation. I was told that it would be \$3,600 each, and knowing that the current price for business class was more than \$6,000 per person, I decided to take the upgrade. In July I was told the price had raised to \$4,600 each, which was still below the normal cost, but then I was told that I would also have to pay the economy class fare of \$1,400 in addition, which made this no longer a bargain. I declined and searched the Internet to see if I could get a reservation using United Airlines mileage, which, it turned out, was not available. I was aware that Air New Zealand was "partner" with United and I tried to use mileage for their flight but they didn't allow it, even though I would get United miles if we flew Air New Zealand. While I was dealing with Air New Zealand, I discovered that they had a class of service called premium economy, which had the same service as their busi-

ness class (they have no first-class), but the seats were not as large. The cost was \$1,000 more than economy class, and we and Myrna and Don decided to try it out. Effie and Pierre had taken the economy class air offered by the cruise line and were leaving one day before us.

The whole airfare thing really upset me, so I wrote a letter to the president of Holland America, whose offices are in Seattle. I received a reply from his executive assistant who apologize for the problem and offered us \$200 credit on our shipboard account. It goes to show you that it doesn't hurt to let management know when there is a problem.

Our next task was to book hotels in Sydney and Auckland. We would be in Sydney for two nights and Auckland for one night. In Sydney we stayed at the Sheraton on the Park and in Auckland at the Hyatt Regency. Both were excellent and in perfect locations.

Our flight left Los Angeles on New Year's Day evening and because of the International Date Line we arrived in Sydney in the morning Jan. 3.

On every trip I try to get Evelyn to take as few clothes as possible, but I fail every time. This trip we had three large bags and one smaller bag, and we each had one carry-on. I was concerned that we would be over the

weight limit, but when we checked in they weighed all of our bags at the same time, and we passed.

After checking in, we used Evelyn's membership in United's Red Carpet Club to get into the Air New Zealand international lounge. It was a nice place to spend the two hours before our flight, with lots of food and free drinks. We boarded our 747 and took our seats upstairs. After dinner I took a sleeping pill, which I had not done before, and awoke in time to have breakfast before we landed in Auckland, where we changed planes for our flight to Sydney. We arrived in Sydney around 10 a.m., and after clearing customs and immigration we took a taxi to our hotel.

The Sheraton at the Park is directly across the street from Hyde Park and is very centrally located. It was still early in the day, and of course our rooms were not ready. Effie and Pierre had arrived the day before, and they were to book a half-day tour of Sydney for this afternoon. They were not at the hotel when we arrived, so I called them on my international cell phone and they returned to the hotel. They had booked a private city tour for us at 1:30 p.m., so we stored our carry-on bags in their room and set off.

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The Sydney Harbor Bridge, well known as the location for fireworks.

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Hal and Evelyn on a Sydney Harbor cruise.

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service was far worse. There is very little tipping in both Australia and New Zealand, and the service reflects it.

They were long waits for our food, and not all the orders were brought at the same time. Not something Americans are used to. I don't think the service was intentionally bad or rude, but culturally different. After dinner the time change was catching up with us and we returned to the hotel.

In the morning we stopped at the local Starbucks, a must for Evelyn, as she tries to buy a coffee mug with the name of each city we visit. She was not able to find one with Australia or Sydney on it, but in New Zealand she was more successful.

After our coffee we walked to Circular Quay and took a one-hour harbor cruise, which showed us the same sights we had seen on our tour yesterday, but from the water. There are longer cruises, but one hour was long enough.

After the cruise we walked around the Rocks and did a little shopping. Evelyn brought a large mask to hang on our wall, and we had it shipped home. The shipping cost more than the mask, but it was worth it not to have to carry it on the rest of the trip.

We walked to the end of the Quay toward the Opera House and found a café for lunch. This time the food was good, but the service continued to be poor. Everyone is very nice, so it must be just the way things are done



The Adventures with Hal traveling group.

here. We walked around the Opera House and then walked back to the hotel to take a nap before dinner.

We walked back to Circular Quay for dinner at Doyle's, a famous fish restaurant. The food was very good (more fish and chips) and the service was somewhat better, but not great. It was dark as we walked around the Quay and there was a full moon directly above the Opera House.

In the morning we stopped at another Starbucks (Evelyn was still looking for a Sydney coffee mug), and on our walk we found the oldest Jewish temple in Sydney next to our hotel. We walked back to the hotel through the park and got ready to head to our cruise ship.

Next month I will continue telling you about our cruise.



Evelyn and Myrna with new friends Down Under.

RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

Rodney Haraga's five-year term as Director of Transportation for Hawaii has ended. He now works for the city of Honolulu.

Bonnie McCaskey retired from the Ontario Airport in 1986. She'd like to hear from her co-workers. She is at: 300 Lake Ridge Dr., Seguin, TX 78155. Phone: (830) 557-5707.

Grady Mullen's great grandmother was a Cherokee Indian.

Frank Heffler, Las Vegas, called. "You're doing a great job, and your poetry is nice," he said.

Helen Wright has published a book of her inspirational poetry titled *The Voice in My Head*. For \$23.79 she will be happy to send you a copy. 107 Seventeenth St., Battle Mountain, NV 91499-3910.

Steven Ferguson has moved to South Dakota, where he has relatives. He was an LAPD Station Officer.

Fran and George Lugo write: "We lost our father, Ruben Lugo, Dec. 15. Thank you for the information sheet."

Dan Watson, Hemet, former president of ACEA, and building inspector, writes: "All of the officers of RLACEI are doing a great job." Call him at (951) 927-2132.

Sam Sperling says he has recovered from the injuries he received last Dec. 5 when he was struck by a car while crossing the street. He now writes a regular column for the *Tolucan Times* titled "Trouble Finder," which deals with City problems.

Helen Salgado, Membership Chair, has moved to 8372 Arnett Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92647. Notify her if you move. Also notify LACERS and *Alive!* If you need a new green membership card, send her a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

The information sheet "What to do Upon the Death of a Retired City Employee" will be sent if you send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Phil Skarin at 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411.

Visit our **Website** at www.rlacei.com to find out the latest retirement news.

The 12th Annual Retirees Poetry Contest will have separate categories for members and retirees. Deadline is Oct. 1, 2007. Send typed copies to Phil Skarin, including your category, address, and phone number. Everyone wins a prize.

LACERS office is at 360 E. Second Street, 2nd Floor. 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.

Phil Skarin has begun his 14th year as Publicity Chair. If you have news about yourself or other retirees that you'd like to share, send it to Phil at 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411 or call (818) 784-0130, or use the 800 number.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

The Greater Good

When you are involved as part of an organization, you often have to compromise what is best for you with what is best for the organization.

Individually, you may want to make a major impact, but thinking of the greater good or the organization is not always the easiest or most popular route to take.

But it can be the most meaningful, in the long run.

—Phil Skarin

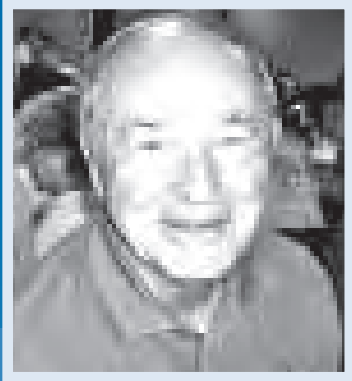


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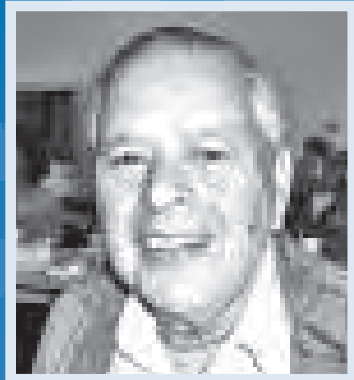
Alive! asked retirees...

What advice would you give to someone about life?

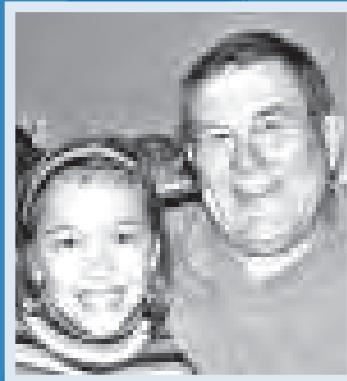
The Best Years



"My mom always said, 'Get an education.'"
- Ray Bureika



"Retire now."
- Manuel Lopez



"Just relax. Go with the bumps; eventually everything will smooth out."
- Paul Thomas, with his daughter, Cameron



"Work hard."
- Earline Cowan



"Stay healthy and take care of your finances."
- John Gomez



"Always be thankful."
- Rosario Bureika



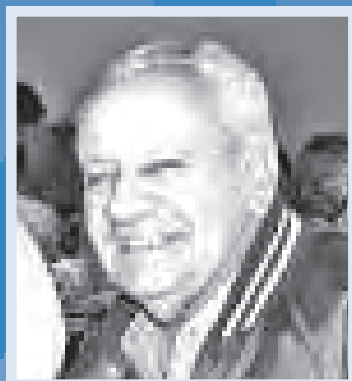
"Retire early."
- Marie Baley



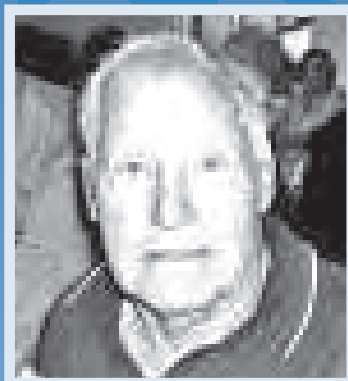
"Take care of your health and money."
- Lee Burrell



"Enjoy life, travel, and always look on the positive side."
- Arlene Tom



"Be square with everyone."
- Tony Alvarez



"Keep moving."
- Jess Baley

LACERS New A.G.M.

Retirement System names Thomas Moutes as Assistant General Manager.

LACERS — On Jan. 27, the Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System (LACERS) announced the appointment of Thomas Moutes to Assistant General Manager.

Moutes has served as interim assistant general manager since September. While serving as interim assistant general manager, he has remained head of LACERS' Administrative Services Division, a position he has held since July 2005. Prior to that, Moutes was manager of LACERS Retirement Services Division.

"We could not ask for a more qualified person than Tom to serve as assistant general manager," said Eric L. Holoman, president, LACERS Board of Administration. "He has worn several hats at LACERS during his tenure."

"Tom is a natural leader and an expert in pub-



Thomas Moutes

lic pension plans," said Robert Aguillo Jr., general manager of LACERS. "We expect great things of him and the entire LACERS staff in the upcoming years."

Moutes is a 22-year veteran with the City of Los Angeles, working at the Office of the City Clerk prior to joining LACERS in 2001. He holds a Master of science degree in public administration from California State University in Northridge. He also holds a Certified Employee Benefit Specialist designation from the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

LACERS is responsible for the administration of the City's pension plan to more than 27,000 active employees and 14,000 retirees. LACERS has \$10.5 billion in assets.

RLACEI's Toll-Free Number

RLACEI — The Retired Los Angeles City Employees Inc. group has established a new toll-free helpline number that can be accessed free of charge throughout the United States.

The number is: (800) 678-4145

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

Edward Harding x703	Jack Matthews x712	Americo Garza x710
Harold Danowitz x707	Robert Wilkinson x704	Neil Ricci x714
Phil Skarin x709	Jerry Bardwell x706	Helen Salgado x713



Mr. Recycle, the recycling robot, and Robo Blue, his blue bin companion, appear with (from left): Salvador Miranda, Assistant Division Manager for Valley Collection; Scott Stanton, Refuse Collection Truck Operator West L.A.; Daniel Braviroff, General Services Equipment Mechanic; Tony Cain, General Services Equipment Mechanic; Chris Johnson, Division Manager for South Collection; Lloyd Gaines, Solid Resources Superintendent for West L.A. District; Richard Humphrey, Refuse Collection Truck Operator West L.A.; Dorita Gaines, Mr. Recycle's costume designer; Enrique Zaldivar, Executive Officer Bureau of Sanitation; and Rita Robinson, Director Bureau of Sanitation.

Here Come the Mascots

■ Bureau of Sanitation launches recycling characters for new education campaign.

Story and photos by Jimmy Tokeshi, Public Works

PUBLIC WORKS — “Mr. Recycle,” the recycling robot character, and “Robo Blue,” his remote controlled blue bin companion, debuted before the City of Los Angeles Board Jan. 29 of Public Works to applause and praise for the new recycling advocates. The blue bin recycling characters are designed to educate children and increase the public’s knowledge about the Public Works Bureau of Sanitation’s (BOS) Blue Bin Recycling Program.

Introduced by Board of Public Works President Cynthia M. Ruiz, Mr. Recycle and Robo Blue impressed the board chamber room filled with invited guests and spectators. Ruiz promised the blue bin recycling characters would promote fun and educate children about the benefits of the City’s recycling program that renews recyclable waste, conserves landfill space and protects the environment.

“Mr. Recycle and Robo Blue are a dynamic duo that will capture the hearts and minds of children across the City and will hold us true to the cause of conservation by reminding us to reduce, reuse and recycle our paper, plastic, metal and glass waste,” Ruiz said. “Their mission will be to embody the spirit of recycling, educate our children and exemplify an unyielding dedica-

tion to make recycling work in our great city and to keep Los Angeles beautiful.”

The names “Mr. Recycle” and “Robo Blue” came from submissions made by children to the Bureau of Sanitation during the 2006 BOS Open Houses. James Truong, age 13, submitted the name “Mr. Recycle” and brothers Brandon and Jamison Barker, ages 8 and 3, respectively submitted the name “Robo Blue.”

Mr. Recycle’s costume is handmade by community volunteer Dorita Gaines. A team built Robo Blue’s blue bin remote control features. The builders are: Daniel Braviroff, General Services Equipment Mechanic; Tony Cain, General Services Equipment Mechanic; Richard Humphrey, BOS Truck Operator; Scotty Stanton, BOS Truck Operator; and community volunteer Jim Turner.

For more information on Public Works’ Bureau of Sanitation, visit the bureau Website at www.lacity.org/SAN/.

The five-member Board of Public Works manages the activities of Public Works, the third largest municipal agency in Los Angeles. Public Works is responsible for construction, renovation and operation of public facilities and infrastructure ranging from curbside collection and graffiti removal to maintenance of sidewalks, bridges, sewers and streetlights, and from maintenance of wastewater treatment plants to design of public buildings.



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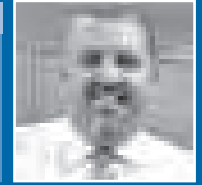
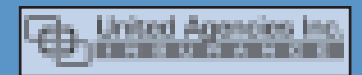
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by JEFF GELINEAU

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



Umbrellas Offer Protection

Should you buy an umbrella?

The answer I'm tempted to give is, "It doesn't rain that often in Southern California, so don't bother." (Sorry for the tacky joke.) Probably, the first question we should answer is, "What is an umbrella?" We're talking insurance, of course.

The Umbrella Liability Policy gets its name from the concept that this policy comes down on top of your other policies, and "covers" them (and subsequently, you). Umbrella insurance is "over-and-above" coverage. An umbrella policy doesn't replace your homeowners or car insurance, but it extends them to cover liability claims in excess of the amount your underlying policies cover.

No one plans on having a bad accident, and we certainly hope you don't. But in today's society, the amount that you could be sued for can easily run into the millions.

If you own a pool, a trampoline or a dog, experts say you absolutely need umbrella insurance. If you own an edgy cat, collect guns, have a child who plays football, or tend to bump into things in the supermarket parking lot, you need umbrella insurance, also.

Another benefit of an umbrella liability policy is that a good policy can actually provide you coverage for elsewhere. If you ever rent a Jet Ski or boat while on vacation, or borrow your neighbor's scooter for a spin around the neighborhood, then you will benefit from knowing that often your umbrella policy can provide coverage for these exposures also.

When an individual decides to sue you after slipping on your sidewalk, being bitten by your shepherd, getting in the way of your ninth hole tee shot, or being sideswiped by your Suburban, their attorney will look for "deep pockets." Your assets, your earnings and even your future earnings potential will be closely scrutinized.

If you own a home in Southern California, a sailboat, a chunk of Google stock, or just hold a degree, you are well worth going after. The attorney will try to get the lion's share of the settlement from other players, perhaps the crew who put down the sidewalk or the golf course's architect, but he still will try to shake a few bucks loose from you. And while these dollars might not mean much in terms of the overall settlement, to you they could mean the loss of your home, your savings and part of a paycheck for years to come.

Umbrella liability policies generally are written in increments of \$1 million and are surprisingly affordable. Some policies cover legal expenses, and some do not. Ask, and be sure to cover legal expenses if you can, as they can be exorbitant. Every policy has exclusions; read them carefully because they can put large holes in your safety net. If damage caused by certain breeds of dog is not covered, for instance, and you own that dog, then that policy is not for you.

For about \$200 to \$300 per year you can buy a \$1 million personal umbrella liability policy. The next million will cost about \$75, and \$50 for every million after that. In the big picture, they are extremely affordable.

Because the personal umbrella policy goes into effect after the underlying coverage is exhausted, there are certain limits that usually must be met to purchase this coverage. Most insurers will want you to have about \$250,000 of liability insurance on your auto policy and \$300,000 of liability insurance on your homeowners policy before selling you an umbrella liability policy for \$1 million of additional coverage.

Feel free to call our agency if you have any questions about what all this means to you, would like to know what it would cost to buy an umbrella liability through us, or would like a question answered on any type of insurance.

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CITY EMPLOYEES IN ACTION

In the Long Beach Harbor, the Port of LA Dive Team goes through a final briefing before taking to the water and inspecting the bottom of a cargo ship. Getting ready for the "go" order are, from left: Dave Clements, Ryan Mullany, Rosario Ferrara (operating the boat), Jerome Niles, Michael Belo (back to the camera), Brandon Smith, James Nua, Dan Dayton, Dave Yoacham, Carl Abajian and Ralph Edwards (back to camera, seated). A Long Beach Dive Team boat is in the distance.



LOS ANGELES PORT POLICE

Into the

Deep

Alive! goes along with the Port Police Dive team on an underwater hazardous device hull inspection, to check a cargo ship for contraband. The Dive Team was built for just such potentially dangerous operations.



PHOTOS: *Alive!* staff.

THE ALIVE! INTERVIEW

LOS ANGELES PORT POLICE

As part of a feature on the Port Police Dive Team that *Alive!* was working on, Lt. Mike Graychik, leader of the Dive Team, invited *Alive!* to accompany them on several dive operations. These photos depict one of those operations on Feb. 6.

One week later, *Alive!* met with Lt. Graychik to talk about his Dive Team and the operation that we witnessed. Ultimately, no illegal contraband was discovered. The Port was safe that day.

We thank Lt. Graychik and his extraordinarily professional team for their cooperation.

— Ed.



HISTORY OF THE DIVE TEAM

Alive!: How did the dive team come about? Why was it established?

Lt. Michael Graychik: Originally the concept was for drug interdiction, and the main focus was with DEA and Customs doing hull searches on the big ships, looking for drugs. That was the original idea behind the dive team.



We also did recovery dives looking for evidence: When cars would go under the water, we would recover the vehicles; we would recover drowning victims; we would recover evidence that might have been thrown in the water, like weapons or drugs, those types of investigations. We've had a few homicides where bodies have been dumped in the harbor and we've had quite a few accidents where vehicles or fishermen have gone into the water and drowned. And so we've been instrumental in assisting to recover numerous types of vehicles and victims and evidence throughout the harbor.

Alive!: How many officers are there in the Port Police?

Lt. Michael Graychik: Right now there are 102.

Alive!: How many on the dive team?

Lt. Michael Graychik: Diving is a collateral duty for the officers, and currently we have about 15 divers.

Alive!: Why do officers become part of the dive team? What are the reasons behind it; what are their motivations?

Lt. Michael Graychik: Most of the lure for the Port Police is the maritime environment, and some officers are interested in the boating aspects. Some are interested in the dive team aspect. Some are interested in working for a department that has a priority of Homeland

Security, which one of the Port Police's; one of our fundamental priorities is Homeland Security and terrorism. The port is an asset for the City, the region and the nation. So a primary focus for the Port Police officers is interdiction of terrorism.

Alive!: What was your motivation?

Lt. Michael Graychik: Definitely the maritime component. I've always been interested in boating and diving. I've been diving since I was 11 years old and I was a lifeguard with the City.

Alive!: Where?

Lt. Michael Graychik: Up in the valley, Sylmar, and the other one was in the Devonshire area. I've been diving and always involved in boating and body surfing and beach activities, so definitely the water was a draw for me.

Alive!: How much of the schedule during the work week does the dive team spend diving?

Lt. Michael Graychik: That's a tough question to answer. There are a lot of variables that come into play. Currently, the dive team assignment is a collateral duty, so some of it depends on time availability for the officers, some depends on if we get called out or not. So each officer who's assigned to the team is focused on dedicating time to the dive team throughout the workweek, but it varies on an individual basis from day to day. If there's a call out, then that's our focus for that week or for that day. And it changes, but the Port Police is in the process of dedicating a full time dive team to the Port. Once that takes place, there's going to be divers out there every single day.

TOWARD FULL-TIME DIVING

Alive!: Talk about working toward a full-time dive team. That's a new development. What's the process or the schedule for that? How long is this going to take?

Lt. Michael Graychik: The Port Police is hiring, and we're building up our department to help secure the Port. As the weeks and months progress, we're going to begin initiating a full time maritime unit, which will include a full time



LT. MICHAEL GRAYCHIK

About Lt. Michael Graychik, Special Operations Section, Port Police

HOMETOWN: Los Angeles

MARRIED TO: Danielle Graychik

City Career:

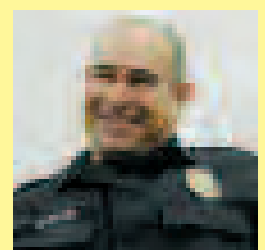
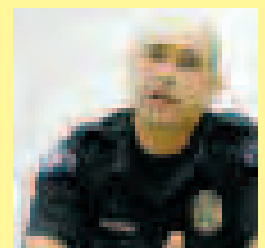
1981: Lifeguard, Rec and Parks

1982: Electrical Craft Helper, DWP

1982: Officer, Airport Police

1986: Port Police Officer

1989: Original member of the Port Police Dive Team





The actual dive begins as Dave Clements jumps in. Watching him are Mike Belo, Ralph Edwards and Rosario Ferrara, operating the boat.

dive team as part of that. There's going to be officers who are trained for a higher level of security checks on other boats – working with the Coast Guard, the Sheriff's Department, the Long Beach Police Department and the LAPD, doing inspections on boats. They're going to have more advanced training for what we call tactical boardings, so we're getting ready to implement that in the next few months.

Alive!: So, you're building up the department into a full time maritime contingent; that's great. What's the impetus for that; what's driving that?

Lt. Michael Graychik: Prior to 9-11, there wasn't a focus on maritime security that there is now. And post- 9-11, the Port has taken seriously the maritime threat and is dedicated to increasing our numbers waterside to help mitigate any threats to the Port that could be from waterside.

MEMORABLE OPERATIONS

Alive!: Tell us some of the more memorable operations with the dive team.

Lt. Michael Graychik: There was one about two or three years ago now where a female and her daughter were murdered and wrapped up in a diver's weight belt and thrown into the harbor. When the bodies began to decay, they bloated and floated up under a fishing boat, and we recovered the mother and her four-year-old daughter. So that was memorable.

We've had a few narcotics recoveries that were very rewarding. A couple of different recoveries of bodies, of victims that have drowned in the Port or driven off a dock and ended up in harbor waters, and those are all memorable to me.

I don't want to give out too much information, but we check the large ships for drugs that could be stowed away underneath, contraband that's hidden underneath the ships.

ALIVE! GOES ON A MISSION

Here, Lt. Graychik details the actual Homeland Security operation that Alive! has documented with photos on the cover and on these pages. —Ed.

Alive!: Take us through that day. Narrate our photos a little bit if you can.

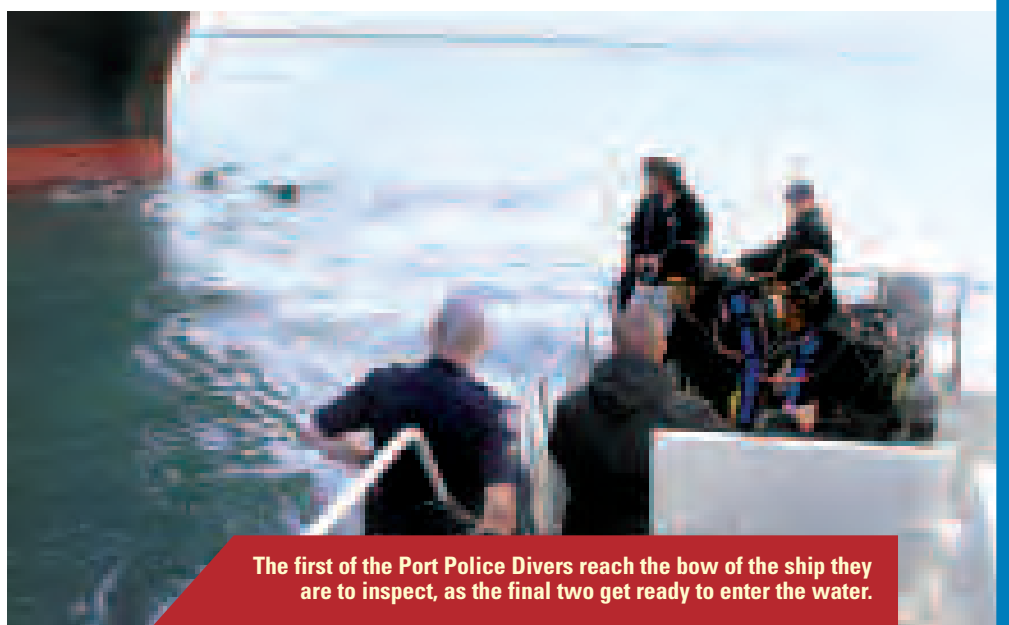
Lt. Michael Graychik: Sure. That day originated with the United States Coast Guard. They had received information about possible contraband onboard a ship, so they activated a dive call out with the P-DOG, the Port Dive Operations Group. They had briefings.

Alive!: P-DOG?

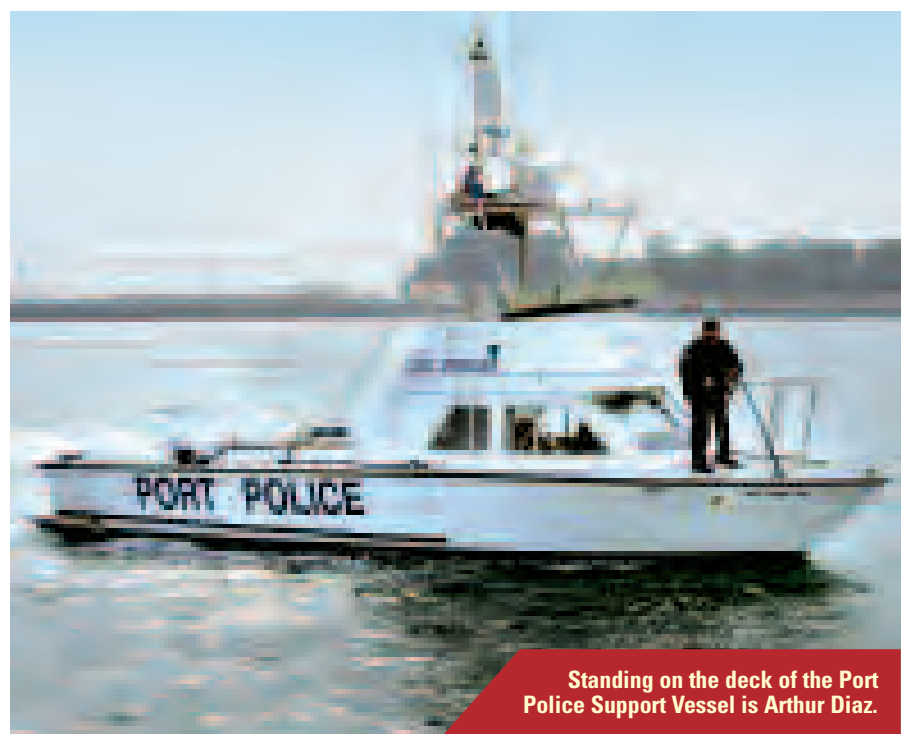
Lt. Michael Graychik: P-DOG. The acronym: Port Dive Operations Group. And they met with the port stakeholder, public safety dive agencies, which included the Port Police, LAPD, LA Fire, Long Beach Police, Long Beach Fire and the U.S. Coast Guard. And then we discussed our diving operations as a group, and then we went back to our own teams and prepared our own team's concept of operations. We agreed on a meet time for the dive call out on the day of operations. We went and had a team briefing.

Alive!: We were there, after your official briefing.

Lt. Michael Graychik: So you saw how we prepared our own teams, and then we met as a group and had a group briefing. Group assignments were doled out, so each dive unit had an assignment and some groups were responsible for rescue in case there's a diving emergency within our groups.



The first of the Port Police Divers reach the bow of the ship they are to inspect, as the final two get ready to enter the water.



Standing on the deck of the Port Police Support Vessel is Arthur Diaz.



THE ALIVE! INTERVIEW



Getting ready for the "go" order are, from left: Carl Abajian, James Nua and Dan Dayton.

WORKING TOGETHER AND SHARKS

Lt. Michael Graychik: Drug interdiction is a priority for us, and we work with other agencies like the Coast Guard, the DEA and Customs ... and also now we have other dive team partners that we work with like the LAPD, the Long Beach Fire Department, the Long Beach lifeguards. All of us together are called the Port Dive Operations Group.

Like the operation [that Alive! documented on these pages], that was with the Port Dive Operations Group, the five other public safety agencies. That's a big part of diving in the Port now, the multi-agency diving. And it's a partnership where, if one agency has a dive call out, they can call up this Port Dive Operations Group, and the partner agencies will come to their assistance and act as a force multiplier for a large-scale diving operation. Where you might have had six or eight divers before, now you have at your fingertips, you have 25, 30 divers at your disposal.

Alive!: A few years back we did a story on City employees who took the diving training for the L.A. Zoo. They do all the work in the tanks, and they get in the water with their scuba gear. I was just wondering if you —



Lt. Michael Graychik: [Laughing] They don't have sharks there, do they?

Not those employees, but we dive with Rec and Parks, with the lifeguards; we dive with the LAPD and the LAFD.

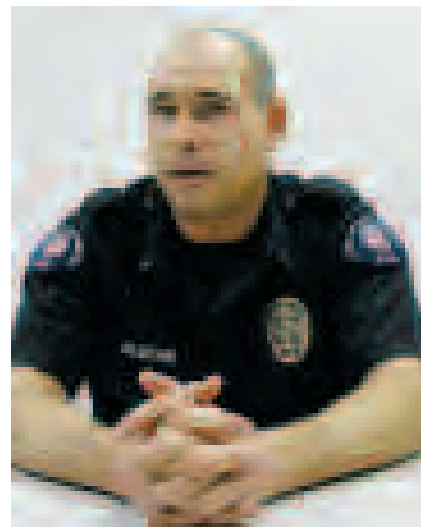
And we dive with the County Sheriff's office, with the Long Beach Police and Fire, and with the United States Coast Guard. And on some occasions we've dove with other agencies for training, or we've gone to call outs in other areas with some other agencies.

Alive!: So you're not going to go diving in tanks with sharks?

Lt. Michael Graychik: I don't think so; that's not my first option.

Alive!: Have you seen any sharks?

Lt. Michael Graychik: I've seen quite a few sharks. Not real big ones, luckily.



Then, we commenced with the diving operation. At the conclusion we reported back to our meeting place, and we had a group debrief. That concluded our operation.

Alive!: Do these call outs come very often?

Lt. Michael Graychik: Probably several times a month. A couple times a month at least.

Alive!: Sometimes you're the lead agency, and sometimes you're called on to assist?

Lt. Michael Graychik: Right. The dynamic of the group is that whichever group originates the call is the lead agency, or if there's a certain responsibility or jurisdiction, then the group with the jurisdiction and responsibility would by default be the lead agency. But generally speaking, the originating agency is the leader, the incident commander. And then they request the other agencies to support their operation.

Alive!: Our day on the mission with you was pretty typical of how it happens?

Lt. Michael Graychik: Very typical.

Alive!: These guys have done this before; they're all pros, to say the least?

Lt. Michael Graychik: Right. We've been doing this for a few years now; the Port Dive Operations Group is part of the Area Maritime Security Committee, which is an authority of the Coast Guard.

Alive!: And sometimes the crew of the ship isn't even aware of potential contraband issues?

Lt. Michael Graychik: It's fair to say that some smuggling operations can hide contraband underneath the ship without the ship knowing it. You can say that.

Alive!: It's possible.

Lt. Michael Graychik: Absolutely. Some smugglers are capable of inserting narcotics into the ship without the ship being aware of it.

Alive!: That also must mean that you are aware of people who are diving into the Port who you don't recognize? Some bad guys would have to go out to that boat before anybody else does, surreptitiously, and under water. So you're on the prowl not only underneath the boat but on the shore, for people who might be going out there to grab that contraband?

Lt. Michael Graychik: Correct. But we don't know if it the ports of L.A. and Long Beach are the destinations for that contraband; the ship has many ports of call before it comes here and many ports of call after it leaves here. So it could be in transition from one place to another place and we just happen to be on the route. So it is possible that we're able to intercept it mid-route, midstream.



LOS ANGELES PORT POLICE



“We’re modeling public safety diving for the rest of the nation here in the Port.” – Lt. Graychik

NATIONAL MODEL OF TEAMWORK

Alive! It was amazing to watch how coordinated all the teams were. Not only your own team -- you guys were really coordinated, you knew exactly what you were doing, it was like clockwork, it was so professionally done -- but that’s just one bit of it. You were coordinating with all these other agencies.

Lt. Michael Graychik: Right, right.

Alive! How long has it taken all these agencies to work together to produce that kind of organization and efficiency?

Lt. Michael Graychik: We’ve been working together like that for a few years now, so it’s been a lot of meetings, a lot of talking, a lot of planning, and we continue to evolve as a dive group. We have meetings that we go to, and we discuss ways to improve our operation and ways to make it safer. We’re always dealing and talking. We don’t get into a rut where we’re not able to change it. We talk about issues, we discuss them, and then we modify the way we do things. Remaining flexible and having an open line of communication with the other agencies is key to making it that successful.

Alive! We hear a lot about one of the problems in securing our nation is sort of territorialism amongst different agencies. But it couldn’t have been less that.

Lt. Michael Graychik: Right.

Alive! Was that a concerted effort to make sure that territorialism didn’t get in the way of doing a great job?

Lt. Michael Graychik: It is a concerted effort, and within the Port community here we all are very aware of each other’s jurisdictions

and each other’s duties. We meet and discuss things so often, that I think the lines are pretty clear on what types of incidents fall within each agency’s scope of responsibility. So the lines for us are pretty clear, and we don’t have a lot of confusion as to who does what. Communicating a lot, talking about things, and letting everybody know what’s going on are instrumental in making sure that the public safety runs smoothly in the Port.

Alive! The FBI and some other national organizations use you guys as models?

Lt. Michael Graychik: That’s correct. The Ports of L.A. and Long Beach are models for the nation in terms of diving operations by local public safety agencies.

Alive! What do they like about it? Your organization? Your efficiency? Your cooperation?

Lt. Michael Graychik: All of those things. All of those things are critical to running a big dive operation like that.

Alive! Public agencies all around the country are coming to you for help on how to put together their programs?

Lt. Michael Graychik: Yes. We’re modeling public safety diving for the rest of the nation here in the Port.

PRIDE: PROFESSIONAL PROTECTION

Alive! It was obvious and evident that you love what you’re doing: what you’re doing is efficient and well run and is a great service to our country. There must be a lot of pride in being part of this team.

Lt. Michael Graychik: There is a lot of pride. Diving, especially in a port environment, is not something that you can do if you don’t have a lot of dedication and determination and conviction. There are so many factors and variables and safety issues that have to be addressed, it’s not for the meek or weak-hearted; you have to be very devoted to it. There’s a lot of training involved; there’s a lot of work involved in running a smooth, safe dive operation. So they are very dedicated and they do take a lot of pride in that. And they do recognize that they’re helping detour terrorism in the nation’s number one commercial port.

Alive! It’s a dangerous job?

Lt. Michael Graychik: Public safety diving is very dangerous.

Alive! Even over and above the training you receive as peace officers, it’s probably even more dangerous in some ways.

Lt. Michael Graychik: Sure.

Alive! It seems like an added level or added ingredients for danger there.



Rosario Ferrara, standing, top left, maneuvers the Port Police vessel into the correct position to launch the divers. An LAFD Dive Team boat is in the background.

Lt. Michael Graychik: It’s dangerous, but we try and mitigate the danger by taking a lot of safety precautions, by doing a lot of training and employing the latest diving safety features that we have at our disposal. You can always mitigate danger by doing different things, and we work very hard at mitigating the danger as much as possible.

A DIVER, TO THE END

Alive! Do you miss getting in the water?

Lt. Michael Graychik: I do miss it. I get in the water at least a few times a year, and I’m thankful for those days.

Alive! You and your officers, when you’re away from the job and vacationing, do you guys decide to go diving for recreation?

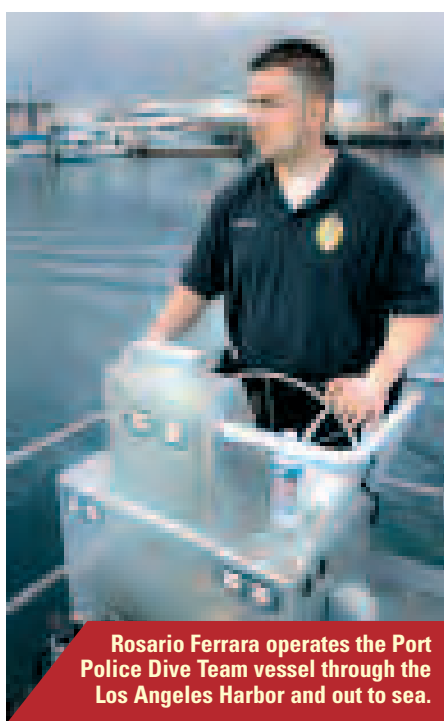
Lt. Michael Graychik: Absolutely. Yes, we do. We have a few guys who go to different places around the world, and they frequent some of the popular diving spots for recreational diving, too.

Alive! What’s your favorite place to dive?

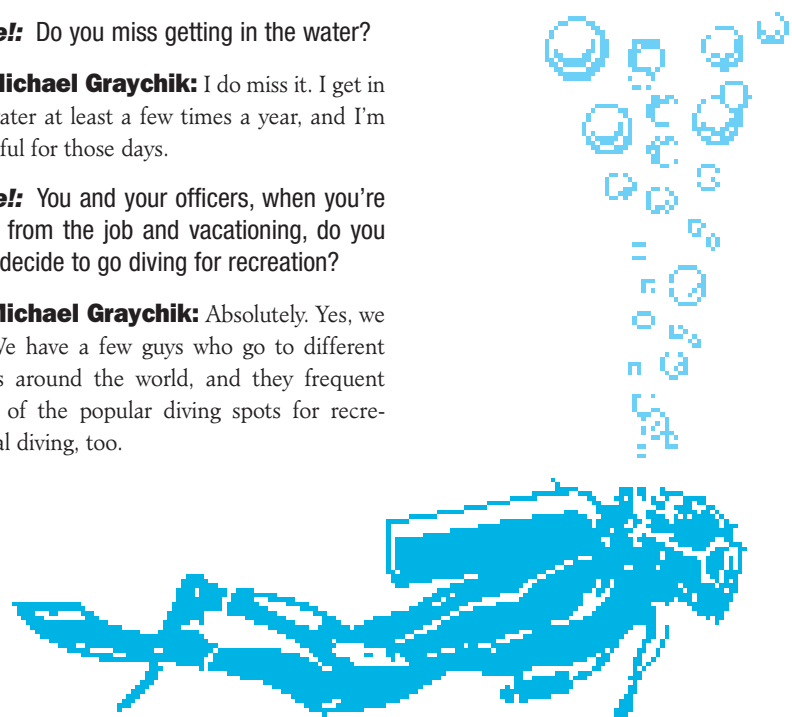
Lt. Michael Graychik: Lake Mojave. Lake Mojave’s my favorite place because that means I’m waterskiing and relaxing in the boat.

Alive! Thank you very much.

Lt. Michael Graychik: Sure. You’re welcome.



Rosario Ferrara operates the Port Police Dive Team vessel through the Los Angeles Harbor and out to sea.



Thanks for the Mail



■ Mail Services holds fifth annual appreciation day.

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

GENERAL SERVICES — The City's Mail Services team came out to enjoy their day of appreciation Jan. 25 in the Tom Bradley Room atop City Hall.

Opening remarks were delivered by Melody McCormick, Director, Facilities Management. Welcome remarks were by Aram Salmasi, Mail Services Division Manager; Tony M. Royster, Assistant General Manager; and General Manager Alvin Y. Blain.

Mail Services employees enjoyed their luck at winning the many prizes available (some donated by City Employees Club) while lunching on El Pollo Loco chicken.

Service pins and certificates were distributed. There was a moment of silence honoring former Mail Services employee Jerline Morgan, whose family came on her behalf. Special guest were ACEA Local 3090 and AFSCME.

Mail Services Division 2006 recipients of awards of merit were:

Service Pins:

- 10 year: Aram Salmasi
- 15 year: Margaret (Peggy) Moore
- 20 year: Brenda Nichols

Perfect Attendance:

- Jack Callies
- Napoleon Fuller
- Randy Gordon
- Michael Hammersley
- Ying (Ken) Mak
- David Meraz
- Jacobi Patterson
- David Pongvarin

Employee Recognition:

- Most Improved: Timothy Lam
- Dedicated Team Member: Randy Gordon
- Outstanding Customer Service: Jacobi Patterson
- Exemplary Employee: Cindy Serrano

Congratulations to everyone who keeps the mail moving in the City! And thanks to Aram Salmasi for assisting in this story.



From left: Councilman Dennis Zine, Club Member; Aram Salmasi, Mail Services Division Manager; Randy Gordon, Most Dedicated Team Member Award Recipient; Tony M. Royster, Assistant General Manager, Club Member; Timothy Lam, Most Improved Team Member Award Recipient; Jacobi Patterson, Outstanding Customer Service Award Recipient; and Cindy Serrano, Exemplary Employee Award Recipient.



Opening remarks were delivered by Melody McCormick, Facilities Management Director.



Standing, from left: Kevin Ward, Messenger Clerk, Club Member; Regino Sarabia, Messenger Clerk; Espie Reynoso, Messenger Clerk; and Jacobi Patterson, Delivery Driver. Seated: Timothy Lam, Delivery Driver; Napoleon Fuller, Delivery Driver, Club Member; and Gus Cortez, Delivery Driver.



Standing, from left: Rick Brown, Mail Services Driver; and Ken Mak, Clerk. Seated, from left: Peggy Moore, Messenger Clerk, Club Member; Maryanne Ruiz, Clerk; Angelia Stovall, Principal Clerk; and Randy Gordon, Clerk, Club Member.



David Meraz proudly holds his watch donated by the City Employees Club of Los Angeles.



Cake was provided for everyone to enjoy.



From left, Jerline Morgan's family: Rosalind Hale, daughter; Jessica Nunez, family friend, with her two-year-old daughter, Naomi; and Latisha Tate, granddaughter of Jerline Morgan.



Brenda Nichols, Messenger Clerk.



From left: Jack Callies, Deliver Driver I; Cindy Serrano, Deliver Driver; Terry Brummund, Deliver Driver; and David Meraz, Deliver Driver II.



Ken Mak proudly holds his watch, donated by the City Employees Club of Los Angeles.



From left: Ernest Bernal, Delivery Driver I; and Maria Cibrario, Clerk.



Councilman Dennis Zine, Club Member, came to personally voice his appreciation.



From left: Steven Hess, Delivery Driver; David Pongvarin, Delivery Driver III; Michael Hairston, Delivery Driver; and Mike Hammersley, Deliver Driver.

Congratulations to the 2006 Award of Merit recipients:

Service Pins:



Aram Salmasi, 10 year.

Peggy Moore, 15 year.

Brenda Nichols, 20 year.

Perfect Attendance:



Jack Callies

Napoleon Fuller

Randy Gordon



Michael Hammersley

Ken Mak

David Meraz



Jacobi Patterson



David Pongvarin

Employee Recognition:



Timothy Lam: Most Improved Team Member



Randy Gordon, Dedicated Team Member



Jacobi Patterson, Outstanding Customer Service



Cindy Serrano, Exemplary Employee

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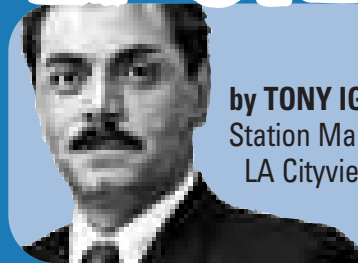
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- Assistance with getting welfare
- Legal assistance (TRO's etc.)
- Medical Services



Tuned



by **TONY IGHANI**
Station Manager,
LA Cityview 35



Expansion of Cable Providers Could Affect LA Cityview 35

California recently passed legislation that would allow phone companies including Verizon compete directly with the traditional cable television giants like Time Warner. The law was meant to help consumers by creating meaningful and direct competition. While that remains to be seen, what is clear is that the new laws will have significant impact on community channels like LA Cityview 35. By early 2009, when all the milestones of the new laws have been reached, community access channels will have a dramatically different landscape in terms of the way they are governed, funded and programmed. Our hope here at LA Cityview 35 is that the decision makers in our City continue to support the local community channels as they have for years, for they recognize the great impact local programming has on neighborhoods and members of the community. It is through the local access channels such a LA Cityview that members of the community can actually tune in to see what their government is doing, motivating them to get involved. Stay tuned as more develops. Meanwhile, enjoy this month's program lineup.

Programming Highlights in March:

LA Roundtable

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger recently paid a visit to the LA Cityview 35 studio for a one-on-one interview with KCAL 9's Political Reporter, Dave Bryan. The two covered far-ranging topics including the state of the economy, health care reform, infrastructure renewal, political reform, the environment, and the controversial recordings of his staff meetings. Following the interview, Dave moderated a bipartisan panel of advisers and strategists to discuss and dissect the governor's agenda for the state.

Chick Talk

Created and moderated by Los Angeles City Controller Laura Chick, "Chick Talk" is LA Cityview 35's monthly talk show featuring intelligent women discussing a wide range of issues directly affecting Angelenos and Americans at large. Past hot-button topics include illegal immigration, hazing and harassment in the Los Angeles Fire Department, the state of our schools, living wage, homelessness, and women holding the Chief Executive Office.

Viewers are invited to call in and join in the conversation during the original live broadcast set for Thursday, March 22, at 7 p.m. Just call toll free at (888) 846-6066.

LA Business Confidential

On this edition of "LA Business Confidential," we highlight the 12th Annual MED (Minority Enterprise Development) Week Awards, presented by the Los Angeles Minority Business Opportunity Center (LA MBOC). The gala event was held at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel, where 15 outstanding minority-owned businesses, and those assisting these businesses received special recognition for their outstanding work and contributions to the LA economy.

Inside the LAPD

Hosted by Mary Grady, Public Information Director for the Los Angeles Police Department, "Inside the LAPD" is LA Cityview's weekly series that delves behind the scenes of our City's police force. This month, Mary gives us a close-up look at the LAPD K-9 Unit; the LAPD Pistol Team; and LAPD's Central Station.

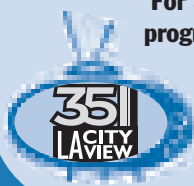
Disability Forum

On Thursday, March 29, from 7 to 7:30 p.m., "Disability Forum" becomes interactive with a special live telecast! The topic for the show is *Health Care and Persons with Disabilities* and will feature two outstanding experts in the field: Linda Loera, from the Center for Health Care Rights, and Brenda Premo, from the Western University of Health Sciences. They will discuss the state of healthcare for persons with disabilities in Los Angeles, the impact of the President's Medicare reforms, and healthcare initiatives being proposed by the State Legislature. We know this will be an opportunity you won't want to miss, so be sure to tune in and participate in the dialogue by calling (888) 846-6066.

EarthTalk Today

Hosts Peter Kreitler and Alexandra Paul are joined by Dr. Dale Kiefer, Oceanographer and Professor of Biology at USC, to discuss the alarming state of the world's oceans. Addressing devastating ecological concerns including nutrient runoff, coral reef bleaching, exhausted or seriously depleted protein resources – the combined effect of pollution, over-industrialization, over-fishing, among a host of other causes – Dr. Kiefer offers up possible solutions to reverse the trends that are placing our world on the brink of ecological disaster.

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



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Contact Tony with your questions: channel35@cityemployeesclub.com
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New York Mets	Thur 7/19 at 7:10pm	\$20
Arizona Diamondbacks	Sun 8/5 at 1:10pm	
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Fight for Life

■ LAPD takes on the NYPD in 13th annual boxing match for pride ... and a good cause.

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

POLICE DEPT. — On Jan. 12, L.A.'s bravest and finest duked it out with the NYPD to knock out cancer. The annual boxing match was held at the Quiet Cannon in Montebello.

This exciting night of boxing, which raised funds for the City of Hope, pitted members of the boxing teams from the Los Angeles Police Department against their fellow officers from the New York Police Department. These local heroes put their pride – and their chins – on the line in front of a capacity crowd of boxing enthusiasts. The night of great fights and knockout action featured numerous weight classes.

Our LAPD toughs dominated the evening, winning six of the nine bouts. The event was sold out. The National Anthem was sang by Rosalind Curry, and a ten-count followed to honor and recognize fallen officers. The evening was also a special tribute to Sheriff Deputy Jerry Ortiz.

More than that \$40,000 was raised, thanks to the dedication of the Fight for Life committee, the event's sponsors and all who came out for the event, especially those who stepped into the ring. Proceeds will benefit City of Hope's lifesaving research, treatment and education programs.

Here's a list of the participating boxers, with an asterisk noting the winners:

NYPD

David Siev (coach)

- Antoine Beecham* vs.
- Joe Del Sole* vs.
- Rodney Guitonez vs.
- Abraham Ahmed vs.
- Thomas Miserandino vs.
- Dan Burke vs.
- Louie Lopez* vs.
- Flavio Rodriguez vs.
- Mike Russo vs.

LAPD

Rudy Barragan (coach)

- Paul Espinoza, North East Div.
- Jose Arellano, Van Nuys
- Jimmy Ramirez, Central Div.*
- Tom Datro, Training Div.*
- Rahssan Fobbs, Pacific Narcotics*
- John Negrete, Hollywood*
- Ray Lara Jr., San Gabriel PD
- Ivan Guillermo*
- Frank Diaz, Newton*



All smiles, from left: First Assistant Chief and Club Member James P. McDonnell; Officer Jimmy Ramirez, Central; Officer Ray Lara Jr., San Gabriel PD, taking a playful jab; Officer Paul Espinoza, North East Division; LAPD Chief William Bratton; Officer Tom Datro, Training Division; and Officer III Cleon Joseph, Training Division.



From left: First Assistant Chief of Police James P. McDonnell, Club Member; Officer Ivan Guillermo; LAPD Chief William Bratton; Trish Devine, Director of Development at City of Hope; and Patrol Officer Ray Lara Jr., San Gabriel PD.



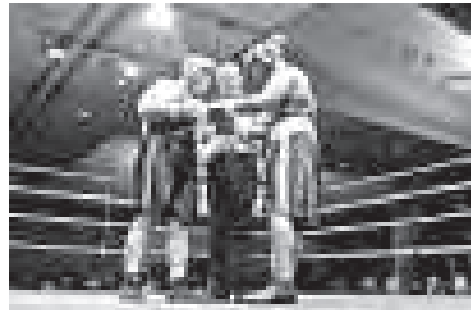
Police Officer II John Negrete, Hollywood, flashes a smile and a fist, ready for his novice bout against Dan Burke.



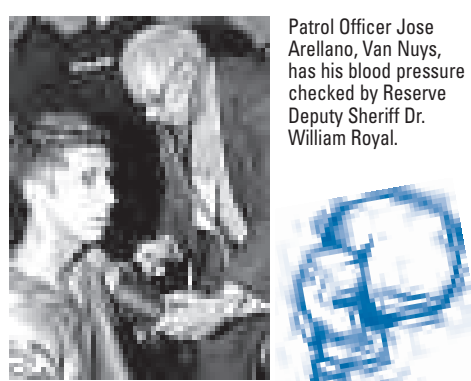
From left: Capt. Andrew Smith, Commanding Officer Central Community Police Station, Club Member, with his boxer, Officer Jimmy Ramirez, who started a winning streak for the night.



From left: Andrea Esquivel, PSR II, Club Member; Sara Wieck, PSR II, Club Member; Monique Carillo, PSR II; Mynerva Gramillo, Police Officer II, South West Division; and Dina Ramirez, PSR III, Club Member.



Listening for their last-minute instructions from Referee Pat Conley were, from left: NYPD Officer Thomas Miserandino and LAPD Officer Rahssan Fobbs, Pacific.



Patrol Officer Jose Arellano, Van Nuys, has his blood pressure checked by Reserve Deputy Sheriff Dr. William Royal.



From left: LAPD Officer Diane Alonzo, cancer survivor, with James P. McDonnell, First Assistant Chief of Police, Club Member.



From left: Marisa Lujan, PSR III, Club Member; Sergio Melendez, SMO, Club Member; and Maria Coronado, PSR II.



The National Anthem was sung by Rosalind Curry.



Officer Paul Espinoza, North East Division, has his heart rate checked prior to his bout by Reserve Deputy Sheriff Dr. William Royal.



Officer Rahssan Fobbs, LAPD Pacific Narcotics, gets checked out by Reserve Deputy Sheriff Dr. William Royal.



From left: Capt. William Murphy, Commanding Officer, Training Division, with his winning boxer, Officer Tom Datro.



From left: Tammy Lindquist, PSR III, Club Member; Yvette Salazar, PSR III, Club Member; and Karen Koukal, PSR III.



Officer John Negrete, Hollywood Division, was happy to share his winning moment with his father, Ignacio Negrete.



From left: Patrol Capt. Fabian E. Lizarraga, Van Nuys Community Police Station, officers his congratulations on a winning bout to Officer Ivan Guillermo, alongside Joe Valverde of Valverde Construction Co.



Training Officer Frank Diaz, Newton Division, is congratulated for winning the last bout of the evening by James P. McDonnell, First Assistant Chief of Police, Club Member.

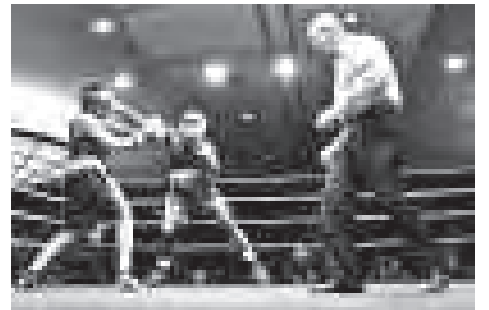


"Cutman" Carlos Vargas, LAFD EMT, comes to the aid of LAPD Officer Ivan Guillermo.



Officer Tom Datro from Training Division manages a smile while having his blood pressure checked by Reserve Deputy Sheriff Dr. William Royal.

"Cutman" Carlos Vargas, LAFD EMT.



North East Officer Paul Espinoza takes a hit from NYPD Officer Antoine Beecham as Referee Pat Conley looks on.



From left: Anita Whited, Sr. Supervisor PSR I, Club Member; Susana Reynoso, PSR II, Club Member; Nikki Campbell, PSR II, Club Member; Bernadette Rendon, guest; and D'Arcy Schroeder, PSR II, Club Member.

Two Retire from Airport Police

■ Veterans Lawrence Johnson, holder of Badge No. 1, and Willie Roy say goodbye to the beat.

Story by Officer Belinda Nettles, Public Information Officer, Airport Police
Photos courtesy Airport Police

AIRPORTS — Two of the most well-liked and respected security officers at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) recently said goodbye after completing a total of 67 years of City service.

The retiring officers, Lawrence Johnson and Willie Roy, celebrated the occasion at LAX's Proud Bird Restaurant Jan. 19.

Johnson, also known as "L. J.," is one of the three original security officers at LAX. He is the proud holder of Badge Number 1, the first badge issued to an LAX security officer. When L. J. joined the security staff in 1975, he was one of 16 officers assigned to the three then-wooden posts at LAX.

"When I first arrived," L. J. recalled, "Identification checks were confirmed by visual examination and verbal questioning. The posts were without amenities, so the officers took their personal breaks every four hours." Today, 200 officers are assigned to 18 concrete and bullet-proof posts now equipped with heating and air-conditioning units, refrigerators, microwave ovens and state-of-the-art identification systems.

"L. J. is the epitome of a first-class professional security officer," said Lt. Arthur Rosby, his supervisor. "He is always punctual, alert, vigilant, courteous and knowledgeable and never a complainer. He accepted all types of assignment and

was always available to the department when he was needed."

His achievements include being recognized four times by Los Angeles World Airports for perfect attendance and the recipient of the City of Inglewood's Model Citizen award. He is a veteran, serving in the United States Army for four years. L. J. has been married to his wife, Cynthia, for 22 years.

Security Officer Roy began his career as an Airport Security Officer in 1980 after entering City service in 1972. His supervisors and fellow officers consider him as one of the most dedicated security officers at LAX. Roy is known for his efficient handling of the Airport Police's LAX Impound Lot, where he has been assigned for many years.

"A dedicated employee, supportive and loving family man, Roy cared for his first wife, who was terminally ill for many months," said Sgt. Alicestine Miller.

Roy has been married to his present wife, Verna, a Senior Clerk Typist with the LAFD, for two years. Roy served in the United States Navy for six years, receiving the Loyalty Award.

Alive! congratulates L.J. and Roy for their great City service, and wishes them pleasant retirements.



From left: Security Officers Lawrence Johnson and Willie Roy; James T. Butts Jr., Los Angeles World Airports, Deputy Executive Director of Law Enforcement and Protection Services; and Brian A. Walker, Chief of Los Angeles World Airports Police.



From left: Security Officer Willie Roy, Club Member; and Security Officer Lawrence Johnson.



From left: Lt. Arthur Rosby and Security Officer Lawrence Johnson.

Friday, March 16, 2007 St. Patrick's Day Celebration

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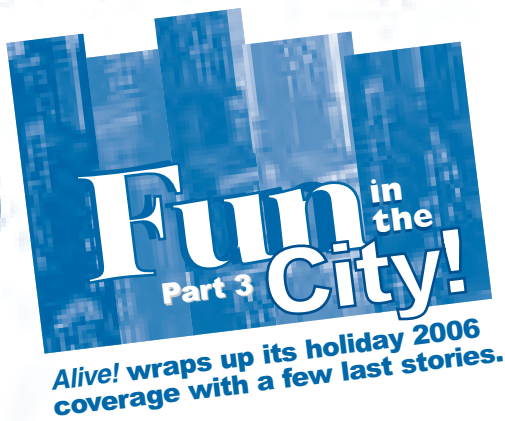
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Sandra Gibbs, PW Street Services, 19 years.



From left: William A. Robertson, Director of Street Services Public Works; JoAnn Richards; and Glenn Reichert (Santa), Street Services Supervisor II.



Sonia Holquin, Clerk Typist, 1 year.

Street Services' First Holiday Dinner

■ Street Services throws its first holiday dinner.

Photos by Gary Gsell, Superintendent II, Street Services

PUBLIC WORKS — The Bureau of Street Services hosted its first holiday dinner Dec. 1 at the Ahmanson Center in Los Angeles.

Employees enjoyed a great evening of food, dancing and raffles. All who attended had a wonderful evening dancing the night away!

The Club congratulates all in Street Services who put together your first holiday dinner. We're predicting it won't be your last! Special thanks to Debra Verin, Training Coordinator, Bureau of Street Services, Personnel Section, 22 years, for her assistance in producing this article.



From left: Joaquin Cano, Maintenance Laborer, 7 years; Melinda Barnette, Maintenance Laborer, and Debra Verin, Management Analyst II, 22 years.



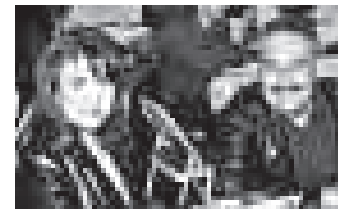
William A. Robertson, Director; Ron Olive, Assistant Director; Nazario Saucedo, Assistant Director; and Santa (Glenn Reichert, Street Services Supervisor II).



Darnell Lucky and guest, PW Street Services, HH Carpenter.



Laura and Jim Brosius, Street Services Supervisor II, 21 years.



Gilbert Pedroza, Street Services Superintendent 1 36 years, and his wife.



Liza Navarro, Street Services, System Analyst II, 23 years, and her husband.



Khond Young and Michael Holmes, Lot Cleaning Superintendent, 26.5 years.

Ontario's Holiday Heroes

■ LA Ontario Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Safety Officers are holiday heroes to 170 children.

Story and photos by Harold Johnson, LA Ontario Public Affairs

AIRPORTS — LA/Ontario International Airport (ONT) hosted more than 170 children from the Ontario Homework Enrichment Reading and Outreach (Hero) Club, and the Upland Partnership for Youth Development at a Dec. 14 holiday party that included a traditional holiday dinner, entertainment, gifts and a visit from Santa Claus, who arrived by helicopter. The Hero Club and the Upland Partnership for Youth Development are non-profit organizations that provide after-school services for children.

LA Ontario's Holiday Heroes program began in 2002 when Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Safety Officers David Duncan and Bill Nugent led the effort to "adopt" children from areas surrounding the airport.

"We gave away more than 500 toys this year," Duncan said. "Each child received at least three presents from Santa Claus at the party held at the airport's fire station."

"RBI Toys in Ontario and Toys R Us in Fontana gave us a huge donation, and Mattel Toys in Pomona gave us a huge discount," Duncan added. "The rest of the toys were donated by airport employees. The airport and surrounding business communities really get involved."

The Sounds of Seasons, a group that sings holiday carols, sang for the children while they ate and waited for Santa.

After Santa arrived, airport staff handed out gifts and took a photo of each child with Santa.

Airport vendor CA One Services (Delaware North Companies) donated food for the event, including hot dogs, macaroni and cheese, drinks, potato chips, cookies and cupcakes.

Other donors included Disney, Draper Mortuary, Mimi's Café, Scandia Amusement Park, the Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific, Rancho Cucamonga Quakes, and Friends of Ontario Airport.



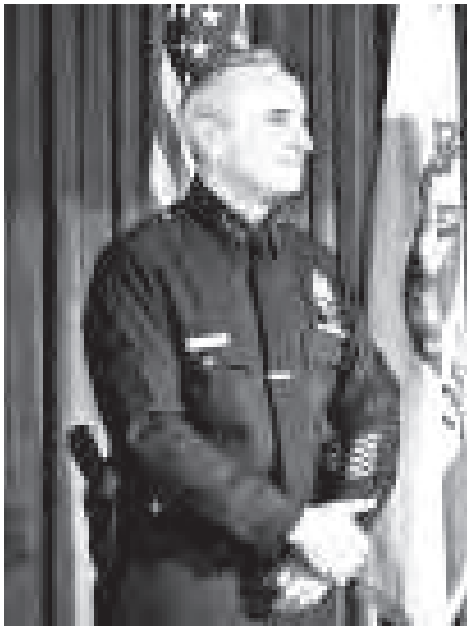
LA/Ontario International Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting officers Bill Nugent and Cliff Duckett greet two children. The child on the left is wearing a doctor-ordered mask after having a successful kidney transplant last year that caused him to miss last year's Holiday Heroes party. He asked his doctor for permission to attend this event and promised to not eat or drink, and to wear the mask. LA Ontario officers visited him after surgery, bringing a bicycle and other gifts, transportation passes and food items to assist in his recovery.



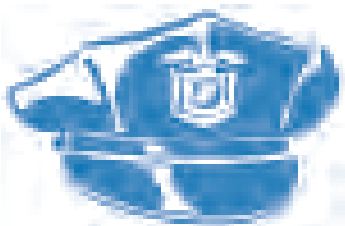
Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting Officer Mike Garzon poses with the children.



LA/Ontario International Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting officers Bill Nugent, left, and David Duncan tell children visiting for the Holiday Heroes Party the rules for the event — "have fun, do whatever you want, eat as much as you want, and when you get inside there are a bunch of tables and you can sit wherever you want."



Chief William Bratton happily waits on the next pin recipient.



Police Pins

■ LAPD honors 25-year veterans at an honorary pin ceremony.

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

POLICE DEPT. — More than 50 LAPD sworn and civilian employees received their 25-year pin to commemorate their years of dedicated service. (Names were provided of only those present at the event). The event took place Jan. 25 at the Parker Center Auditorium.

Chief William Bratton mentioned the 1980s when these careers started and what he called extraordinary and exciting times. Some of the events that took place: the 1984 Olympics, Pope John Paul II's visit in 1987, and technology that came along the way.

Thanks to Sue Gordon, Commanding Officer, LAPD Personnel Division, and Kathy Sheehan for their assistance.



Commander Kirk Albanese.



Capt. II Jeffrey Greer.



Lt. II Thomas McMullen.



Lt. II Tia Morris, Professional Standards Bureau.



Lt. II Kelly Mulldorfer, Office of Operations.



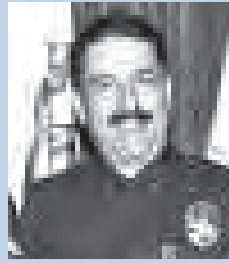
Lt. I Leonard Cross, Juvenile Division.



Lt. I Ruben De La Torre, Public Information.



Lt. I Ernest Matsumoto, Narcotics Division.



Lt. I Roger Mora, Southwest.



Lt. I Cindy Benes, Northeast.



Lt. I Bryan Wong, Northeast.



Lt. I Russell Wong.



Det. III Michael Bauers, Newton.



Det. III Jesus Valle, Newton.



Det. III John Zambos, Southeast.



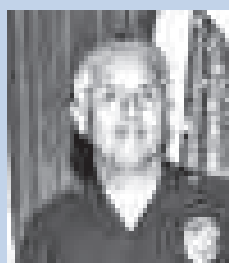
Det. II Peter Lopez, Pacific.



Det. II David Parra, Narcotics.



Det. I Craig Miller.



Det. I John Padilla, Hollywood.



Det. II Vincent Balderrama.



Management Analyst II Thanh Nha Dunkle, Metropolitan Division, Club Member.



Management Analyst II Marilyn Moore, Risk Management, Club Member.



Management Analyst II Diana Felszeghy, Narcotics.



Systems Analyst II Bill Kearney, Audit Division.



Management Analyst I Annette Arredondo.



Management Analyst I Donna Munoz.



Sgt. II Robert Heredia, Professional Standards Bureau.



Sgt. II Gregory Valenti, Risk Management.



Sgt. I Timothy O'Gorman, 77th Station.



Officer III Julie Boyer, Hollywood.



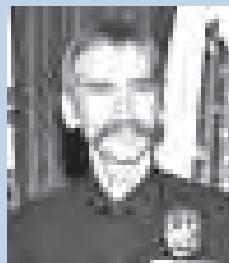
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Officer III Sean Hart, Rampart Station.



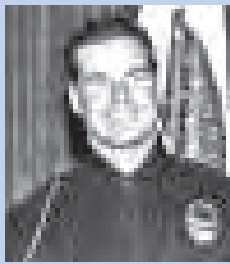
Officer III Salvador Jaramillo.



Officer III James Stepan, Training Division.



Officer II Howard Chan, West Traffic Division.



Officer II Michael Goldstein, West Traffic Division.



Senior Police Service Representative I Anita Ali, Communications, Club Member.



Senior Police Service Representative I Rhonda Johnson



Forensic Print Specialist III Caron Frenkel, Scientific Investigation Division.



Senior Equipment Mechanic Frank Abel, Motor Transport Division.



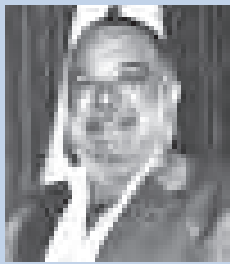
Senior Equipment Mechanic Michael Goodrich, Motor Transport Division.



Police Service Representative III Carmen Shannon, Club Member.



Police Service Representative II Deborah Paiz, Harbor Area, Club Member.



Equipment Mechanic William Evains, Motor Transport Div., Club Member.



Equipment Mechanic Keith Moore, Motor Transport Division.



Jacqueline Burrough, Clerk Typist.



Barbara Jackson Moore, Clerk Typist, Personnel Division.



Valerie Johnson, Clerk Typist, Southwest Area, Club Member.



Kathryn Quainoo, Clerk Typist, Personnel Division.



Veda Simms, Clerk Typist, Club Member.

History Comes Alive!

Tales From the City Archives

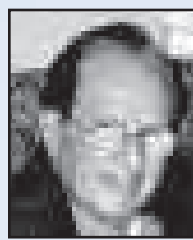
by Hynda Rudd,
City Archivist (Retired),
and Club Member



The Enlightened City

■ Guest columnist Eddy Feldman traces the history of street lighting in the City.

This month's guest columnist is Eddy S. Feldman. Eddy has been a practicing civil attorney since 1941. From 1958 to 1974, he had been the managing director of the Los Angeles Mart. During Mayor Sam Yorty's administration, 1962-73, Eddy was president and a serving member of the Board of Municipal Arts Commissioners.



Eddy S. Feldman,
author of this article.

Eddy's interest in writing a book on the streetlights of Los Angeles stems from his experience on that Board, having to evaluate and choose from various examples of street light fixtures for the city of Los Angeles.

In Genesis in the Bible, it is written that God created light to separate the earth from darkness, and God saw that it was good. So it would appear that more light should bring more good.

When I published a little book on street lighting in Los Angeles in 1972, I observed that there were 185,000 streetlights in the City. The Bureau of Street Lighting told me that there are now some 220,000 light standards in place (leaving still another one-third of the City still to be lighted). This is really a stupendous number, and there is nothing quite like the lighting system of Los Angeles anywhere else in the world in size and quality. Arriving on a night flight into LAX is a thrilling experience.

Of course, it was not always like this in Los Angeles. In the pueblo days, when the sun went down it was really dark. Harris Newmark, prominent wholesale grocer and revered historian, recorded of later days, in *Sixty Years in Southern California, 1853-1913*, that:

"What made these [early] street conditions more trying was the fact that on hot days roads and sidewalks were devoid of shade, except for that furnished by a few scattered trees or an occasional projecting veranda; while at night (if I except the illumination from the few lanterns suspended in front of barrooms and stores) thoroughfares were altogether unlighted. In those nights of dark streets and still darker tragedies, people rarely went out unless equipped with candle-burning lanterns, at least until camphene was imported by my brother, after which this was brought into general use. Stores were lighted in the same manner: first with candles, then with camphene and finally with coal-oil, during which period of advancement lamps replaced cruder contrivances."

The City Council required by ordinance that:

"Every owner or occupant of every store, hotel, barroom or public house of any kind, and also each and every person occupying a house having two rooms or more facing the street, shall hang a light outside of the door of his or their building, the first two and one half hours of every dark night, under penalty of two dollars for the first offense and five dollars for each subsequent offense."

However, historian J.M. Guinn noted that later, when the price of gas fell:

"The citizens, proud of the cosmopolitan airs the city was assuming, banished lanterns from their house fronts and on streets where the glimmer of the gas failed to penetrate, the belated pedestrian groped his way homeward in darkness. The collapsed condition of the city's exchequer did not permit of a line of lampposts on each side of the street, nor any in the middle of the blocks. If the first lamp was on the northeast corner of a cross street the next would be at the southwest corner of the second cross street and so on zigzagging down the street.

"Although the city was outgrowing its olden-times methods and customs and becoming modernized, the caballero – the horseman – was still in evidence on the streets. For a pedestrian to have to carry a step ladder to light the street lamps when a horse could be substituted for the ladder would have been humiliating to the proud spirit of the *dons*. A boy of 15 or 16 years had secured the contract from the council to light the lamps. He had trained his horse for the work. Starting out from the Plaza on the gallop the horse would halt at the first lamppost, the rider standing in his stirrups quickly lighted the lamp, at a touch or signal from his master the horse was off on a run for the

Still, not everybody was thrilled. According to Boyle Workman (*The City That Grew*, 1932):

"There were many objections voiced to electricity. It was said to be a menace to ladies' complexions, to be bad for the eyes, producing color blindness. It was accused of causing optical illusions, of magnifying objects. Chicken owners were warned that the light would keep their chickens awake. And it was condemned as a costly experiment."

Those first light standards were quite simple and completely functional in design. But in 1905 Broadway between First Street and the intersection with Main Street was lighted by the City's first incandescent ornamental system. This installation supported enthusiastically by the business community consisted of 135 posts, each equipped with six small glass globes enclosing a 16-candlepower lamp, and one large glass globe enclosing a 32-candlepower lamp. The lights burned until midnight with the exception of two at each intersection, which burned the entire night. It was compared favorably with New York City's Great White Way. You can see them in the Plaza and on Seventh Street between Figueroa and Flower.

With the rapid development of the city, Public Works recognized the need for concentrated attention. The Bureau of Street Lighting was established in 1925. Today the Bureau headquarters is housed in dramatic new facilities at the Department's recently acquired building at 1149 S. Broadway. It has 247 employees and a yearly budget of \$20 million.

And with the proliferation of the City's streets and neighborhoods, there has grown a proliferation of light standard designs – there are some 500 styles scattered about our town. At one time or another, styles ranged from those with arms and globes that resemble torches to arms and globes supported by dragon-like figures to sexy caryatids on Wilshire Boulevard in MacArthur Park (Sheila Klein's "Vermonica Street Lighting Sculpture" in a shopping mall parking lot at Santa Monica Boulevard and Vermont Avenue is composed from 25 of those styles).

The lighting sources have evolved, too. According to Ed Ebrahimi, the Bureau's director, the City has progressed from installing incandescent lamps, which must be replaced every six months, to mercury vapor in the 1950s and 1960s, to high-pressure sodium in the 1970s. The energy crises of the 1970s were a significant motivation to use less energy and save operating costs. The crises propelled the City's migration to the use of high pressure sodium lamps, which have significantly increased their efficiency and effectiveness.

Ed Ebrahimi told me that, for the first time ever, the Bureau has initiated the use of night crews to patrol the entire lighting system. Crews replace many of the lights that are no longer working (even before they are reported), observing and fixing most problems on the spot. Using current technology, the Bureau's field crews also receive information from the public via 3-1-1. Once a light-out is reported, the Bureau's repair crews have the task of making the fix the next day. In addition, the Bureau has started the deployment of a wireless, Web-based real-time incident reporting system for light outages. A sensor in each light standard auto-



The styles of Los Angeles street lighting on display at the Bureau of Street Lighting Museum, from an Alive! Department of the Month in December 2002.

matically detects the malfunction and reports the location back to the Bureau. The Bureau repairs approximately 50,000 streetlights each year.

Unfortunately, all this installation and maintenance may result in some ugliness: aged standards are cannibalized; non-ornamental cobra-headed standards are installed where they destroy the unity of design of ornamental systems; and advertising often hangs obtrusively and ominously on standards on principal boulevards throughout the City.

By the way, the use of those inoffensive but defenseless poles for advertising is not news. In the minutes of the Board of Municipal Art Commissioners appears the following:

"On Aug. 3, 1921, the Commission duly adopted a motion to the effect that the Board of Public Works and the Police Commission be advised this Commission is opposed to the placing of advertising matter on street lighting standards, or other structures over public property – it being their understanding that such advertising is prohibited by Ordinance No. 32.603 (New Series). On Aug. 17, 1921, the Art Commission received the assurance of the Police Commission that the provisions of this ordinance, prohibiting such advertising would be rigidly enforced."

More happily, the present administration appears to be devoted to preserving our attractive ornamental designs where they clearly define the neighborhood or street and add to their beauty and uniqueness. At the same time, the Bureau's own staff has even come up with its own original ornamental creations. Thus does Los Angeles follow the biblical direction by bringing us both light and good, with, in the words of John E. Fisher, Assistant General Manager of the Office of Transportation Operations, Transportation, "Enlightened Street Lighting."



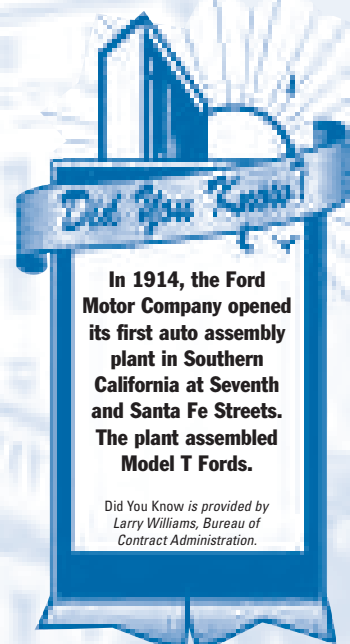
Club CEO John Hawkins (left) with Frank Sandoval at the Bureau of Street Lighting Museum, from an Alive! Department of the Month in December 2002.

next lamp and so on down the line, horse and man leaving a line of light behind them. The citizens were very proud of their lighting lamplighter and never failed to call the attention of visitors to their improved system of lamp-lighting."

However, in 1869, the *Los Angeles Star* did not share this pride:

"The gas lamps of the City have been so increased of late, we suppose, or we are a City of such magnificent distances between lamps, that one man on foot is no longer able to attend to the wants of our benighted citizens, and supply them with the effulgence emanating from the gasometers; consequently, we have our street illuminator rushing around the streets in the evening on horseback, lighting the lamps. The horse is already well trained to his duty, and rushes like a quarter horse from post to pillar. This is our substitute for lighting the City simultaneously by electricity."

The pressure was on, contracts were let, light standards were manufactured, and at 8:20 p.m. Dec. 30, 1881, the first two of six 150-foot masts carrying three arc lamps each were switched on by Mayor James R. Toberman.



In 1914, the Ford Motor Company opened its first auto assembly plant in Southern California at Seventh and Santa Fe Streets. The plant assembled Model T Fords.

Did You Know is provided by
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Contract Administration.



Graduates are pictured with Steven B. Johnson, Commanding Officer, Property Division and Assistant Chief Sharon Papa, Club Member.



Steven B. Johnson, Commanding Officer, Property Division (back), with Assistant Chief Sharon Papa, Club Member, and Property Officer Alicia Williams and her family.

New Property Officers

■ LAPD hosts badge ceremony for new Property Officers.

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

POLICE DEPT. — The LAPD hosted a badge ceremony for new Property Officers Jan. 25 in the Metropolitan Dispatcher Conference Room.

Welcome remarks were by Steven B. Johnson, Commanding Officer of the Property Division. Assistant Chief Sharon Papa addressed the attendees.

The administration of the oath and the presentation of the badges were performed by Police Administrator Sue Gordon, Commanding Officer of the Personnel Division. Closing remarks were delivered by Police Administrator Rhonda Sims-Lewis, Commanding Officer, Administrative and Technical Services Bureau.

Here are the graduates:

- Kenneth Akamine
- Salvador Apolonio
- Milan Barizo
- Debora Betancourt
- Braulio Diaz
- Jerry Earl
- Victor Encarnacion
- Nakia Jones
- Toneisha Lindsey
- Shannon Ma
- Leslie Mendoza
- Lillian Parker
- Quoc Tran
- Alicia Williams
- Jennifer Winn

Congratulations to the graduates, and thanks to Sheila Brooks-LeFridge for her assistance.



Kenneth Akamine, Property Officer, Club Member, with his parents, Susan and Don.

Congratulations to all the new graduates!



Kenneth Akamine, Property Officer, Club Member.



Salvador Apolonio, Property Officer.



Milan Barizo, Property Officer.



Debora Betancourt, Property Officer, Club Member.



Braulio Diaz, Property Officer.



Victor Encarnacion, Property Officer.



Nakia Jones, Property Officer.



Toneisha Lindsey, Property Officer.



Shannon Ma, Property Officer.



Leslie Mendoza, Property Officer.



Lillian Parker, Property Officer.



Quoc Tran, Property Officer.



Alicia Williams, Property Officer.



Jennifer Winn, Property Officer.



Victor Encarnacion, Property Officer, with (from left) his mother, Lily; wife, Josie; and father, Benny.

March of Dimes WalkAmerica 2007

Date: Saturday, April 28
Registration: 7:00 a.m.
Walk Begins: 8:00 a.m.
Location: In Griffith Park near the Carousel on Crystal Springs Drive

Help LAFCU support the March of Dimes...

Put your spare change in our lobby canisters 3/12/07 to 4/28/07, or sponsor a Los Angeles Federal Credit Union employee for the walk. Your donation will help the March of Dimes defeat birth defects!

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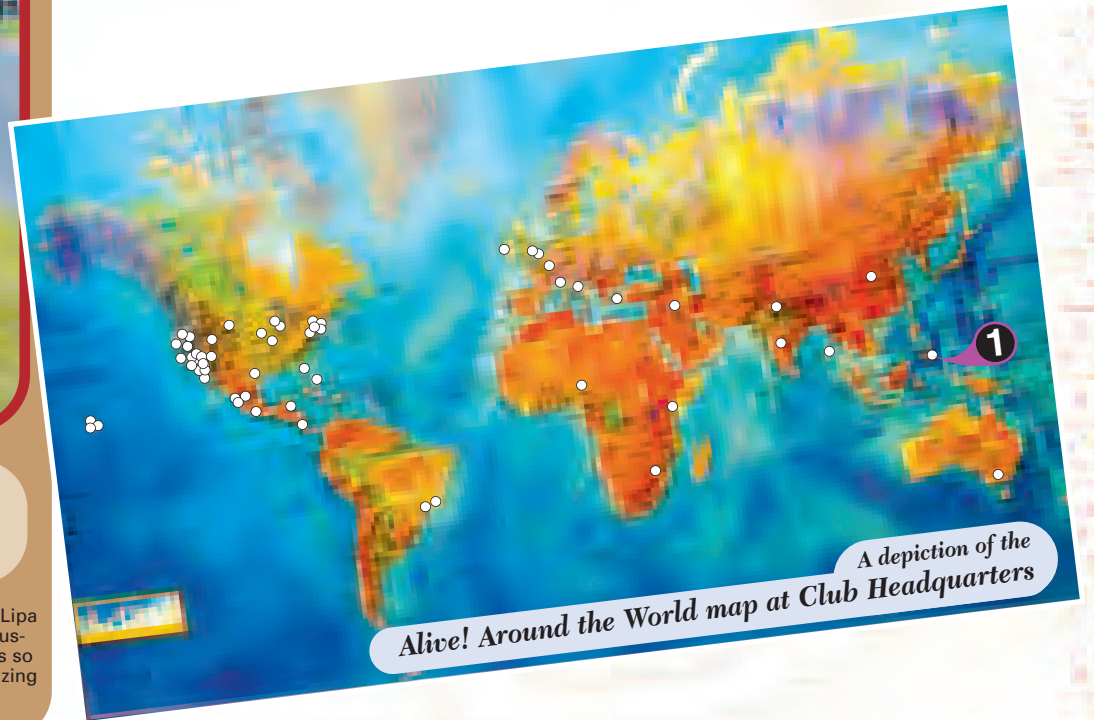
This photo, taken in Lipa City, Batangas, Philippines, is of Joseph and Zhenie Gutierrez. Joseph is Airports Maintenance Supervisor, Construction and Maintenance, Airports. Zhenie is a Maintenance Laborer, Construction and Maintenance, Airports.

— Joseph and Zhenie Gutierrez, Airports

John's comments: Thank you so much, Joseph! By the way, I did a little research on Lipa City and found that, in the late 1800s, Lipa became the world center of the coffee industry, helping it to become wealthiest and grandest city in the Philippines. In fact, it was so grand that its name was elevated to "Villa de Lipa" by Queen Maria of Spain, authorizing it to use the much-coveted coat of arms. Thanks again for sharing your travels!



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



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

Club Meeting a Festive Affair



■ Celebrating a great 2006 was the theme of the Club's 79th annual meeting, which carried a Mardi Gras flavor.



From left: The Club's Administrative Services Representative Lupe Medina and Member Services Counselor Arlene Herrero sport Mardi Gras masks.

CLUB HEADQUARTERS — "The theme for this year is 'Celebrate,' Club CEO John Hawkins told the enthusiastic attendees of the Club's 79th annual meeting, held Feb. 13 in the Tom Bradley Room atop City Hall. "We had a great 2006. There is so much to be thankful for, and proud of."

The Club's Board Chairman, Mike Biagi, Airports, listed the Club's great success:

- Club Membership now stands at 17,700, an increase of more than 1,200 since last year's annual meeting (an almost 7 percent increase);
- The Club reached 99.5 percent of its revenue goals, and the Insurance Services side reached 114 percent of its goal.
- Insurance in force held strong at \$2.14 billion
- Last year, *Alive!* published photos containing more than 10,000 City Employees and their families
- The Club launched a new Website, featuring transactions that are 40 percent faster and virtually 100 percent more secure
- A new rapid response team was set up to deliver responses to email inquires in no more than one hour during working hours, and no more than 12 hours during nonworking hours

"As always, the Association's staff continues to offer City Employees the ultimate in customer service, while at the same time celebrating their lives and work. It's what the Club is all about."

In other business at the Club Meeting, the Board was elected and sworn in. Members include:

- David Muraoka, LAPD, Secretary/Treasurer;
- Michael Leighton, General Services;
- Rita Robinson, Public Works;
- Michael Biagi, Chair, Airports;
- Maria Romasanta, DWP;
- Regner Globus, Vice Chairperson, Airports; and
- Robyn Barnes, Fire and Police Pensions.

Awards were also handed out. The award recipients were:

- Navin Cotton, a.k.a. the Club's Ticket Guy, won the President's Award, which goes to the year's outstanding Club staff member;
- Rose Hyland won the Chairman's Award, which goes to the year's outstanding Board Member; and
- Cheryl Power, DWP, won the Club Rep Award, which goes to the year's outstanding Club Rep.

And finally, the crowd bid adieu to Club Events Guru Michelle Moreno, who coordinated and produced the Club Meeting with Administrative Service Rep Lupe Medina. Events Guru Michelle Moreno left the Club two days after the annual meeting to embark on a 'round the world adventure.

Still, "Celebration" was the order of the day. "Let's make 2007 another stellar year!" Board Chair Mike Biagi announced to the crowd, which drew enthusiastic applause.



The Board is sworn in, from left: David Muraoka, Secretary/Treasurer, Principal Detention Officer, Van Nuys Jail; Michael Leighton, Board Member, Director of Publishing Services, General Services; Rita Robinson, Board Member, Director of the Bureau of Sanitation, Public Works; Michael Biagi, Chairperson, Chief, Landside Operations, Airports; Maria Romasanta, Board Member, Executive Assistant, DWP; Regner Globus, Vice Chairperson, Property Manager, Airports, and the Club's Chief Financial Officer Brian Trent, swearing in the board. Board Member Robyn Barnes, Senior Management Analyst, Fire and Police Pension System not shown.



Club President and CEO John Hawkins gives another one of his classic speeches.



Cheryl Power was presented with the Club Representative of the Year by Robert Larios, the Club's Director of Communications and Marketing.



Chairperson Michael Biagi awards Rose Hyland of the Club's Insurance Services Board with the Chairman's Award of the Year.



The President's Award went to Navin Cotton, a.k.a. the Ticket Guy.



John's Picture Perfect Contest



For March, we have four winners!

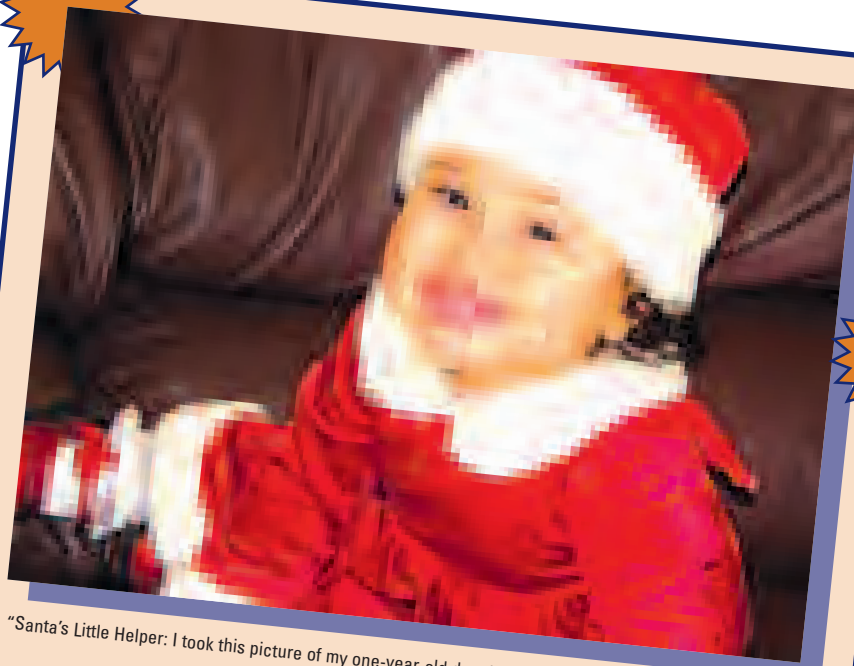
Start snapping today, and send us your best results!
Four winners will receive a \$25 Shell Gas Card.

WIN

FOUR PRIZES

\$25 Walmart Card

NEXT DEADLINE: April 15
Happy Snapping!



"Santa's Little Helper: I took this picture of my one-year-old daughter this past Christmas."

- Emily Isabel Zavala

John's comments: What a cute picture, Emily. This is the kind of shot you hope to capture for that perfect Christmas card!

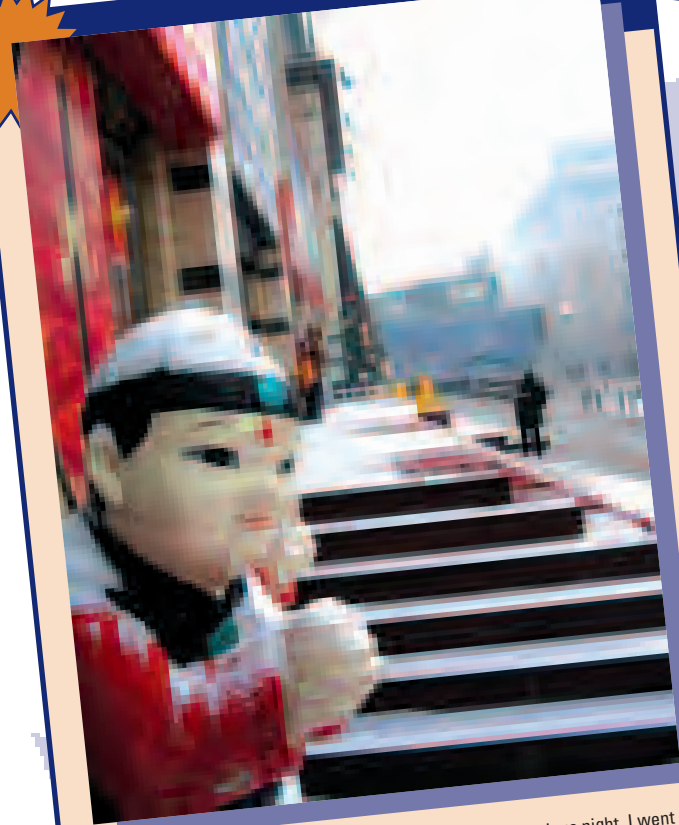


"This photo was taken by me with a digital camera on our trip to Canada. We paid to take a nature walk with wolves. The wolves are born in captivity, but they are still wolves. A little scary, especially when you sign the waiver that says they can attack and kill you and we are not responsible. But a great experience!"

- Antoinette Barrios,

Bureau of Engineering Architectural Division

John's comments: A little scary, indeed! That must have been truly amazing to be so close to an animal with such a frightening legacy. I keep picturing the wolves running through the trees in the movie Polar Express. Nice work, Antoinette!



"It was the day after Christmas and it had snowed the previous night. I went outside for an early morning stroll along Wangfujing Street and captured a tranquil moment at what is normally a very busy tourist destination. It was so cold outside that it started to snow again. What an unforgettable experience: my first white Christmas!"

- Yin Wong, Sr. Special Officer,
General Services Office of Public Safety

John's comments: I can't quite put my finger on it, but the way you captured the figurine with the snow, buildings and worker in the background makes everything look so intriguing. Thanks, Yin, for sharing your travels with us. (P.S.: I can almost imagine the figurine holding the latest edition of Alive!)



"This photo was taken just before Christmas at Fourth and Main Streets for a TV commercial. When I looked up, I saw Mr. Scrooge and I took his picture."

- George Cormany, LAPD

John's comments: I had to do a couple double takes on this one, George. Not only does it take you by surprise to see Scrooge, but then you see the camera man and crew....very surreal. Thanks for sharing this, George!

Runner Up:

Robbie Horvath, H.T.P. Mechanic

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 lives, 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, 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071
- 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.

Homeownership Opportunities Fair Feria de Oportunidades Para Compradores de Vivienda



**Saturday, March 24, 2007
Sábado 24 de Marzo del 2007
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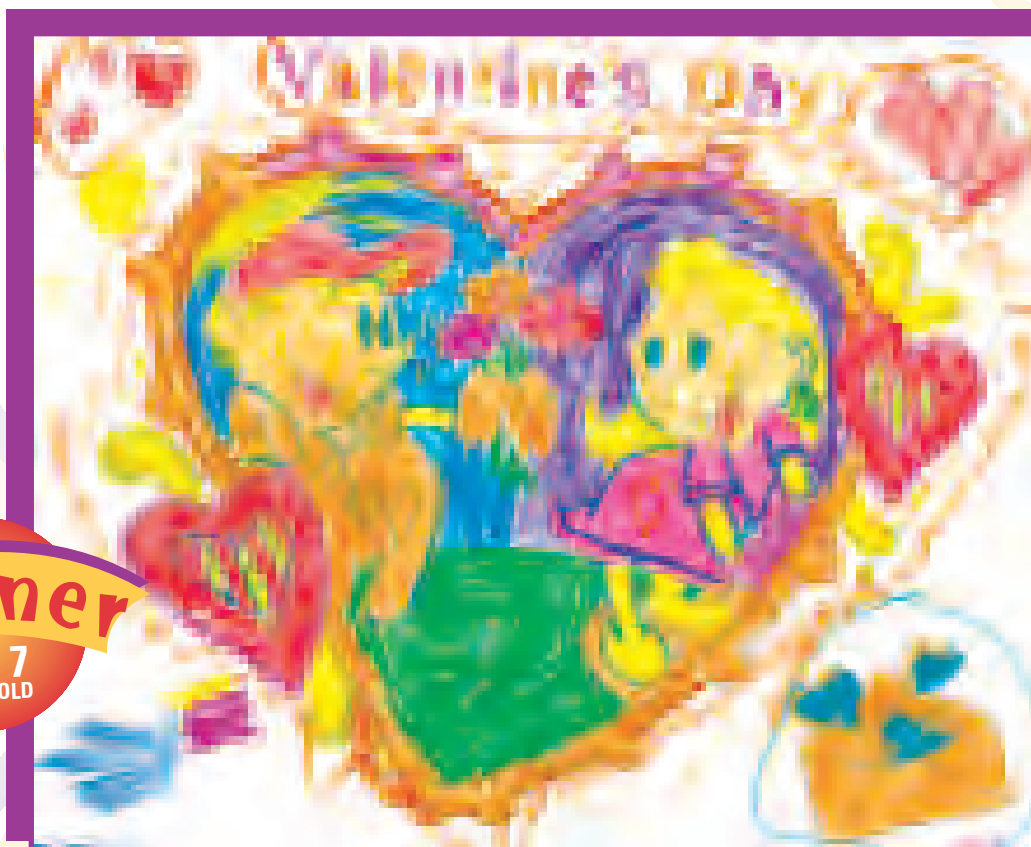
Congratulations to the WINNERS! of our Club Coloring Contest!

Congratulations to the winners of *Alive!*'s last coloring contest. Everyone who turned in a design is a winner in our opinion! But our top four participants win four Free tickets to Amusement Park of Your Choice.

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

A Mendez-Molina, 5

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Hannah Montana"
 • FAVORITE SNACK: Fruit
 • BEST FRIEND: Sierra
 • WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: Disneyland - because I haven't been there since I was a baby and the tickets cost a lot.
 • PARENT: Nickle M. Mendez, Fleet Services



Winner
6 to 7
YEARS OLD

Alexis Strouse, 6

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Sponge Bob" • FAVORITE SNACK: Bananas and yogurt • BEST FRIEND: Maddie
 • WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: Legoland - because all of the rides are made of legos.
 • PARENT: Michael Strouse, M. Analyst



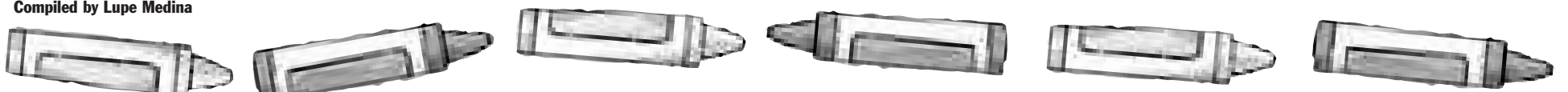
Regina Mendez, 10

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Sponge Bob Squarepants"
 • FAVORITE SNACK: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich
 • BEST FRIEND: Mirka
 • WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: Six Flags and Disneyland - because I always wanted to go there and get on rides.
 • PARENT: Jorge Mendez, DWP

Winner
8 to 10
YEARS OLD

Honorable Mention

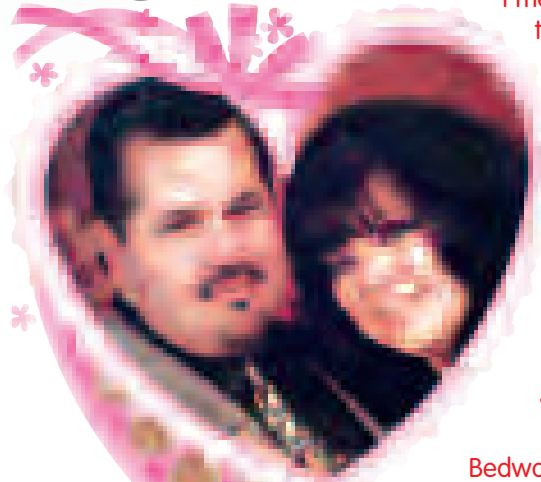
CHILD	AGE	PARENT/GUARDIAN	DEPT
Jorge A. Castro III	age 3	Norma Cibrian	Transportation
Jordan Ream	age 3	David Ream	LAPD
Eyon Aceytuno	age 4	Melody McCormick	General Services
Mia R. Brown	age 4	Daven Rohaly	Library
Erika Christian	age 4	Kemia Thomas	Transportation
Peter T. Otoshi	age 4	John T. Otoshi	DWP
Hyrum Vara	age 4	David Vara	DWP
Lauren Zordilla	age 4	Katie Zordilla	DWP
Alex Aceytino	age 5	Melody McCormick	General Services
Kathryn Allen	age 5	Thomas Allen II	Airports
Alberto Alvarado	age 5	Alberto Alvarado	Rec. and Parks
Danielle Avila	age 5	Cathy Bushey	LAPD
Haley Perez	age 5	April Perez	Convention Center
Kaela Dutton	age 5	Dalan Dutton	DWP
Kate Gabon	age 5	Jose Gabon	DWP
Isabelle Garcia	age 5	Julissa Garcia	Library
Kara Hillman	age 5	Steve Hillman	General Services
Aislin Hoerricks	age 5	Kenneth Hoerricks	LAPD
Maya Horvath	age 5	Robert Horvath	Mechanic
Jaya Jacob	age 5	Melanie Jacob	Harbor
Sammi Moore	age 5	Bernadette Reyes	Airports
Kimberly Ochoa	age 5	Mario Ochoa	Animal Services
Alexa Rosales	age 5	Alexander Rosales	DWP
Isaac Truong	age 5	Richard Truong	City Clerk
Jordan Wallace	age 5	Jessie L. Wallace	Retired
Viviana Arredondo	age 6	Jaime Arredondo	Airports
Alexis Hernandez	age 6	Jose Hernandez	Equip Mech
James Kishiyama	age 6	Greg Kishiyama	LAPD
Nathan Lam	age 6	Peter Lam	Retired
Layla Lopez	age 6	Johnny Lopez	A/C Mech.
Jolene Soliman	age 6	Bernadette Reyes	Airports
Daniela Tapia	age 6	Daniel Tapia	DWP
Joseph Vara	age 6	David Vara	DWP
Ava Q. Zordilla	age 6	Emil Zordilla	Harbor
Madison Zordilla	age 6	Katie Zordilla	DWP
Sarah Acosta	age 7	Gabriel A. Acosta	Transportation
Shadi Batarseh	age 7	Nazih Batarseh	DWP
Alexandra Bowers	age 7	Terrae Bowers	LCS
Heather Brown	age 7	Bonnie Berry	Retired
Rachel Brown	age 7	Jeff Brown	LAFD
Araly Cruz	age 7	Mardoquero Cruz	Truck Op.
Nathan Moen	age 7	Brian Moen	Public Works
Gwenevere Stuart	age 7	John Dermo	Public Works
Matthew Foster	age 7	Sandy Foster	DWP
Eskiel Funches	age 7	Gloria Funches	LAPD
Kimberly Garcia	age 7	Ruben Garcia	DWP
Alesandra Gardner	age 7	Renne Garner	Housing
Cami Hillman	age 7	Steve Hillman	Gen. Ser.
Glorybeth Juarez	age 7	Avi Juarez	Rec. and Parks
Andres Maldonado	age 7	Noe Maldonado	General Services
Jessica Navarrete	age 7	Joe Navarrete	DWP
Jessica Powell	age 7	Ronald E. Powell	Retired
Tyler Rosauer	age 7	Janie Wagoner	Public Works
Enoch Samuel	age 7	Enoch Samuel	Harbor
Angela G. Saure	age 7	Rebecca Murphy	Public Works
Jai Seguiff	age 7	Caren Glove-Serguiff	LAPD
Tommy Siping	age 7	Patrick Siping	Airports
Valerie Truong	age 7	Richard Truong	City Clerk
Erik Villanueva	age 7	Jackeline Jimenez	LAPD
Meghan Wautlet	age 7	Paul Wautlet	Public Works
Aryana Williams	age 7	Gregory Williams	DWP
Shea Allen	age 8	Thomas Allen II	Airports
Mario Deleon	age 8	Michael Deleon	DWP
Jessica DeLoera	age 8	Jorge A. DeLoera	Gardener
Abeigail Diaz	age 8	Myna Diaz	Harbor
Leslie Espinoza	age 8	Sergio Espinoza	Rec. and Parks
Joseph Funches	age 8	Gloria Funches	LAPD
Sienna Garcia	age 8	Carlos Garcia	DWP
Adam Gordon	age 8	Anthony Gordon	Rec. and Parks
Jordan Johnson	age 8	Dennis Johnson	Transportation
Cameron Landreth	age 8	Chandra Flemister	Finance
Cassidy O'Hara	age 8	Veronica O'Hara	Personnel
Jesse Olivera	age 8	Lorenzo Olivera	Rec. and Parks
Amanda Ozuna	age 8	Lynda Ozuna	Finance
Alyssa Pimentel	age 8	Isabelita Tabuena	LAPD
Melissa Rainbird	age 8	William Rainbird	Electric Op.
K. Stefanovich	age 8	Robert Stefanovich	Airports
Briana Stuart	age 8	John Dermo	Public Works
Samantha Vara	age 8	David Vara	DWP
Gabriela Alvarado	age 9	Alberto Alvarado	Rec. and Parks
Michael Briones	age 9	Julie Briones	Vict. Service
Kathleen Carlos	age 9	Renee Ramirez	LAFD
Maggie Chong	age 9	Wing Chong	Retired
Jeremy F. Duenas	age 9	Mary Jane Duenas	LAPD
Adriana Garcia	age 9	Gilbert Garcia	Const. Equip
Alicia Gonzalez	age 9	Ruben Gonzalez	Airports
Carolina Gonzales	age 9	Marcela Casio	DWP
Melissa Lava	age 9	Amalia Lava	ITA
Nicolle Miranda	age 9	Patricia Miranda	Retired
Savannah Roberts	age 9	Eric Mendez	LAFD
Selena Rodriguez	age 9	Antonia Rodriguez	Sanitation
Azalia Romero	age 9	Manny Romero	Tool Rm II
Chelsea Vicencio	age 9	Melanie Jacob	Acc. Clerk II
Alexis Bagby	age 10	Kelly Dobson	DWP
Stephanie Bonty	age 10	Edward Bonty	Building and Safety
Jeremy Dean	age 10	Robert Dean	LAFD
Isaiah Everett	age 10	Susan Everett	DWP
Noe Galvez	age 10	Noe Galvez	Public Works
Alexa Gonzalez	age 10	Isabel Gonzalez	LAPD
Dynasty Green	age 10	Doren B. Green	Sanitation
Sierra Harris	age 10	Stephen Harris	Transportation
Julissa Henriquez	age 10	Salvador Henriquez	Transportation
Destiny Lea	age 10	Daniel Lea	DWP
Amanda Martinez	age 10	Theresa Martinez	LAPD
Alyssa Reyes	age 10	Robert Reyes	DWP
Destiny S. Reyes	age 10	Samuel A. Reyes	Rec. and Parks
Ryan Rizo	age 10	Aracely Galicia	Transportation
Christopher Ruiz	age 10	Anna Ruiz	LAPD
Patricia Siping	age 10	Patrick Siping	Airports
Falysh Stefanovich	age 10	Robert Stefanovich	Airports
Patrick Tate	age 10	Priscilla Perteeet	Rec. and Parks
Rebekah A. Vara	age 10	David Vara	DWP
April Vega	age 10	Maria Conchas	Airports
Samantha Vera	age 10	Graciela Vera	General Services
Anelina Marisol	age 11	Arturo Gomez	Sanitation
Natalie E. Vara	age 12	David Vara	DWP
Tony Navarro	age 13	Patrick Siping	Airports



Be My Club Valentine

Valentine's Day may be over, but true love lasts forever! Here are a few more Club Valentines that arrived too late for publication in February. Keep your eyes open for next year's Be My Club Valentine feature, with instructions in January.

Happy Valentine's Day!

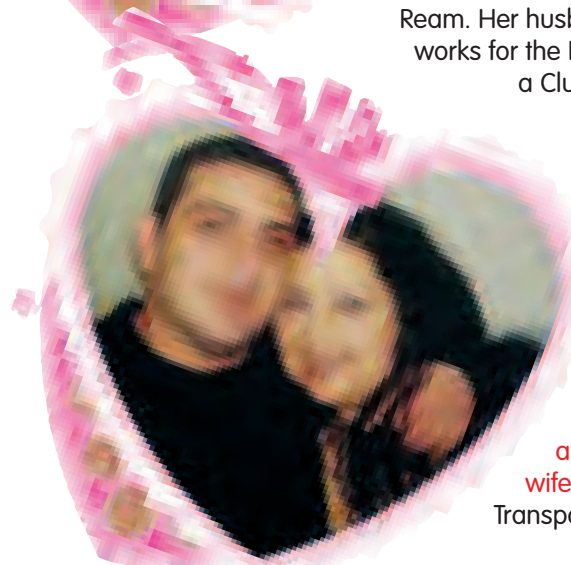


"I met my husband at a concert. I was not going to go, and he was going to take a date. She did not go. I ended up going after all, and we've been together ever since. We were meant to cross each other's path. At last, my love has come along! Happy Valentine's Day, Chris, and happy birthday! I love you."

– Marie Fimbres-Garcia works for the LAPD Communications Division

"David, my handsome romantic! Thirty-six years is not enough of your love. You can still rock my world!

Bedwarmers 4 life!" – Carol Ream. Her husband, David, works for the LAPD and is a Club Member.



"Aram, Happy Valentine's Day! You were a prayer answered, and our union is a dream come true. I love you! Your loving wife, Varsik." – Varsenik Mkrтчian, Parking Enforcement, Transportation, Club Member

Pay Tribute to Your Mom!

Moms love tributes. It's the least you can do, after all she has done for you!

CITY EMPLOYEES: Pay tribute to your mom this Mother's Day... with a photo and message of lifelong love, published in *Alive!*

In our May issue, we'll print a photo of you and your mom (or just your mom)... and a two-or-three sentence message of Happy Mother's Day from you. Photos can be either print or digital. Send it in now!

- Send in a print or digital photo of you and your mom (or just your mom).
- Send digital photos to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com
- Send print photos (or drop them off in person) to:

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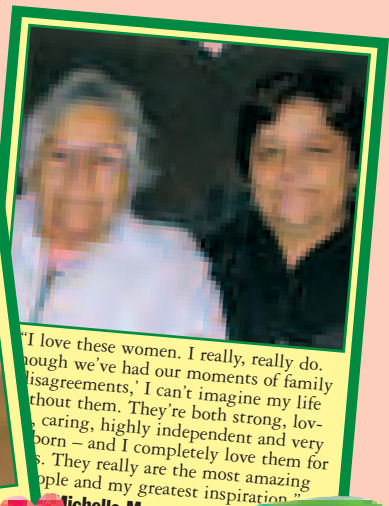
- Include a message of Happy Mother's Day (up to three sentences).
- **Deadline: April 12.**



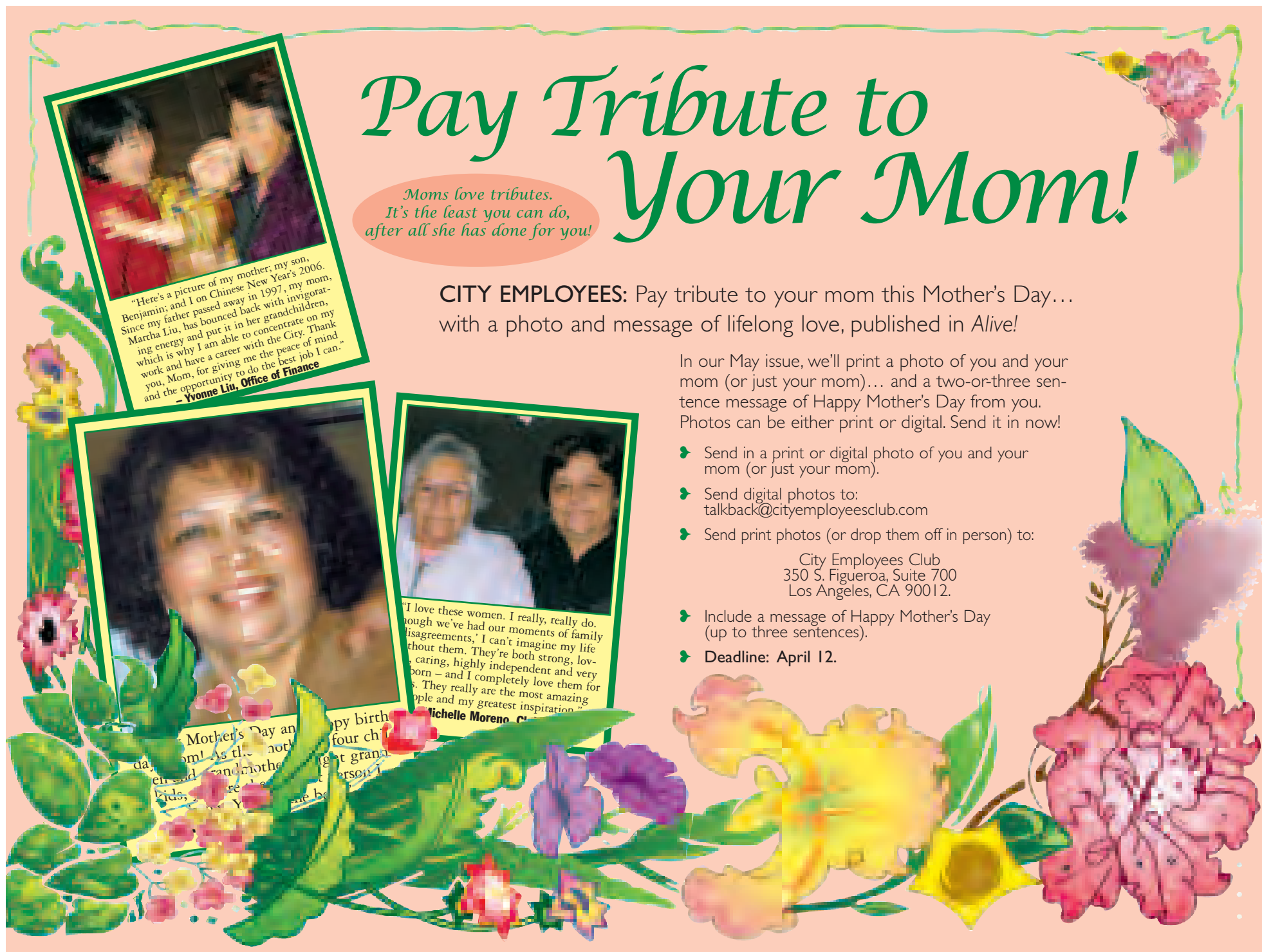
"Here's a picture of my mother, my son, Benjamin; and I on Chinese New Year's 2006. Since my father passed away in 1997, my mom, Martha Liu, has bounced back with invigorating energy and put it in her grandchildren, which is why I am able to concentrate on my work and have a career with the City. Thank you, Mom, for giving me the peace of mind and the opportunity to do the best job I can."
– Yvonne Liu, Office of Finance



Mother's Day and happy birthday to my four children. As the mother of four children, I know how hard my mother worked for me and my siblings. She was a great person and I love her very much. Yvonne Liu



"I love these women. I really, really do. Although we've had our moments of family disagreements, I can't imagine my life without them. They're both strong, loving, caring, highly independent and very hard-working – and I completely love them for it. They really are the most amazing people and my greatest inspiration."
Michelle Moreno, City of Los Angeles





From left: Kathleen Riordan, Board Vice President; Marie Atake; Tariq Khero, Board President; Andrew Redfield, Animal Control Officer II, West Los Angeles Shelter; Glenn Brown; and Edward Boks, General Manager.

Award for Andrew

■ **Animal Officer Andrew Redfield receives service award.**

Story by Liz Montes, Club Counselor
Photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager

ANIMAL SVCS. — The Board of Animal Services presented Officer Andrew Redfield, Animal Control Officer II, an award for his extraordinary service as an employee. The presentation took place Jan. 22 at the Board of Animal Services Commissioner Meeting.

Congratulations, Officer Redfield.



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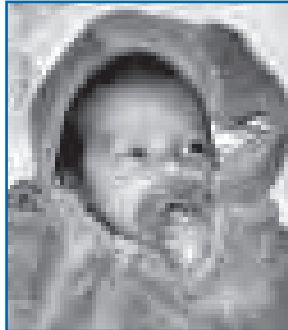
Life's Important Moments

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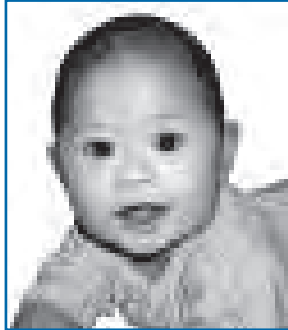
Did you get married? Have a baby? (Yea!) Get a promotion? (Hooray!) Retire? (Ahhhh.) We want to hear from you. Share your news with the world! Send all notices and digital photos to: moments@cityemployeesclub.com Send paper notices and print photos to: *Alive!* 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071



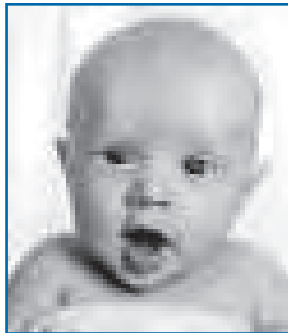
Births



Isaiah Jesus Meza, born Jan. 17. He's the grandson of Alicia Marquez, Club Member, Club Rep. It's the second grandchild for Alicia in less than six weeks!



Jeremy De Leon, born Oct. 14 to Gina and Ramil De Leon, Senior Detention Officer, LAPD.



Aidan James Jedinak, born Oct. 24 to Kym and Albert Jedinak, Senior Lead Officer, General Services Police.



Madeline Cardano Maraga, born Jan. 16. She's the first granddaughter of Lillian Cardano, Street Services, Club Member.

Alive! is delighted to publish photos of Club members newborn babies. Have a photo of a recent newborn? Send it in to *Alive!* Births, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071.



Graduations



Here are two more OPS Police graduates. From left: Office of Public Safety (General Services) Officers Joseph Orlanes and Alejandro Diaz Valle graduated from the LAPD Academy Feb. 2.

Alive! is delighted to publish graduation photos of Club members and their children. Have a photo of a recent graduation? Send it in to *Alive!* Graduations, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071.



Quinceañera

If your daughter has recently celebrated her quinceañera, send a photo and family information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



Weddings

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Retirements

- Ray Amirant**
Parking Meter Tech, Transportation, 16
- Bertha Baker**
Head Custodian Supv., General Services, 32
- Robert Biller**
Management Analyst, CDD, 17
- Thelma Bowman**
Pr. Workers Comp Analyst, Personnel, 23
- Nancy Brackett**
Council Aide, Council, 20
- Gail Brown**
Ref. Coll. Truck Op., Public Works, 20
- Albert J. Culotta**
N/D, DWP, N/D
- Jean Davenport**
Sr. Witness Serv. Coord., City Attorney, 27
- George Davis**
Crossing Guard, Transportation, 3
- Joyce Dean**
Animal Control Officer, Animal Services, 11
- Susan Duran**
Management Analyst, LAPD, 31
- Gloria Fletcher**
Sr. Clerk Typist, Finance, 20

- Arnoldo Ganir**
Accountant, Building and Safety, 6
- Darlene Gluskoter-Johnson**
Child Care Center Dir., Rec and Parks, 35
- Dionisio Grafil**
Forensic Print Specialist, LAPD, 21
- Virginia Hansen**
Pr. Clerk, Rec and Parks, 31
- Michael Hutcherson**
N/D, DWP, N/D
- Anita Hutchins**
Sr. Clerk Typist, Public Works, 33
- Nancy Hyde**
Library Clerk Assistant, Library, 11
- Kathleen Irvine**
Management Analyst, LAPD, 18
- Thomas Jamentz**
N/D, DWP, N/D
- Olivia Johns**
Payroll Supervisor, Controller, 36
- Paul Kozovich**
N/D, DWP, N/D
- Ivie Lee**
Crossing Guard, Transportation, 8

- Javier Losoya**
Sr. Heavy Duty Equip. Mech., General Services, 32
- Karen Luttrell**
Librarian, Library, 3
- Felipe Masing**
Special Prog. Asst., Rec and Parks, 2
- Herman Newton**
Traffic Officer, Transportation, 36
- Johnnie Newton**
Warehouse Worker, Library, 21
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Electrician Supv., General Services, 18
- Samuel Otero**
Deputy City Attorney, City Attorney, 10
- Arturo Pacho**
Management Analyst, LAPD, 21
- Susan Peters**
Sr. Personnel Analyst, Public Works, 21
- Paula Poma**
Chief Clerk, Public Works, 33
- Rosie Poydras**
Sr. Mgmt. Analyst, LAFD, 33
- Michael Prado**
Maint. Laborer, Transportation, 38

- Catherine Razor**
Sr. Mgmt. Analyst, Public Works, 14
- Victor Reyes**
Gardener Caretaker, Rec and Parks, 21
- Simeon Rico**
Build. Elec. Engr., Building and Safety, 30
- John Ruge**
Ref. Coll. Truck Operator, Public Works, 20
- Janet Ruzek**
N/D, DWP, N/D
- Herbert Seiden**
Dep. City Attorney, City Attorney, 26
- Annie Smith**
Police Service Rep., LAPD, 29
- Robert Sutton**
Dep. Dir. of Planning, Planning, 36
- Daniel Vera**
Crossing Guard, Transportation, 12
- Bruce Weiss**
Sr. Gardener, Rec and Parks, 25
- Leon Yarbab**
Equip. Mechanic, General Services, 30
- Ke Meng Yu**
Accounting Clerk, Rec and Parks, 26



In Memoriam

Our thoughts and condolences are with the family and friends of the following current and retired City employees who have passed away. The number after the name indicates years of service.

- | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Active | Kenneth Faires
DWP, 24 | George Jackson
Public Works, 12 | LAFD, 27 |
| Ellen Abajo
Housing, 6 | John Feliciello
Building and Safety, 27 | Kenneth Johnson
Building and Safety, 18 | Leonard Rifkin
DWP, 25 |
| Edward Armstrong
Library, 6 | Dorothy Ferguson
CAO, 34 | Arthur Jones
Library, 29 | Bellett Roberts
DWP, 25 |
| Gloria Bailey
Public Works, 15 | Albert Forthal
DWP, 31 | Marshall Levinson
Building and Safety, 30 | Albert Ross
DWP, 14 |
| Kerry Epstein
DWP, 26 | Calvin Frazier
Rec and Parks, 22 | Clarence Lewis
DWP, 33 | Ethel Sandell
City Clerk, 17 |
| Louis Escobar
Rec and Parks, 2 | Alfred Gabbe
DWP, 30 | Melvin Loken
Public Works, 37 | Beatrice Schneider
DWP, 17 |
| Daniel Green
General Services, 4 | Harvey Gavlin
DWP, 26 | Ruben Lugo
Public Works, 36 | Eugene Schwartz
Public Works, 19 |
| Dreta Nolan
LAPD, 18 | Hyman Geier
DWP, 31 | Al Markham
General Services, 12 | James Stillwell
Public Works, 35 |
| Robert Verick
Building and Safety, 16 | Willie Hardie
Public Works, 24 | Ethel Morris
City Attorney, 15 | M.M. Thornton
LAPD, 11 |
| | Raymond Haro
Rec and Parks, 25 | Charles Mitchell
DWP, 30 | Betty Ward
LAPD, 10 |
| Retired | Daniel Heller
DWP, 19 | Terrance Moran
DWP, 19 | George Wedell
Data Service Bureau, 28 |
| Ruben Araiza
DWP, 28 | Carroll Herndon
DWP, 19 | Clarence Nash
Public Works, 41 | Robert Weismann
Public Works, 13 |
| Joseph Barber
DWP, 27 | Ruben Holquin
Airports, 10 | Phillip Pitts
DWP, 35 | Lee Williams
General Services, 19 |
| Fred Beger
Public Works, 25 | Leroy Horton
DWP, 45 | William Proteau
General Services, 37 | Pro Yeh
Public Works, 4 |
| Robert Berry
DWP, 22 | Gustav Heyer
DWP, 25 | Jack Prunk
DWP, 36 | Jacob Zwart Jr.
DWP, 28 |
| Earl Davenport
LAPD, 25 | Gerrit Hull
Public Works, 8 | Peter Robert | *Club Members |
| John Ellis
Rec and Parks, 33 | Patricia Isgro
Public Works, 18 | | |
| Gerry Ensminger
DWP, 28 | | | |



New Members

Welcome New Members!

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

Airports

Mark Devilbiss
Amylou Canonizado
Charlena Freeman
Craig White
Curtis Triplett
Danny Kirdsiri
Desmond Jeffries
Eusebia Serna
Francisco Martinez
Ira Patterson
James Greenfield
Jorge De Loera
Laura Celis-Flores
Maria Flores
Michael Boucher
Michelle Quezada
Mirna Sosa
Paula Worgan
Rose Patterson
Roy Pettijohn
Silvia Facio
Won Davis

Animal Services

Joy Brooks

Building and Safety

Bill Shelton

City Clerk

Carl Porter

Community Development

Gregory Scheib

Personnel

Bridget Talley

Cultural Affairs

Mary Gharibian

ITA

Gregory Garrison

Fire

Bayne Grindle
George Spring

Harbor

Esiquio Landa
Ismael Flores Jr.

General Services

Zahid Kadri
Diane Newman
Neil Wantana
Derrick Henderson

Joseph Older

Gary Wallace

Isaac Burciaga

Ron Armstrong

Carloina Holguin

Mandakh Mijiddorj

Jerome Cagnolatti

Rene Serna

Benito Perez

Daniel Neria

Library

Rebecca Banks

Aleksey Tsalolikhin

Housing

Selena Cook

Convention Center

Frank Ramos

Planning

Mewland Watanabe

Police

Caylor Carter

Daniel Honey

Danielle Banks

Irma Foster

Jose Contrerras

Josephine Mapson

Ricardo Dominguez

Afra Pineda

Alvaro Paramo

Andrea Shelton

Angela Glosson

Annette Robinson

Annita Howze

Anthony Partida

Christina Coronado

Daniel Cervantes

Danielle Bryant

Debra Harrell

Diane Martin

Emily Zavala

Frank Koster

Irary Daniel

Jacquleen Dreben

Jasmine Jefferson

Joaquin Trujillo

John Perez

Karla Sanders

Lee Reiner

Luz Chavez

Marcell Anderson

Mario Meneses

Michelle De Anda

Nancy Minatiskan-Vargas

Rafael Medina

Redentor Abcede

Rita Quebral

Ryan Farhand

Temeka Phillips

Public Works:

Contract

Administration

Yono Hong

Sanitation

Alfred Jeffery

Hollis Gould

Crystal Serrato-Mrianda

Bardomino Martinez

Steven Reed

Street Services

Christopher Kalish

Merle Farrar

Ferdinand Chan

Rec and Parks

Jovan Herron

Michael Szeto

Nicole White

Aurora Garcia

Guy Killum

Priscilla Perteet

Transportation

Jesus Lopez

DWP

Terri Parker

Patrick Cruz

Shirley Brown

John Bryant

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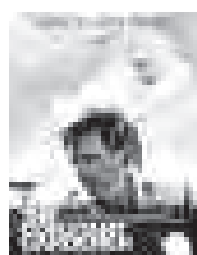
Rent (2005) Rated PG-13

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

This film version of the hit Broadway musical is about the lives, loves and trials of a group of Bohemian friends in New York's low-rent East Village. This is in the tradi-

tion of the old Hollywood musicals, but dressed up in the grit and grime of modern day urban mores. The songs are all fine, with the opening song being the most memorable. Although I cannot remember its title, it was catchy at the time! What saves the movie are the talent and energy of the diverse cast, especially the electric Rosario Dawson as the drug-addicted, HIV-positive Mimi. If you did not catch this one at the theaters, it is a good rent!

- Dan Basilgo, LAPD



The Constant Gardner (2005) Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This film is an intelligent political thriller set on the African continent. Ralph Fiennes plays Ambassador to Kenya, who happens to be married to an activist (Rachael Weiss.) Weiss begins to uncover a plot by pharmaceutical companies that endangers the lives of poor Africans. This movie powerfully unravels the greed of governments and corporations and puts a human face on the poverty and AIDS epidemic in Africa as well as the genocide of the Sudan. It is a world we don't often get to see on film. It is a movie as rich in texture as it is disturbing. You will enjoy this gripping story.

- Dan Basilgo, LAPD



The Exorcism of Emily Rose (2005) PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Was Emily Rose truly possessed by demons, or was her death attributed to a medical condition and the negligence of her priest? That is the question

put to the viewer in this courtroom drama based on actual events. Emily Rose's story is not only told in court but through flashbacks. Jennifer Carpenter is terrific as the afflicted girl, playing the nice young woman then the tormented soul in a physically grueling role. Laura Linney as the defense attorney and Tom Wilkinson as the priest are also credible. This is a thoughtful approach to the supernatural world, but don't get me wrong: It is also scary. You may find yourself in bed with your Bible or rosary!

- Dan Basilgo, LAPD

Book Reviews



The Christmas Thief Mary and Carol Higgins-Clark, Pocket Books; 298 pages

My Score: 2.5 (out of 5)

The Christmas Thief isn't really bad, it's just kind of dumb. Mother and daughter Higgins-Clark wrote this book together

after being given the theme of the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree. They call the book a "suspenseful and humorous holiday tale." I'd say it is a holiday tale. If you are stuck waiting for a plane, though, or bored one afternoon, I am sure you could make it through it.

- Barbara Johnson, LAFD



The Illusionist (2006) Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Talented actor Edward Norton portrays Eisenheim, a popular magician of the 1900s in Vienna, Austria. Separated from his childhood sweetheart

because of his low social standing, a young Eisenheim sets off into the world to learn the secrets of magic and illusion. As an adult, he returns to Vienna to perform his amazing illusions for the Crown Prince, who is engaged to Sophie (Jessica Biel), his past love. You will be enthralled with Eisenheim's illusions and the bringing back of the dead just as the audiences in the movie were. Paul Giamatti also impresses in the role of Inspector Uhl, a puppet of the Crown Prince. This movie is smart and eerie from start to finish. The ending was a complete and satisfying surprise. I never saw it coming and neither will you!

- Dan Basilgo, LAPD



The Pink Panther (2006) Rated PG

My Score: 0 (out of 5)

This is an embarrassingly awful remake of the 1964 version that starred the incredible Peter Sellers as French inspector Clouseau. Steve Martin does Clouseau an injustice.

This classic film character just cannot not be duplicated. Martin pretends to be the bumbling inspector, while Sellers was Clouseau to the core.

This movie is a waste of valuable time. It tries glaringly hard to be funny, "Hey look at me, I'm doing something funny!" Not! The only thing going for this film is Beyoncé Knowles, pure eye candy. Okay, if you must watch, here are my two suggestions: 1. View it with the sound off and pretend you are watching a travelogue on Paris. 2. Turn up the volume only when Beyonce performs, or better yet, go see Dreamgirls. Sacre bleu!

- Dan Basilgo, LAPD

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Manhunt Janet Evanovich Harper Collins; 219 pages

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

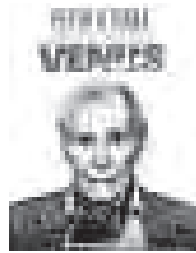
This is another "red-hot screwball comedy" re-released under a new title by the author. As well, it is another feel-good fun read to warm women's hearts

and make them wish make-believe was real and that the fairy-tale of new love lasted just as it first tastes, throughout a lifetime!

In Manhunt, Alex leaves her Princeton condo for a cabin in the Alaskan wilderness. She is looking for a husband in the middle of nowhere, and wouldn't you know it, her only neighbor happens to be a "hunk of burning love"! Who would have thought!

- Barbara Johnson, LAFD

MOVIE REVIEWS



Venus Rated R

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Peter O'Toole gives a bold performance in an Oscar-nominated portrayal. He paints a sad picture as Maurice, an aging actor desperately wanting to reclaim his youth. His life

is turned upside down as he falls for a brash, rude young woman barely on this side of 20. However, it is not all gloom; O'Toole also creates funny and endearing moments as the dirty old geezer. Their relationship swings the pendulum of real affection to the selfish use of each other. There are a few situations with the unlikely pair that may make some feel uncomfortable. I said "eeww!" more than once. Vanessa Redgrave also turns in a nice performance as the long-suffering, yet forgiving ex-wife.

- Dan Basilgo, LAPD



Blood Diamond Rated R

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Blood Diamond is an intense movie. Both Leonardo DiCaprio (as Danny Archer) and Djimon Honsou (as Solomon Vandy) are terrific

in the film. Jennifer Connelly has little to do, but does it well. The story is set in South Africa and depicts some of the atrocities done in the name of the diamond trade. I found the best quote in the movie from DiCaprio's character, saying: "Sometimes I wonder if God will ever forgive us for what we've done to each other," then he goes on to say that he realizes God left here a long time ago.

- Barbara Johnson, LAFD



Dreamgirls Rated PG-13

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Yes, Dreamgirls is as good as you've heard, and Jennifer Hudson (as Effie White) steals the show! Her power ballads are fabulous, stopping the show within the movie, and even

garnering applause from the audience watching the movie. Eddie Murphy (as James Early) is great, also. Check out his final performance in the movie for a laugh. The entire cast is good and works well together as you follow the story and root for Hudson's character to make it. Go see this movie, have fun, and cheer the singers on!

- Barbara Johnson, LAFD



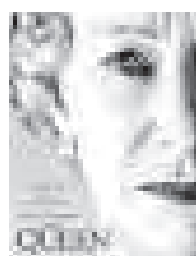
Pan's Labyrinth Rated R

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This is such a gorgeous movie from writer/director Guillermo del Toro. It is part war movie, set in the 1944 of Franco's fascist regime, and part fantasy.

There are many layers to the movie that can be dissected, or you can simply sit back and be awed by the dark masterpiece. Ophelia is a child, sent with her pregnant mother to live with her cruel and violent step-father in the woods near a strange labyrinth where she meets Pan in this conversation: "My name is Ofelia. Who are you?" "Me? I've had so many names. Old names that only the wind and trees can pronounce. I am. I am a faun. Your most humble servant, Your Highness." Go see it and be mesmerized.

- Barbara Johnson, LAFD



The Queen Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Helen Mirren personifies Queen Elizabeth in this movie about the British royal family after the death of Lady Diana Spencer. The movie seems

not to take sides in the debate over the Queen's actions, or lack thereof, afterward, versus the global outpouring of grief and love for the former princess. It reminded that so much of life is about perspective: our own vs. another person's, or another country's. That what might at first glance seem obvious is usually not and that we need to understand one another, who we are, where we come from, and how our actions affect the other person/people.

- Barbara Johnson, LAFD



Because I Said So Rated PG-13

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Diane Keaton stars as a mother of three daughters. And like most mothers, she loves her daughters dearly and wants what "she thinks" is best for them. This of course, gets her into

hot water with her daughters. I thought this was a really cute comedy. Diane Keaton is perfect in the role. Her daughters are played by Mandy Moore, Lauren Graham (The Gilmore Girls) and Gabriel Macht, who also turn in fine performances. This is a good comedy, but there are better ones.

- Gail Seltzer, DWP



The Pursuit of Happyness Rated PG-13

My Score: 4.5 (out of 5)

Will Smith is an amazing actor! Whether he does a comedy or drama, he always turns in a not-to-miss performance. In this movie, based on true events (rags to riches

story), he plays Chris Gardner, who finds himself on the streets with his five-year-old son.

The term "a chip off the old block" certainly applies to young Jaden Smith, Will's son. Jaden was excellent and of course, the chemistry between the two was perfect. I am sure we will see a lot more of him.

I love happy ending true stories. I do recommend this one.

- Gail Seltzer, DWP



Babel Rated R

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

"That is why it was called Babel - because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world." From Genesis 11:9. This movie attempts to connect

the lives of various people throughout the world by the choices each has made and its repercussions. The film also portrays a world where lack of communication causes misunderstandings and distrust between cultures and individual relationships. It is a bold premise, but it doesn't always work. Some of the scenes go on too long, while others are engrossing. It is four movies rolled into one, when one would have been enough. The international cast is excellent, speaking not only in English, but Spanish, Japanese, Arabic and sign language.

- Dan Basilgo, LAPD



Norbit Rated PG-13

My Score: 1/2 (out of 5)

Well, to say the least, you can tell from the score that this movie was a huge disappointment. I usually like Eddie Murphy's sense of humor. I do not know what happened with this movie.

It was painful to sit through the whole movie. Yes, Murphy plays a number of the characters. The story is about Norbit, who grows up in an orphanage and then ends up marrying his girlfriend from the orphanage. Unless someone pays you to see it, don't waste your time. Instead, work on your taxes. It will be less painful.

- Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

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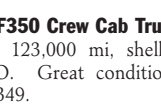
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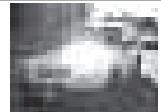
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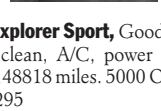
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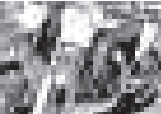
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Breakfast and Soup for a Rainy Day

DIRECTIONS:



1 First things first – wash your vegetables and then peel those that need peeling, like the carrots.



2 Every vegetable should be chopped and prepared. Save a little parsley for the end.



3 Place them on a plate and set aside momentarily.



4 Add the extra virgin olive oil to a medium hot stew pot.



5 Add chopped vegetables.



6 Add sea salt and pepper.



7 Add the rice or spelt and stir everything with a wooden spoon.



8 Add the turkey meatballs; stir.



9 Add the stock and cover with lid and let simmer. Stir occasionally.



10 Check for tenderness in carrots. When they are fork-tender, you know you have a soup that's cooked and ready.

I remember waking up to cold and rainy mornings as a child. Strangely, it seems as though it rained only on Saturday mornings. I know now that this could not be the case, but I know why I believed so, because my Mom would make a great breakfast on rainy Saturdays. She would make eggs, bacon, toast, freshly squeezed orange juice, and milk. I don't think anyone would harp at eating Mom's home-style breakfast on a rainy Saturday morning – watching cartoons, no less.

I don't watch cartoons as much as I used to in my youth, but I still like having hardy meals on cold and rainy days. I've recently made a great tasting soup that I call Skippy's Turkey Meatball and Rice Soup. The ingredients are easy to find, and if you can't find them all, you can keep it as simple as just getting rice, turkey meatballs, carrots, celery, onions, salt, pepper, water or stock, and olive oil. Nonetheless, I made the effort to make my version of the soup with some extra ingredients making way for a super tasty meal.

I decided to add some extra ingredients including chicken stock, spelt (a kind of wheat), yellow and red peppers, parsley, green onions, garlic and tomatoes. It's extra work, but the flavors are intense.

And thanks, too, to Carol Scott, DWP, for submitting this hardy breakfast casserole that should hit the spot on the occasional rainy morning ... or on any morning.



Skippy's Turkey Meatball and Rice Soup

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 carrots
- 1 celery stalk
- Sea salt and pepper, to taste
- 8 cups of vegetable or chicken stock – or water, add more or less to your liking
- 1 white onion
- 2 chopped green onions

- 1/4 cup of chopped parsley
- 2 medium tomatoes
- 2 garlic cloves
- 2 small bell peppers, 1 yellow and 1 red
- 1/4 cup of extra virgin olive oil
- 6 turkey meatballs, frozen
- 1/4 cup of rice or spelt



Breakfast Casserole

By Carol Scott, DWP

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 30 oz bag of Ore-Ida Country Style Hash Browns
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 2 cups sour cream
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

- 2 cups grated cheddar cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 3 green onions (bulbs and most of tops), chopped
- 2 cups crushed corn flakes
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted

DIRECTIONS:

1. Mix soup, sour cream, salt, pepper, green onions and cheese in a large mixing bowl.
2. Add hash browns and stir to combine.
3. Place in greased 13 x 9 inch pan.
4. Top with butter and corn flakes mixed together.
5. Bake at 360 degrees for 45 minutes until bubbly around the edges.



11 Pour into a bowl, add a sprinkle of parsley, and enjoy!

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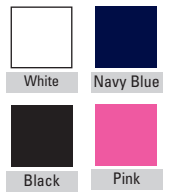
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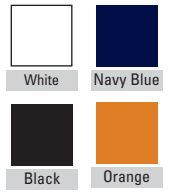
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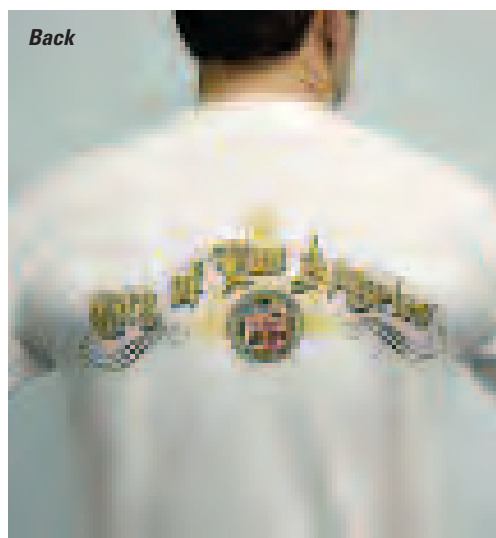
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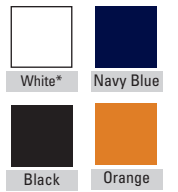
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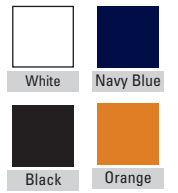


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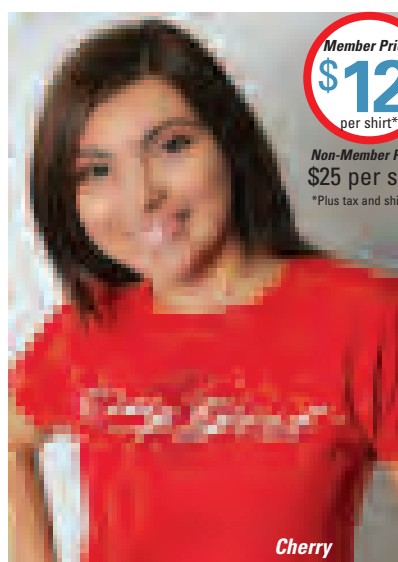
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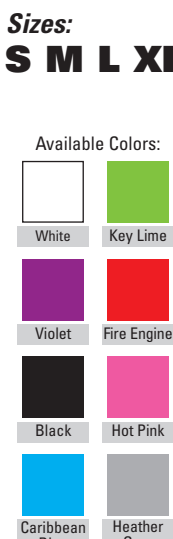


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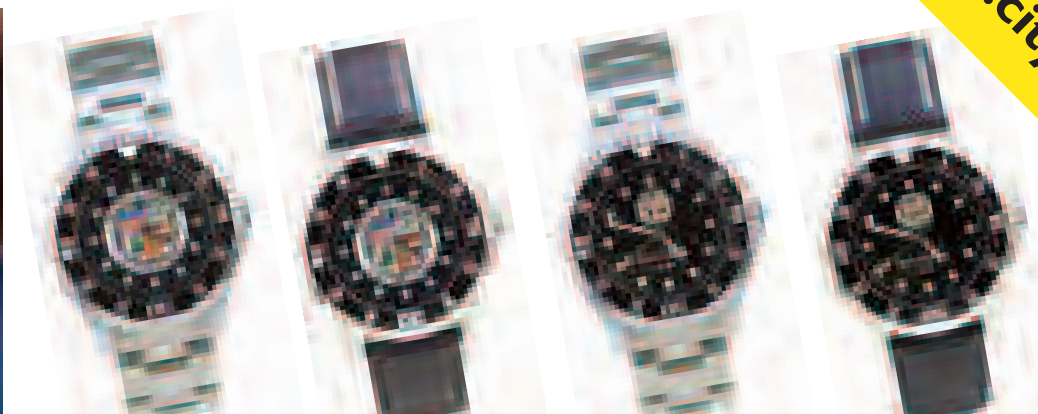


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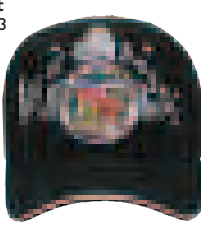
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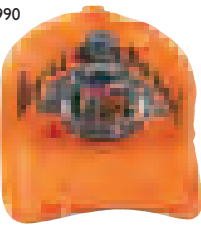
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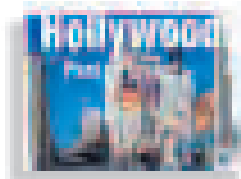
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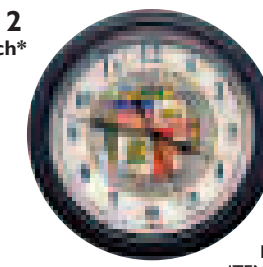
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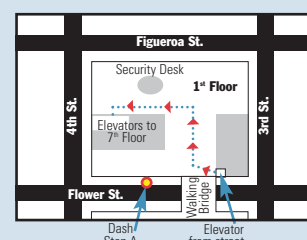
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