

New Club Store Opens Downtown For Better Service



The new Club Store and Service Center, a short walk for most downtown Club Members, officially opened May 1. Stop by!

It's officially open!

Have you visited the new Club Store and Service Center? It's open, to better serve you!

The new Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second St., between Spring and Main Streets, opened May 1 and greeted Club Members who were excited about the new facility.

The new Club Store and Service Center is open for all your Club needs:

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The Club Store in the World Trade Center has closed.

See page 13 for photos from the first day.

Scholarship Applications End June 30

Applications are available for Club Scholarship 2008 program until noon June 30. They are available online only.



CLUB HEADQUARTERS — You have until noon June 30 to submit your applications for a 2008 Club Scholarship.

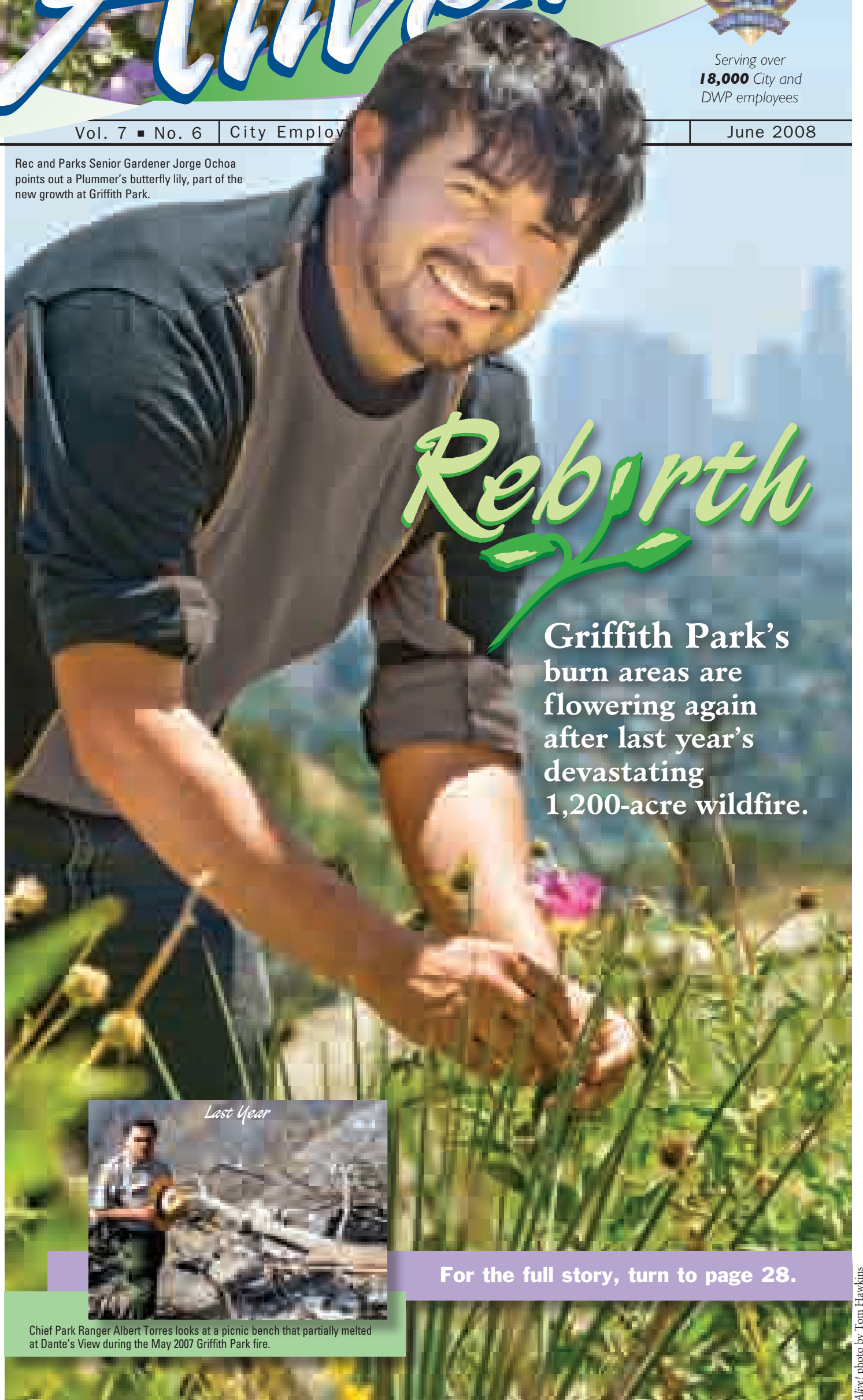
Applications are available online for the Club's 2008 Scholarship Program. Five people will

be rewarded for their academic achievement and given stipends.

A total of \$7,500 is available for the five Club Scholarships. First place is awarded \$3,500. Deadline is noon June 30, 2008; applications must be physically in the Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second St. downtown, at that time.

For all the details, see the story on page 40.

Rec and Parks Senior Gardener Jorge Ochoa points out a Plummer's butterfly lily, part of the new growth at Griffith Park.



Rebirth

Griffith Park's burn areas are flowering again after last year's devastating 1,200-acre wildfire.



Last Year

Chief Park Ranger Albert Torres looks at a picnic bench that partially melted at Dante's View during the May 2007 Griffith Park fire.

For the full story, turn to page 28.

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* A Message From the CEO *

Griffith Rebirth Marks the Spring

by John Hawkins
President and CEO, The Club

It was great to get outside with Jorge Ochoa and check out all the new growth at Griffith Park! Have you been up there lately? Have you noticed the new growth?

We've had tons of rain lately, but nothing marks spring as much as new stuff growing. Especially at Griffith, as just a year ago, a giant and unpredictable fire burned more than 1,200 acres of one of the City's favorite areas. And, right on schedule, spring takes over ... and life is renewed.



Club CEO John Hawkins and Rec and Parks Senior Gardener Jorge Ochoa in Griffith Park.

I was really impressed with Jorge's knowledge of the park, and of forestry in general. I presume lots of Club Members maintain their own gardens, but not as big as the one Jorge tends to! He keeps track of all the species he finds in Griffith with photos and journals, so nobody knows it like he does. He's just another of the dedicated and passionate City Employees we love to write about in *Alive!* (And don't forget to check out our field guide to some of those plants in the park - next time you hike through the hills and valleys of the park, take it along with you and see what you find. It will make your hike so much more fun.)

Let's see, what else is happening this month ... Club Counselor Arlene Herrero does her usual thorough job covering the Baker to Vegas challenge cup team footrace. Those are some dedicated runners, I have to say. And the Club continues to support as many of them as we can.

And it's National Dispatchers Week, too. The 911 operators do such an amazing and important job for all of us who live in this City, it seems recognition just once a year is not quite enough. But we're happy to shine the light on them, as we do annually.

And hey, people, stop by the new Club Store and Service Center downtown. Walk on over, get your tickets, check out the newest authentic City apparel and gifts ... or just stop by and say hi! We've put in a nice space to just kick back for a minute or two. It's all for you, our Club Members. Nobody serves Club Members like the Club does.

Which leads me to my final point - Father's Day. So much of what the Club brings you here in *Alive!* and through the Club Store is because, many years ago, my dad taught me what adventure means, and why it keeps us young. The Club works serves you in great ways - ways that nobody else is serving you - because of that sense of adventure. So, thanks, Dad. Lesson learned!

Say thanks to your own dads, too, if you can. It's important. Next month, we'll look at Summer in the City. So get out there and enjoy it!

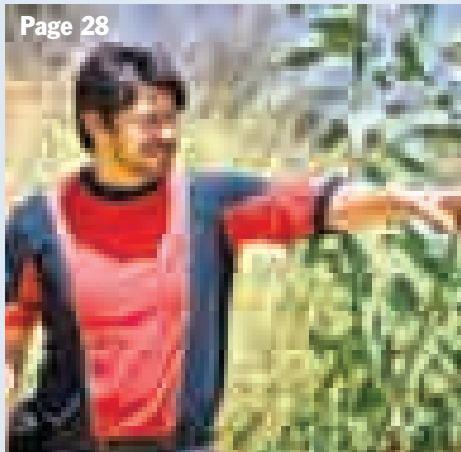
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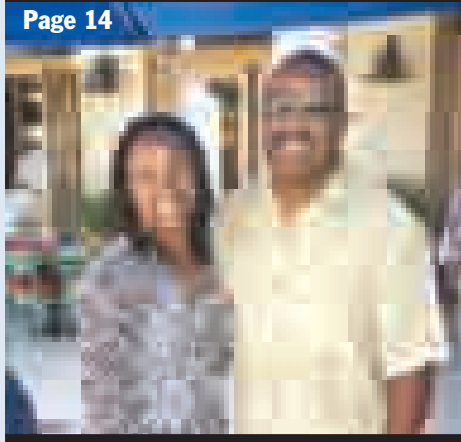
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Great Service, When You're in Need



**Cecilia Talbot,
Claims Administrator**

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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— Evette Cord, April 2008

Your service was "very helpful and fast, because of many of your employees who walked me through and explained the different procedures."

— Carolyn Cezere, March 2008

Your service was "excellent. The people were very caring, professional and helpful. They took care of everything in a quick and efficient manner. I recommend them as first class."

— Jack R. Daniels, April 2008

Your Club Insurance Dollars at Work

**Total claims paid back to Club Members
So Far in 2008: \$1,235,511.58**

Claims paid:

Life insurance claims paid this month: **\$139,474.00**

Life insurance claims paid this year: **\$721,082.51**

Long-term disability claims paid this month: **\$92,689.46**

Long-term disability claims paid this year: **\$359,485.74**

Long-term care claims paid this month: **\$19,750.00**

Long-term care claims paid this year: **\$99,943.33**

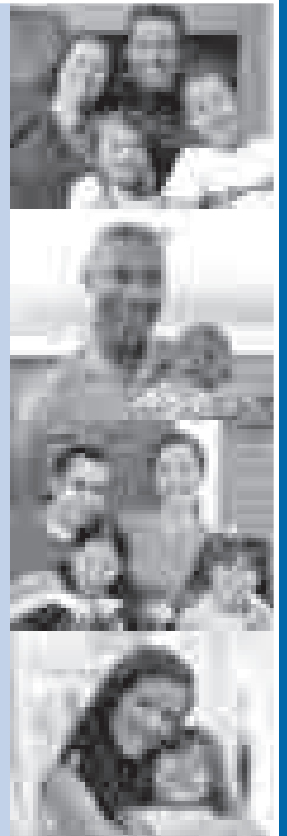
Cancer insurance claims paid this month: **\$25,000.00**

Cancer insurance claims paid this year: **\$55,000.00**

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These are the faces behind the Club. Our staff is dedicated to helping our members receive the maximum benefit from their membership. If you have questions, concerns or suggestions about your Club, our counselors are ready to help.

Need help? Find your Counselor

When contacting the Club, ask for the counselor that handles your department.



2003 President's Award Recipient
Arlene Herrero
Senior Benefits Specialist – Member Services Counselor

Aging, Department of Building and Safety, Department of DWP Energy Services
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DWP Water Services
Engineering, Bureau of General Services, Department of Harbor Department

Information Technology Agency
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Police Department
Retirement System, City Employees' Sanitation, Bureau of Transportation, Department of



Liz Montes
Member Services Counselor

Accounting, Bureau of [Formerly] Animal Regulation, Department of Airports, Los Angeles World
Chief Legislative Analyst, Office of the City Administrative Officer
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Community Development Department
Community Redevelopment Agency
Contract Administration, Bureau of Controller, Office of the Convention Center, Los Angeles
Council District # 1-15
Cultural Affairs, Department of

Department on Disability
DWP Admin.
DWP Financial Services Executive
DWP Integrated Support Services
El Pueblo De Los Angeles
Environmental Affairs, Department of Finance, Office of Fire Department
Housing Department
Management/Employee Services, Mayor, Office of the Planning, City
Recreation and Parks, Department of Street Lighting, Bureau of Street Services, Bureau of Zoo Department, Los Angeles

Meet the Club Team



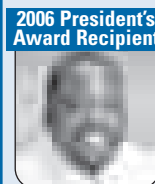
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Director of Communications & Marketing

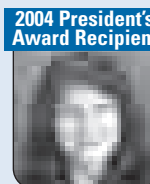


2006 President's Award Recipient

Navin Cotton
Vendor Relations Manager
"Ticket Guy"



Jessica Segura
Merchandise and Ticket Sales Coordinator



2004 President's Award Recipient

Cecilia Talbot
Claims Administrator



Marla Fisher
Claims Assistant



Angel Gomez
Director of Member Services



Lupe Medina
Administrative Services Representative



Howard Pompel
Member Services Counselor, In-House



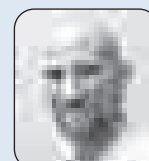
Leigh Thompson
Controller



Trinh Pham
Senior Accountant



Katie Hesselte
Application Coordinator

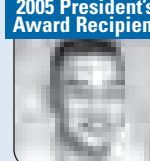


Michael Anderson
Information Technology Manager



2007 President's Award Recipient

Alan Bound
Information Technology Programmer



2005 President's Award Recipient

Summy Lam
Information Technology Business Analyst

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LETTERS To the Editor

Tell us what you think! talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

Shoutout!

Angel Inspires This Family To Hike and, Well, *Be Alive*

My family and I are so happy that Angel Gomez keeps introducing newer and newer "hot spots" to visit within our beloved City [in his *Be Alive!* monthly feature - Ed.]. We have tried some trails previously trekked by Angel. It was a lot of fun for all of us. I would like to share a few memorable moments about our recent excursion to Millard Canyon Falls.

Thank you, Angel; thank you, John Hawkins; thanks for all of you making it possible.

— Robbie Horvath, Public Works/Hyperion and his family



Thanks for sending in the photos of you and your family, Robbie! Always great to know we can help keeping families strong and active.
—Ed.



Budget Cuts Brings Out More Ideas, Comments

I agree with Mayor Villaraigosa's proposal that requires six mandatory days off without pay. I would rather sacrifice six days than to see layoffs of more people. The country is going through hard times. The cost of gas is going up, along with food prices and other commodities. Homes are in foreclosure. Six days without pay is a small displeasure when you look at the bigger picture. I consider myself lucky to work for a great organization that would give furloughs as an option instead of just mass layoffs.

— William Flowers, Airports

Well, it seems to me that if we all must share the burden except police, fire, sanitation and those who couldn't balance the budget, it's those bigshot elected officials who failed to do their job. It's not fair that we city workers be burdened and have to take six days off without pay.

— Bill Larsen, Rec and Parks

It just amazes me that they continue to come up with short-term fixes. Then they come up with all of these "great ideas" for the City to save money when there's a budget crisis. Why aren't they simply implementing these "great ideas" all the time?

— James, Club Member

It seems rather hypocritical for the mayor to propose a plan where "everybody shares the

burden" when he is still riding around in fancy cars with a private security detail, when many of our City Departments practice wasteful habits (like the LAPD with its "overtime" issues), when our City Council members have fat budgets, etc., etc.

The City knows exactly where it can and should save money but, as usual, that stuff is overlooked.

I say: It is time to trim the fat, not the meat! Why is it always the worker bees who must sacrifice? When I see the feds taking their own cuts, I may think about an unpaid leave. Until then, leave me alone, let me work and earn my pay so that I can survive in this tight economy!

— Ramona Gonzales, LAPD

Club Member Used Discount, Saved 15 Percent on Flowers

Hi Club! Just wanted to let you know that I just saved 15 percent on flowers with the Club's 1800flowers.com discount code. My friend was sick, so I sent her a beautiful bouquet (it was the Martha Stewart Vibrant Purple Bouquet in a Lily Pond Thumbprint Vase). My total savings was \$7.49 on a \$49.95 arrangement. Thank you so much for offering this! Oh, and thanks for putting the promotion code on the back of our membership cards. That sure makes it easy to find it when you need it. Keep up the outstanding work!

— Cindy, Public Works

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!

Where do you cool off when it gets hot?

"Camping in Mountain Lake Resort in Lytle Creek, Calif.!"

— Ray Reynosa, Heavy Duty Truck Operator A, DWP Fleet Services, 18 years of City service.



"At home with the AC on full blast."

— Juan Navarro, Public Works/Street Services, Maintenance Laborer, 8 years of service.

"At the park under a shady tree."

— Raul Mazariego, Traffic Officer, Transportation, 18.5 years of service.



"The backyard and the pool by the pond."

— David Mills, Commercial Field Representative, DWP, 18 years.

"The river, with a cold beverage in hand!"

— JR Garcia, DWP.



"The beach."

— Leon Bland, Maintenance Laborer, DWP, 29 years of service.

"At work in the Control Room with the AC."

— Isaac Alvarez, Bureau of Street Services, Asphalt Plant Operator II, 18 years of service.



"In the library!"

— Lilia Solis, Management Analyst, Library, 28 years of service.

"No question about it - it's the beach!"

— Manny Jacquez, Warehouse and Tool Room Worker, DWP, 24 years of service.



"The movie theater."

— Richard Rea, Traffic Officer, Transportation, 19 years of service.

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

People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.

No. 6 in a series.
JUNE 2008



Meet Luis W. Samayoa

HIS NEIGHBORHOOD:
Olvera Street.

AGE:
82, single.

BIRTHPLACE:
Corpus Christi, Texas.

FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY:
Walking in the valley where I grew up and playing in the river.

MOVED TO THE CITY:
1970.

EDUCATION:
High school graduate;
one year of college.

FAMILY:
One sister.

MILITARY:
Yes.

IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ONE THING, WHAT WOULD IT BE?
To go to Guatemala.

LAST JOB:
Painter.

FAVORITE SPORT:
Soccer.

RELIGION:
Catholic.

FAVORITE FOOD:
Caldo de rez.

FAVORITE MOVIE:
Gone With the Wind.

FAVORITE ACTOR:
Gary Cooper.

FAVORITE ACTRESS:
Joan Crawford.

LAST BOOK HE READ:
War and Peace.

FAVORITE TV SHOW:
News Channel 4.

FAVORITE MUSIC?
Classical.

FAVORITE CANDY:
Nestlé chocolate.

FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY:
Pico and Los Angeles.

ADVICE:
Don't get into drinking and drugs.

The Club gave Luis a \$25 McDonald's card and a blanket.



Who are the people you see every day?

Newsbrief

CLEAN WATER BOND:

Public Works/Engineering and Sanitation are designing a \$32.7 million water quality improvement project that aims to help meet Environmental Protection Agency and federal Clean Water Act requirements in the Westchester/Playa del Rey area. The Westchester-LAX Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP) Project will install an infiltration system designed to remove harmful pollutants such as litter and bacteria from stormwater runoff. Stormwater runoff has closed beaches and posed public health risks. The project will improve the water quality of low-flow and wet-weather runoff from an existing storm drain system located on Los Angeles World Airport (LAWA) property and reduces the amount of pollution that reaches Dockweiler Beach in Santa Monica Bay.

"The construction of water quality improvement projects funded by Prop O will allow the city to reduce the level of pollutants entering the ocean to assist in meeting the Total Maximum Daily Load or TMDL requirements that comply with the federal Clean Water Act," said Cynthia M. Ruiz, president of the Board of Public Works. "Critical to our success is the public's acceptance for the installation of Prop O projects that protect the public's health and marine life, improve coastal water quality, and the recreational use of our shorelines used by millions of beach goers annually."

The planned construction, scheduled to begin in early 2009 on Airports property north of Westchester Parkway and east of Pershing Drive in Playa del Rey, will intercept stormwater runoff from a 2,400-acre drainage area that now empties directly into the ocean at Dockweiler Beach. The intercepted runoff will be diverted through a conveyance system that includes debris removal, detention to settle pollutants, and infiltration of runoff water. The completed project will be installed entirely underground with some surface features. The surface area above the BMP project will be restored similar to its current condition.

In late May or early June 2008, project engineers will assess the soil conditions at the proposed Airports property construction site for the environmental clearance associated with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The city will also coordinate with Airports on a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirements to incorporate safety restrictions.

Prop O projects, funded by \$500 million in general obligation bonds approved by city voters in 2004, are being implemented to assist in meeting federal and state water quality regulations and address the regional challenge of litter and pollution reduction from urban and stormwater runoff. Regulators have recently moved to enforce the federally mandated limits on the daily discharge of bacteria and pollutants that enter the oceans and regional watersheds. Fines of up to \$25,000 per day for each violation have been threatened if cities continue to exceed the TMDL bacterial limits established by the Clean Water Act. The construction and implementation of Prop O projects, such as the Westchester-LAX Stormwater BMP Project, will help to significantly reduce the number of days water quality standards are exceeded at Dockweiler Beach and Santa Monica Bay.

For more information about the Proposition "O" Clean Water Bond program, please visit www.lapropo.org.

ECHO PARK DEEP POOL:

Rec and Parks was scheduled to dedicate nearly \$6 million in renovations at Echo Park Deep Pool May 22.

The project included renovating the building in which the pool is housed and upgrading the existing adjacent bathhouse (with a new roof over the entire aquatic complex), enhancing the restrooms, locker room, and shower area to make them compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, modernizing the facility's mechanical and electrical systems, and more.

Frank R. Webb Architects of Los Angeles designed the building improvements, which were built by Tobo Construction, Inc. of North Hollywood. Rec and Parks repaired the pool shell and installed new equipment. Public Works/Engineering managed the project through its Recreational and Cultural Facilities Program, with support from the Recreation and Parks Citywide Aquatics Section. Project funding came from Proposition 12 (\$2.8 million), the city's Sites and Facilities fund (\$2.1 million), and Proposition K (\$1 million).

HARBOR

New Home for Port Police

Ground is broken for new Port Police headquarters.



An architect's rendering of the new Port Police headquarters building.

Construction of a new headquarters building for the Los Angeles Port Police began with a flourish May 1 as City and Port officials grabbed shovels and ceremoniously started turning dirt at the site. Slated for completion in 2010, the state-of-the-art headquarters at Centre Street between Third and Fifth Streets in San Pedro will house the Port Police's growing force, which maintains security at the nation's largest container port and in the communities that surround it.

"These men and women are not only responsible for public safety at the Harbor; they are responsible for ensuring the safe movement of cargo into and out of the region," said Councilwoman Janice Hahn, Club Member. "They protect the largest economic engine in our region on a daily basis, ensuring the safe, uninterrupted flow of commerce. This first-class police department deserves a first-class facility, and this new headquarters will be just that."

"The new Port Police headquarters underscores our commitment to ensuring that our safety and security assets here at the Port of Los Angeles are the gold standard in the global maritime industry," added Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D.

Port Police Chief Ronald Boyd noted: "We

want to be good neighbors to our port stakeholder partners, our surrounding communities and to all those who visit the port. The only ones who won't like having us in the neighborhood are those who would bring risk or harm to the community."

The new \$43 million, 51,000-square-foot headquarters will include updated dispatch, surveillance and emergency-operations centers, among other facilities, enabling the police agency to enhance its capability to serve the Port and adjacent communities.

It also will be constructed to meet a LEED "Gold" rating, the second-highest rating awarded by the U.S. Green Building Council, which awards points for sustainable design and construction elements. LEED features at the new Port Police headquarters will include photovoltaic solar panels for generating electricity, water-efficient landscaping and plumbing, an on-site storm-water management system, recycled construction waste and other environmentally friendly measures.

The new headquarters for the maritime police force prominently featured in the current "America's Port" reality-documentary series on the National Geographic Channel will replace a 4,000-square-foot space the Port Police now occupy inside the Port of Los Angeles administrative building. The current facilities were originally designed for 30 officers. The Port Police force has grown to approximately 125 officers and is expected to grow to about 200.

In another sign of the growing numbers and visibility of the Port Police, a new substation is scheduled to open soon in Wilmington. The facility will have a walk-up service desk, giving Wilmington residents ready access to Port Police. In addition, the substation will be the future home of all the Port Police's maritime operations.



Removing the ceremonial first shovel of dirt at the groundbreaking ceremony were, from left: Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., Port Executive Director and Club Member; Port Police Chief Ronald Boyd, Club Member; U.S. Coast Guard Commander Paul Hamilton; and Councilwoman Janice Hahn, Club Member.



Port Police Chief Ronald Boyd, Club Member, gives his remarks at the official groundbreaking event.

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TUESDAY JUNE 10 STRAWBERRY	TUESDAY JUNE 24 SUGARWALL	TUESDAY JULY 8 ALISSA MORRINO	THURSDAY JULY 24 ASPH	TUESDAY AUGUST 12 KELLY'S HOT	TUESDAY AUGUST 26 TWINING WANGERS
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CITY COUNCIL

Bike Facility Is Honored

Civic Center bicycle facility earns award from transportation facility.

The City's Civic Center employee bicycle facilities project received a Rideshare Diamond Award. Sponsored by Metro and the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC), the Diamond Rideshare Awards annually recognize outstanding achievement in rideshare programs that help improve mobility and air quality.

The project, completed in January, makes available showers, bicycle and shower lockers, and additional bicycle racks for City employees working in the Downtown Civic Center area.

"These new bicycle facilities are giving employees more options for getting to work," said Council President Eric Garcetti, who announced the award. "We're encouraging people to help our environment and reduce traffic at the same time."

The bicycle facilities project received a Rideshare Diamond Award in the Group

Achievement category. Garcetti worked with General Services, Personnel and Transportation to develop the new facilities. The Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition provided assistance with making the new facilities effective for cyclists.

"I truly appreciate the partnership of city departments and cyclists that ensured this project's success," Garcetti continued. "I particularly want to acknowledge Maggie Whelan, Melina Mariano and Francois Verin of the Personnel, Michele Mowery of Transportation, Dan Eason and John Vasquez of General Services, and Helen Leung of my staff for their efforts to promote cycling to work."

For more information on the City of Los Angeles's bike/walk to work options, please visit: www.lacity.org/per/bikewalk.htm.



From left: Helen Leung (Office of Council President Eric Garcetti), Melina Mariano (Personnel), and Francois Verin (Personnel) accept the Rideshare Diamond Award on behalf of the City's Civic Center employee bicycle facilities project, which provides shower and locker facilities to encourage City employees to bike to work.



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New Members

Welcome New Members!

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

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| Airports
Daniel Barragan
Annie Chau
Shirnee Cross
Alfred Espinoza
Carol Flournoy
Lilitiana Garcia
George Gonzalez
Elizabeth Hair
Francesca Joven
Richard Kim
Balinda Knox
Brian Lam
Erica Mack-Arzu
Emma Magarin
Denise Minor
Leslie Moure
Aura Paul
Jean-Paul Rodriguez
Dale Rohde
Michael Roth
Jauhar Shuaib
Devin Staten
Francisco Sumandal | LAFD
Raymond Gallegos
Eileen McInerney
M. Benjamin Rossell
Abel Torres | LAPD
Rachel Agnew
Aileen Aranda
Erika Delgadillo
Vic Dennis
Sylvia Esqueda
Hector Feliciano
Michael Fesperman
Susanne Gras
Naila Hay
Chris Heinz
Yul Johnson
Marlo Jones
Clarence Jones
Deborah Lawrence
Celia McGreggor
Roberto Morales
Brian Nance-Pettifer
Richard Ramos
Juanita Segura-Campos
Mario Valles
Robin Van Ness
Rudolph Vasquez
Daryl Vest | Isaura Navarro
Rhonda Paul
Gwen Ramos
Pedro Sierra, Jr.
Maria Luisa Tulao
Troy Winton |
| Animal Services
Michael Alcazar
Shawn Colon
Brian Gomez
Carrie Rahming
Cassandra Woodard | Harbor
James Bozarth
Enka Cabrera
Armando Godinez
William Gonzales
Salvador Gutierrez
Justin Hargrove
Antonio Hernandez
Jose Hologuin
Lorenzo Negrete
Roosevelt Robinson
Aaron Smith
Emiko Uyeda | Street Services
Jeron Rolison
Robert Vaca | Rec and Parks
Jose Ferrufino
Steven Otero
Priscilla Perreot
Cesar Tapia |
| Building and Safety
Anique Anique
Edmond Deckert
Evelyn Evelyn
Marina Marina | General Services
Maria Estevez
Eric Hall
Etienne Meyer
Elmer Moreno
Richard Wuerth | Transportation
Ruben Aguayo | Finance
Dunne Bowden
Richard Vital |
| Convention Center
Petra Hermosillo | Library
James Sherman | Public Works
Maricel Quirante | Other
Joyce Biby
Jose Catanaoan
Judith Derbyshire |
| ITA
Moses Dugay
Emily McEnroe
David Wong | Housing
Rosa Benavides
Karen Dean
Billye Fairley
Hugo Garrido-Garza
Gema Gutierrez
Loretta Vanderhorst
Perlaminada Vida
Sheena Wallace
Emmanuel Yuen | Contract Administration
Scott Gibson
Mike Hou | LACERS
Elizabeth Barnett
Mike De Leon
Susan Ortega
Sharon Sloan
Herbert Tom |
| | Engineering
Sergio Barragan
Vincent Bozin
Ernesto Chavez
Jovana Dorsey
James Duffin
John Fees
Thomas Hartvigsen
Robert Martinez Jr. | Sanitation
Sergio Barragan
Vincent Bozin
Ernesto Chavez
Jovana Dorsey
James Duffin
John Fees
Thomas Hartvigsen
Robert Martinez Jr. | Other
Joyce Biby
Jose Catanaoan
Judith Derbyshire |



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.

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| Active
Francis Alvarado, Rec and Parks, 1
Rebecca Guzman, DWP, 24
James Hartnett, DWP, 24
Raymond Martin, DWP, 8
Duncan Milloy, DWP, 24
Calvin Treadwell, Public Works, 1 | Shean Jones, DWP, 21
James Keyser, DWP, 23
Harry Klamecki, DWP, 16
Lottie Kruk, Airports, 44
Alvin Linderman, DWP, 24
Tanya Lineberger, Public Works, 11
Robert Mahoney, DWP, 10
Woodrow Mount, DWP, 21
Robert Muis, Airports, 13
Michael Munoz, General Services, 15
Mickey Nakagawa, DWP, 29
Margaret Nicoloff, DWP, 20
William O'Keefe, DWP, 29
Paul Oden, DWP, 37
Robert Olsen, DWP, 35
Lynn Ormiston, DWP, 34
Forrest Painter, LAFD, 12
Elzie Potts, Public Works, 27
Avril Reed, DWP, 10
Isiah Rogers, DWP, 32
Dorothy Rossetti, City Clerk, 15
Arturo Sanchez, Public Works, 25
Bernard Schlossman, LAFD, 11
Joe Sclararo, General Services, 14
Ralph Seely, DWP, 19
Judith Subject, Airports, 32
Charles Sondergaard, Building and Safety, 33
Marcella Sormanti, DWP, 38
Robert Sullivan, DWP, 31
Milan Tatalovich, Public Works, 33
Dorothy Taylor, Airports, 27
Manuel Terrazas, DWP, 31
Arthur Valenzuela, Public Works, 35
Joe Wada, DWP, 12
Donald White, DWP, 26
John Woods, DWP, 36
Leighton Yancey, Library, 35
Elaine Zettler, Transportation, 6 |
| Retired
Arthur Lee Black, LAPD, 32
Juanita Blackburn, Public Works, 33
Henry Brackett, DWP, 13
William Bradford, Public Works, 30
Charles Bryant, General Services, 26
Art Cano, CDD, 14
Kenyon Carr, Building and Safety, 35
Roger Collins, DWP, 31
Rex Conway, General Services, 32
Rodolfo Corona, Airports, 36
Frances Eisenberg, Library, 25
Vincent Finley, DWP, 35
Floyd Follings, DWP, 32
Kaname Fujita, LAFD, 20
Edward Garfalo, DWP, 39
Enoch Garland, Public Works, 33
Thomas Gibson, DWP, 42
James Gillette, Public Works, 25
Peggy Grad, DWP, 19
Eleanor Greenhalgh, Personnel, 21
Frank Hallas, Building and Safety, 24
Max Harrington, Harbor, 30
John Hill, Public Works, 25
Robert Hill, DWP, 36
Robert Hirtler, DWP, 27
Carol Holden, Public Works, 21
Edd Jackson Jr., DWP, 33
Jagmohan Jhanb, General Services, 20
James Johnson, DWP, 30 | |

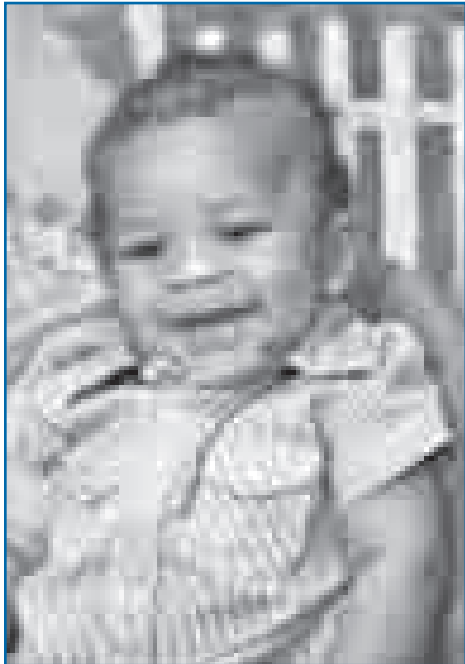


Retirements

NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS
Brenda Anders	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Richard Molina	Ref. Coll. Truck Operator	Public Works	32
Louie Andrada	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Merrilyn Morris	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Jahangir Ardalan	Civil Engr. Asst.	Public Works	10	Stanley Nagao	Equipment Mech.	General Services	13
Shirley Bailey	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Josefina Negrete	Crossing Guard	Transportation	3
Alvin Blain*	General Manager	General Services	24	Boris Noss	Sr. Equip. Mechanic	LAFD	20
Rodney Brown	Police Officer	Airports	25	Michael Nowak	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
James Campbell	Sr. Rec. Director	Rec and Parks	40	Glen Ogawa	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Gordon Carpenter	Sr. Traffic Supv.	Transportation	34	Jeanne Otake	Accountant	Transportation	40
Cynthia Carter	Sr. Personnel Analyst	Personnel	33	Michael Pattison	Helicopter Mech.	General Services	30
Richard Case	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Eugene Pereida	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	18
Luis Castillo	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Ruben Perez	Dup. Supt. Buildings	Building and Safety	37
Jordan Chermak	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Edward Petok	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Linda Coscarelli	Sr. Gardener	Rec and Parks	25	Maria Pitaliano	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Michele Crosby	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	Public Works	22	Kenneth Potter	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	23
Patrick Cruz	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Geau Purnell	Truck Operator	Rec and Parks	29
Keith Culling	Sr. Personnel Analyst	Personnel	30	Nicholas Reschke	Equip. Operator	Public Works	38
Joyce Ann Decho	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Edward Ridderbusch	Electrician Supv.	Airports	22
Liberty De La Victoria	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Bernice Rodriguez	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Michael Duffy	Elevator Mech.	Airports	22	Christopher Romero	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Rebecca Enayati	Accounting Clerk	LACERS	42	Joe Romero	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Woodrow Fleming	Council Aide	Council	22	Patricia Ross	Cust. Supervisor	General Services	20
Larry Fuji	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Marvin Scott	Mech. Repairer	Public Works	12
Paul Fox	Helicopter Mech. Supv.	General Services	28	Magdy Sharobeem	Industrial Waste Insp.	Public Works	22
Vivian Gillette	Clerk Typist	LAFD	37	Samuel Smith	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Lewis Goudie	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Sandra Smith	Police Officer	Airports	38
Geneva Graham	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	John Snyder	Survey Supervisor	Harbor	23
Terry Gutschlag	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Edison Soleiman	Mech. Engr. Assoc.	Building and Safety	18
Pamela Hall	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst	LAPD	30	James Spitsier	Asst. City Attorney	City Attorney	40
Olga Harper	Sr. Clerk	LAFD	37	Irene Stewart	Sr. Clerk Typist	Public Works	15
Linda Harvey	Police Officer	Airports	33	Dennis Sugino	Investment Officer	Fire/Police Pensions	14
Donald Hasan	Head Custodian Supv.	General Services	35	Paul Thuesen	Street Use Inspector	Public Works	38
Ralph Hyde	Golf Starter Supv.	General Services	35	Theresa Tracy	Street Maint. Supt.	Public Works	33
Dalia Israelski	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Venceslato Trujillo	Electrical Craft Helper	Airports	18
Patricia Jackson	Secretary	LAFD	38	Althea Turner	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Michael Jeppson	Financial Manager	Airports	34	Kenneth Turner	Ref. Coll. Truck Op.	Public Works	15
Patricia Jones	Sr. Gardener	Rec and Parks	30	John Vallow	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Daniel Knott	Harbor Plan/Econ. Analyst	Housing	23	Ismael Vara	Vocational Worker	Rec and Parks	7
Raymond Lampkin	Parking Enforcement Mgr.	Transportation	37	Jose Vazquez	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Garret Lund	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Israel Villalta	Equip. Mechanic	Airports	30
Glenda Mantel	Management Asst.	Housing	23	Dennis Wellington	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Patricia Martin	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Phillip White	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Enrique Martinez	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed	Harry Wilder	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
John Massopust	Sr. Transport Engineer	Transportation	38	Joseph Yatco	Air. Cond. Mech.	Airports	30
Landin McCune	Wastewater Coll. Sys.	Public Works	23	Ann Young	Not Disclosed	DWP	Not Disclosed
Kent Mitchell	Wastewater Treatment Mech.	Public Works	21	Alfonso Zavala	Truck Operator	Public Works	24
Russell "Clay" Mitchell*	Supervisor	LAFD	30				



Births



Mahki Askew, born Jan. 20 to Mary Askew, Human Resources, Harbor.



Jasmine Nicole, born Jan. 15 to Cynthia Morales, LAPD. Proud grandmother is Cristina Paneno, Club Member, and step-grandfather is Carl Paneno; both grandparents are also LAPD employees.



Jake Wyatt Robideau, born April 17 to Jennifer and Nicholas Robideau, LAFD, and big brother, Tyler.



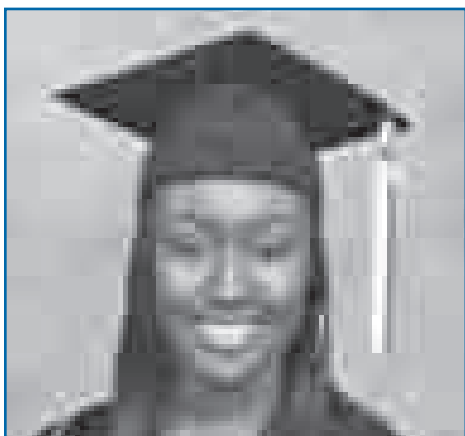
Jade Marie Griner, born Feb. 1 to Nathan C. Griner. Grandma is Lori Griner, Traffic Officer, Transportation.

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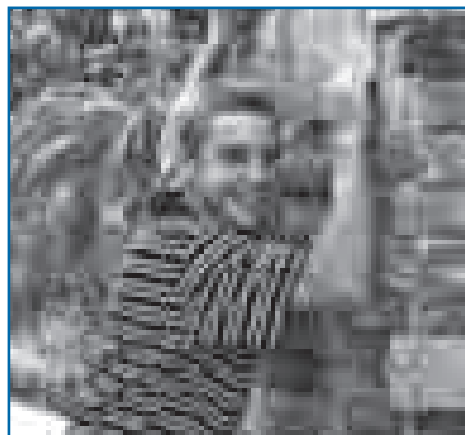


Graduations

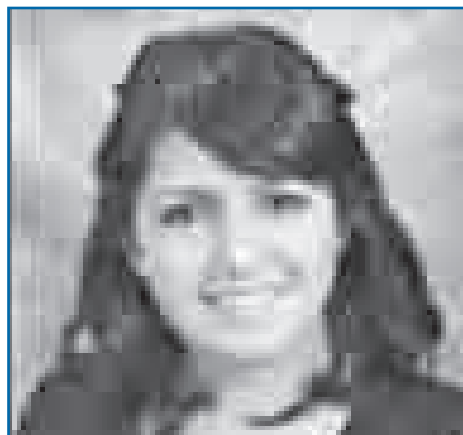
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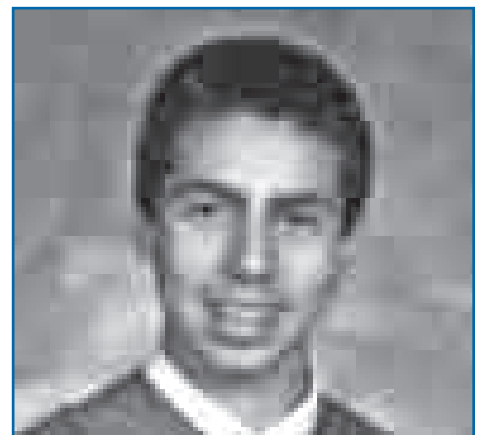
Jessica Lynne Washington graduated magna cum laude from Cal State Northridge, majoring in communication studies. At Northridge, she received the Honors Medallion for academic achievement; she was inducted into the National Society of Collegiate Scholars; and was recognized by the Black Graduation Celebration for highest GPA. She plans to attend graduate school and work in public relations. Her future goals are magazine editor/journalist. Her mom is Doris Washington, Retired Risk Manager, Airports.



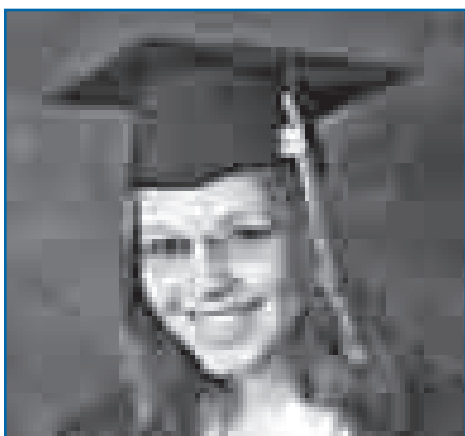
Omar Kabbani graduates this month from El Segundo Middle School with a 4.0 GPA. He also excels in sports and competed on the All Star Soccer team this year and last year. Last year, his soccer team placed second in state! He also played point guard for the El Segundo All Star Basketball team. His three older brothers and Mom are very proud of him! Mom is Marla Fisher, Claims Assistant, City Employees Club.



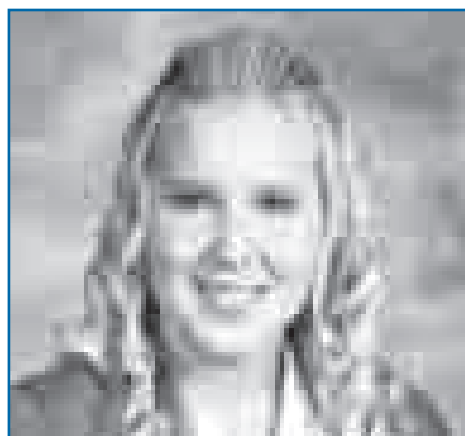
Anissa Zepeda graduated from Santa Fe High School in Santa Fe Springs. She plans to attend Cal State University Long Beach and major in sociology. Her father is Jose Zepeda, Housing, Club Member.



Nick Hernandez graduates from St. Anthony's School this month and plans to attend Gabrielino High School in the fall. Mom is Jaime Hernandez, Safety Engineer Associate, DWP.



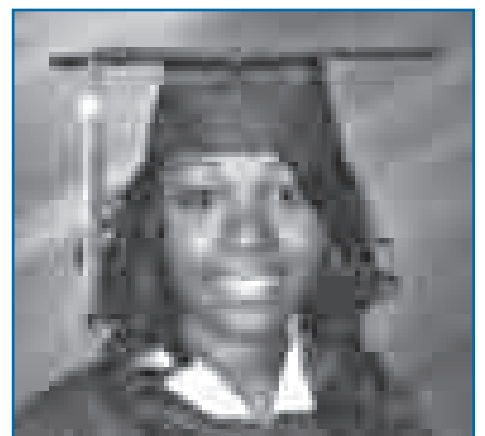
Kaytlynn Johnson graduated from Lancaster High School. She's planning to attend Deanza College in San Jose this fall and major in business. She's the daughter of Daryl (General Services) and Debra Olson. "Congratulations, you did it!" -- Mom and Dad



Tara Alma Tapie graduated from Alta Loma High School and wants to become a Criminal Investigator. She will attend Cal State San Bernardino in the fall. She's a bilingual speaker, fluent in English and Spanish, and will be going to Peru for two months this summer and will take classes there. She's the daughter of Harold Tapie, General Services, Club Member.



Amanda Christine Robles graduated from Whittier High School. She will be attending Rio Hondo College in the fall, studying business education and photography, and continuing her passion of dance at Claylee's Dance Academy in Whittier. Amanda is the daughter of Albert and Carmen Robles. Albert works in the Harbor Department.



Cherica J. Bell graduates this month from Community Harvest Charter School in Los Angeles. Her current GPA is 3.8. She will be attending Cal State University San Bernardino in the fall and will be majoring in business. Mom is Cherlyn J. Clark Harrison, Programmer Analyst, DWP, with more than 22 years of City service.

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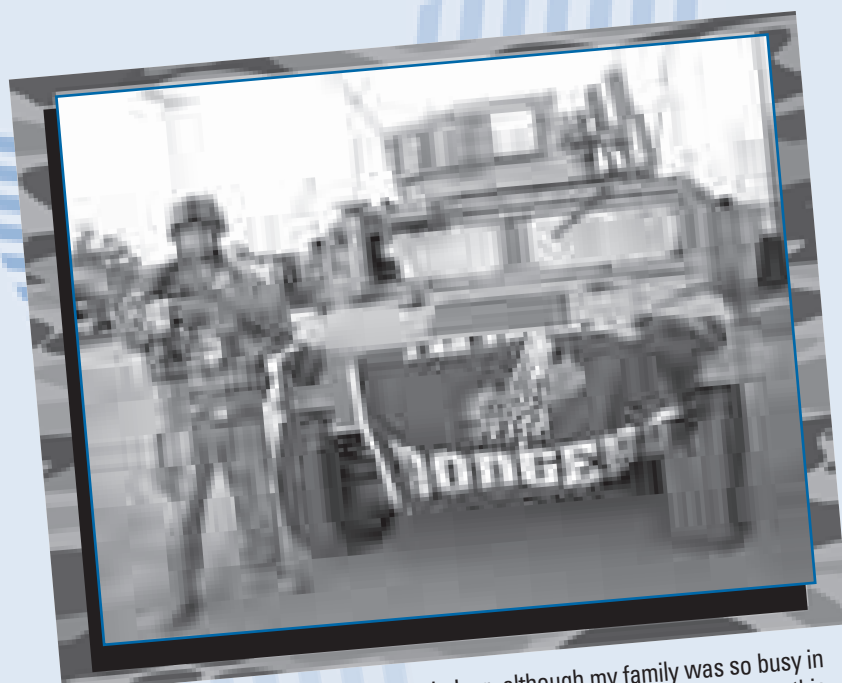
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Military



Does someone in your extended family serve their country as a member of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard? Send us a photo – either formal or on duty, along with your name, City department and relationship to the subject. Send photos to *Alive!* in the Military, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 350 S. Figueroa St. Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071. Send digital photos to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



"I wanted to take a picture with *Alive!* in Iraq, although my family was so busy in the States that they never sent a paper to me Iraq! But I am sending you this picture with a Los Angeles Dodgers flag. I was deployed in Camp Taji and Baghdad from September 2007 to April 2008. I just got home early this month."

– Guillermo Velasco, LAPD Jail Division, Club Member

That's okay, Guillermo. We'll be happy to send you an issue of Alive!, if you return to Iraq. And thanks for all you did for our country. — Ed.

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From the Club

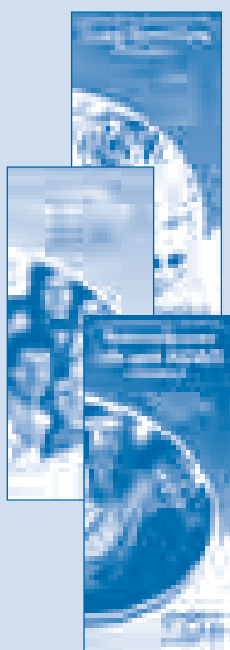
The Club offers these group-rated insurance products to its members. Don't wait... make a positive step for your peace of mind today. Contact your Club Counselor for all the details of these plans.



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Safeguard your loved ones! Life insurance is a great way to protect them. Purchasing term life insurance also makes you eligible for the Club's famous refund check...whatever we don't spend in claims and overhead, we return to the policyholders. Smart...well managed...and service-oriented.

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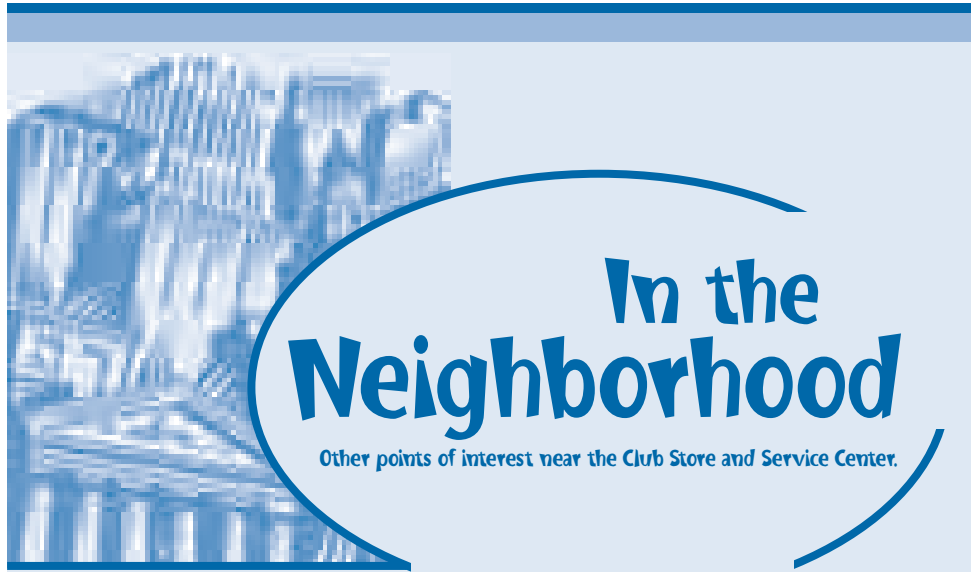
Arlene Herrero



Liz Montes



Howard Pompel



In the Neighborhood

Other points of interest near the Club Store and Service Center.

LiliYa- China Bistro

First in an occasional series of places to dine when you visit the Club Store on your lunch break.



By Yvonne Liu, Office of Finance

Recently opened across from the soon-to-be-completed Police Administration Building, LiliYa on Second Street boasts one family's culinary expertise of three generations and 32 years. A close neighbor to the new City Employees Club Store and Service Center, LiliYa in orange and red modern décor has two levels of seating. It is the perfect stop on your way to purchase amusement park tickets or check out the various insurance plans offered at the Club Office.

Having lived in Shan Dong, China, Daegu, Korea, and now Los Angeles, the family has developed its own creations within its changing kitchens. This trendy, clean restaurant presents Asian-fusion food on square plates and colorful dishes.

Since my family went there for dinner, we used the parking lot off Second and Spring. The cost was \$8 for a space after 4 p.m. There is also a valet service directly in front of the restaurant for a buck more. If you are using the A-DASH or the City Shuttle, get off at Second and Spring and walk east one-half block.

The volume of the music was pleasant. We enjoyed a variety of jazz fusion with some funk. The service was friendly and attentive, but if we had needed to call the waiter, each table has a buzzer you can press for immediate service.

We began our meal with a tofu salad, pork potstickers, and chicken lettuce wraps. The tofu salad had very fresh lettuce mixed with baby corn, lightly steamed broccoli and a soy sauce dressing. If you are trying to cut down on salt, be sure to ask for the dressing on the

side. The pork potstickers tasted of a homemade ginger flavor and were not at all greasy. Finding potstickers in hand-rolled wrappings is a rare treat in any restaurant. The chicken lettuce wraps was a minced chicken stir-fry with pine nuts that came with lettuce cups cut to be used as shells for the meat. The minced meat came in a generous portion, but five lettuce cups came up a little short to enjoy the whole dish.

My husband ordered the honey glazed walnut shrimp. I often avoided that dish because if done wrong, the glaze can be gooey, and the caramelized walnuts can lose their crunch. I was pleasantly surprised that LiliYa's version came with a light glaze; the pink butterfly shrimp were large and fresh, and the walnuts were crunchy to perfection.

For LilyYa's famous black bean noodles, you have a choice of either Korean noodles or rice vermicelli. I strongly recommend the Korean noodles. Don't be afraid of the dark. My little boys could not eat enough of the bouncy noodles in the flavorful brown sauce with sweet onions and squash. This time we ordered a small order, \$7; next time we will surely order the large, \$10. Be sure to ask for the kim chi, because it's not automatically served.

Lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Two dozen lunch specials offer Chinese and Korean favorites including orange chicken, Korean BBQ, and sweet and sour pork from \$7.25 to \$10.25. Lunch includes soup of the day, salad and rice. You'll be certain to find something you like. Freshly made seasonal juices using real fruit such as watermelon with no added sugar and a variety of fruited iced teas, such as mango, pineapple, or passion fruit, will cool your hot days. A wide variety of domestic and imported beers and wine will make it a nice stop to meet friends after work.

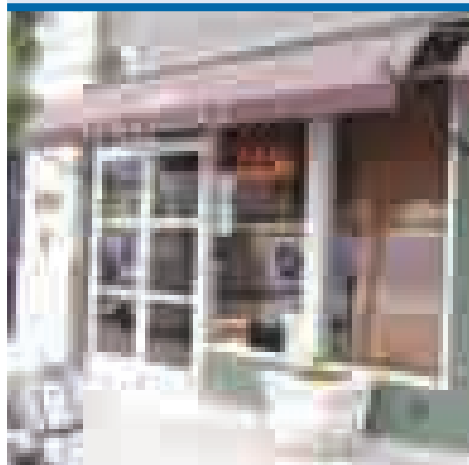
For an on-line menu, go to: www.liliyachinabistro.com/menu/lunch.htm.

LiliYa- China Bistro

108 W. Second St., #102-103
(at Second at Main)
Los Angeles, 90012
(213) 620-1717
www.liliyachinabistro.com

Hours:
Mon.-Thurs. 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Fri. and Sat. 11 a.m. to midnight
Closed on Sundays.

LiliYa China Bistro is right next door to the new Club Store and Service Center.



CLUB STORE

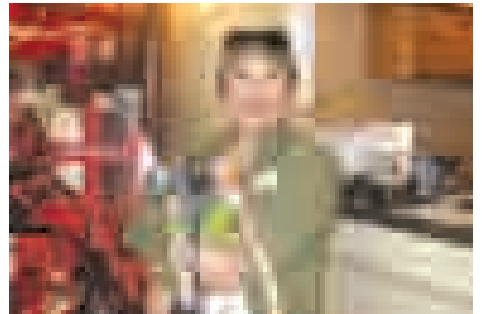
Open for Business!

A historic day: The new Club Store and Service Center, a short walk for most downtown Club Members, officially opened May 1. Stop by!

The new Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second St., between Spring and Main Streets, opened May 1 and greeted Club Members who were excited about the new facility.

Among the first-day visitors were the following, who had great things to say:

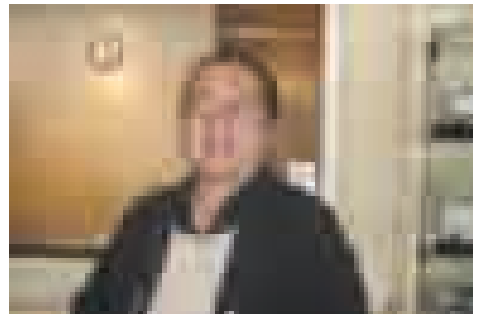
- Jim Littleton, Public Works/Contract Administration: "I love the new store! It is so convenient and close to City Hall!"
- Elizabeth Villacreses, CDD: "I really like the new place."
- Julie Kim, Club Member: "I love! I love it! What a great place."



Julie Kim, Club Member.

The new Club Store and Service Center is open for all your Club needs:

- The City's best ticket discounts
- Officially licensed City apparel and merchandise
- Club account services
- It's downtown at street level! One block from City Hall and the Transportation building, across the street from the new Parker Center – and an easy walk from almost all downtown City offices
- The old Club Store in the World Trade Center has closed. All Club Store services have moved to the bigger, better Club Store.



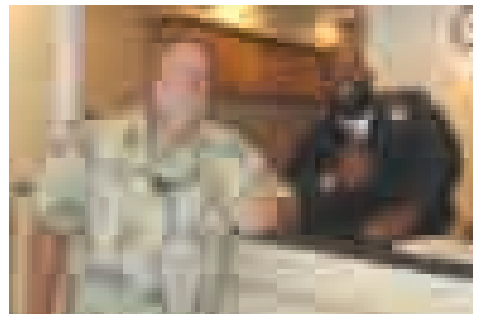
Elizabeth Villacreses, CDD.

Stop by for your ticket and merchandise needs – or just say hi!

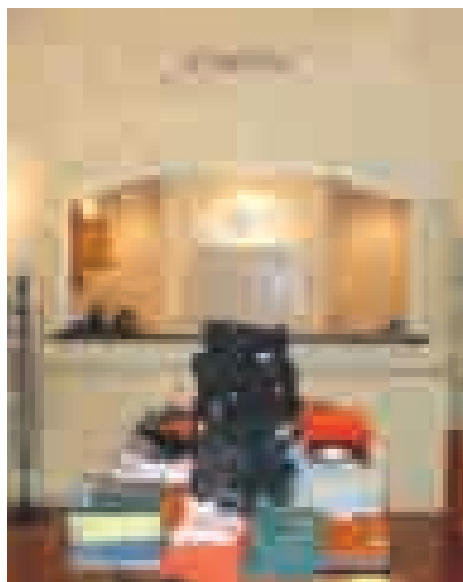
The Club Store and Service Center

120 W. Second St.,
between Spring and Main Streets
(888) 777-1744

The Club Store in the World Trade Center has closed.



Jim Littleton, Public Works/Contract Administration



The Club Store has all the gear you want.



The Club Store is spacious and welcoming.



Robert Larios, the Club's Director of Marketing and Communications, stands outside the new Club Store and Service Center.

Father's Day in the City

■ When dads and their kids work for the City, legacies are made.

Story by Yvonne Liu, Office of Finance; Photos courtesy the subjects

Comedian Chris Rock once spoke up for fathers by saying that, of the two, fathers are by and large the less appreciated parent. For example, children and songwriters have come up with the loveliest music and heart-warming lyrics of how we love our mothers, but rarely do we come across a Father's Day song.

In a 1972 concert at Carnegie Hall, Groucho Marx performed the following song by Harry Ruby:

"Today, Father, is Father's Day
And we're giving you a tie
It's not much, we know
It is just our way of showing you
We think you're a regular guy
You say that it was nice of us to bother
But it really was a pleasure to fuss
For according to our mother
You're our father
And that's good enough for us
Yes, that's good enough for us."

Here are some stories of City employees
who grew up with a father who
is also a City employee.

Wilken Quon and Irene Gudino

Wilken Quon started in Public Works as a Senior Accountant I in December 1986 and advanced to Senior Accountant II in July 1996. Today he's a Senior Accountant II at Public Works.



Wilken Quon and Irene Gudino

Irene Gudino, a Senior Clerk Typist at the DWP, who was featured in last month's Mother's Day story, shared with us her thoughts on her father. Both of her parents, Aida Quon and Wilken Quon, were role models for her to start a career in the City.

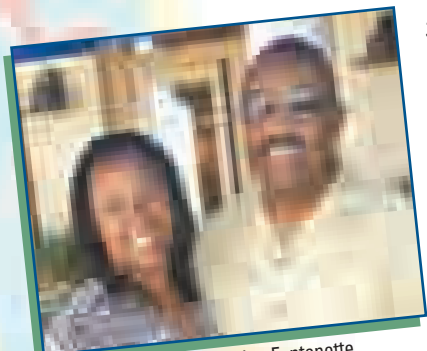
"My parents have been supportive, especially my dad, by keeping me abreast with every exam I could be eligible to take, and also share some study materials to help me prepare for the exams," Irene said. "It has been helpful, and I am thankful for his and my mom's help and continuing support."

Her parents are also wonderful grandparents, and her three boys, from age 5 to infant, love to spend time with them.

Her father's constant support to keep her abreast of available City tests helps her to focus on her career goals of working in the Management series.

William Todd and Chermaine Fontenette

Chermaine Fontenette, Truck Operator II, Sanitation/Public Works, came to the City less than two years ago.



William Todd and Chermaine Fontenette

It was by a bumpy road that brought Chermaine, 35, to the City as a truck operator.

She worked 10 years as a UPS driver before her next assignment as a full-time mother and wife. After her divorce, she went to truck-driving school and earned a Class A commercial license. She began looking for work that accommodated her babysitter's schedule. After a stint as one of only three female truck drivers at Waste Management in October 2006, she came to the City.

Her father, William Nelson Todd, a patrol officer at LAPD, started in Devonshire Division decades ago. Recently retired, he now works for the studios as security on his police bike.

When asked why she chose the City, she replied,

"My father always told me that if I was in uniform that I would always be able to take care of myself and have a good retirement plan for my future."

As a little girl, Chermaine used to go the Police Academy on a regular basis while he was in training. Some of that pride for LAPD she possessed as a child shines through.

"I loved the fact that my father was a cop [and] he was my hero," she remembered.

"I loved to hear him come home from work on a late night and wake me up and tell me he was home and bring me presents, especially the sweet potato pies from wherever he use to get them. I loved to run in the back yard and wave at him going down the hill to work. He would blow his horn on his bike."

"I was so proud that I had a necklace my daddy gave me on my birthday. It was his

badge with my first diamond in it, and on the back it said 'Love, Daddy.' My father told me [he] became a cop to give me a better life than what he had growing up, and he did just that," she said.

Chermaine would run into her father while on route. Not knowing the driver was his daughter, Officer Todd would say, "Hey! You can't park there! What are you doing?!"

She would park properly, run out and give him a hug.

Chermaine's employment with the City is also a way of reuniting with her father, from whom she had grown apart due to her parents' divorce.

"I lost contact with my dad, but as an adult I gained back the relationship," she said.

She calls her father to ask for advice on what to do for the next promotional exam. They talk extensively about what is happening in the City as far as jobs go. Her father advises her on how the City works, on what her benefits are, and how to invest in the City's retirement plans.

"I [see] that as I am [now] older that having lived the City life my entire life that I someday can say that I was a retired City employee and the City was good to me!" she said.

Elliott Porter and Sheryl Porter

Sheryl Porter started part time with the City at the Los Angeles Zoo in 1984 as a Recreation Assistant II. Her father, Elliott Porter, was the Personnel Director at the Rec and Parks. She started working full time in 1988 as a Clerk Typist.

Elliott encouraged her to get in the City while she was trying to figure out what to do with her life.

"I've been here ever since, and am currently employed at the DWP as a Customer Service Representative. My dad actually spent several years working in the same division I am now. He still calls the [John Ferrero Building] 'the new building' because he remembers when it was built," Sheryl said.

"I was able to watch my dad succeed at work for many years before I started, and that was only one of the many great examples he provided for me growing up."

For Sheryl, it's enjoyable working in the public sector. She shows up every day and does the best job she can. She feels that her father had set a great example for her.

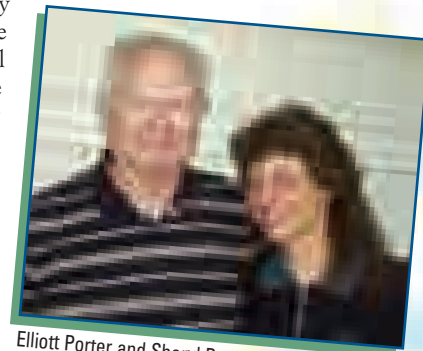
"One fortunate thing about following him to the City is that anytime I have a question regarding rules or procedures, I can ask my dad. He always knows the right answer, or where to find it. He's the master at helping people prepare for interviews, and as difficult as interviews are for me, he's helped tremendously," she said.

"Throughout the years I've met many people who know him, and it's a joy to see how many people's lives he's touched deeply. He's personable, knowledgeable and fun, and when people talk about him, I see [their eyes] light up."

Sheryl explained that her parents divorced when she was eight, and her father had custody of her.

"We had the greatest time together, and started attending baseball games almost every night. We also share a hobby of collecting autographed baseballs, and the oldest ball my dad has is signed by Steve Bilko, his all-time favorite player from the Pacific Coast League days before the Dodgers moved to Los Angeles."

"Working for the City hasn't made us closer. We've been close my whole life," she said.



Elliott Porter and Sheryl Porter

Here are the personal messages sent to *Alive!* by some very loving and grateful children who wanted to pay tribute to their DAD.

Enjoy!

Happy Father's Day!



Happy Father's Day to the best dad ever. I love you!

- Love, Jake (son of Dan Hibma, LAFD FS 6)



"I would like to thank you for encouraging me to reach for success in everything I do and for giving me the Real facts of life. I just want to say you've been such an inspiration in my life and I love you... Happy Father's Day, Pa! (George Edison 1, Public Works 38 Years)

- Love, Wendy Edison, SCT 11 Years



Happy Father's Day, Dad-E-O! Thank you for everything you have been to us! We love you!

- Love, Tracy and Kara



Happy Father's Day from your girls.

- Love, Julie and Emily (the daughters of Dan Hibma, LAFD FS 6)



To the person who gave me a sense of adventure...and the gift of learning to enjoy life and all it has to offer us. I love you, Dad!

- John Hawkins



Dad! I am so proud of your for achieving 25 years with the DWP and want you to know how much I love you! You are the best father anyone could ask for, and I know both Rob and I feel blessed to call you Dad.

- Love you, Marcy

(Pictured from left: Juan [the father] and Gigi Guevara; Jen and Rob Guevara; and Marcy Guevara)



Happy Father's Day, Daddy! We want to thank you for being such an awesome father. We love you. You're the greatest!

- With Love, Mikesha and Trez'Jah Mingo (daughters of Timothy Mingo, DWP)



To the best Daddy in the world -- Don Serrano. Happy Father's Day! We love you very much.

- Love, Guia, Edbert and Guian. (Mom Josephine Serrano, Club Member, works for the Convention Center)

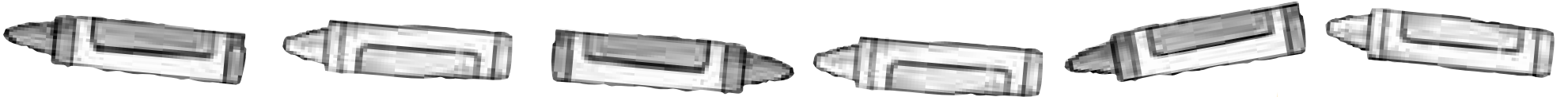
**From all of us
at the Club,
to all the Fathers,**

**HAVE A
GREAT DAY!**



Happy Father's Day to the best dad in the world! Thank you for always being there for us, and thank you for your support. We love you so much.

- Love, Darly, Vanessa and Andres. (the family of Martin Lovato)



Congratulations to the WINNERS!

of our Club Coloring Contest!

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

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



Winner
5 & under
YEARS OLD

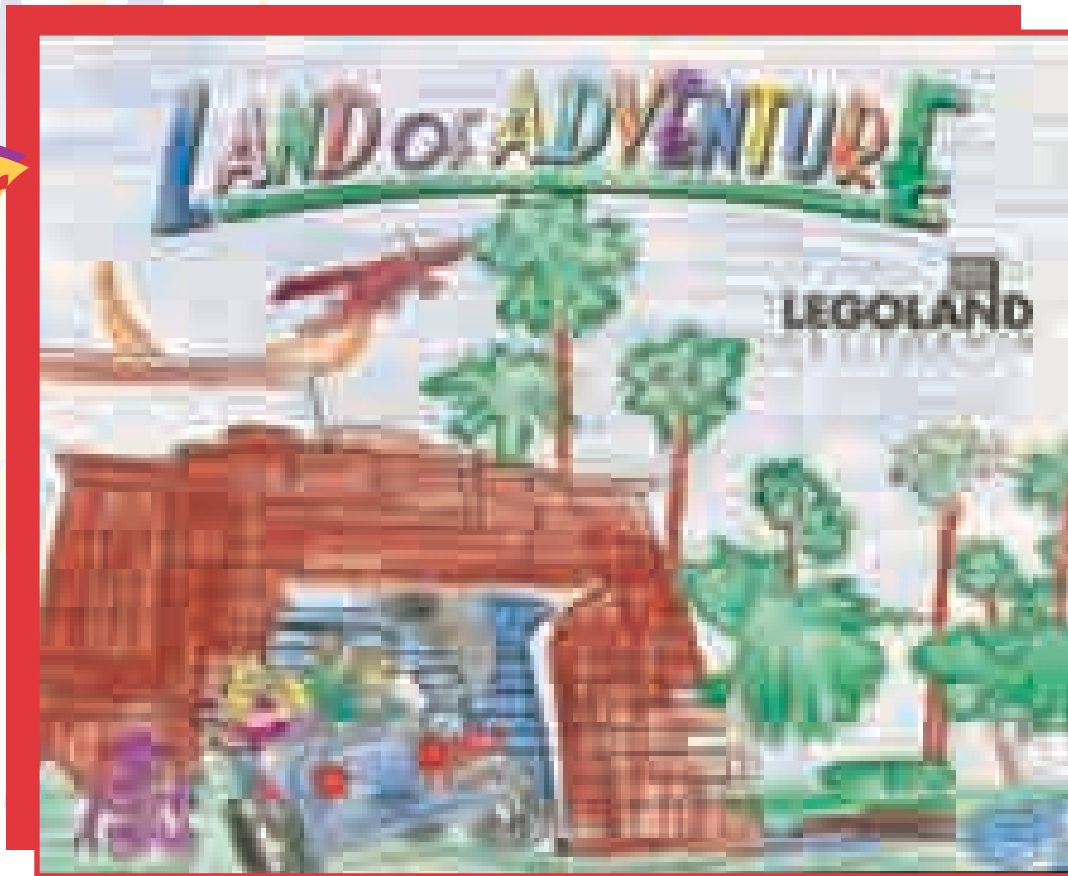
London Jamal Wright, 5

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Curious George" • FAVORITE SNACK: Chicken nuggets • BEST FRIEND: Devin • WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: Legoland - I've never been there. • PARENT: Hope P. Wright, LAPD

Winner
6 to 7
YEARS OLD

Emily Victoria Reyes, 7

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Little House On The Prairie" • FAVORITE SNACK: Mango • BEST FRIEND: Arcie • WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: I want to go to Legoland because I LOVE Legos!!! I think it might be fun to treat my sisters and parents to Legoland. • PARENT: Alfredo Reyes, Public Works



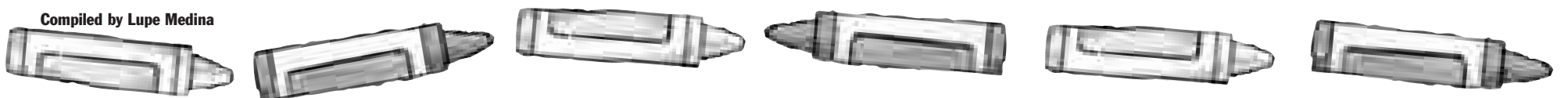
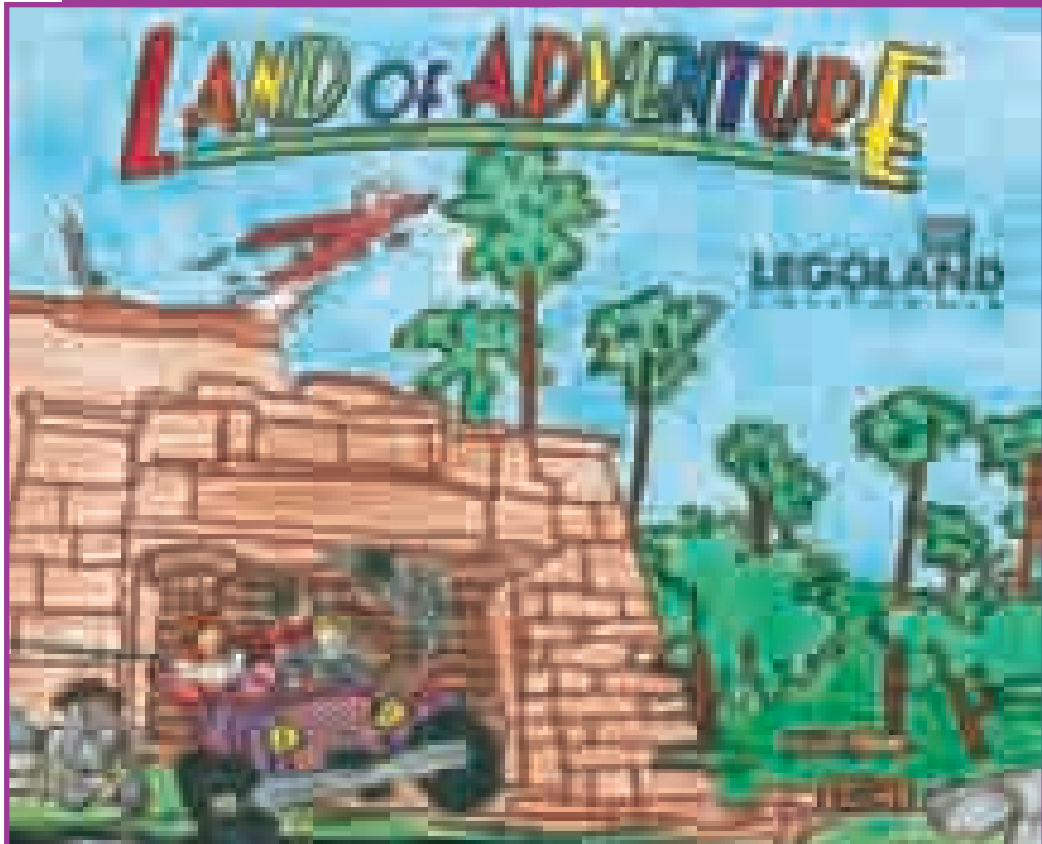
Honorable Mention

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Hector Benito L.	2	Hector Lara	Airports
Joshua Frenya	3	Steve Gardner	LAX
Kaley Gallegos	3	Leonard Gallegos	Harbor
Jack White	3	John White	City Clerk
Michael B.	4	Angela Bagmanian	Rec & Park
Angel G Cooper	4	Aracely Galicia	DOT
Peter Otoshi	5	John T. Otoshi	DWP
Keoni N. Arroyo	6	Seina Nunes	Airports
Alyssa Curiel	6	Jennifer Curiel	Animal Ser.
Vian D.L. Torre	6	Anthony De La Torre	Airports
Kate Gabon	6	Audie Gabon	DWP
D'mari Fletcher	6	Charles E. Jones	DWP
Kimberly Ochoa	6	Mario Ochoa	Animal C.T.
Anthony Wiley	6	Lisa Wiley	DWP
Ny Anderson	7	Tierra Watkins	LAWA
Joshua Gharthey	7	Jacqueline Gharthey	DWP
Brianna H.	7	Annette Hernandez	DWP
Abbey Gallegos	7	Leonard Gallegos	Harbor
Patrick Miranda	7	Patrick Miranda Sr.	T. Operator
Daniel Tapia	7	Daniel Tapia	DWP
Nicholas Farhand	8	Ryan Farhand	LAPD
Dianna Henriquez	8	Sai Henriquez	DOT
Kelly Launchbaugh	8	John Foltz	Retired
Santiago Lopez	8	Edward Lopez	LAWA
Kylee Mendoza	8	Cesar Mendoza	Fleet Ser.
Joseph Otoshi	8	John T. Otoshi	DWP
Dominick Romero	8	Angela Espino	F&P. Pens.
Paloma Bautista	9	Kathleen Bautista	Port Dispatch
Abegail Diaz	9	Myrna Diaz	Harbor
Stephanie A. F.	9	Manuel L. Figueroa	Police
Steven Lopez	9	Alejandro Lopez	Gen Ser.
Kyssandra Stef.	9	Robert Stefanovich	LAX
Dominique Wright	9	Hope P. Wright	LAPD
Samantha Avalos	10	Felicitas R. Barajas	DOT
Iveryana Bufford	10	Latrease Bufford	LAPD
Adriana Garcia	10	Gilbert Garcia	DWP
Koppany Horv	10	Robert Horvath	Mech.
Melissa Lava	10	Amy Lava	ITA
Aaron Loriso	10	Richard Loriso	Retiree
April M. Vega	11	Maria R. Conchas	Airports

Winner
8 to 10
YEARS OLD

Mary Reynosa, 8

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Hannah Montana" • FAVORITE SNACK: Milk and cookies • BEST FRIEND: Ariel • WHAT AMUSEMENT PARK DO YOU WANT TO GO TO AND WHY: Disneyland, because I love it. • PARENT: Lisa Martellaro-Palmer, LADOT



REC AND PARKS

Banning Heritage Days

Residence Museum offers its annual heritage days June 7.



Horse and buggy rides have been part of Banning Heritage Days.



At a previous Banning Heritage Days event.



At a previous Banning Heritage Days event.

The Banning Residence Museum presents Banning Heritage Day and a Summer Exhibition Opening. Banning Heritage Day and the Summer Exhibition celebrating the Sesquicentennial of Wilmington will take place Sat., June 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Banning Museum, 401 East M St. in Wilmington.

The schedule of events will include a lecture at 10 a.m. entitled, "Wheels of Progress: Phineas Banning's Staging and Freight Empire," presented by Banning Museum Director Michael Sanborn. The lecture is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Reservations are required for the lecture and reservations can be requested by calling the Museum at (310) 548-7777.

Beginning at 11 a.m., the event will also offer self-guided tours of the Museum, entertainment by Yesteryears dancers, an interactive G-scale-model railway display, children's crafts and activities, and complimentary cake in celebration of the 150th anniversary of Wilmington. The Norris Museum Shop will offer gift items and seasonal décor, and food will be available for purchase. Also on this day, the Port of Los Angeles will provide free shuttle buses to harbor area museums and historic sites including: Drum Barracks Civil War Museum, Banning's Landing, Los Angeles Maritime Museum, Fort MacArthur Military Museum and Point Fermin Lighthouse.

The Summer Exhibition on display until September 2008 celebrates Wilmington's 150th anniversary. Founded in 1858 by Phineas Banning, Wilmington is one of the oldest towns in Los Angeles County. Learn about Wilmington's unique beginnings and the pioneers who combined vision and hard work to see their

community grow and prosper. The rooms of the Banning Museum will be decked in patriotic splendor as the family prepares to celebrate July 4, 1908. View Edwardian summer fashions, patriotic arts and crafts, and period style decorations.

The photo gallery will continue to celebrate this landmark anniversary with a special exhibition, "Photographic Memory: Images of Wilmington's History." The exhibition of historic documents and photographs will include rare images of Wilmington, from the 1860s through the early decades of the 20th century.

The Banning Museum is a Rec and Parks facility and is operated in conjunction with the Friends of Banning Museum.



A model railroad always proves popular.



At a previous Banning Heritage Days.



Period costumes lend a sense of history.

LAPD

New Property Officers

Police Dept. issues badges to new Property Division Officers.

On April 18, the Police Dept. welcomed five new Property Division officers and issued them badges. The event took place at the Forensic Science Center's conference room at the LAPD facility at Cal State L.A.

The new Property Officers are:

- Laura Romero
- Kim Heng
- John Garcia
- Carlos Castillo, and
- Jose Barajas.

Congratulations to the new officers!

Thanks to Cordelia Williams, Training Coordinator/Management Analyst, for her assistance.



At the swear-in ceremony, from left: Laura Romero, Kim Heng, John Garcia, Carlos Castillo and Jose Barajas.



Graduate Laura Romero.



Graduate Kim Heng.



Graduate Carlos Castillo.



Graduate John Garcia.



Graduate Jose Barajas.

Newsbrief

NEW POLICE STATION NAME:

Councilmen Dennis P. Zine and Greig Smith, in conjunction with the Los Angeles Police Department, announced that the new community police station in Canoga Park will be named the "Topanga Police Station," and they declared a grand-prize winner in the Police Station Naming Contest.

The Councilmen held a contest for the community to provide input in naming the new police station on Schoenborn Street in Canoga Park. Approximately 500 entries were submitted, and a Naming Committee was formed to review the entries and make a final selection. Six contestants submitted the winning name, and a drawing was held to declare the grand-prize winner. Westfield partnered with the Council Offices to offer a \$1,000 gift card to their many shopping centers for the winner of the naming contest. Rebecca Westberg was the grand-prize winner and upon receiving her prize, she generously donated it back to the Topanga Police Station.

"I am elated that so many people took part in the contest and am very proud of the name that was ultimately selected," said Councilman Dennis P. Zine. "Our goal was to have the public feel connected to the new police facility, and I think that objective was accomplished here today."

"This state-of-the-art facility will be a major asset to the community," said Councilman Greig Smith. "It is a great resource for the public and has now been given its identity by the people it will serve."

The new police station, located at 21501 Schoenborn St. in Canoga Park, will bring police officers closer to the community in hopes of improving police service and reducing crime.

As LAPD Reserve Officers and members of the Public Safety Committee, Councilmen Smith and Zine have continually worked to ensure public safety throughout the San Fernando Valley and the City of Los Angeles.

LAPD

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Assistant Chief Sharon Papa, Club Member, addresses the PSRs.



Standing: C.T. Feng, PSR III, 9 years of City service, Club Member. Seated: Marisol Vielma, PSR II, 6 years, Club Member.



LAPD Chief William Bratton thanks the PSRs for their hard work and commitment to the safety of Police Officers and the residents in the City.



From left: Melissa Merrin, PSR II, 2.5 years of City service, Club Member; and Nicole Salls, PSR II, 3 years, Club Member.

National Dispatchers Week

Police Dept. says thanks to its 911 operators during annual national event.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; Photos by Arlene Herrero; Angel Gomez, Director of Member Services; and Marisol Vielma, PSR II

The Los Angeles Police Department Communication Division celebrated National Dispatchers Week April 13 through 19. The annual event, established in 1992 by President George H. Bush, honors dispatchers nationwide for providing vital emergency services in their respective communities.

LAPD dispatchers, known as Police Service Representatives (PSRs), are an integral part of the public safety net in Los Angeles. They fulfill dual roles as police dispatchers and 911 operators. In 2007, PSRs provided all dispatching services for LAPD officers and answered 3.5 million calls for police service from the public.

Both dispatch centers – the Metropolitan Center, and the Valley Center – offered guided tours for officers, City Employees, members of the media and the general public. The tours were conducted all day. Refreshments were provided.

LAPD Chief William Bratton attended the 2 p.m. roll call at the MCDC and VCDC to personally honor the PSRs for their hard work and commitment to the safety of police officers and the residents in the City of Los Angeles.

The Club provided several prizes for the week long event and attended the open houses at both centers.

Thanks to all the PSRs for the incredible work they do for the City.

Thanks to PSR II Angel Rodriguez, Club Member, and PSR II Jennifer Chavis, for their assistance.



The three award recipients, from left: PSR I Cathy Sotos, PSR III Anthony Rivers, and PSR III Tammy Lindquist.



Marty Ford, PSR III, 17 years of City service, Club Member.



Yul Johnson, Sr. PSR I, 19 years of City service.



From left: Carlos Marsh, PSR II, 5 years of City service, Club Member; and Charles Vetter, PSR III, 9 years.



Manuel Garcia, PSR III, 10 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Susana Reynoso, PSR II, 6 years of City service, Club Member; and Emiko Uyeda, PSR II, 4.5 years.



Wanda Williams, PSR II, 22 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Naila Hay, PSR II, 5 years of City service; and Ricci Cureton, PSR III, 11.5 years.

ANTHONY RIVERS

Administrative Employee of the Year (2007)

Communications Division is pleased to announce the selection of Police Service Representative (PSR) III Anthony Rivers as the 2007 Administrative Employee of the Year.

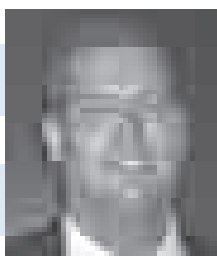
Police Service Representative Rivers has been assigned to Communications Division for the past 12 years. He began his current tour of duty in the Training Unit Simulator in Fall 2006. As a Simulator Instructor, he was knowledgeable in the policies and procedures and consistently imparted that knowledge in a professional manner. Rivers spent many hours planning and preparing lesson plans, PowerPoint presentations and simulations. As the class coordinator, he ensured that all equipment, including headsets and Divisional Manuals, were obtained and issued properly to all new employees. Additionally, he tracked, recorded and maintained class related materials (test scores, etc.) and consistently submitted the daily worksheet and class logs in a timely manner.

In addition to his regular duties as a Simulator Instructor, Rivers was inundated with a multitude of other responsibilities and assignments. He planned and coordinated a Premiere CAD training overview specifically designed for the Communications Division Projects Unit staff, as well as played a significant role in the preparation for eight-hour Premiere CAD

training classes for supervisors. Another of his ancillary responsibilities during 2007 was to teach a block in Watch Commander School for sworn and civilian Department supervisors. He also taught a block on City emergencies during several PSR II Enrichment Days. Rivers provided additional training to a variety of outside Divisions and agencies. For example, he taught Property Division personnel on tactical alerts and mobilization procedures and also provided training to personnel from the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health.

Rivers was always willing an eager to accept any task or assignment. He was a vital part of the successful move of the Training Unit staff and office equipment/materials from the City Hall East to the Metropolitan Communications Dispatch Center (MCDC) offices.

Rivers consistently went above and beyond the call of duty. His uncanny sense of humor and wit make him delightful. He is a team player who maintains a positive and welcoming work demeanor.



From left: LAPD Chief William Bratton and PSR III Anthony Rivers and his family, as Anthony was awarded Administrative Employee of the Year.

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CATHERINE SOTOS

Supervisor of the Year (2007)

Communications Division is pleased to announce the selection of Senior Police Service Representative I Catherine Sotos as the 2007 Supervisor of the Year.

Cathy joined the Department in October 1988. She exemplifies what a supervisor should be. Whether projecting calm during emergencies, mentoring subordinates or handling complicated personnel issues, she maintains the same high level of professionalism. During the past year, she has displayed outstanding dedication to duty, providing the same high-quality service to the citizens of Los Angeles, which is her trademark.

During the past year, Communications Division has undergone a series of changes, including the launch of Premiere CAD in June 2007. This transition was tough for most of the employees, as change is never easy. Senior PSR Sotos repeatedly took the lead, providing numerous roll call training sessions, not only on what her employees could expect, but also how to deal with a new set of circumstances.

Sotos is also held in high regard by the sergeant/watch commanders of the center, who have recognized her good work on many occasions.

She is a strong supervisor who doesn't just report problems and wait for direction, but rather she works through the issue/situation and then presents the action taken/solution.

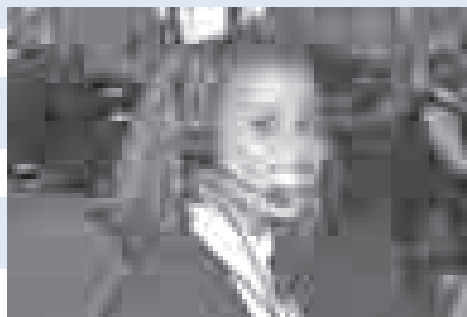
Sotos' dedication to improving the morale and positive atmosphere of the Division is also evident. Throughout the years, she has been a constant force during the Baker to Vegas running competition. Cathy's early involvement was as an organizer/leader for the Communications Division team. She has continued to work in support of this event, as well as in the planning of divisional picnics, holiday parties and the Department's Adopt-a-Family efforts. Without supervisory support, these events would not have been the success they were. Cathy has also been involved in the S. Baldrick's fundraising efforts to fight against childhood cancer, as well being involved in numerous other charitable causes.



From left: Capt. Anita Ortega, SR II John Phillips, Lt. II Stan Ludwig and award recipient PSR I Cathy Sotos with Police Chief William Bratton.



Standing, from left: Cathi Pearson, Sr. PSR 1, 28 years of City service, Club Member; and Cathy Sotos, Sr. PSR 1, 19 years, Club Member. Seated: Sgt. Ponce.



Taneshia Guillory, PSR II, 4.5 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Charlotte Reaves, Sr. PSR 1, 13 years of City service, Club Member; and Larry Cardinas, Sr. PSR 1, 18 years, Club Member.



Promoting the Revlon Run/Walk, from left: Carlos Mejia, PSR II, 6.5 years of City service, Club Member; and Yolanda Bunn, PSR III, 13 years, Club Member.



Adriana Herrera, PSR II, 3.5 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Cynthia Lam, PSR III, 9 years of City service, Club Member; and Jayda Davis, PSR, 7 months.



Verlene Triplett, PSR II, 19 years of City service, Club Member.



Larry Gates, PSR II, 4.5 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Berta Ugas, Sr. PSR 1, 18 years of City service, Club Member; and Anita Whited, Sr. PSR 1, 18 years, Club Member.



From left: Whitney Olafson, PSR II, 1.5 years of City service; and Amy Case, PSR II, 5 years, Club Member.

TAMMY LINDQUIST

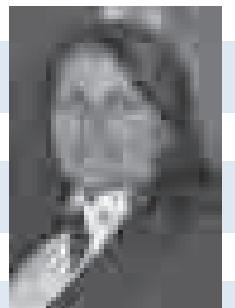
Police Service Representative of the Year (2007)

Communications Division is pleased to announce the selection of Police Service Representative (PSR) III Tammy Lindquist as the 2007 PSR of the Year.

Lindquist began her career with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Aug. 30, 1999. Her technical proficiency and her exemplary interpersonal skills have made her an invaluable member of Communications Division. She maintains a calm and pleasant demeanor, even through the most difficult situations. Her antidote to a bad day is a smile. She views life as a humorous and positive challenge, and eagerly works to resolve conflict.

One of Lindquist's most outstanding attributes has been her willingness to get involved in morale-building activities throughout the Division. She volunteered to coordinate Watch Cleanup; the Pet Board; the monthly birthday list; and she took the initiative to decorate the MCDC floor for the Christmas and New Year's holiday, all of which were evident of her spirit to improve and beautify the work environment. She served on the annual picnic committee, the children's Christmas party committee, the holiday party committee, the Baker to Vegas Committee, and the station fund committee. During the months leading up to the Communications Division holiday party,

Lindquist assisted in many fundraising ideas and was instrumental in ensuring that the holiday party committee achieved their fundraising goals. It is no surprise that Lindquist is also a member of the Care and Concern Committee (CACC), a team of volunteer personnel that provides support to fellow employees. Lindquist has worked a variety of assignments during her tenure with LAPD, her favorite being the RTO Training Officer (RTOTO), an assignment that enhances her job knowledge, peer leadership and passion for teaching. Lindquist envisions that 911 Dispatchers will one day achieve the recognition they merit and deserve. Communications Division is very fortunate to have someone of Lindquist's caliber who maintains a positive outlook. Lindquist has received numerous commendations throughout her career, touting her skills and abilities and exceptional performance. Lindquist represents excellence, loyalty and dedication.



From left: PSR III Tammy Lindquist, Club Member, accepts her Police Service Representative of the Year certificate from LAPD Chief William Bratton.

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From left: PSR III Jorge Rios, Club Member, accepts his Certificate of Recognition from LAPD Chief William Bratton.



From left: PSR III Maria Ramos accepts her Certificate of Recognition from LAPD Chief William Bratton.



From left: Judy Ruiz, PSR III, 34 years of City service, Club Member; and Jean Sarfaty, PSR II, 2 years, Club Member.



From left: PSR III Mary Vega accepts her Certificate of Recognition from LAPD Chief William Bratton.



From left: Sr. PSR Leslie Smith, Club Member, accepts her Certificate of Recognition from LAPD Chief William Bratton.



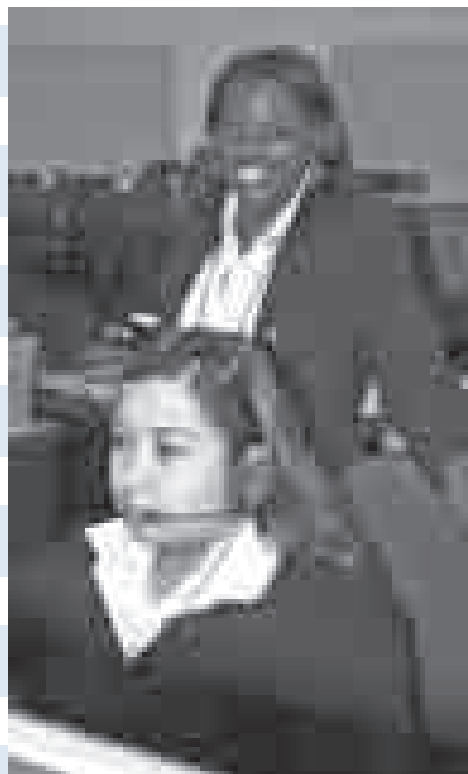
Tamera Walker, PSR, 6 months of City service.



From left: Caroline Milanes, PSR, 6 months; and Carol Davis, PSR III, 12 years of City service, Club Member.



Crystal Elizondo, PSR, 1.5 years of City service.



Standing: Andrea Steward, PSR III, 22 years of City service, Club Member. Seated: Danielle Correa, PSR II, 4 years.



Spencer's mom, PSR III, 9 years of City service, Club Member.



Jose Alaras, PSR, 7 months of City service.



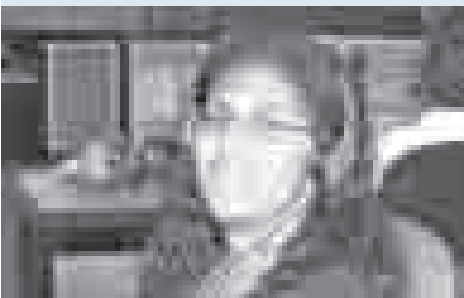
Autumn Kohoutek, PSR II, 4.5 years of City service.



Seated: Janice Williams, PSR II, 10 years of City service, Club Member. Standing: Keisha Crawford, PSR II, 6 years.



From left: Andrea Rayburn, Sr. PSR 1, 9 years of City service, Club Member; and Tracy Beverly, Sr. PSR 1, 11 years, Club Member.



Crystal Edwards, PSR, 6 months of City service.



Back row, from left: Marlene Swancy, Sr. PSR 1, 25 years of City service, Club Member; and Capt. Anita Ortega, Commanding Officer, LAPD Communications. Front: Holly Tufts, Sr. PSR II, 33 years, Club Member; Lt. Gloria Vargas; Terri Rowe, Sr. PSR 1, 28 years; Tracy Page, Sr. PSR 1, 17.5 years, Club Member; and Sandra Pollard, Sr. PSR 1, 29 years, Club Member.

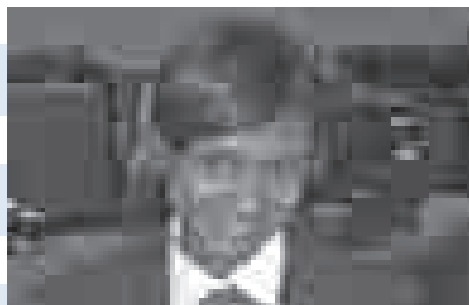
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Standing, from left: Brett Cook, PIII; Brittney Elvington, Valencia High School student; and Aileen Aranda, PSR II, 5 years of City service. Seated: Luis Cuevas, PSR III, 19 years.



From left: Sharlene Sutherland, PSR, 1.5 years of City service, Club Member; Donelle Nubia, PSR, 1.5 years.



From left: Teresa Bui, PSR II, 6 years of City service, Club Member; and Amy Case, PSR II, 5 years, Club Member.

Tenecia Davis, PSR II, 3 years of City service, Club Member.



Alma Flores, PSR II, 6 years of City service, Club Member.



From left: Sally Rayburn, PSR, 6 months of City service; Jorge Rios, PSR III, 9.5 years, Club Member.



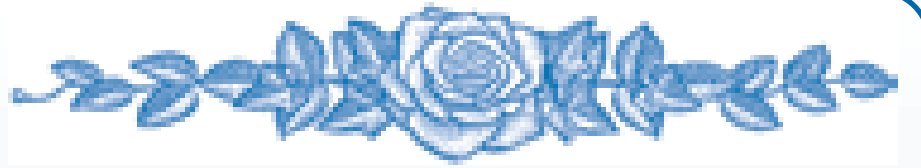
From left: Howard Tien, Sr. PSR 1, 8.5 years of City service, Club Member; Margaret Peters, Sr. PSR 1, 20 years, Club Member; Anita Whited, Sr. PSR 1, 18 years, Club Member; and Jill Woo, Sr. PSR 1, 19 years, Club Member.



Rachel Placencia, PSR III, 13 years of City service.



Alex Gomez, PSR III, 14 years of City service.



A Memorial

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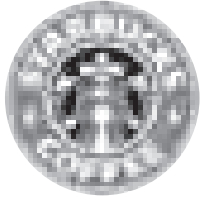
Damaris "Didi" Quiles

General Services Office of Public Safety Dispatcher Damaris "Didi" Quiles, Club Member, and her mother, Carmen, were killed in what police called a domestic dispute Jan. 10 in Tujunga.

In her memory, and as part of this focus on National Dispatchers Week, *Alive!* is honored to present these photos of Didi, provided by Club Rep Lorena De La Torre, General Services/Public Safety. Many thanks to Lorena for these photos.



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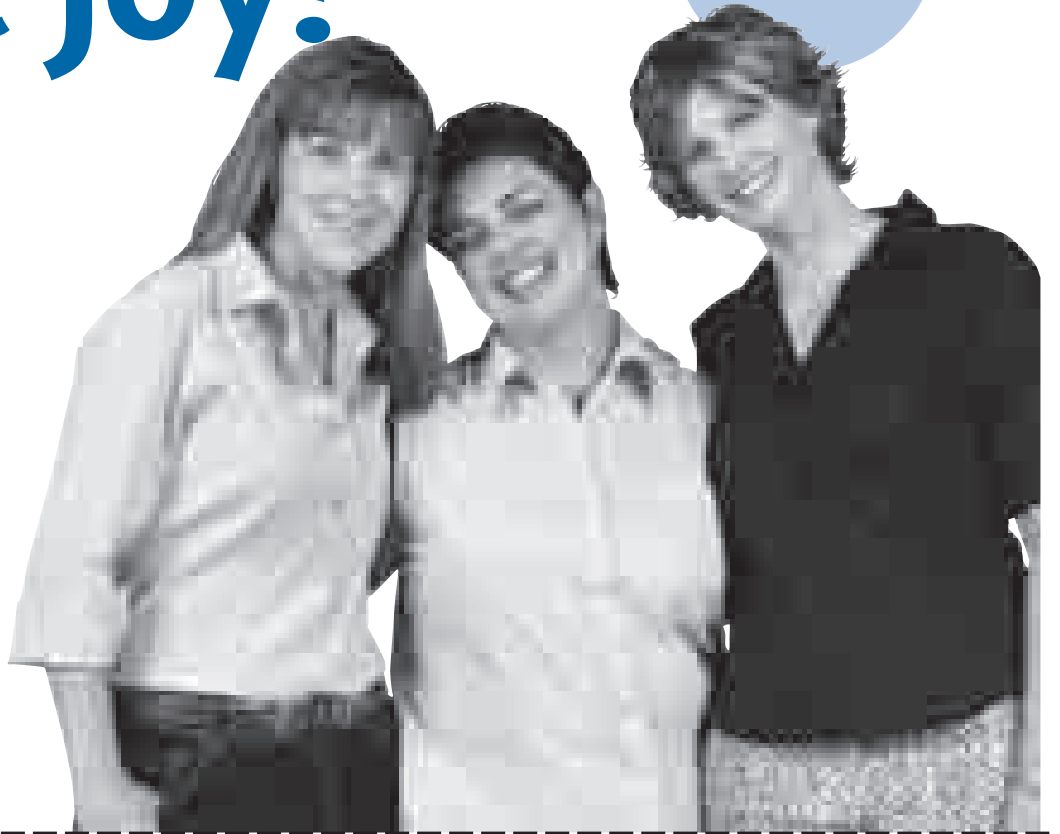
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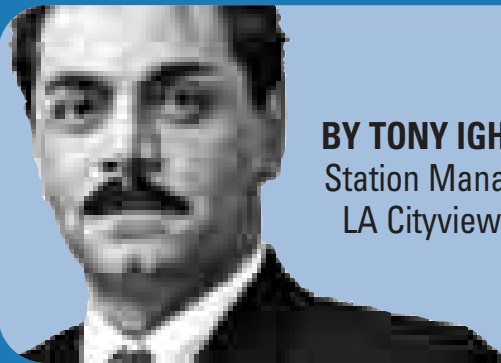
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BY TONY IGHANI
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Newsbrief

TRAFFIC IN HOLLYWOOD:

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, joined by Los Angeles City Council President Eric Garcetti, Councilmembers Wendy Greuel and Tom LaBonge and Transportation Parking Enforcement Chief Jimmy Price, announced on May 20 the deployment of the Tiger Team IV License Plate Recognition (LPR) Unit, a special fourth installment of the anti-gridlock traffic enforcement team that will patrol the streets of Hollywood.

"The Tiger Team is back, and this time, better than ever," said Mayor Villaraigosa. "Starting today, in an effort to avenge the law-abiding motorists and to serve justice to those who create needless traffic congestion, the Tiger Team has been set loose once again to cite and tow motorists who illegally park their vehicles on the street during the morning and afternoon rush hour times."

The Tiger Team IV LPR Unit traffic control officer team will patrol the streets ticketing and towing motorists who illegally park their vehicles along Sunset Boulevard during the morning rush hour times of 7 to 9 a.m. and the afternoon rush hour times of 4 to 7 p.m.

The Tiger Team IV LPR Unit will deploy a total of five traffic control officers and seven tow trucks along a 4.2-mile stretch of Sunset Boulevard from Vermont Avenue to Laurel Canyon Boulevard. Motorists will face heavy fines for illegally parking their vehicles along the Tiger Team IV corridor. Peak hour citations will cost drivers \$70 and Anti-Gridlock parking citations will cost \$140. The towing fee will be \$184 plus an additional \$33 storage fee once the vehicle has been in the possession of the towing company for more than one hour.

"Commuters are getting the picture," said Mayor Villaraigosa. "Commuters are learning that if they park illegally and thwart traffic during rush hour, the Tiger Team will find them and take a bite out of their wallet."

"Angelenos know that there is no margin for error along our busiest corridors, a traffic accident, or even a flat tire, can snarl traffic for miles. We should not have to live with inconsiderate drivers who park in a restricted lane during rush hour and ruin the commutes of thousands of people," said Councilwoman Wendy Greuel, Chair of the City's Transportation Committee. "I want the penalty for blocking a lane during rush hour to be harsh, painful, and send a clear message that the City of Los Angeles has zero tolerance for inconsiderate drivers whose actions ruin everyone's commute."

This time around, the Tiger Team will patrol the streets using new and technologically enhanced vehicles that are equipped with license plate recognition (LPR) camera technology.

The LPR technology will enable the officers to scan license plates, locate stolen vehicles, identify amber alerts and find scofflaws. Each vehicle will be stocked with 10-inch monitors that provide clear picture, video and wireless transmission capabilities. With this new technology, the traffic officers will be able to check license plates five times faster than traditional procedures.

There will be a total of eight LPR vehicles patrolling the streets, with two specifically dedicated to the Tiger Team IV corridor along Sunset Boulevard. "If you are parking illegally and blocking traffic during rush hour, the Tiger Team will catch you, and if you're a dead beat scofflaw or riding around in a stolen vehicle, the Tiger Team will catch you, too," said Mayor Villaraigosa.

"Traffic mobility is key to our quality of life. The Mayor's Tiger Teams help to improve the flow of traffic, and help to ease this burden felt by so many in our great City," said Councilmember Tom LaBonge.

In June 2006, Mayor Villaraigosa unleashed the Anti-Gridlock Tiger Team I along Wilshire Boulevard. Since its inception, Tiger Team I has cited more than 28,000 motorists and towed nearly 10,000 vehicles.

In April 2007, Mayor Villaraigosa unleashed the Anti-Gridlock Tiger II along Ventura Boulevard in the San Fernando Valley. Since Tiger Team II has been in action, travel speeds along Ventura Boulevard have increased by 5 percent.

Last summer, the Anti-Gridlock Tiger Team III was unleashed along Crenshaw Boulevard in South Los Angeles. Since the Tiger Team III has been on the prowl, over 1,800 vehicles have been cited and/or towed for violating the anti-gridlock laws along Crenshaw Boulevard.

Summer's Great for Sampling City Fun

With gas prices continuing to climb, many of us are not going to be driving to many places this summer, so what do you do for fun? Well, may we suggest that you take full advantage of many free recreational activities available through Cultural Affairs and Rec and Parks. Whether you like concerts or art exhibits, they are all listed on the City's home page. Just visit www.lacity.org and click on City Events Calendar. Many of these events are open to the public at little or no charge, and it'll be a great way to bring your family and loved ones to support these programs.

On behalf of all of us here at LA Cityview 35, I wish you all a safe and happy summer. Also, I'd like to wish all fathers of *Alive!* to have a wonderful Father's Day.

Programming Highlights for June

Home Shopping Petwork

People have been talking a lot about the housing market lately. But it's not just people who are keeping an eye on things. Animals don't talk as much as people do, but they have housing concerns, too. So the "Home Shopping Petwork" is back again for all those pets who are shopping for homes in Los Angeles. Host Andrew Tarr is joined by Miki Shaler and Michelle Moreno of Animals Services in a veritable shopping spree of lovable pets. Tune in and you'll also learn about some of the fluffiest, hoppiest members of the animal kingdom: rabbits! Plus, you'll get a chance to save the life of a newborn kitten or puppy through the LA Animal Services Foster Program. All this, and maybe even a joke or two from Andrew Tarr. You may not laugh, but your pets will think he's hysterical.

Airs: Monday through Friday at 5 p.m.

L.A. Roundtable

LA Cityview 35 continues its award-winning series of public affairs panel discussions, "L.A. Roundtable," with new episodes asking such topical issues as:

Is the U.S. ready to elect a member of a "minority" as president?

Would the national electorate vote for a black man or a white woman, or any other non-white male, as our next president? Our panel includes Dr. Franklin Gilliam, professor of political science and public policy at UCLA, who has extensively studied the relationships between race and politics; Sherry Bebich Jeffe, senior scholar in the School of Policy, Planning and Development at USC; and Robert Rankin, an uncommitted "super delegate" to the Democratic National Convention.

Are we ready for the next fire season?

Wildfires have raged through San Diego and Orange Counties in both of the past two years, and a major fire destroyed much of our own Griffith Park in 2007. Why is it so difficult to extinguish these fires; why do they get out of control, and are we ready -- really ready -- for the fire season this year? Do we have all the resources to fight these fires, or are we under-funded and tied up in bureaucracy? We'll have fire department officials on our panel to face these burning questions!

"L.A. Roundtable" is moderated by award-winning journalist Dave Bryan.

Airs: Mondays at 1:30 and 8 p.m.

The MBOC Awards

Each year, the City's Minority Business Opportunity Center honors some of the L.A. area's most accomplished minority-owned businesses, as part of Minority Enterprise Development Week.

On Feb. 22, the 13th annual Minority Enterprise Development Week gala and awards dinner was held at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. Awards were presented to ten different companies, in eight categories, and guests were treated to outstanding entertainment and inspiring speakers.

LA Cityview Channel 35 is proud to present a look at the companies honored with this year's MBOC Minority Enterprise Development awards.

Airs: Thursday, June 5 and 19 at 1:30 p.m.

Cityworks

A new episode of this long-running news magazine show will premiere in

June. Cityworks features the different programs and services rendered by Public Works -- the third largest municipal agency in the City. Know how the 5,800 civil servants in the department render quality of life services to you, the residents of Los Angeles, and strive hard to make the City work.

In this latest episode, host Jean Carol takes the viewers up close and personal with the Street Services investigators that address illegal dumping in the City. What does it take to clean up after violators?

Also, meet our furry friends at the Los Angeles Zoo that are enjoying their new homes, thanks to the Bureau of Engineering.

Jean will also take us to Playa del Rey, where we will witness how the Hyperion Treatment Plant Environmental Monitoring Division ensures that the water that goes down your toilet does not harm our marine life in the Santa Monica Bay.

Lastly, hear from residents and community members like you who are supporting the Bureau of Sanitation's efforts to make Los Angeles a "Zero-Waste City" through the new Solid Waste Integrated Resource Plan or SWIRP. What can you do to get your green on, too?

Airs: Thursday, June 5 and 19 at 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

For airing schedule of the above programs, and for full program listings and information, visit www.lacityview.org. Also enjoy the newest feature of our home page, content on-demand, a library of hours of quality programs available for viewing at your convenience.

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Walk to the Club Store!

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LAPD

911 Dispatchers Tee It Up

LAPD Communications hosts second annual golf challenge.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

LAPD Communications hosted its annual golf challenge April 4 at Knollwood Country Club in Granada Hills.

Lots of prizes, a BBQ lunch and a buffet dinner were enjoyed by the golfers.

The winners were:

- First place overall: Boomer Billingsley, Rodney Gant, Al Perez and Terrance Turner;
- First place mixed: D3 Pete Barrera, Lt. Bob Fox, Commander Joan McNamara, P3 Jason Veiga;
- Second place overall: Jeff Jantz and Rich Pasqua
- Third place overall: D2 Tommy Thompson, D3 Craig Peters, Lt. Rick DeMartino, D3 Victor Comparetto;
- Last place: PSR III Ken Yasaki, Mas Yasaki, PSR III Martin Ford, Ed Cho;
- Longest Drive, Male: Billy Lodes;
- Longest Drive, Female: Commander Joan McNamara;
- First place, putting: Ken Yasaki

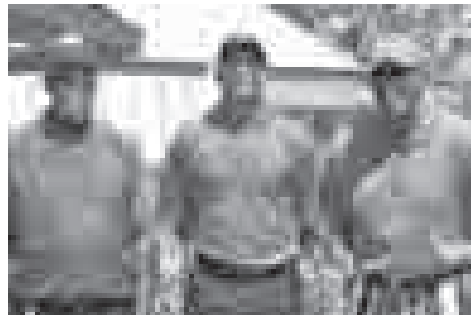
Though there were two vehicles available for the hole in one (a truck to be donated by Hamer Toyota and an SUV by Galpin Motors), no one walked away with either.

Congratulations to the Golf Planning/Volunteer Committee: Lt. Stan Ludwig, Lt. Vic Dennis, PSR Chris McNabb, Sr. PSR Todd Austin, Sr. PSR Cathi Pearson, Sr. PSR Cathy Sotos, Sr. PSR Debbie Willis, PSR Debbie Barrios, PSR Stephanie Burkhart, PSR Amy Case, PSR Kathy Kravitz, PSR Pam Liske, PSR Meg McKeever, PSR Quincy Mirage, PSR Debbie Ramsey, PSR Mechelle Sherman, PSR Clayton Simmons, PSR Rudy Vasquez and PSR Ken Yasaki.

Thanks to Lt. Stan Ludwig and PSR Chris McNabb for their assistance.



Club Counselor Arlene Herrero (center) receives a plaque for the City Employees Club in appreciation from the LAPD Communications Division.



From left: Boomer Billingsley; Rodney Gant; and Motor Officer Terrance Turner.



Back: PSR II Pam Liske. Seated, from left: PSR III Debbie Ramsey, Club Member; and PSR III Meg McKeever.



From left: Ken Yasaki, PSR III, Club Member; Mas Yasaki; Martin Ford, PSR III, Club Member; and Ed Cho.



From left: PSR II Kathy Kraitz, Club Member; PSR II Quincy Mirage; and PSR II Debbie Barrios.



From left: Sr. PSR III Damon Farfan; PSR II Michael Klundt; and PSR III Rudolph Vasquez.



Representing Anheuser-Busch were, from left: Bruce Borst, Kerry Mulligan, Dale Younger, and Tom Goede.



From left: Tommy Thompson, Retired Detective III; Craig Peters, Retired Detective III; Lt. Rick DeMartino; and Victor Comparetto, Detective III.



From left: Sandeep Liske, Gregg Liske, John Grant and Craig Stone.



From left: Det. III Pete Barrera; Lt. Bob Fox; Commander Joan McNamara, Club Member; and Jason Veiga, P.III.



From left: Commanding Officer Jeff Jantz, ITD; and Rich Pasqua.



From left: Trishul Patel, Brian Bernards and Patrick Van Puvelde.



From left: Mario Arredondo, Dennis Bass, Steve Goodwin and Pat Biloki.



From left: PSR Chris McNabb, Club Member; and Sr. PSR Todd Austin.



From left: Eddie Chavez, Club Member; Hector De la Cruz, General Services, Club Member; PSR Agustin Loya, Club Member; and Billy Lodes.



From left: Pat Biloki; Roger Teoli, Construction Inspector, Club Member; Pat Wood, Sr. Construction Inspector, Club Member; and Brian Bernards.



From left: Jeff Kravitz, Tom Cheski, Burt Ross, and Michael Merritt.



From left: Lt. Stan Ludwig, Club Member; Joe Cappuccino; and Dave Dallons from Hamer Toyota.

History Comes Alive!

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



Tales From the City Archives

Photos courtesy Pacific Security Collection, Los Angeles Public Library, Carolyn Cole, Photo Archive Director

Odd 1800s Elections

■ Elections in the 1800s offer some fascinating details.

Since this is a year of elections in this country, I thought it would be fun and enlightening to look back at Los Angeles elections in the 19th century. To begin with, from 1850 through 1867, elections of local officials were held yearly. It is fascinating to realize that, in those formative years, what were conceived as

Committees evolved into many Departments that we have today in 2008. This is the very truth of how determined and dedicated our Los Angeles forefathers were in dedicating their lives to a City they would not believe exists -- or maybe they did!

For the first 25 years of the City of Los Angeles under the American rule, the State of California mandated the government through the Act of Incorporation. In 1878, we received our first Charter, also mandated by the state. In 1889, Los Angeles conceived its first home rule Charter, which was amended ten times until the City gave birth, once again, to the 1925 Charter, which functioned for 75 years before being updated and replaced with our current 2000 Charter. But we must return to the terms of office and the election procedures of the City's 19th-century elections.

As stated above, from 1850 through 1867, Los Angeles had yearly elections. From 1868-1905, there were two-year terms; 1906-1909 a three-year term; and from 1909 through to the present, there is a four-year term, with two-year intervals holding an election for odd or even Council Districts.

In 1867, there was a peculiar election in Los Angeles. As usual, the election of that era was yearly. But three months after the election, it was considered invalid, and the 1866 slate of municipal officers returned to conduct official City business. As far as can be determined, at this time, the reason for the dismissal of the 1867 slate of officers was because the City Attorney was reviewing registration laws set up in 1866 for candidates to register before they were allowed to run for office. Apparently, two elected officials did not qualify.

Another aspect of early City elections relates to the voting process that definitely should make the present City Clerk's Office grateful not to have to endure the issues noted below, which comes from the bible of Los Angeles history, Harris Newmark's *Sixty Years in Southern California, 1853-1913*. This lengthy verbatim passage was edited by Dr. Harris Newmark III and found in the current *Western States Jewish History*, Vol. 38, Spring/Summer 2006.

At the time of my arrival [to Los Angeles from Prussia, New York, and San Francisco], there was but one voting precinct and the polling place was located in the old municipal and County adobe ...,



This picture, taken in 1859, is the earliest known photograph of the plaza (Olvera Street area). The building in the center is the city reservoir. The Carrillo home faces it on the south, and the Lugo and Del Valle homes face it on the east.

although later a second poll was established at the Round House. Inside the room sat the election judges and clerks; outside a window, stood the jam of voters. The window-sill corresponded to the thickness of the adobe wall, and therefore about three feet deep. This sill served as a table, upon it being placed a soap-or-candle box, into which a hole had been cut for the deposit of the votes.

There was also no register, either great or small, and anyone could vote. Each party printed its own tickets; and so could any candidate. This resulted in great confusion, since there were always many tickets in the field—as many, in fact, as there were candidates; yet the entire proceeding had become legalized by custom. The candidate of one party could thus use the ticket of the other, substituting his own name for his opponents and leaving all of the remainder of the ticket unchanged; in addition to which there was such a lack of uniformity in the size and color of the ballots as greatly to add to the confusion in counting.

To make matters worse, the ballot-box was not easily reached because of the crowd, which was made up largely of the candidates and their friends. Challenging was the order of the day; yet after crimination and recrimination, the votes were generally permitted to be cast. Although it is true, of course. That many votes were legitimate, yet aliens like Mexicans, who had not even considered the question of taking out citizenship papers, were permitted to vote while Indians and half-breeds, who were not eligible to citizenship at all, were irregularly given the franchise.

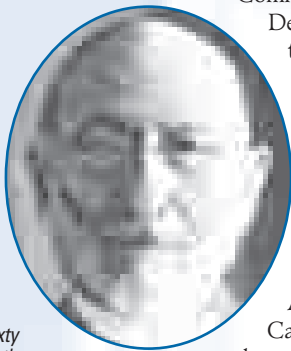
Beyond the scope of Los Angeles, other unbelievable stories of voting chicanery occurred during the same era. Newmark relates two hilarious accounts where an entire tribe of Indians was allowed to vote. The other occasion involves "the names on a steamer's passenger-list were utilized by persons who had already voted that very day, once or twice! Cutting off the hair, shaving one's beard or mustache, reclothing or otherwise transforming the appearance of the

voter." These were some of the practiced pranks, which a new 1866 registry law partially did away with.

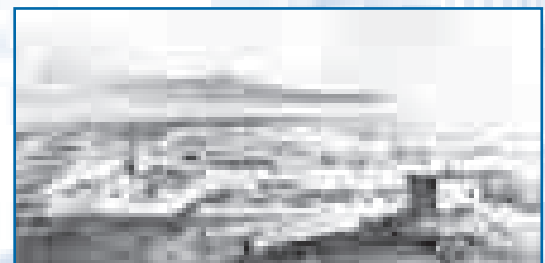
Sonorans, who had recently arrived [in Los Angeles] from Mexico [like others mentioned previously], were easy subjects for the political manipulator. The various candidates, for example, would round up these prospective voters like so many cattle, confine them to corrals (usually in the neighborhood of Boyle Heights), keep them in a truly magnificent state of intoxication until the eventful morning, and then put them in stage[s]...for the purpose...as temporary prisoners...until their votes had been securely deposited. They were closely watched by guards.

On reaching the voting place, the captive[s] were unloaded from the stage[s] like so much inanimate baggage and turned over to friends of the candidate to whom, so to speak, for the time being they belonged. One at a time, then creatures were led to vote; and as each staggered to the ballot box, a ticket was held up and he was made to deposit it. Once having served the purpose, he was turned loose and remained free until another election unless...[they] were corralled again and made to vote a second or even a third time the same day.

Happy primary election day to one and all!



Harris Newmark, author of *Sixty Years in Southern California, 1853-1913*. (Photo courtesy the *Western States Jewish History Journal*.)



A bird's-eye drawing of the Plaza and pueblo in 1853.



One of the earliest known drawings of the pueblo of Los Angeles, 1847. Drawing by William Rich Hutton.

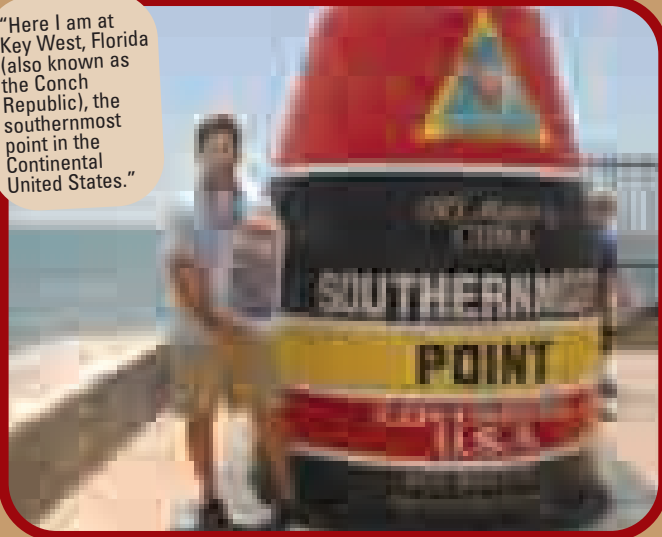


Alive! AROUND THE WORLD



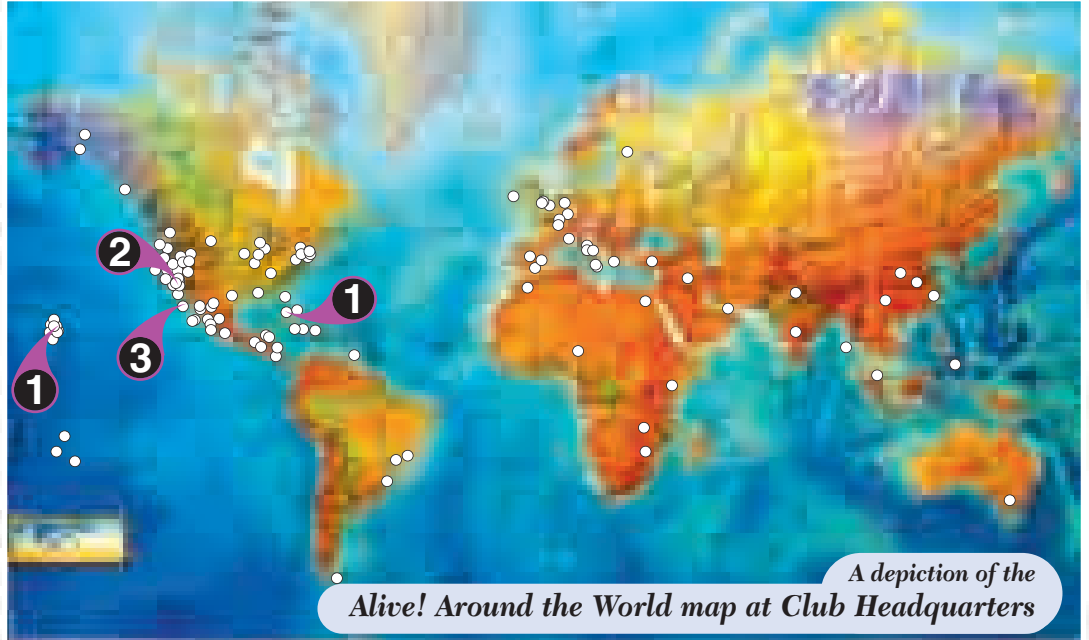
1 Club CEO John Hawkins, Around the USA

"Here I am at Key West, Florida (also known as the Conch Republic), the southernmost point in the Continental United States."



"Hi, my name is Isaiah Hawkins, and here I am at Hanalei Bay on Kauai, Hawaii."

Isaiah is the son of Club CEO John Hawkins.



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

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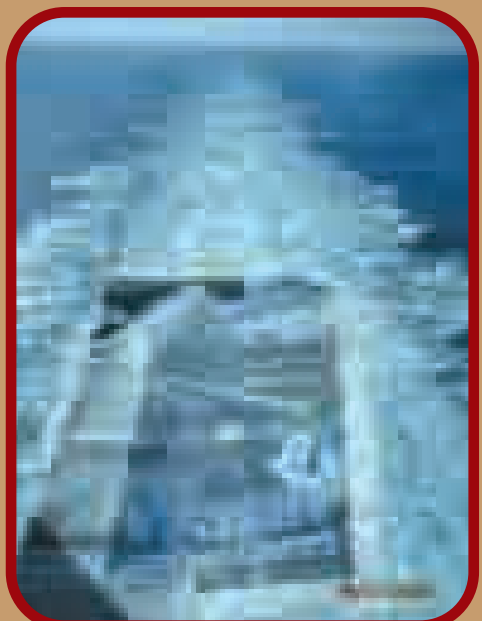
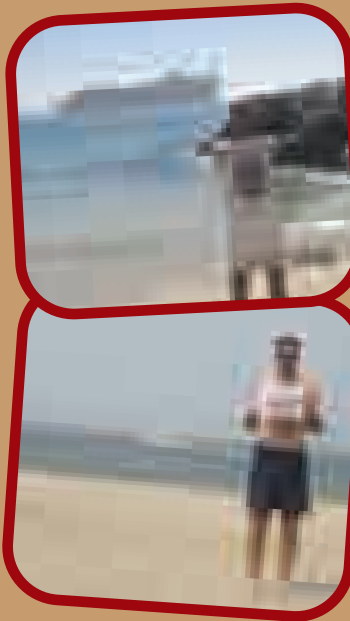


"I couldn't wait to show family members on the San Pasqual Indian Reservation the latest copy of *Alive!*, showing my award-winning photos. San Pasqual is in Northern San Diego County in Valley Center."

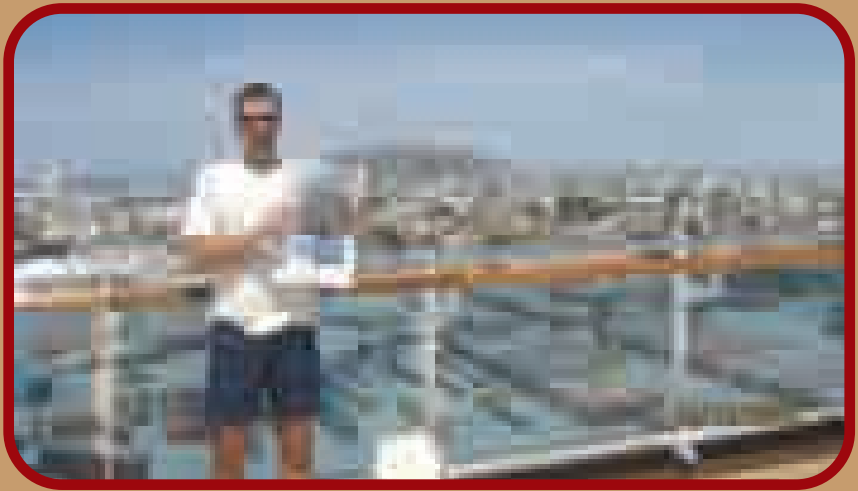
- George Cormany, LAPD



3 Mexico



Here are pictures of **Mie Boyd, Public Works/West Valley Sanitation** on his recent cruise to the Mexican Riviera.




Alive! Feature

Inside:

🌿 Interviews with Albert Torres and Jorge Ochoa about new growth and a stronger awareness campaign.

🌿 Plus, a field guide to help you identify some of Griffith Park's native vegetation, for the next time you hike through L.A.'s urban forest.



Rec and Parks Senior Gardener Jorge Ochoa points out new growth to Club CEO John Hawkins. John and Jorge are surrounded by large-flowered phacelia.

❖ **The Griffith Park Fire: One Year Later** ❖

Rebirth

Last year's devastating fire burned approximately 1,200 acres of Griffith Park. One year later, nature is taking its course, under the watchful eye of Rec and Parks staff, including Albert Torres, Chief Park Ranger, and Jorge Ochoa, Senior Gardener.

May 8-9, 2007



Dante's View, on fire.

[Griffith Park Fire: One Year Later]

Griffith's New Growth



Beloved Griffith Park is recovering very nicely, thank you, from last year's fire, under the watchful eye of Rec and Parks.

To the list of those watching out for the park, you can now add Smokey the Bear – the American icon's presence has been added at most of Griffith Park's main entrances, to remind the countless thousands who enjoy the urban forest of the fire danger that day, plus giving helpful reminders.

That's one of the changes that has been made to Griffith Park since last year's destructive fires, which, while perfectly natural and part of life, were still dramatic in their size, direction, ferocity. The park is being left to its natural cycle, with a few small exceptions.

Alive! interviewed Albert Torres, Chief Park Ranger, and Jorge Ochoa, Senior Gardener, and got reports on the park's recovery, and the department's plans to heighten awareness of fire dangers in the park.

And after that, enjoy a field guide to Griffith Park, to point out some of the park's more colorful vegetation.

Alive! thanks Albert and Jorge for their time and assistance.

The Mexican sage (at right) is not native to California. It is used extensively in ornamental gardens. This picture was taken at the gardens surrounding the Ranger Station.

Destruction and Renewal

Senior Gardener Jorge Ochoa tends to Griffith Park as it recovers.

**ALIVE!
INTERVIEW**

Club CEO John Hawkins and *Alive!* editor John Burnes interviewed Rec and Parks Forestry Division

Senior Gardener Jorge Ochoa as a companion piece to the interview with Albert Torres on May 13. Jorge is considered one of the most knowledgeable of the Forestry Division. — Ed.



Alive! First, how did you come to this position?

Jorge Ochoa: I started as a park management intern. It's a special internship through the City, where they find people who have certain skills and knowledge and then train them to become supervisors, and they join the department. My knowledge in plants is what allowed me to be in the Forestry Division.

Now, I am a certified arborist, which is always helpful for them to have around.

Where did you get the certification to be an arborist?

Jorge: All certification for arborists is through the ISA, the International Society of Arboriculture. It's a worldwide association.

Have you always had a natural interest in plants, vegetation and greenery?

Jorge: Yes. I think if I look back I've always had some interest, starting when I was a child. And that became my career.

And now you're doing it all the time.

Jorge: Now I'm doing it. One of those things that you always seek is the perfect job, or the perfect career or the perfect field, and some people don't get it. But I think I am definitely in my field.

Initial Worries

What were your thoughts a year ago when you saw the fire? What was your thought when you saw those flames going over the park?

Jorge: The biggest concern was the public. This fire was in an area where there were no houses

nearby, of course, and it would be a natural process for the vegetation. But having houses close to the park, it all became a serious concern. Also, my initial thought was it is really bad because it's really hot, and there's no telling how far the fire will extend.

And also, in a way, it might be somewhat good because the fire is a natural process for a lot of the plants. That's how some of them get regenerated, and new ones will come out.

Incidentally one of my small assignments is to survey the different plants that are out there. I found a Plummer butterfly lily, which is in serious danger of becoming extinct in California, and that we have at the park. We have several other rare plants.

And that wasn't there before?

Jorge: If it was there before, it has never been recorded.

After the fire, different groups have taken interest in Griffith Park. There is a vegetation task force, and there is a list that's going around, where they list the different plants that have been recorded in the park. As well as herbarium -- somebody collected them and sent them to our library. So we have a list that we go by. Sometimes we find something that is not in that list where they list the different plants that have been recorded in the park based on personal observations and herbarium specimens -- somebody collected plant samples and sent them to the plant library. Sometimes we find new plants which have never been recorded for Griffith Park.

Park Recovery

How is the park doing since the fire? What's your report card for the park?

Jorge: It's coming along. I started noticing growth about a month [after the fire]. Some of the plants were already coming back, the ones that weren't seriously burned. A few months later, some of the more perennial shrubs like the laurel sumac started to grow.



Wild Canterbury Bells

And then of course we had our rain, and then there was a period where there was a tremendous amount of wildflowers; California poppies, different Phacelias, different lupines, and the list can keep going on and on. So those came first.

And after those came and went, then we started getting the castor bean, and the mustard and some of the other unwanted plants, the non-natives. They were here already, but after the natives went and died, then those became a lot more noticeable.

There were reports about the hills being purple -- well, I have pictures of them when they were just covered with wildflowers, poppies and couple of other plants.

Fires are natural things. Does the vegetation come back new and different after fires?

Jorge: Yes. There are certain types of plants that will come only after a fire, so it's part of their biology. Think about a natural habitat where there are a lot of plants and there is very little light that gets to the ground. If some of those plants were to come out in the middle of the season, there is not enough light for them to survive.

— See "Jorge Ochoa," page 35

Alive! Feature

Senior Gardener Jorge Ochoa (right) points out to Club CEO John Hawkins where the fire most likely began, down the slope from Dante's View. Laurel sumac is on the left; field mustard, a non-native plant with yellow flowers, is on the right.



Albert Torres: A Year On

Chief Park Ranger remembers the devastating fire last year, and what we have learned.

ALIVE! INTERVIEW

Chief Park Ranger Albert Torres, who has served the City for 33 years, was on the front lines as his Park Rangers

worked hand in hand with the LAFD and the LAPD to extinguish the wildly spreading flames and managing the area around the park. Club CEO John Hawkins and Alive! editor John Burnes sat down to talk to Albert Torres May 13. — Ed.

Alive!: It's a year on now from the Alive! cover story of the Griffith Park fire. What do you recall from those days?

Albert Torres: I recall very vividly the onset of the fire, our response to the fire and the unusual behavior of the fire that day. I was at Vista del Valle, which is the high point in the park, and we saw that the fire came up the hill and then over and down the other side of the hill toward the ranger station, and I thought that was extremely unusual. I reported it as such to the incident commander and from then on it was quite an incident.

What was unusual about that fire?

Albert: One of the things was the time of year. Normally, our fire season starts toward the July and sometimes even later, so over the years we hadn't had these kind of fires. There was a big fire [the previous] January in Griffith Park and there were a few smaller fires that were notable, but this fire was, well, the size of it was incredible from our perspective. In other jurisdictions, a 1,200-acre fire is not such a big thing, but for Griffith Park it is quite a big thing.

Things were really dry last year.

Albert: Yeah, it certainly was, and also the conditions, the temperature, the humidity and the amount of fuel that was within the park at the time.

Fuel, meaning trees and shrubbery and grass.

Albert: Yes. That's correct, the native chaparral of the park.

Talk about the job that the rangers and the firefighters and the support personnel did those two or three days.

Albert: It was a tremendous effort by all the City foresters, and the Park Rangers were a part of that. There were long shifts. We worked into the night at the beginning of the fire, and people worked long and very hard hours to address the fire and then to address the immediate recovery.

For example, for at least a month we had smokers in the park. What I mean by smokers is embers that were still hot, that emanated smoke and that were a potential to restart a fire. So from the time that the fire was knocked down — I think it was about three days — the Park Rangers and the Fire Department addressed those smokers within the burn area.

So they did extraordinary well.

Albert: Oh, I think so. Absolutely.

The Recovery Team

How are things coming back? How are the vegetation and the growth and the use of the park and other things returning?

Albert: One thing that happened was that Rec and Parks recognized that we needed to convene a recovery group, so the department brought in numerous experts from the community; from within the City; geologists from the Bureau of Engineering; superintendents from various departments; and people from outside. They brought in a biologist who is an expert on finding out about the flora and fauna of the park. They

brought someone from the National Park Service, a very learned person, a fire ecologist, and they convened meetings regularly to talk about the recovery of the burn zone and the implications on the entire park. This was headed by Mike Schull, head of our planning and development group in Recreation and Parks.

They addressed numerous issues. One of the issues they addressed was the possibility of coming storms in the winter. A decision was made based on best practices to hydromulch a good portion of the burn zone, a very complicated process. It involved distributing about 400 acres of hydromulch on areas that were a threat for erosion.

Tell me about that process. What does hydromulch mean?

Albert: Hydromulch is a fiber that is spread on the charred area without seed. It's a best practices technique to mitigate erosion, and there were a lot of areas identified by the contractor, by numerous technical people, that they needed to hydromulch. [A contractor] spread this hydromulch by helicopter primarily, some by hand, and it was quite an operation.

Hydromulch adds substance. There's no seed in it.

Albert: No seed whatsoever, and there was no need for seed. The whole purpose was to grab on to that soil and to mitigate the erosion. It has worked very well.

It was done just in time because we did have some pretty good storms this winter, and it really mitigated any real damage.

It held on?

Albert: There was also a tremendous effort by our Forestry Department and Jorge [Ochoa] will talk about that. They

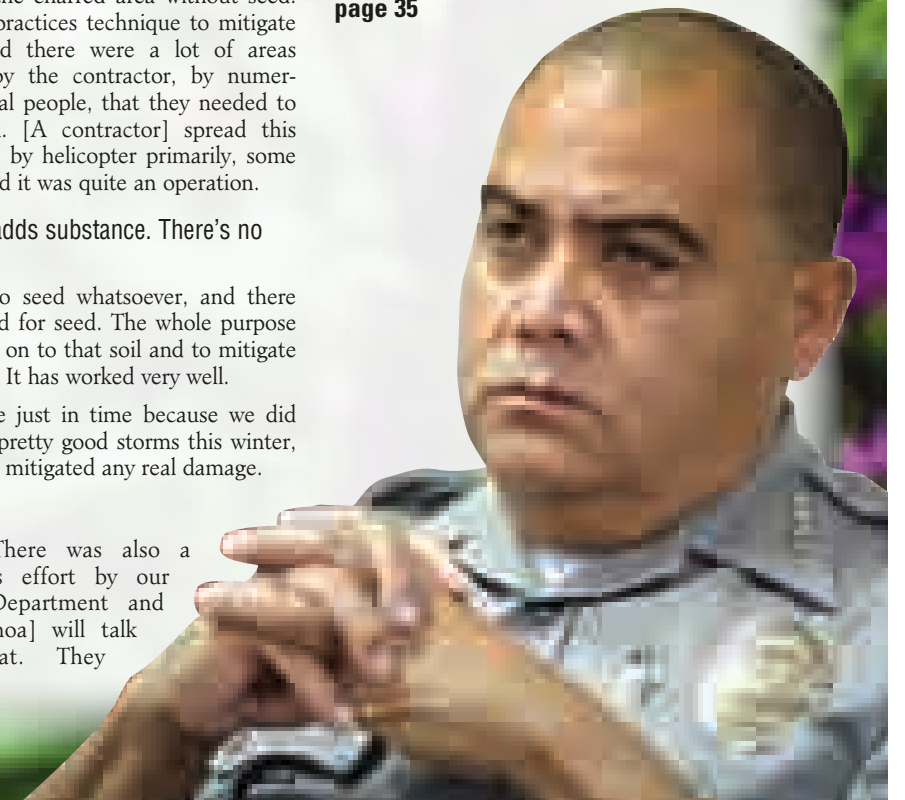
immediately took care of hazards in the park in the way of tree limbs and trees that needed to be removed, and so the Forestry Department and Rec and Parks did a great job of doing that.

Another part of the recovery is there's a volunteer group working in the park to remove invasive plants. One of the byproducts of a fire like this is that invasive plants like the castor bean will come in and invade an area. The Department is getting volunteers to come out and remove those plants.

Volunteers

Talk about the volunteers. Is that within the City or people who live around Griffith Park?

— See "Albert Torres," page 35



The Griffith Park Fire
May 8-9, 2007



The fire left Dante's View devastated.

Photo: Forestry Division, Rec and Parks

Griffith Park Fire:

One Year Later

Senior Gardener Jorge Ochoa is surrounded by large-flowered phacelia (foreground) and laurel sumac (background).



Senior Gardener Jorge Ochoa poses by a plaque given by City Hall to thank the safety officers who put out last year's blaze. The plaque is near the Greek Theatre.



Bush Monkeyflower

This toyon plant, badly burned during last year's fire, has sprouted new growth. This plant is on the northeast side of Griffith Park, overlooking Glendale.



Alive! Feature *Rebirth*

Senior Gardener Jorge Ochoa points out new toyon growth to Club CEO John Hawkins.



Senior Gardener Jorge Ochoa (left) and Club CEO John Hawkins stand near new laurel sumac.

Senior Gardener Jorge Ochoa points out common vervain.



Senior Gardener Jorge Ochoa (right) and Club CEO John Hawkins pass more laurel sumac on their hunt for more new growth.



Griffith Park FIELD GUIDE

Hiking in Griffith Park? Enhance your fun!

Rec and Parks Senior Gardener Jorge Ochoa wants to help you really enjoy your next visit to Griffith Park, by noticing all the beauty around you.

So he put together the following collection of some of the park's most common – and beautiful – plant species. Next time you're in the park, you'll know at least some of what you're looking at.

One of his principal jobs is to identify and photograph individual plant species that grow in the park. He has hundreds of photos of species. If *Alive!* gets enough interest, we can publish more.

Enjoy!

✓ Next time you're in Griffith Park, see how many of these native species you can spot.



Blue Dicks



Bush Sunflower



California Suncup



California Wild Rose



Cleveland's Shooting Star



Fuchsia-Flowered Gooseberry



Golden Yarrow



Heart-leaf Penstemon



Indian Tobacco



Large-flowered Phacelia



Monkey Flower



Pink Thistle



Purple Nightshade



Sacred Datura



South Coast Morning-Glory



Speckled Clarkia



Wild Sweetpea

— Jorge Ochoa, continued from page 28

So, their only cue to let them know there is plenty of light and it's time for it to grow is a fire. And I think there are theories that certain chemicals that are leached into the soil after a fire is what triggers them to begin to germinate and begin to grow.

So whether this Plummer's lily is a fire follower, I'm not sure, but I have seen a few others, like the Small-flowered Stickleaf, I think -- it is a fire follower.

What's been the hardest part of the recovery for you?

Jorge: Having enough time to be out there.

What do you do when you're out there?

Jorge: Evaluating the sites, looking at the plants and recording what's out there. Right now I'm working with planting trees, and also I started working with the volunteer groups that are coming to take out the weeds. And, incidentally, this morning, our first volunteer group came out and pulled castor beans. So I'm working on that and I'm also working on the tree plantings. And in between those activities is when I can find a little bit of time, like when I'm driving to the park, I can say, 'Oh, stop here, see what's out there.'

Planting Trees

What kinds of trees are being planted?

— Albert Torres, continued from page 29

Albert: There is a department-led volunteer group that comes out, and also the council office also convenes a regular cleanup volunteer effort in the park. It's mostly people who care about the park, anybody, a citizen of any sort.

And that's ongoing.

Albert: That's correct.

Lessons

What has changed in the park maintenance since then? What are the lessons that we have learned? Are there any lessons that we have learned about how better to maintain the park because of fires like that? Were there any lessons learned about how the park is maintained?

Albert: One of the things that you'll see differently as you enter the park is you will see Smokey the Bear, and you'll see the level of awareness about whether it's a high fire day or if it's a low fire day.



Smokey the Bear

Smokey the Bear is new to the park?

Albert: He's fairly new. He came in after the fire. We got permission to use him, and we ordered this before the fire. Before the big fire, it was already in process.

When you talk about Smokey, how is he present in the park?

Albert: He's very prominent as you come in to the park. We have I think probably about five signboards, and so that's one of the things -- the awareness by all the people, the residents here in the Los Feliz area, the park users. Our awareness has changed, and so when we tell somebody they can't smoke in the park, people understand. When we tell people they can't have a barbecue in this area, they understand because of the fire. So our awareness has changed in that Southern California -- indeed, any chaparral area -- a brush fire is part of the environment. These things will happen.

Jorge: It depends on the site. If it's in the naturalized area, we want to keep with our coastal live oak, and California Black Walnuts, which are not really available. We try to keep natives where they belong, in their natural habitat. If it's more in a developed area, then it's open game; any of the trees can be planted. We planted some redwoods behind the tennis courts, where the fire started, or close to the area. And we're going to plant 100 oak trees on Saturday [May 17] for Arbor Day. Plus we're going to do tree care, and water some of the young trees. And I had a Scout project that also planted some Mexican elderberries, big leaf maple, and some oaks like in the front canyon area.

How much did you remove of dead trees, dead branches, and dead vines? Is there any way you can quantify that?

Jorge: We only removed what was necessary. One of the things with habitat is that you need to allow a certain amount of dead trees or mature trees to remain upright and let them fall naturally, because that provides habitat for birds and other wildlife. So we only removed the ones that were in an area where there would be a lot of public, and where we had a concern that they were going to topple and fall, and of course we don't want that to happen. Definitely I think when we did the initial count, Vista del Valle

We want to mitigate the size of the fire. We want to optimize our response, and so the rangers, the Fire Department and all the entities in Griffith Park are very much aware of these issues, and we're very much on top of prevention to the best of our ability.

Have you noticed higher awareness in the general public, people being more careful? Have you noticed a higher sense of awareness about things now?

Albert: Absolutely. I really sense [awareness] from the community, the Council Office, the General Manager. The department has done a lot to educate the community. The community has responded very well and is very grateful for all the efforts. We had a very nice day last Thursday [Councilmember Tom LaBonge and the Mayor's Office hosted a press conference and created a permanent plaque to thank all those who fought last year's fire — Ed.], and I thought -- seeing the representation from the Fire Department, the Police Department, and other departments including the National Park Service -- there seemed to be just a complete confluence of everybody's opinion about this and the necessity to prevent further fires.

Naturally Vulnerable

Are we vulnerable for a fire like this now the same way we were a year ago? Or because of the rain, prevention and awareness, are we not as vulnerable as we were a year ago?

Albert: Let me try to explain my understanding of chaparral in Griffith Park and in other areas of Southern California. Chaparral is made to burn. As a matter of fact, some of the seeds from some of the plants will not germinate unless it is burned.

Really?

Albert: That's correct. However, because of the urban environment that surrounds the park, we are aware now that these fires can occur and our response is just going to be just a little bit better. What we talk about, for example, is the coordination between groups. The Park Rangers escort the Fire Department to certain areas when there is a fire. We have protocols for that. We have a fire patrol every day now.

Since May 1, we have a dedicated fire patrol that responds to fires in Griffith Park, Elysian Park and other nearby regional parks so those kinds of things are really important.

Is the fire watch 24 hours a day?

Albert: It varies, based on our activity. We wouldn't have a fire watch overnight.

has trees lined up along the sides, and those got burned. How many we removed, I think right now is being speculated to about either 1,500 to 2,000. No native vegetation was touched, and no brush, no vines, nothing.

And that was only in areas where the public was likely to be.

Jorge: Exactly. The main area is the parking lot, on top of the merry-go-round, of course it's highly used on the weekends. Captain's Roost, again a very popular area. Dante's View, which was very hard hit during the fire -- those three main areas. And then we started working in Vista del Valle, and some of the other trails as they started to open. We would go ahead of the opening dates to make sure that none of the trees fell down.

What's happening at Dante's View?

Jorge: Right now, there has been meetings with some of the Recreation and Parks landscape architects, and they have plans for the park. I've seen preliminary drawings. They are planning on creating a boundary that will define what Dante's View is, and what Cedar Grove is. And inside that boundary is where there are going to be gardens and opportunity for the public to plant trees. Outside the boundary is where we want to let it go natural, or if we plant any trees on it, then it has to be California native trees.

Are the Rangers enforcing the no-smoking rules, or is their main focus to watch and just observe?

Albert: A Park Ranger will enforce those sections. There is no smoking in the park curb to curb. In picnic areas or in the mountain areas, you cannot smoke.

Anywhere in the park.

Albert: That's correct.

We will have fires, and that's part of the environment of a chaparral community because these plants are high in oil. When there's a change of temperature, humidity, wind and all that combined, we're going to have fires. The thing we really want to do is prevent those kind of fires that are not necessary, and the fire that happened on May 8 just happened to be just the perfect storm for us. It was not expected, but it did occur.

There was more rain this past winter than there was a winter ago. Do you see a significant difference in the lowering of vulnerability because we've had rain or was that enough rain to make a difference?

Albert: I wouldn't be the person to speak about that. I can only base my answer on my experience and I would say that the fire danger in the last two years is just as high as last year. However, there is more awareness, so I think we're in better shape.

I used to think that all our fires were no more than 20 acres. There were some fires that were a little bit bigger, but because of the conditions of [last year's] fire, the way it revolved around and kept moving, it was different. We think that because of everybody's awareness and everybody's involvement we're going to be in better shape this year. Yeah.

The City Says Thanks

It was nice of the City to come and say thanks, to have a nice, big event. Were you expecting anything quite that big?

Albert: Not as big, and I really appreciated the mayor and the Council Office, and all the discussion about the area was very good. I was very thankful to those people for that recognition. [LAFD] Chief [Douglas] Barry was there. Assistant Chief Mike Hillman was there. There were higher-ups from all over the City there.

I'm not sure there's a bigger lover of Griffith Park than Councilman LaBonge. It's been important to his life. I remember after the fire that he was really trying to urge the

Alive! Feature

So you want to add the same flavor that was there before.

Jorge: It's impossible to let it go back to natural because the public is used to having those points where they can go and relax and view the City. And to take it away from them and say well, now it's going to be all naturalized and you won't be able to do the same activities, then I think it's not going to go well with the community.

The Best Part

I asked you earlier what was the hardest part of the recovery. Let me ask you the other side: What's been the most exciting part of this recovery for you?

Jorge: Seeing nature take its course. Seeing all the wildflowers that came after the fire, doing the very minimum to bring it back, and just seeing how the change is taking place. So there was [what looked like] a moon landing [after the fire], and then all of a sudden you have a lot of color from wildflowers, and now you still have more plants from weeds and whatever. But there is a very, very distinct cycle that has taken place. And seeing the change that has taken place in Griffith Park is probably the best part.

Thanks, Jorge, for talking to us today.

park to be recovered in a faster way and there was some tension there. Has that been resolved? Are you all on the same page now on how the recovery happened, how it worked, and how the recovery effort is moving forward?

Albert: I think so. All the things that were done were best practice to help the park recover and to prevent the erosion, and I also think that the involvement of the community has been critical here. A tree was planted last Thursday. There are other trees that have been planted and will be planted, so it's all for the good. I don't see any tension at all.

What else do you see about recovery?

Albert: Last week I went out with a man named Dan Cooper. He was hired by the recovery group to help study the flora and fauna in Griffith Park and he is a biologist, a good expert.

We were in Vermont Canyon, the next canyon from where the fire started, and he pointed out an incredible little bird called lazuli bunting, a very colorful turquoise bird. I wouldn't have seen it without his help.

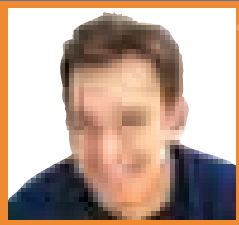
The bird is known as a fire follower. He would not come in to the park except for the fact that we had that fire and he was prominent in that canyon. As an amateur, I was a little amazed seeing that. We've seen a lot of that, a lot of wildflowers in the park because of the fire. There is quite a bit of opportunity because now we have a better discussion about the wildlife and the management of the park.

We've talked about the flora and the fauna and the birds and things coming back. How about people? Have people been going back to the trails that have been reopened since they were closed? Have you noticed people returning or any change that way?

Albert: Yes. The people came back immediately. As soon as we opened trails, they were appreciative to come in and use those trails. Most of the people who have been here for a while realize it's just going to take a few more years for it to be back to what it was. From 5 a.m. you have avid hikers in the park until 10:30 at night. There's lot of activity in those trails.

Thanks for meeting with the City Employees Club here at the Ranger Station.

Albert: You're welcome.



John's Picture Perfect Contest



"In the course of my job with the City, I see some weird and beautiful things. This is an example of one of the weird: a golden-colored cat and a black house in south central Los Angeles, I think in 77th Division."

- George Cormany, LAPD, Club Member since 2002.

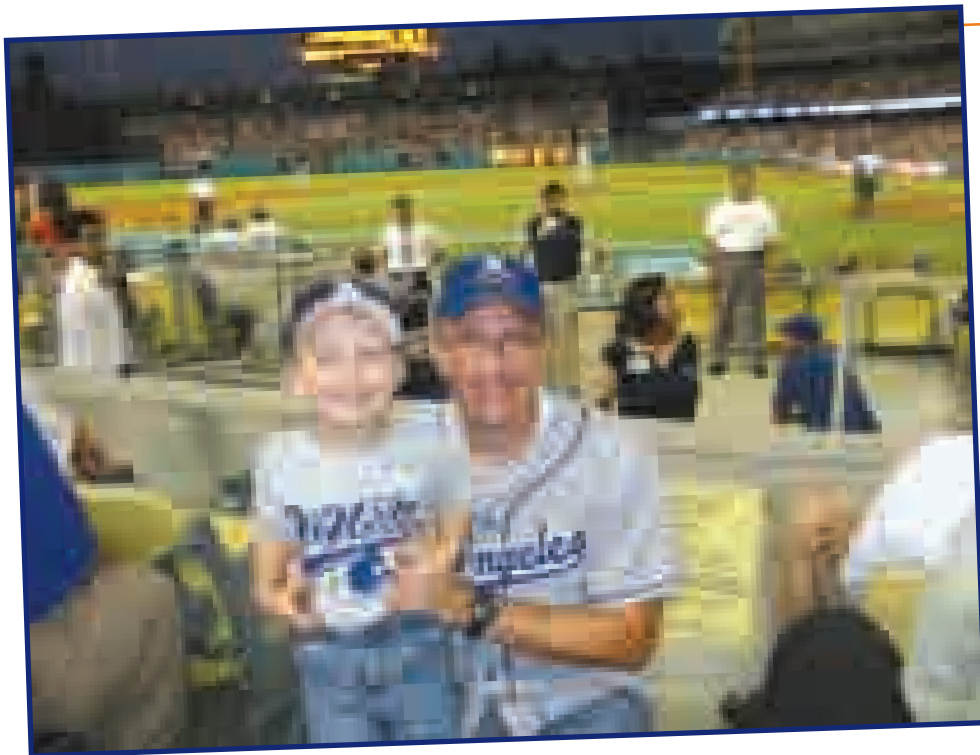
John's comments: Almost looks like a set for a Tim Burton movie! Great shot, George!

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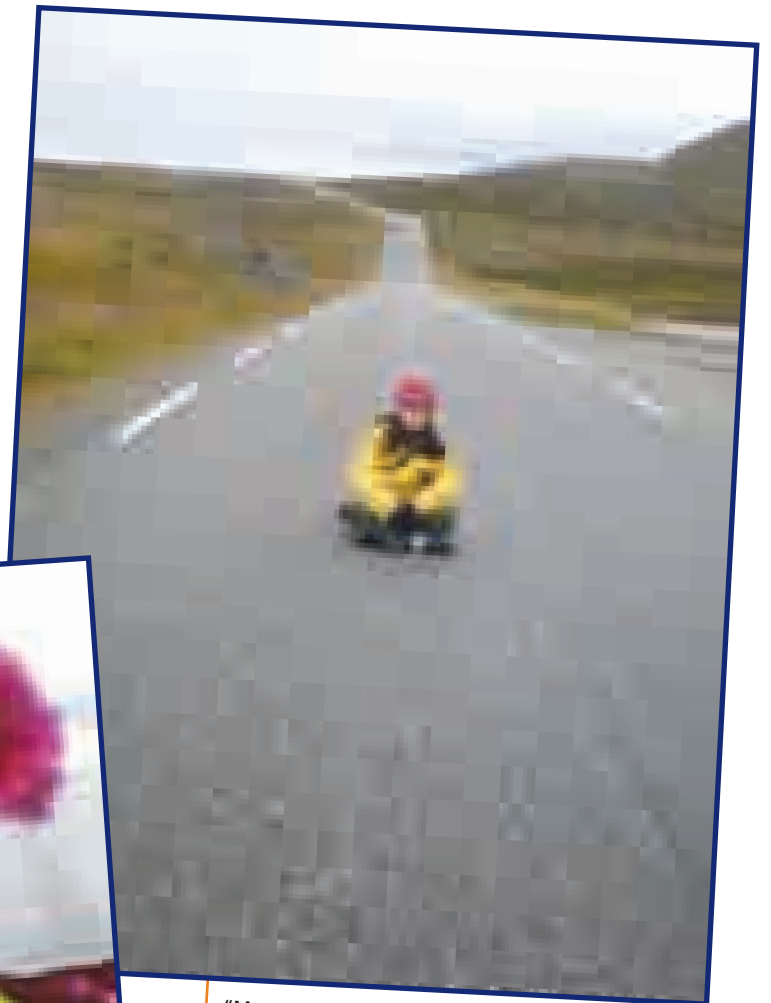
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"This is a picture of my husband, Brent (he's an LAPD officer in Mission Division), and my five-year-old son, Andrew, at Andrew's first Dodger game. A perfect pic for a summer pastime."

- Steph Burkhart, Club Member since 2004

John's comments: It doesn't get any better than this! I'm sure Andrew will remember this game forever. I remember my first Dodger game; I was probably six and it was a "Hollywood All-Star" game. We were sitting in the outfield, and right in front of me on the field was Redd Foxx. Needless to say, *Sanford and Son* became my favorite TV show of all time. Thanks, Steph!



"My daughter and I took a trip aboard the Norwegian Coastal Vessel *MS Midnastol*. I took this picture of her in the middle of the only highway on the way to Nordkapp, Arctic Circle. It is so desolate that our tour bus was the only vehicle the whole morning."

- Gina Enrile-Caguiat, Public Works/Engineering, Club Member since 2002

John's comments: This is wonderful, Gina! What a creative shot. I will have to try this one next time I'm on a desolate stretch of highway. Now, if only she were holding *Alive!*



This photo was taken by

- Gary Simmons, DWP, Los Angeles Aqueduct Filtration Plant, Club Member since 2001.

John's comments: You've really captured the amazing complexity of this flower, and the overall sharpness is impressive. Nice work, Gary!

Runners Up:

Mike Kutas, Public Works/Contract Administration; Cecille Consebido, Public Works/Sanitation; Mike Aubin; Carlos Ojeda, Transportation; Mike Boyd; Jennifer Smith, Frances Mooney and Ray Duran. Nice work to all of you!

RULES:

- The contest is open to all Club members in good standing. Non-members are welcome to submit, but only Club members are eligible to win the monthly prize.
- If your photograph does not win, you are welcome to re-submit.
- Winners are chosen by Club staff. All decisions will be final.
- You must certify (if asked) that you indeed took the picture. No ringers!
- Photos can be submitted either on paper or digitally. Please don't send both.
- If you want your print photo returned, please write your name, address and phone number on the back of your photo.
- Photos can be of any subject matter: vacation, portraits, families, landscapes, still lifes, pets, etc. Subject matter must be appropriate for *Alive!*
- Paper prints can be mailed to: Picture Perfect Contest, *Alive!*, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071
- When you send digital photos through the Internet, please send the full, original digital file yourself, rather than using digital photo software like Kodak EasyShare, Kodak Gallery, Flickr, etc. These programs send very low-resolution images, and they don't look good in print.
- We want you to look your best, so send us the original digital file, please! Thanks!
- Digital photos optimally should be between 100K and 2 megabytes in size and may be e-mailed to: pictureperfect@cityemployeesclub.com
- The contest is all in good fun: The Club cannot be responsible for delays in delivering *Alive!*, or for delays in the transmission of responses.

CITY COUNCIL

Tough Budget Approved

Council approves \$7 billion budget that is expected to cut hundreds of City jobs, hike fees while restoring some threatened programs. Furloughs still undecided.



On Monday, May 19, the City Council approved the City budget for the next fiscal year. Of particular interest to City Employees are the following:

- The budget does not close the case on City Employees taking required days off without pay (furloughs). The matter of furloughs is being discussed with union representation. If the furloughs are not put in place, the City will have to find an additional \$23 million in added revenue or further cuts.
- The budget assumes that approximately 767 jobs will be cut either permanently or through layoffs; these job actions have not been announced by press time.

- The LAPD expansion by more than 750 officers remains on track.
 - The council abandoned the mayor's plans for closing regional libraries on Sundays, eliminating 17 park rangers and closing city-owned television Channel 36, among others. These were made possible at least partly due to the City's Chief Legislative Analyst's Office, which found an estimated \$97 million in extra funds the week before the vote.
- The budget was made difficult due to an expected and record \$400 million shortfall because of significantly reduced income due to the economic downturn, and increasing expenses. This budget closes that gap mostly by cutting jobs, relying on one-time revenue and raising fees on trash pickups by \$8, to \$36 per month.
- Next year's budget, however, looks to be prone to at least as severe a funding gap as this year's, which could prompt another round of job reductions.
- Rec and Parks General Manager Jon Kirk Mukri said the council restored some of the funding his department was expected to lose -- about \$1.5 million more -- but his budget was still cut about \$13 million. Those cuts will be reflected in Park Ranger and programming budgets, largely after the summer season is over.
- The council also agreed to create a budget stabilization fund and a policy that requires the City to better prepare for economic downturns.

Tell Us What You Think

What do you think? Write a letter to the editor: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

CONVENTION CENTER

A Successful Grad

Loc Pham, Convention Center, returned to his school to inspire the students to success.

On April 16, Loc Pham, a Communication Electrician, ITA, returned to his technical college, IIT Technical Institute, to inspire the students so they can be successful, too.

He graduated from IIT Tech with a Bachelor of science in telecommunication technology and engineering in June 1999. As one of the many successful graduates from IIT Tech, he has spoken to thousands of young men and women and soon to be graduates from high school this summer. Loc and many others like him provided positive notes and guidance to many young men and women who wish to get into the science and technology fields.

Loc has worked for the Convention Center since December 2001. His duties involve many levels of technicality and multi-levels jobs including networking, Motorola radios, fiber-optic cables, audio and visuals, telephones, electronic signs, Nextel, CATV, CCTV, and much more.



Loc Pham speaks to the students at IIT Technical Institute.

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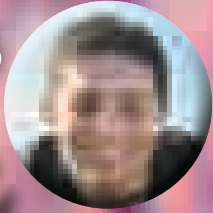
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Angel's Be Alive!



Angel Gomez, Director of Member Services

BODY WORLDS



Angel's ready for the second part of the exhibit.

Hello again!

Well, this month we're taking "Be Alive!" to a whole new place – the heart!

I decided to take you to the Museum of Science, specifically the "Body World" exhibit, where the heart is being featured. I have to tell you, this exhibit can be a little overwhelming, but seeing what's

beneath our skin reminds us how complex and beautiful our bodies are. Not to mention our heart, which, I guarantee you will have a better appreciation for, once you leave.

Oh, one more thing: If you're going to take your children, you might want to give them an anatomy lesson first. That way they are focused on the different names of our organs and not so focused on the general graphic nature of the displays.

Here's some more information:

Throughout the ages, scholars and students have strived to understand how our bodies function through exploration of real human specimens. The revolutionary process of Plastination, invented by Dr. Gunther

von Hagens, allows human specimens to be presented in a completely new and enlightening way. Donors who during their lifetimes bequeathed that their bodies should be used for the education of lay people have made this exhibit possible.

Body Worlds 3 — The Story of the Heart features more than 200 authentic specimens, including entire bodies, individual organs and transparent body slices. The exhibit is an unforgettable anatomy lesson that allows visitors to see and understand physiology and health and gain new appreciation and respect for what it means to be human. Nearly 25 million visitors around the world have experienced the Body Worlds exhibitions. The California Science Center proudly debuts the first presentation of Body Worlds 3 — The Story of the Heart.

The striking whole-body Plastinates in Body Worlds — people who in their lifetime donated their bodies for Plastination for the express purpose of educating future generations about health — allow viewers to see inside the staggeringly complex and completely interconnected network of muscles, tendons and blood vessels that make up our bodies.



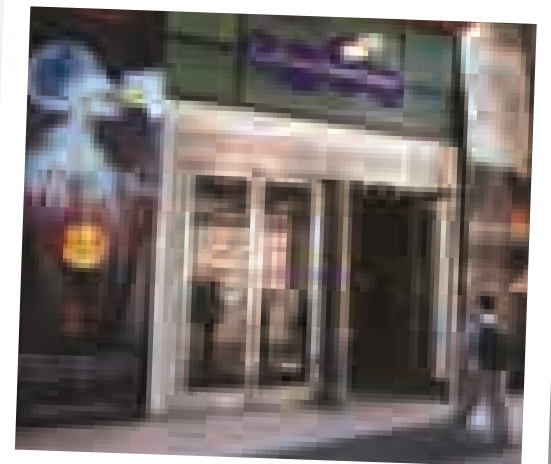
If you go on a weekday, the lines are pretty short.



The main gift shop is very large; plan on spending a lot of time checking out all the neat things for sale.



There are tons of great books for kids to help them learn about the body.



If you get a chance, watch an IMAX movie; the Club has tickets at a discount.

June Events

Shakespeare by the Sea

• June through August
Point Fermin Park, a Rec and Parks facility at 807 Paseo del Mar in San Pedro, will host the 11th annual Shakespeare by the Sea free outdoor performances in June, July, and August of two plays written by Sir William Shakespeare. *A Midsummer Night's Dream* will be presented June 12-14, with *Antony and Cleopatra* to follow June 19-21. Show times are 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday with a pre-show program at 7:30 p.m. The plays will then alternate performance days through July 12; each production will be presented eight times at Point Fermin, which overlooks the Pacific Ocean.

• Information: (310) 548-7705 or www.shakespearebythesea.org.

31st Lotus Festival

• July 11-13
The City's 31st annual Lotus Festival anticipates the annual blooming of the lotus plant with a celebration including music, art, crafts, food and ceremonies. The festival is scheduled for Friday, July 11, through Sunday, July 13. The festival takes place Friday, July 11, from 5 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, July 12, noon to 9 p.m.; and Sunday, July 13, noon to 8:30 p.m. Location is Echo Park Lake, Park Avenue between Glendale Avenue and Echo Park Boulevard, just north of the Hollywood (101) and Pasadena (110) freeway junction, near Dodger Stadium.

• Information: www.laparks.org/grifmet/lotus.htm

Reading Magic

• All summer
Abracadabra and alakazam, the Los Angeles Public Library is conjuring up some Reading Magic this summer. All children ages 4-12 are invited to join the free summer reading club at the 71 Los Angeles Public Library branches and at Central Library. Sign up at a library or online at www.lapl.org, and read and enjoy library services all summer long. Children who join the reading club during the summer will receive a free book bag, folder, bookmark and certificate of completion. Throughout the season, branches will host performers and authors and conduct book clubs, craft groups and storytelling.

• Information: (213) 228-7481.

Warner Grand Theatre

• All month
Have you been to the revived Warner Grand Theatre in San Pedro? The theatre, which retains its atmosphere and décor from the day when it was built, in 1931, is managed by Cultural Affairs and presents a lively schedule of film festivals (both classic Hollywood and foreign), live performances from area entertainers and theatre companies, and is the launch location for area walking tours and preservation tours. It is truly one of the City's gems.

• Information: www.warnergrand.org

Ticket Guy Recommends



"Visit us at the New Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second St., right across from the new Parker Center. You won't have a better time all month!"



Here are the "Ice Dancers." (Photo by Ted Soqui, courtesy the California Science Center.)



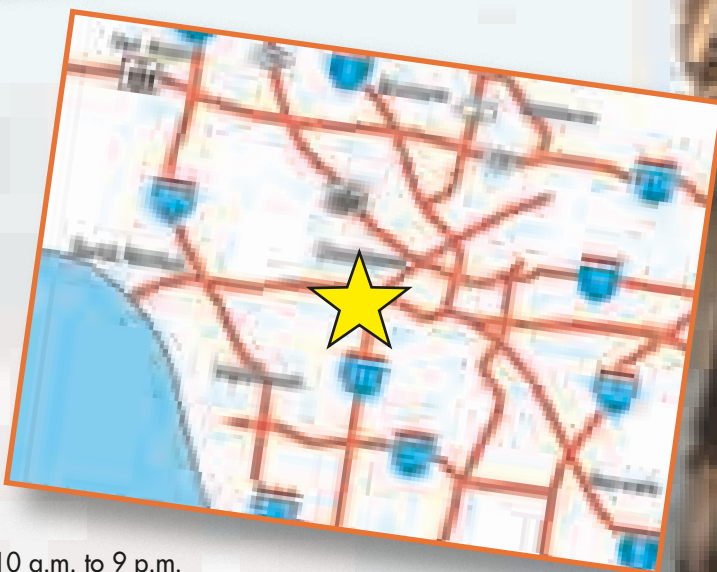
Angel's ready to check out *Body Worlds*.



Here is the "Hurdler." (Photo by Ted Soqui, courtesy the California Science Center.)

Info:

- The exhibit opened March 14 and will run all the way through summer until Sept. 7.
- **Admission:** \$18.95 for adults, \$16.95 seniors (62 and older); \$12.95 for youths (12 to 18); and \$12.95 for children.
- **Hours:** Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- **Location:** The California Science Center and IMAX Theater are located in historic Exposition Park just west of the Harbor (110) Freeway at 700 Exposition Park Dr.
- **Parking:** There's plenty of parking for \$6 (the entrance is on Exposition), but make sure you take cash as they don't accept credit cards for parking.
- More information is also available at www.californiasciencecenter.org or www.bodyworlds.com



Newsbrief

LABOR COMPLIANCE:

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa addressed more than 100 volunteers at a certification training for the Joint Labor Compliance Monitoring Program (JLCMP) hosted by Public Works/Contract Administration at the Edward R. Roybal session room in downtown City Hall.

Construction professionals and members of the building trades attended the two-hour training to get certification and authorization to visit public works construction sites and enforce prevailing wage requirements on behalf of the workers.

"We are grateful for the partnership that we have with the JLCMP volunteers," said Julie Gutman, Public Works commissioner and labor advisor to Mayor Villaraigosa. "They are a valuable resource to us, supporting our staff that we may effectively decrease the number of labor violations on the numerous public works projects that we manage."

Inspector of Public Works and BCA director John L. Reamer, Jr. says, "The JLCMP is a great program. It allows the City to protect underpaid employees, bring to justice employers that take advantage, and reward the honest and reputable contractors working on City projects. We are committed to fair treatment in the workplace through the payment of prevailing wage, workers' compensation, benefits and overtime. With our strength in numbers, we are more effective."

The JLCMP is a collaborative effort of BCA and various construction trade organizations and professionals to monitor prevailing wage compliance on construction projects by the City. It is an extension of BCA's Labor Compliance Program that has been recognized by the State as the exemplary local program and recognized by the chief deputy labor commissioner as "the model program by which others should be judged."

The partnership between the City and the volunteers has rendered a successful program. Since 2004, 980 interviews have been conducted by JLCMP representatives, contributing to the more than \$5.1 million that the program has collected in restitutions and fines for over 4,800 workers.

CLUB HEADQUARTERS

CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline for Club Scholarship: June 30

Apply now for 2008 Club Scholarship.

Applications are available for the 2008 Club Scholarship program. All applications must be complete and turned in to the Club Store and Service Center by noon Monday, June 30.

Applications are available online only. They will not be available at the Club office, the Club Store and Service Center, from Club Counselors, or through the mail.

A total of \$7,500 is available for the five Club Scholarships. First place is awarded \$3,500. Deadline is noon June 30, 2008; applications must be physically in the Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second St. downtown, at that time.

"This is one of the great ways the Club celebrates the lives of City Employees," said Club CEO John Hawkins. The scholarship is open to Club Members, spouses and their immediate families under the age of 25, for those who attend an accredited college, or will attend one next year.

"Go online and download the application," Hawkins said. "We look forward to your entries."

Applications can be downloaded at: www.cityemployeesclub.com/scholar.asp

Five college scholarships are available. The top recipient will receive a stipend of \$3,500. Second place receives \$2,000. Third place receives \$1,000. Two additional awards will be given out for \$500 each.

Those eligible include Club Members, their spouses and their children who are in college or will be attending an accredited college or university in fall 2008.

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

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

"So go online, download the applications and turn them in. We look forward to giving back."

Club Store and Service Center address:
120 W. Second St.,
Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Send questions to:
scholarship@cityemployeesclub.com

Eligibility requirements:

- All Club Members and their spouses, and children of Club members under the age 25, are eligible to apply. Club members must be in good standing.
- The successful candidate must attend an accredited four-year college or university full time in the fall semester 2008. Current high school seniors matriculating to a four-year school in fall 2008 are eligible.
- Candidates will be judged for academic excellence, community service and financial need.
- Five (5) scholarships will be awarded, in amounts of \$3,500, \$2,000, \$1,000 and two for \$500 (each).
- Deadline for application: They must be in the Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second St. downtown, by noon June 30, 2008. All applications must be physically in the Club office at that time to be eligible. Sorry, but the Club is not responsible for delays in delivery.
- Decisions will be made by Club personnel and will be considered final.



Brittany Grove, daughter of Jennifer Quarterman, Child Care Director, Rec and Parks, received the Club's top stipend of \$3,500 last year.

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GENERAL SERVICES

Publishing Open House

The City's Publishing Services holds annual open house to show off newest technology and services.

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Marketing and Communications

The Publishing Services division of General Services held its annual open house May 15. Its facilities are in Piper Tech.

Michael Leighton is the City's Director of Publishing Services.

The Club congratulates Publishing Services on another successful and informative open house.



From left: Michael Leighton, Director of Printing Services and Club Board Member, 10 years of City service; and visitor John L. Stamatiades of Glendale Envelope Company.



From left: Michael Leighton, Director of Printing Services and Club Board Member, 10 years of City service; Tracy Vu, System Analyst, 8 years of service; Myrna Pilkington, Accountant II, 2 years; Abby Truong, Sr. Clerk Typist, 10 years of service; Jong Kim, Accountant I, 6 months of service; Maggie Yu, Graphic Designer, 4.5 years of service; Marie Saraos, Clerk Typist, 9 years of service; and Karlo Sabio, Clerk Typist, 1 year of service.



From left: Walter Griffin, Press Operator I, 15 years of City service; Ron Gallegos, Printing Press Operator II and Night Shift Supervisor, 19 years of service.



From left: Dan Hurst, Print Shop Trainee, 3.5 years of City service; and Carlos Hernandez, Print Shop Trainee, 4.5 years of service.



Pete Holguin, Bindery Equipment Operator, 7 years of City service.



From left: Sean Lai, DMO I, 8 months of City Service; Tim Bruse, DMO II, 18 months; and Fernando Lopez, DMO II, 3 years of service.



Ronnie Cannon, Supervisor, Central Duplicating Operations, 27 years of City service.



Michael Boundy, Publishing Services Superintendent, 36 years of City service.



Kip Haneman, Duplicator Machine Operator III, 3 years of City service.



Vicente Zamora, Operator I, 5 years of City service.

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The Travelin' Kitty

Colorado cat that somehow found its way to Riverside flies back home, thanks to LA/Ontario staff.

When a cat recently decided to journey from its home in Fort Collins, Colo. to Riverside, LA/Ontario airport staff stepped in to help it find its way back home again.

The Riverside Animal Shelter received the cat, and after reading its microchip, determined that the cat had somehow made its way to Southern California. So the shelter contacted Harold Johnson, Principal Public Relations Rep, LA/Ontario, for his assistance in securing the traveling kitty's flight back home.

Harold worked the phones and found an airline that agreed to cart the cat. Harold secured the cat's safe travel to LA/Ontario and then into the hands of the airlines.

Bon voyage, Tabby! We hope you had a pleasant journey.



An airline employee closes the kitty's container door.



Even cats have to go through airport security.



An airline employee gives the travelin' kitty some attention



Security has been cleared!

Dreams Happen Daily

The Year of a Million Dreams continues in 2008 with new additions to the celebration—like **Pixar Play Parade** (begins March 14) and **Toy Story Mania!** (opening Summer 08)—plus all-time favorite attractions and entertainment in both Parks. Get your tickets today and come celebrate with us!

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The Million Dreams Disneyland

HARBOR

3 New Port Police Officers

Port Police graduates 3 from the LAPD Academy.

Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Marketing and Communications

On Feb. 29, the Port Police Dept. was honored to watch three of its candidates graduate from the LAPD Police Academy.

Those three were Officers Jose Alvarez, Brandyn Anderson, and Frank Huang. Congratulations!



From left: SLO Glen Twardy, Club Member; SLO Ryan Strauss; Capt. Albert Rosario, Club Member; Officer Jose Alvarez; Officer Brandyn Anderson, Club Member; Officer Frank Huang; Det. Sgt. Rosa Reynosa; and Capt. Mike Graychick.



This floating barrier — to help prevent cargo ships and cruise liners from terrorists piloting small boats — is one of the newest techniques employed by the Port Police to keep the Harbor safe.



The floating barrier is deployed.



The Port Police Dive Team demonstrates techniques used to check under the water in protecting cargo ships and cruise lines from a possible attack from a small boat commandeered by terrorists.

HARBOR

Fighting Terrorism

Port demonstrates a floating barrier as an anti-terrorist exercise.

Photos by Angel Gomez, Director of Member Services

On April 23, the Port of L.A. demonstrated a new anti-terrorist exercise for the first time.

Security experts are increasingly concerned about the vulnerability of cruise ships and large cargo vessels to terrorists attacking in small watercraft. Preventing such an attack was the focus of the unique security exercise.

The exercise featured the first-ever use of the Port's Small Craft Intrusion Barrier, intended to prevent a terrorist attack similar to the one on the destroyer *USS Cole* in October 2000, when a small boat laden with explosives detonated as it approached the Navy ship in the Yemeni port of Aden.

The barrier — a floating, plastic-and-steel boom — was deployed in sections by tugboats, closing one of the Port's channels near the World Cruise Ship Terminal. At the height of the exercise, a hinged opening in the barrier was activated, enabling a Los Angeles Port Police boat to pass through. The purpose of the exercise was to gain hands-on experience with the barrier.



Protecting the Port against terrorism is serious business for the Port Police, as shown here in this demonstration.

As part of the exercise, Port Police conducted land and water-side operations simulating an increase in Port security measures that would stem from an increased threat assessment to the World Cruise Ship Terminal. These operations included hazmat, canine and tactical teams at inspection stations around the terminal through which passengers and cruise-ship supplies would pass during such an incident. Additionally, a Port Police dive team conducted an underwater sweep of the cruise ship pier.



The Port Police Dive Team play a big role in anti-terrorist maneuvers.



Part of the Port's anti-terrorist demonstration.



The Port Police's dedicated dive team has a role to play in the deployment of the floating barrier.



Many Port Police Officers participated in the deployment demonstration.

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Results of



Baker to Vegas: Heart and Soles

■ City department teams do well in annual challenge cup foot race through the high desert. All four Club-sponsored teams place high.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; Photos by Arlene Herrero, Fitz Mora, Cathy Sotos and Daniel Wang

RUNNING RUNNING RUNNING



A crowd builds outside the war room to check out the preliminary standing of their team effort.



Team Rampart!

Awards Ceremony



From left: Sr. PSR Anita Whited, LAPD Communications B2V Team Captain, Club Member; Detective John Silverstein, Lennox PD, B2V Team Captain; Laura Dendo, spouse; and Capt. Matt Dendo, Lennox PD.



LAPD Jail Division Team celebrates as they are awarded a mug for the first time.

AWARDS



Officer Tony Adler, LAPD Training Division, B2V Team Captain, B2V Follow Vehicle Director, and Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

AWARDS



From left: Allison Bruner, spouse; Detective Juan Campos; Jeff Bruner, P2; Det. Rick Ramos, B2V Team Captain. Rampart finished fourth overall in their category without penalties.



At left are B2V Team co-captain PDO Aragon and SDO Red Sioson, Club Member, with the rest of the Jail Division Team, celebrating their first mug win!

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the Big Race

The Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Race for 2008 is in the books, and all the City teams did well – and the Club's four sponsored teams finished high.

The Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup is a relay race on foot run from Baker, Calif. to Las Vegas. It is produced by the Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club, and the Club is grateful for their leadership.

The Club, in its fourth year covering this amazing event, sponsored four teams, the most we have sponsored.

Last year, 227 teams participated. In 2008, the number increased, to 244 teams. Each year the race grows, and with approximately 244 teams from the law enforcement community around the state and county, this year's race proved to be the biggest Challenge Cup Relay ever, said Ruben Holguin, President, Los Angeles Police Revolver and Athletic Club. The runners, volunteers, support staff and spectators totaled more than 20,000.

Chip timing was introduced in 2007 and continued with slight modification to keep the chip secure on the baton.

This year's event also had a new finish line. Changing the finish line to the Hilton Hotel was a challenge, and it was the first time that the race finished inside a Las Vegas hotel, according to Jim Katapodis, Race Director, Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay.

"Thanks go to the California Highway Patrol, Nevada Highway Patrol and Las Vegas Metro Police Department," states Jim Katapodis, Baker to Vegas Challenge Cup Relay Race Director.

Results – Club Sponsorships:

The LAPD Communications team reached its goal with no penalties and brought home another mug, finishing the race at 17:44:01 and coming in at 11th overall among the 26 teams in their Invitational Mixed category. The team was led by race captain Sr. PSR 1 Anita Whited and co-captain Sr. PSR 1 Berta Ugas.

The Port Police team, lead by race captain Officer Alex Castillo and Lt. Kettlekemp, came in 10th overall, finishing the race at 18:40:53 without penalties in the 150 Category. This is the youngest team in terms of experience that was sponsored by the Club; last year was the team's first year.

LAPD Training Division, lead by race captain Officer Tony Adler and co-captain Roger Forest, came in in fourth place in their Invitational Category. There were no penalties, and the team was awarded with a mug and finished the race at 15:07:15, with 51 teams in the category.

The LAPD Rampart team, lead by race captains Det. Rick Ramos and Mariana Vasquez, was the newest team added to the Club's list of sponsored teams. With 20 teams in the Station Category, LAPD Rampart came in third overall in its category. There were no penalties; the team won another mug and finished the race at 15:54:28.

Additional honorable mentions:

After years of participation, LAPD Jail Division finished 15th overall in their Invitational Mixed category. They finally brought home a mug, suffering no penalties and finishing at 18:02:36.

Transportation finished the race at 19:25:34, incurring a delay of 0:12:06 and finishing 46th overall of the 51 teams in their Invitational Category.

The Airports/LAX team finished the race at 18:02:01, with no penalties or delay, finishing 19th overall of the 27 teams in their Mixed Category.

The LA City Attorney team finished the race at 21:10:55, incurring a 0:15:00 penalty and finishing 25 overall among the 26 teams in their Invitational Mixed Category.

Congratulations to all the runners and volunteers who participated in this great annual event. And thanks to Sgt. Daryl Ito, Anita Whited, Officer Alex Castillo, Det. Rick Ramos and Officer Tony Adler for their assistance.

RUNNING RUNNING RUNNING



It was a nice 79 degrees, according to the famous Baker thermometer.



LAPD Jail Division celebrates at the finish line.



Pictured with his catchers is LA City Attorney Rocky Delgado.



Officer Kiez, Team 181, Calgary Police Service.



Co-Captains for LAPD Rampart Team 37, from left: Det. Rick Ramos, Club Member, and Mariana Vasquez.



South Wales celebrates at the finish line.



Team 59 LAPD Central CTD Commander Andrew Smith, Club Member, was the leader of the pack.



Last-minute adjustment before the race official sounds the gun to start the runner.



Coming in from the desert heat, it's no wonder why it takes three people to keep this runner from falling over.



The Club's vehicle was out and about.

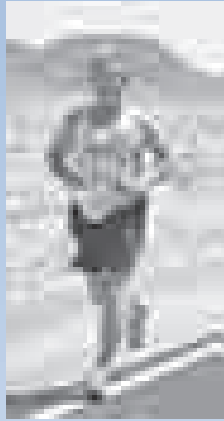


LAPD Communications celebrates at the finish line.

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From left: Capt. Murphy, Club Member; Leslee Rogers, P3; and Sgt. Darryl Ito, Club Member.



Officer Ibarra, Santa Ana Police Department.



The race is lead by K. Cruz of Long Beach PD, Team 131.



Roy Ortiz, SID, is nothing but form as he runs Leg 2 for LAPD Communications.



Officer Roger Forest, LAPD Training Division.



LAPD Training Division's follow vehicle was held back due to traffic as they drive along the Murrieta PD runner.



Detention Officer George Vu with his follow vehicle cheering him on.



Team 37, LAPD Rampart comes in ready to tap the mat.

OFF THEY GO!



J. Bow hands off to J. Manchuri, LAX PD, Team 132.



Team 37 LAPD Rampart, from left: Luis Alvarado, P2, Leg 4 runner; Catcher Rick Martinez, P2; Det. Rick Ramos, B2V Team Captain, Club Member; Cathy Martinez, spouse; Patty Ramos, spouse; and Rick Adami, Retired P2.



Lourdes Varas, PSR II, Club Member, waves to the Alive! cameras.



Team 78, Old Blue.



What is Club Member PSR Angelina Ortega thinking? Tap the mat!



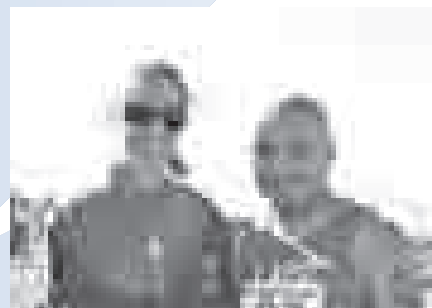
PSR III Debbie Ramsey, Club Member.



From left: Roy Ortiz, SID, Leg 2 runner; Anita Whited, Sr. PSR 1, LAPD Communications B2V Team Captain, Club Member; and Cathy Sotos, Sr. PSR 1, Club Member.



Team 17 LAPD Training Division, from left: Kim Roger Forest, Drill Instructor and Leg 2 runner; and Sgt. Laguna, Catcher.

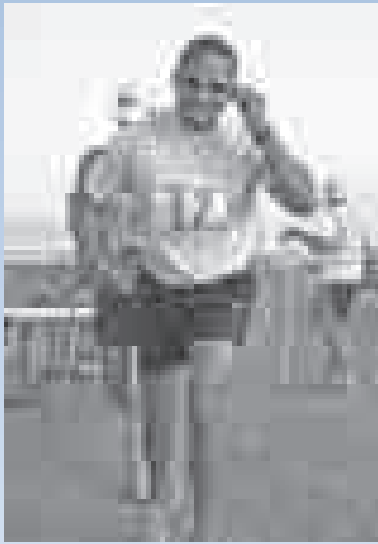


From left: Officer Brandi Scchimone, Leg 5 Runner for Rampart, with Leg 2 runner Robert Morales, P3, Club Member.



From left: Sgt. Ito, Club Member; Officer Forest; and Officer Hwang.

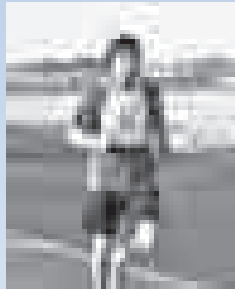
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Officer Yang, LAPD Training Division, takes the handoff from Officer Roger Forest.



Sr. PSR Anita Whited, B2V Team Captain, Club Member, picks off another runner to pass.



Det. Juan Campos, Rampart.



PSR Quincy Mirage.



LAPD Training Division runner Officer Roger Forest is assessed after his run by his team catcher, Sgt. Laguna.



A quick handoff by Santa Ana PD.



Jessica Bautista, Club Member, with Officer Ian Schunke, Club Member.



From left: Baraba and Capt. Martin Renteria, Club Member.



From left: Anthony Chiappetta, guest; Ron Mowrer, spouse; Mikki Mowrer, Sr. Clerk Typist, Dispatcher, Club Member; Rudy Meza, P2; Christine Pena, Sr. Cadet, Club Member; and Max Sandoval, Cadet

Port Police Suite Party



From left: Lt. Ken Hawks, Club Member; Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; and Sgt. Al Guerrero, Club Member.



From left: Officer Jane Becerra, Club Member; Officer Ian Schunke, Club Member; Sgt. Dan Aleman, Club Member; Lt. Kettelkamp; and Officer Rudy Meza.



From left: Capt. Martin Renteria, Club Member; Lt. Kettelkamp; and Capt. Ralph Tracy.



From left: Daniele Fuson and Anette Tupas.



From left: Claudia and Officer Alex Castillo, Club Member.



From left: Officer Bill Paxson, Club Member; Sgt. Ken Huerta; Erika Cabrera, Student Worker; and Alex Castillo, P2, Club Member.



From left: Sgt. Ken Huerta; and Julie Huerta, Commission Chief Administrative Officer, Club Member.



From left: Officer Dan Cobos, Club Member, with his wife, Carolyn.



From left: Officer Derek Pittman, Club Member; Theresa Alvarez, spouse; Officer Jose Alvarez; Robin Jackson, Management Analyst; and Mimi Gutierrez, Engineer Associate II, Club Member. Front: Alexia, 8.



From left: Officer Dave Clemens and Officer Ryan Mullany, Club Member.



From left: Claudia Castillo; Susan Kelleher, guest; Officer Nathan Ewert; and Officer Miguele Fagins.

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PSR Ricardo Lopez, Club Member, finishes leg 6 at 55 minutes 29 seconds.



Rampart Officer George Diego is closely followed by Chula Vista PD.



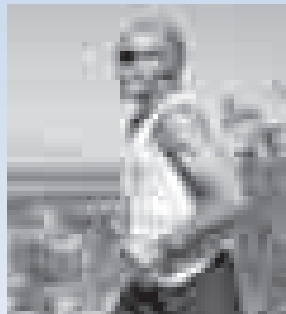
Thumbs up for Officer Hernandez, Team 55, LAPD 77.



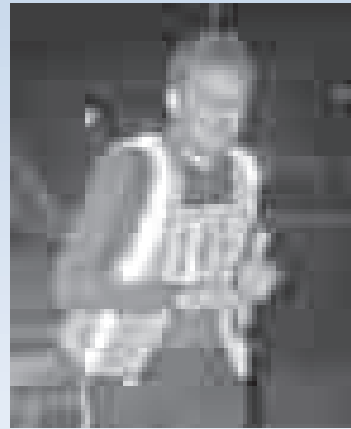
Rampart's follow vehicle waves to the Club's photographer.



Team 71 Los Angeles District Attorney Runner C. Brougham hands off her baton to fellow runner J. Niedermann.



Commander Andrew Smith, Club Member, runs strong, finishing his leg at 39 minutes and 9 seconds (5.4 miles).



Team 145, Arizona Attorney General's Office.

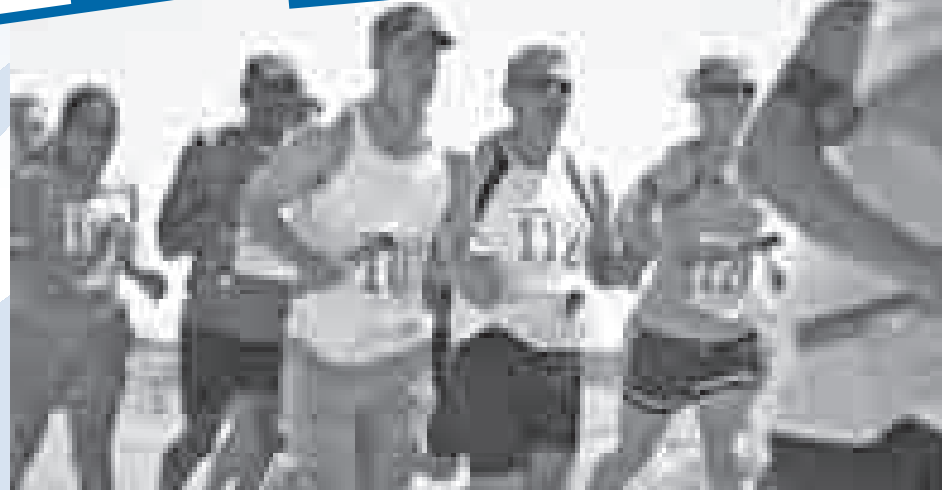


Sgt. David Wright of LAPD Training Division is held steady by the EMT.

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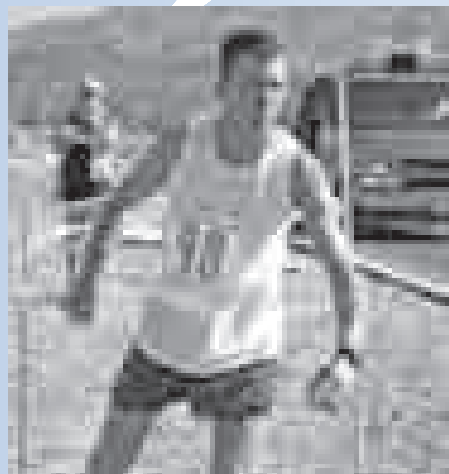
Sgt. II David Wright starts off Team 17 LAPD Training Division.



Off they go.



Sr. Detention Officer Anson Anderson, LAPD Jail Division, Club Member, finishes his leg strong.



Team 98 LAPD Southwest Area Sgt. J. Bert takes off on leg two, finishing at 58 minutes 1 second (8.2 miles).



LAPD Jail Division Detention Officer Cathy Soto with her catcher.



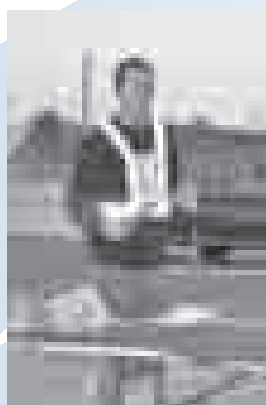
There goes A. Lewis of South Wales, Team 239.



From left: Sgt. John Martinez with his wife, Lisa.



The LAPD Communications follow vehicle keeps its eyes on the road and the condition of their runner.



Sgt. John Martinez comes in and taps the mat.



Officer Mejia of Team 47 LAPD Northeast.



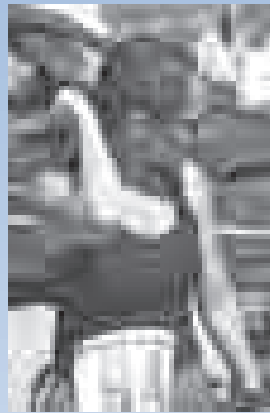
From left: Martin Amador, Detention Officer; George Vu, Detention Officer; Catcher Roberta Avellaneda, Detention Officer; Juan Aragon, Principal Detention Officer, B2V Team Captain; and Red Sioson, Sr. Detention Officer, Club Member, B2V Team Co-Captain.

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Team 911, USMC Military Police.



Sr. PSR 1 Anita Whited, Club Member, makes some last-minute adjustments prior to her run.



From left: Frank Garcia, P2, ran leg 20; and George Diego, P2, ran Leg 17.



Officer James Bow, LAX PD, in his third year running Baker to Vegas.



Team 55 LAPD 77th Street Area Officer Gabler finishes off leg one at 46 minutes 22 seconds.

The perfect hand off -- way to go, LAPD Communications!

THE HOME STRETCH



L. Ahumada, Team 147, LAPD Emergency Services.



From left: Chris Phillips, P2; Det. Juan Campos; and Frank Carillo, P3.



Officer Rouzan, LAX Team 132; Officer Froehlich, CHP Gold Team 224; and Officer Panella, Westminster PD Team 103, keep a tight pack.



M. Bain, Team 191 LAPD Devonshire.



Team 94 LAPD Communications CT Feng, PSR III, Club Member, was happy to see the Club came out to cheer him on.



Officer Yang, Team 17, Training Division, in his zone.



A big smile for LAPD Communications follow vehicle driver.



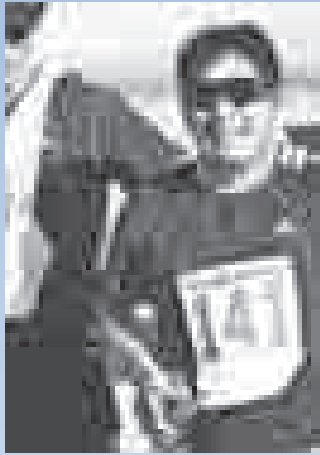
From left: Det. Rick Ramos, B2V Team Captain, Club Member, and Paul Hendry, P3+1, still smiling after getting Team 37 LAPD Rampart off to a very good start.



From left: PSR III Jorge Rios, Club Member; PSR Ashley Mikell, Club Member; and PSR Raul Recio, Club Member.

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LAPD Harbor Sharks, Team 141.



From left: PSR Louie Cuevas; Sr. PSR Berta Ugas, Club Member; and PSR Quincy Mirage.



Team 98 LAPD Southwest runner Officer J. Flores.



Team 94 LAPD Communications' Sgt. Hoyte runs strong.

THE HAND OFF



Officer Seguin, LAPD Central CTD Team 59, approaches the hand-off chute.



CA DOJ Gold Team 49's runner is being assisted after a very good run.



C. Ogino, Team 160, San Bernardino Sheriff's Department, is assisted by a paramedic and a team catcher.



Team 81 Modesto PD's runner is assisted by EMT.



Team 52, IRS-CI San Diego.



The desert heat can wipe the best runners out.



A catcher for Team 59 LAPD Central CTD.



From the back seat of LAPD Training's follow vehicle, LAPD Security Officer Anthony Stillwell, Club Member, keeps a watchful eye on his runner.



Team 17, LAPD Training Division.



Officer Alex Castillo, Team Co-Captain, Club Member, Leg 7.



Officer Jose Alvarez, first-year participant, was an alternate runner.



Officer Brandyn Anderson, Club Member, on Leg 17.



Officer Arman Akserelian, Leg 15.

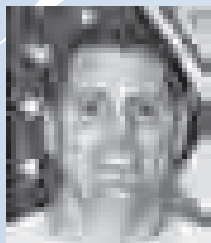
Port Police Team



From left: Sgt. Aleman, Club Member, and Port Police Chief Ronald Boyd, Club Member.



Motor Officer Glenn Twardy, Club Member, Leg 10.



Officer Ryan Mullany, Club Member, Leg 3.



Officer Rosario Ferrara, second-year participant, started the team on Leg 1.



Officer Joseph Keen, Club Member, Leg 2.



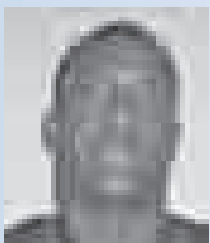
Officer Tyler Hammon, Leg 12.



Officer Aaron Smith, Club Member and first-time participant, tried his hand as an alternate.



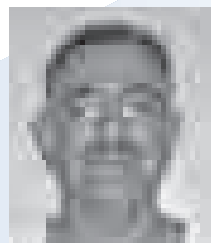
Officer Chris Brincat, Leg 18.



Officer Derek Pittman, Club Member and alternate runner for legs 1-8.



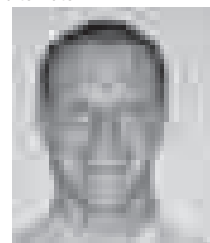
Officer Bill Paxson, Club Member and alternate runner for legs 1-8.



Capt. Martin Renteria, Club Member and alternate runner for legs 9-14.



Officer Ralph Edwards, alternate runner for legs 15-20.



Officer Nathan Ewert, Leg 13.

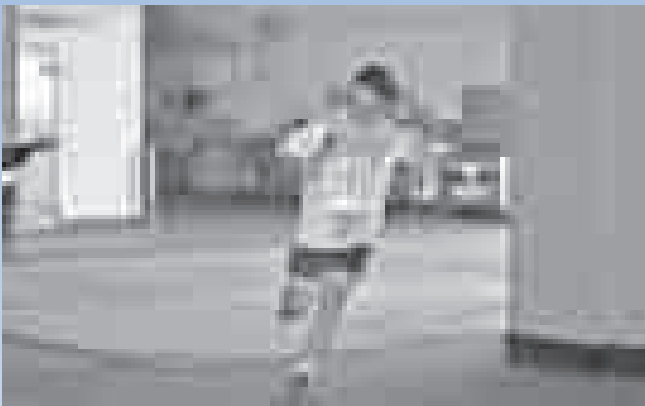


Officer Ismael Flores, alternate runner for legs 1-8.



Officer Dave Clements, P2, a first-year participant, with the honor of bringing the team home as he is assigned to Leg 20.

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Team 191 LAPD Devonshire's Officer Neville rushes to the finish line.



Sheriff Lee Baca chats up with Officer West of CHP-Castro Valley as they make their way to the finish line.



South Wales Running Team Captain Dennis Michael runs his team to the finish.



Officer Garcia brings Team 37 Rampart home.



At the finish line is LA City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo.



From left: PSR II Susana Reynoso, Club Member, with her catcher, Sr. PSR I Margaret Peters, Club Member.



From left: PSR Autumn Kahoutek; PSR Gricelda Aceves, Club Member; and PSR Emiko Uyeda, Club Member. Back: PSR John Craig celebrates another B2V mug.



Officer Hernandez, LAPD Rampart, Team 37.

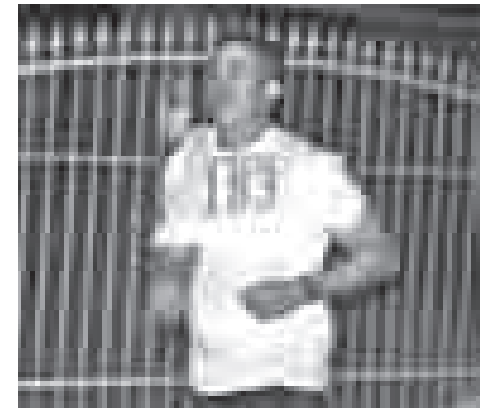


Officer Dyresen, San Diego PD, heads to the finish line.



FBI Los Angeles is brought home by D. Kemble.

FINISH LINE



Port Police Officer Dave Clements dashes to the finish line.



Transportation Officer John Marsala, Club Member, on his way to the finish line.



Team 91 LAPD Hollywood's Officer Owen dashes to the finish line.



LAPD Communications looks sharp!

LAPD

LAPD Walks for Revlon

Police group raises money for fight against cancer.



On May 10, LAPD officers, staff, family and friends took part in the 15th annual Entertainment Industry Foundation Revlon Run/Walk For Women to help fight women's cancers.

Fifty LAPD Explorers volunteered to hand out medallions to those crossing the finish line. With specially designed Team LAPD T-shirts, Team LAPD walked and ran together among the crowd of thousands united in the fight to cure women's cancers.

Last year, through generous donations from friends and family of the 188 Team LAPD members, Team LAPD raised an outstanding \$11,000 toward finding a cure for cancer.

This year alone, more than 178,400 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer; more than 22,400 will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer; and more than 55,800 will be diagnosed with other women's cancers. More than 68,400 will lose their lives to these deadly diseases.

For more information on how to make a donation to Team LAPD, contact Irene Gonzalez at (213) 473-9081 or Michelle Carr at (213) 473-9090.

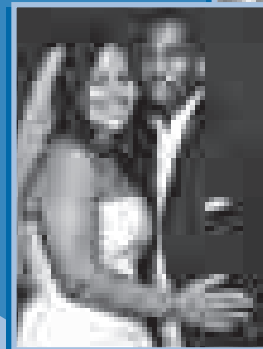
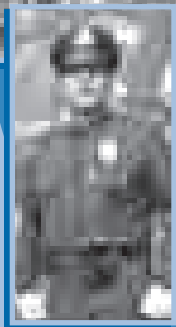
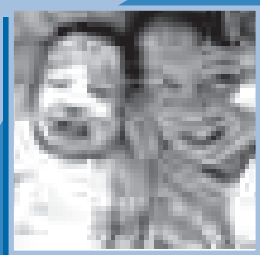


Team LAPD helped raise funds to fight women's cancers.



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Cooking with the Club

by Chef Robert Larios



Send Us Your Recipes!

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

DIRECTIONS:

Carne Asada



Dice and mince the garlic.



Have the seasoning salt, pepper, minced garlic and parsley ready to coat each *carne asada* strip. Season both sides. Use a large bowl like I did here so that you can place the *carne asada* strips comfortably on top of one another as you season each piece.



Once the grill is hot, spray the nonstick cooking spray and coat the grill. Place the seasoned *carne asada* steak strips on the grill. Let them cook until dark brown.



The strips should look very much like this. You may grill Serrano chilies if you like.



Dice the *carne asada* strips into small cubes or slices. I like placing my *carne asada* on a hot tortilla and some salsa. You are free to add more to it.

Family Favorite: Carne Asada

Some of the best tacos are filled with chicken, fish or beef. Traditionally speaking, *carne asada* has been synonymous with the word taco, much like peanut butter and jelly is to sliced bread. *Carne asada* is Spanish for broiled meat – normally on a grill. *Carne asada* is a thin strip or finely diced seasoned steak placed between a corn or flour tortilla. Other ingredients can be added including salsa, beans, rice, cheese, onions, cilantro, lettuce, etc. The type of steak is usually called Spencer steak, but many other cuts can be used. Just mention to the butcher that you wish to make *carne asada* tacos. However, most meat markets or grocery stores will already have thinly sliced steak strips for *carne asada*. Some are already pre-seasoned, which I would suggest if you would like to spend the least amount of time preparing the meat for cooking.

I've also included my mom's best recipe for Mexican rice – a recipe that has been made in the family household since I was a young lad. The secret in the flavor with the rice is the use of one bouillon cube. It's a perfect complement to *carne asada*. I like it with a side of beans and salad, but that combination or any other is up to you.



Have a little salad, rice and some tacos for a great meal.

DIRECTIONS:

Carmen's Mexican Rice



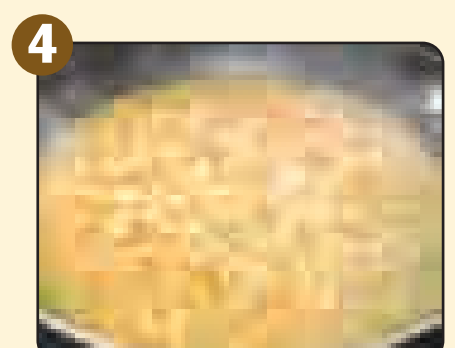
On a nonstick pan on medium heat, add the extra virgin olive oil and the two cups of rice. Stir lightly to brown the rice.



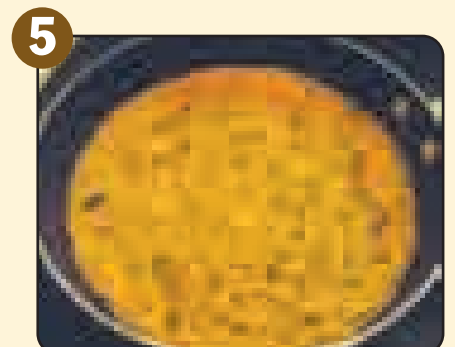
Add some diced onion and cilantro to the browning rice and stir.



Add a cup of water. Take great care with the steam that will be produced – don't burn yourself.



Now use Carmen's secret ingredient – one bouillon cube. Stir and let boil. Once boiling, reduce the heat to low.



Usually in about 20 minutes, the water should have reduced down, leaving just the seasoned rice.

Carne Asada Tacos and Carmen's Mexican Rice

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 to 2 pounds *carne asada*-style steak
- 1/4 cup dried parsley
- Pepper and seasoning salt (enough to lightly coat each side of the steak strips)
- 6 cloves minced garlic (you may use more)
- Nonstick cooking spray
- 2 cups rice
- 1 cup water
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup of diced red onion (or white)
- 1/4 cup cilantro
- 1 bouillon cube (beef)

Cooking Tidbit: The use of a nonstick cooking spray is very useful when cooking with thin steak slices like that of *carne asada*. It will prevent the *carne asada* from sticking to the grill when turning over. Spray and coat the grill. Immediately place the *carne asada* strips on the hot grill.

[A Cook's Dictionary]

Bouillon cube:

A compressed, flavor-concentrated cube of dehydrated beef, chicken or vegetable stock. The cubes must be dissolved in a hot liquid before using.

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



Life insurance:

How Much Is Enough?

■ Many Americans with life insurance are so under-insured that if they die, their families won't be able to maintain their standard of living.

Loss of the deceased's income can have a devastating financial impact on a family. Assets may have to be sold to cover heavy medical expenses, final expenses and living costs. Recent reports from LIMRA International found that:

- Many married couples fail to plan for the eventual death of one spouse before the other, which can have serious consequences, especially when the survivor is the wife (*Public Misperceptions About Retirement Security – Closing the Gaps, 2007*).
- 22% of families with dependent children admit they would have immediate trouble meeting everyday expenses and another 26% could only cover expenses for a few months if a primary wage earner died (*Facts About Life, 2006*).
- 45% of widows and 37% of widowers say their spouse was inadequately insured. (*LIMRA Web site, 3/2007*).

The stark fact is that many Americans – nearly one-third, according to the 2006 LIMRA report – still don't have life insurance, and many of those who do have coverage often don't have enough to really make a difference:

- On average, U.S. households report they should own enough life insurance to replace six years of income, but only owned enough to replace their income for 2.8 years.

Getting the coverage you need

When you consider these facts, you may find that your family would not be adequately protected should they lose you and your income.

"Typically, term life insurance offers you the most life insurance protection for your money," explained Robert Larios, the Director of Marketing and Communications for The City Employees Club of Los Angeles. "It becomes even more affordable when you can purchase it at an attractive group rate. If there is a gap between the amount of life insurance you have and the amount your family would need, term life insurance may be the most economical way to close it."

What to look for in a plan

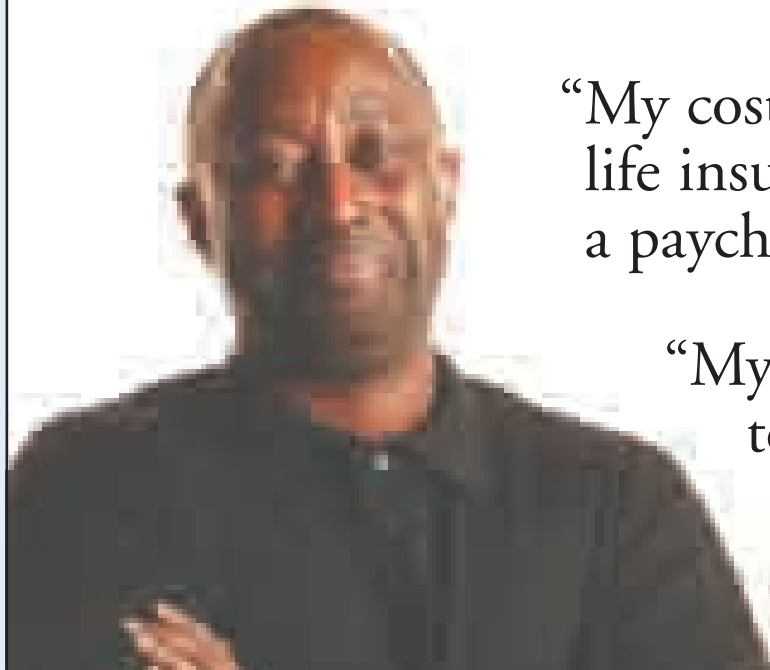
When evaluating term life insurance plans, here are some things to consider:

- Can you get the amount you need to adequately protect your family?
- Can you also get coverage for your spouse?
- Will the premiums for the amount of coverage you want be easy for you to handle?
- Is it easy and convenient to apply for?
- Is the underwriting company highly rated and financially strong?

The City Employees Club of Los Angeles has selected a Group Term Life Insurance Plan underwritten by a member company of American International Group, Inc., The United States Life Insurance Company in the City of New York. This company has been awarded an A++ (Superior) rating from A.M. Best. This rating reflects The United States Life Insurance Company in the City of New York's superior overall financial strength and operating performance when compared to A.M. Best's standards. The rating is current as of October 1, 2007. For the latest A.M. Best's ratings and A.M. Best's Company Reports, please visit the A.M. Best Web site at www.ambest.com.

Club members are eligible to apply for this Club-sponsored plan at economical group rates. To apply, call The City Employees Club of Los Angeles at 1-800-464-0452, or review the plan details in this issue of *Alive!* and apply today with the application printed in this month's publication.

For active and retired City or DWP employees



"My cost for \$100,000 of life insurance? Just \$6.00* a paycheck."

"My advice? Take a minute to apply today."

See how economical this plan can be for you – see the chart below.

Life Insurance from the Club is a smart, easy choice

As little as \$2.75 per pay period! Get \$50,000 to \$300,000 of term life insurance coverage at economical group rates – for example, a 29-year-old can get \$50,000 for \$2.75 per bi-weekly pay period.

Both you and your spouse can apply. Your spouse can apply even if you don't.

Fair pricing built right in! If we collect more premium than we end up needing for claims and expenses, we give the excess back to you! For 77 of our 79 years, insured members have received a Term Life premium refund!

Typically no medical exam needed** if you're under age 50 and apply for up to \$100,000. If an exam is required for higher amounts, it will be scheduled at your convenience and at no cost to you.

You can take your coverage with you. This plan is portable, and stays with you even if you change jobs.

*Example for a 30- to 34-year-old.

**Issuance of a Certificate of Insurance or payment of benefits may depend upon the answers given in the application and the truthfulness of those answers.

No need to write a check! Payroll deduction makes premium payments easy and automatic.

Double your benefit for just a few dollars more.

An economical way to double your total death benefit is to choose the same amount of Group Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance (AD&D) as your term life coverage. Just complete Step 3 of the application. There's never a medical exam required for Accidental Death insurance. And the cost is just \$1.25 per \$25,000 of coverage, regardless of age:

- \$50,000 for \$2.50/month
- \$100,000 for \$5.00/month
- \$200,000 for \$10.00/month

Apply in minutes! Just complete and return the brief application at right to apply. >>>

Quick and easy to buy! Find your economical group cost below, based on your current age. Then select the premium amount most comfortable for your budget – \$50,000, \$100,000, \$200,000. Or choose any other amount from \$10,000 up to \$300,000, in increments of \$10,000.

Term Life Insurance premiums based on bi-weekly payroll deductions

Age	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
Under 30	\$2.75	\$5.50	\$11.00
30-34	3.00	6.00	12.00
35-39	3.75	7.50	15.00
40-44	5.25	10.50	21.00
45-49	7.75	15.50	31.00
50-54	12.75	25.50	51.00
55-59	21.50	43.00	86.00
60-64	30.75	61.50	123.00
65-69	55.00	110.00	220.00
70+	(Renewal only, \$10,000 benefit, \$12.50/month)		

Just \$1.20 bi-weekly covers all dependents over 6 months to age 19 (23 if a full-time student) for \$10,000 each (subject to state variations).

DWP employees please note: Because your deductions occur once per month instead of bi-weekly, your premiums are 2 times the premiums shown. Coverage amount reduces to \$10,000 when you reach age 70. Maximum benefit for those individuals 70+ years of age is \$10,000. The bi-weekly cost is \$12.50. For retirees, insurance ends at age 60. After age 60, you're eligible for the Retiree Life Plan.



Questions?
Call 1-800-464-0452

The City Employees Club of Los Angeles
World Trade Center
350 South Figueroa St., Suite 700
Los Angeles, CA 90071

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It's easy to make your family's future more secure – apply at right in minutes!

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

MIB DISCLOSURE

Medical Information Bureau (MIB) Disclosure Notice: (Must be retained by the applicant) Information regarding your insurability will be treated as confidential. The United States Life Insurance Company in the City of New York, or its reinsurers may, however, make a brief report thereon to MIB, a not-for-profit membership organization of insurance companies, which operates an information exchange on behalf of its Members. If you apply to another MIB Member company for life or health insurance

coverage, or a claim for benefits is submitted to such a company, MIB, upon request, will supply such company with the information in its file.

Upon receipt of a request from you, MIB will arrange disclosure of any information it may have in your file. Please contact MIB at 866-692-6901 (TTY 866-346-3642). If you question the accuracy of information in MIB's file, you may contact MIB and seek a correction in accordance with the procedures set forth

in the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act. The address of MIB's information office is Post Office Box 105, Essex Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02112.

The United States Life Insurance Company in the City of New York, or its reinsurers, may also release information in its file to other insurance companies to whom you may apply for life or health insurance, or to whom a claim for benefits may be submitted.

7 EASY STEPS TO APPLY >>>

1. Complete the personal information for yourself, and your spouse, if applying.
2. Select the amount of Term Life you want for your family and answer the brief health questions.
3. Decide if you also want Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) coverage.
4. Designate your beneficiaries.
5. Sign and date the application – make sure your spouse also signs the application if he or she is applying.
6. Complete and sign the Payroll Deduction Authorization, including your Social Security number, name and department name.
7. Cut out the application, fold and mail it to:
The City Employees Club of Los Angeles, World Trade Center, 350 South Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071

No checks to send! Once your coverage is approved, your premium will be conveniently deducted from your paycheck. If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-464-0452.

Note: Club membership is automatic when you apply for coverage. As a member, you have access to discounts and savings on movies, theme parks, shopping and more for a payroll deduction of only \$4.50 per month (active employee) or \$2.50 per month (retired). By signing the Payroll Deduction Authorization (at right) you authorize these monthly deductions. Membership fees may change from time to time.

Summary of plan details

Effective date: For term life, you will be insured on the first of the month coinciding with or next following the date United States Life approves the request, provided the required premium is paid. You must be actively at work on the date the insurance is to take effect. If you are not, the insurance will take effect on the day you return to work. Spouses, if applying, must be able to perform the normal activities of a person of like age and sex, in good health, on the date insurance is to take effect. If not, such insurance will take effect on the day they resume such activities. For AD&D, coverage will take effect on the date United States Life states in writing. You must be actively at work on the date the insurance is to take effect. If you are not, the insurance will take effect on the day you return to work. Spouses, if applying, must not be hospitalized on the date insurance is to take effect; if they are, insurance will take effect on the day after they are discharged.

Eligibility: You are eligible to apply if you are a member of the City Employees Club of Los Angeles (LACEA) and actively working full time.

Date insurance ends: As long as you continue to pay premiums, the group policy remains in effect, and insurance does not end for your class, your coverage will not end. In addition, AD&D coverage will not end unless you cease to be a member in good standing with the City Employees Club of Los Angeles (LACEA), with respect to spouses, if applying, the date marriage ends by divorce or annulment, and with respect to children, the date eligibility ends.

Exclusions/limitations: Certain exclusions apply. See your Certificate of Insurance for details. For term life, if a person commits suicide within two years from the date coverage takes effect, liability will be limited to the return of premiums paid, plus interest. Accidental death exclusions include: No benefits are payable for loss caused by suicide or intentionally self-inflicted injury; insurrection, war or act of war; physical or mental sickness or treatment of that sickness; voluntary intake of poison, gas, fumes, unless taken as prescribed by a physician; committing a felony, or an attempt to do so; being intoxicated or under the influence of a narcotic, unless prescribed by a physician; and flight in any type of aircraft in which you are the pilot, licensed or unlicensed, or a member of the crew.

This is a summary of benefits only and is subject to the terms, conditions, exclusions and limitations of Group Policy Nos. V-189,706, V-189,709, and V-189,710, Form No. G-19000. Coverage may vary and may not be available in all states.

Cut out the application, fold and mail it to:

The City Employees Club of Los Angeles, World Trade Center, 350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071



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Application for Group Term Life Insurance City Employees Club of Los Angeles

Employee Term Life Insurance • Spouse Term Life Insurance • Accidental Death and Dismemberment

STEP 1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

CITY/DWP EMPLOYEE	Last Name		First Name		MI	Social Security Number				City Dept.# /DWP Empl.#	
	Street Address					Work Phone ()		Height (ft.-in.)			
	City		State	ZIP		Home Phone ()		Weight (lbs.)			
	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY)		Place of Birth (City/State)			Age	E-Mail Address		<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Married	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
SPOUSE	FILL OUT ONLY IF SPOUSE IS APPLYING FOR COVERAGE.										
	Last Name		First Name		MI	Social Security Number				City Dept.# /DWP Empl.#	
	Street Address					Work Phone ()		Height (ft.-in.)			
	City		State	ZIP		Home Phone ()		Weight (lbs.)			
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY)		Place of Birth (City/State)			Age	E-Mail Address		<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female		

STEP 2. COMPLETE THIS SECTION IF YOU WANT TERM LIFE INSURANCE

Choose the plan and indicate the benefit amount desired: (You may purchase in increments of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$300,000.)

<input type="checkbox"/> Employee	Total Coverage Amount Desired: \$
<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse	Total Coverage Amount Desired: \$
<input type="checkbox"/> Dependent Coverage	Total Coverage Amount Available: \$ 10,000

	EMPLOYEE	SPOUSE
1. Have you ever had chest pains, disease or disorder of the heart, liver, kidneys or lungs, high blood pressure, albumin or sugar in his/her urine, diabetes, cancer, tumors or ulcers?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
2. Have you, or your spouse if applying, during the past 5 years, consulted any physician or other practitioner or been confined or treated in any hospital or similar institution?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
3. Have you used tobacco or nicotine in any form during the past twelve months?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

If you answered "Yes" to any parts of the above questions, give details below. Use a separate sheet of paper, sign and date it if more space is needed for answers.

Question #	Name of Proposed Insured	Condition	Date Occurred	Duration	Degree of Recovery	Names & Addresses of Physicians, Hospitals or Clinics Consulted

STEP 3. COMPLETE THIS SECTION IF YOU WANT GROUP ACCIDENTAL DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE

Choose the plan and indicate the benefit amount desired:

<input type="checkbox"/> Employee	Total Coverage Amount Desired: \$	\$25,000 to \$300,000 (available in increments of \$25,000)
<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse	Total Coverage Amount Desired: \$	\$25,000 to \$300,000 (available in increments of \$25,000)
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Plan	■ Family plan covers spouse for 50% and children for 20%. ■ Spouse but no children = 60% coverage. Children but no spouse = 25% coverage.	

STEP 4. DESIGNATE YOUR BENEFICIARIES

Primary Beneficiary:	Relationship:
Secondary Beneficiary (Optional):	Relationship:

Beneficiary of spouse will be the City/DWP Employee unless otherwise specified on a separate sheet of paper.

STEP 5. PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING, THEN SIGN AND DATE BELOW TO APPLY.

AUTHORIZATION AND DECLARATION OF EACH PERSON GIVING A STATEMENT OF INSURABILITY

I hereby authorize any licensed physician, medical practitioner, hospital, clinic, or other medical or medically related facility, insurance company, the Medical Information Bureau, or other organization, institution or person that has any records or knowledge of me or my health, to give to United States Life or its reinsurers any such information. Such information will pertain to my employment, or other insurance carrier or medical care, advice, treatment or supplies for any physical or mental condition. This includes that information obtained in connection with the preparation or procurement of an investigative consumer report as defined under the Fair Credit Reporting Act(s). To facilitate the rapid submission of such information, I authorize all said sources, except the Medical Information Bureau, to give such records or knowledge to any agency employed by United States Life to collect and transmit such information.

I understand that this information will be used by United States Life solely to determine eligibility for insurance. I understand that I may revoke this authorization at any time. I agree that such revocation will not affect any action which United States Life has taken in reliance upon this authorization. I understand this authorization will not be valid after 24 months from the effective date of coverage, if not revoked earlier. I know that I should retain a copy of this authorization for my records. I agree that a photocopy of this authorization is as valid as the original. To the best of my knowledge and belief, all statements made above are true and complete.

I understand that my application for group insurance will be accepted or declined on the basis of these statements. Insurance will take effect only if a certificate is issued based on this application and the first premium is paid in full (a) during the lifetime of all proposed insureds; and (b) while there is no change in the insurability or health of such person from that stated in the application.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files a statement of claim containing any materially false information, or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which may be a crime. Fraud provisions vary by state.

Date:	Applicant's Signature: X
Date:	Spouse's Signature (if applying for insurance): X

NEW POLICYHOLDERS: Club membership fees will be automatically deducted.

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Group Policy Nos. V-189,706, V-189,709, and V-189,710

STEP 6. COMPLETE AND SIGN THE PAYROLL DEDUCTION AUTHORIZATION.

Payroll Deduction Authorization

Social Security #: _____ Name: _____ Department: _____

To: **Controller—City of Los Angeles, or Fire and Police Pension, or City Employees Retirement System, or Paymaster—Department of Water and Power**

I hereby authorize the deduction from my salary of amounts sufficient to cover premiums/membership fees on any of my group benefits provided by **City Employees Club of Los Angeles**. In the event any premiums should change due to age, increase in salary or benefits, or a general rate increase for the entire Association, I authorize you to make such change upon notification from the City Employees Club of Los Angeles and such deduction to remain in force until canceled by me in writing.

Sign Here

X

City/DWP Employee _____ Date _____

Federal Law P.L. 93-579 Section 7

RE: FEDERAL PRIVACY ACT AND USE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS
This law requires you be informed, when asked for your Social Security Number, that it must be provided for use in employment, personnel and payroll processes: Authority for requiring this information is based upon provision of the City's payroll and personnel candidate processing system operational prior to January 1, 1975 and applicable Federal Law.

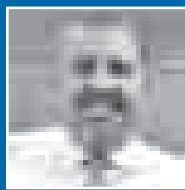
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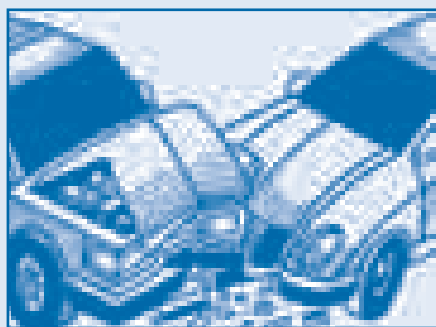
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by **JEFF GELINEAU**
 Vice President of United Agencies,
 The Club's Auto and Home Insurance Partner



'Totaled:' What Does It Mean?



"Dad, I've been in an accident."

It's the phone call that every parent dreads receiving, and it's the one that I received just the other day. Thankfully, neither my son nor the person he rear-ended were hurt.

The car, on the other hand ... not so good.

It has been determined that his 2008 Toyota Tacoma with 2,300 miles on it is totaled.

What happens when the insurance company totals a vehicle? A lot of people think that if the estimate for the repair exceeds 50 percent of the value of the vehicle, then the insurance company will declare it a total loss.

In reality, it is more a function of what the depreciated value of a vehicle is, and what the expected resale value is on that vehicle. After totaling a vehicle, the insurance company then owns the title on that vehicle. If the insurance company feels that they can resell the vehicle for a fairly high price, they might be willing to total the vehicle more quickly.

Consider this math: (All figures are made up.)

- A 2008 Toyota Tacoma has a depreciated value of \$18,000.
- Repairs are estimated at \$9,000 by your local Toyota dealer.
- The insurance company thinks that it can repair it in their own shop for \$6,000.
- A fully repaired 2008 Toyota Tacoma with a salvaged title will sell for \$17,000.
- The insurance company can pay out the \$18,000 to total the vehicle, spend \$6,000 to repair it, and recoup \$17,000 in the sale, for a total loss of \$7,000, thus saving \$2,000 over the estimated repairs.

So, even though the estimate is 50 percent of the value of the vehicle, they may total the vehicle, as it will cost them less.

This same math can work the other way. If the vehicle with the salvage title is not going to resell for very much, the insurance company has more interest in simply repairing it:

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- Repairs are estimated at \$9,000 by your local Toyota dealer.
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- A fully repaired 2008 Toyota Tacoma with a salvaged title will sell for \$12,000.
- If the insurance company were to pay out the \$18,000 to total the vehicle, then spend \$6,000 to repair it, and only recoup \$12,000 in the sale, their total loss would be \$12,000, \$3,000 more than the estimate to repair it.

So, even though the estimate is 50 percent of the value of the vehicle, they may simply pay to repair the vehicle, as that will cost them less.

Sound confusing? Of course it is! That is why adjusting a major claim takes so much time. The insurance company has an obligation to do right by the customer, but also to save as much money as possible.

When you buy an insurance policy, you agree to actual cash value, not Blue Book or market value. This means the cost of a new vehicle, less the depreciation on your vehicle. New cars are the most susceptible to depreci-

ation. The moment you drive that new car off the dealer's lot, you lose more than 20 percent of the value of your car. That's right: The \$40,000 car you just bought is now worth about \$32,000. That is why financial advisers often recommend buying late model used cars, and letting someone else suffer the hit that comes in that first year.

Some better insurance companies allow you to purchase agreed value or stated value on your auto insurance. With a policy like this, you and the insurance company agree in the beginning of the policy year what you think your vehicle is worth, and if anything happens to it they will pay you that amount.

It can take a long time to settle your claim. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- Rental car reimbursement coverage on your policy usually is good for only 30 days. You might have as little as \$20 a day, or as much as \$50 a day, but usually it lasts for only 30 days. If the repairs or negotiations take more than a month, you will be paying for your rental car yourself.
- If you choose not to replace your car right away, or are in between cars, you don't have to keep the old car on your policy. Delete the vehicle from your policy after the insurance company has determined that it will be totaled. But if you don't have any other vehicles on your policy, keep your insurance policy in force. You can convert your policy to a non-owner's policy. This allows you to continue to be covered if you are driving someone else's car or a rental car, and you don't lose any discounts you are getting for continuous coverage.

If you have any problems with the insurance company, or would like assistance or advice with working with them, feel free to call any of our agents.

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

Call our office today at (888) 801-5522. United Agencies Burbank. (CA License # 0252636.)

Check out the City Employees Club page on the United Agencies Website at: www.unitedagencies.com/cityclub

This Website lists the upcoming visits we'll be making to City Department meetings, where you can ask us any question in person, and get an instant quote!

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

Be safe and have fun!

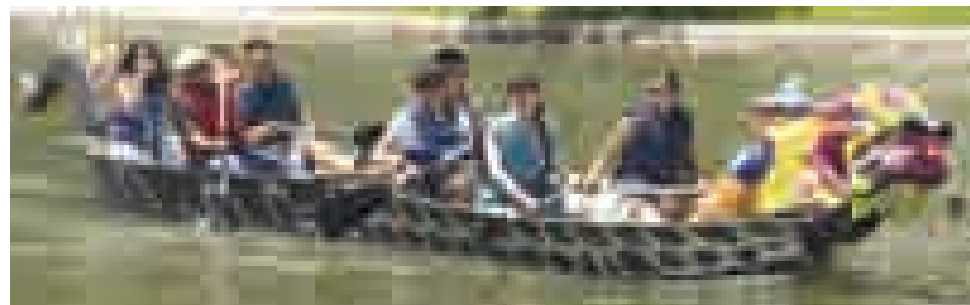
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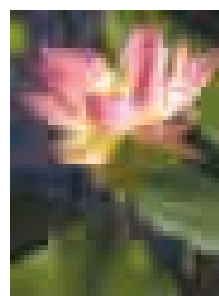
REC AND PARKS

Lotus Festival to Bloom

31st Lotus Festival, which celebrates Asian and Pacific Island cultures, takes place July 11-13.



Dragon boat rides and races are always exciting.



The annual Lotus Festival is timed to coincide with the blooming of the lotus plant.

The City's 31st annual Lotus Festival anticipates the annual blooming of the lotus plant with a celebration including music, art, crafts, food and ceremonies. The festival is scheduled for Friday, July 11, through Sunday, July 13.

The festival takes place at Echo Park Lake in Echo Park.

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

The Friday Night Jazz Series July 11 and Opening Ceremonies at noon on July 12 begin the celebration of the 31st Lotus Festival, which includes live music, dance and entertainment from a variety of performers representing many of the diverse countries of Asia and the Pacific Islands. This year, the Festival will highlight the people and cultures of Asia and the Pacific Islands. A fabulous fireworks display over Echo Park Lake will take place both Friday night and conclude the day's activities Saturday at 9 p.m. with the legendary Taiko Drummers playing in the background.

Asian and Pacific Islander personalities from the media and acting professions will act as emcees/hosts during this two-day event.

Artisans-at-work will be on hand to demonstrate their skills on the beautifully decorated Flower Island Pavilion. Their artwork illustrates their spirit, tradition and pride of the Asian and Pacific Islander handiwork. This includes: paper-cutting, hand painted scrolls, calligraphy, plant and flower expertise, fish, birds and other Asian artifacts and wares.

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

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

31st Annual Lotus Festival

When: Friday, July 11, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.;
 Saturday, July 12, noon to 9 p.m.;
 Sunday, July 13, noon to 8:30 p.m.

Where: Echo Park Lake is on Park Avenue between Glendale Avenue and Echo Park Boulevard, just north of the Hollywood (101) and Pasadena (110) freeway junction, near Dodger Stadium.

The Art Show Exhibit will feature artwork with the "Lotus Flower" theme. The 2008 exhibit will be opening for viewing during Festival hours at the Cathedral Center of St. Paul, 850 Echo Park Ave., located across the street from the boathouse.

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

The Children's Courtyard will give children the opportunity to learn Asian and Pacific Islander arts and crafts, enjoy live music, stories, songs and dances.

The Queens and their Courts representing local communities will be in native dresses.

Dragon Boat Races are held both days with media, community service groups, political and business organizations, local colleges and universities, which will be competing for awards, while enjoying a day on the lake.

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



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



A parade with dragons is part of the Lotus Festival.

For Retired Club Members



The Best Years

City Retiree Associations:

DWP Retirees Association



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Phone: (626) 445-7376
E-mail: vinmar@altrionet.com

Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association



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

Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



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

Change of Address?

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

Have News About Yourself?

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

Upcoming Events:

Aug. 7: Annual Picnic at Grace E. Simons Lodge, 11:30 a.m.

Oct. 16: Annual Corporation Meeting and Elections at the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center. Lunch at noon, meeting at 1 p.m.

Dec. 4: Christmas Party at Grace E. Simons Lodge, noon.

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

RLACEI:

Payments Reset to Ease Budget Crunch



By Phil Skarin,
RLACEI Publicity Chair

President Ed Harding reports:



Ed Harding

"On June 5, LACERS will conduct a seminar for members or dependents that are turning 65. They will be discussing Medicare requirement upon turning 65. The location will be at the Friendship Auditorium at 3201 Riverside Dr. Neil Ricci, Hal Danowitz and I will have a table for new members.

"May is a busy month for my family and I, and so I have family news. But first I would like to report on Councilman Bob Wilkinson. Bob is home now and feeling better, and is up to seeing friends. Call him at (818) 349-1472.

"My grandson, David, was married

April 26 to Jackie, a Simi Valley girl. David helps us by updating our e-mail. He's the son of my son, Dennis, who was a General Superintendent for Public Works/Street Maintenance.

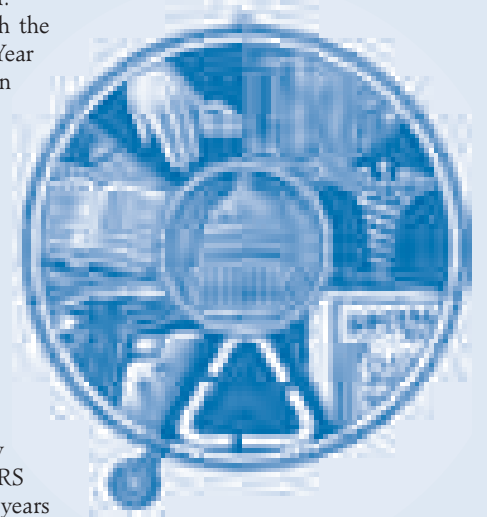
"My granddaughter, Jennifer, was married May 24 to a Carson City Deputy Sheriff, Body Golia. I spent several weeks in Minden, Nevada, in my new second home where the wedding took place. She's the daughter of my middle son, Bill, who worked for Public Works/Street Maintenance as a Superintendent II.

"Bill Harding was presented with the Volunteer Citizen Patrol of the Year award by Sheriff Ron Pierini, in charge of the Douglas County Sheriff's Dept., at an Elks Law Enforcement Appreciation night May 2. Bill now works as

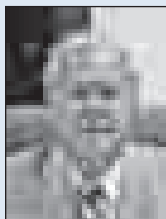
Security for that Department.

"Claudia Lowe, my oldest daughter, will be installed as president of the International Footprinters Association for 2008 and 2009. It's a law enforcement support organization. At the time I will be installed as a member.

"See you at the Golf Tournament in Alhambra June 4."



Legislative Update:



Ken Spiker

Ken Spiker, our Legislative Representative, reports: "Sally Choi, Deputy Mayor of Finance and Performance Management, has been selected as LACERS General Manager. Sally will not join the staff until she finishes processing the mayor's

2008-09 budget through the City Council. She served as LACERS Assistant General Manager several years ago.

"The mayor's proposed budget recommends a quarterly payment plan to the LACERS retirement fund instead of the usual one full amount payment. Instead of receiving the estimated \$300-plus million in July, LACERS will receive only one-fourth payment in October. LACERS also will only receive three

payments during the budget year. Thus, the fund will be approximately \$80 million short.

"If LACERS is to help with the City's funding problem, why weren't the Fire and Police and Water and Power retirement Systems also impacted?"

RLACEI Website

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

Contact LACERS

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

The Best Years

ADVENTURES with HAL!



Myrna, Don and Evelyn at the Roosevelt Presidential Library.



By Hal Danowitz,
Secretary, RLACEI

Retiree Hotlines

Who to call? Following is a list of contacts for RLACEI and for the DWP:

City Employees Retirement System: (213) 473-7200

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

• Edward Harding	Ext. 703
• Phil Skarin	Ext. 709
• Robert Wilkinson	Ext. 704
• Jerry Bardwell	Ext. 706
• Harold Danowitz	Ext. 707
• Jack Mathews	Ext. 712
• Helen Salgado (membership)	Ext. 713
• Americo Garza	Ext. 710
• Neil Ricci	Ext. 714

DWP Retirement Plan Office: (213) 367-1722

RLACEI:

Officers for 2008

Edward Harding, President
Kenneth Spiker, First Vice President
Tom Stemnock, Second Vice President
Hal Danowitz, Secretary
Jerry Bardwell, Treasurer

Committee Chairpersons for 2008

Bob Wilkinson, Audit
Jerry Bardwell, Budget
Hal Danowitz, Bylaws
Ken Spiker, Legal and Legislative
Helen Salgado, Membership
Phil Skarin, Publicity
Tom Stemnock and Phil Skarin, Golf
Americo Garza, Picnic
Americo Garza, Holiday Party and Installation
Jack Mathews, Senior Citizens
Neil Ricci, Health
Neil Ricci, Nominating
Phil Skarin, Parliamentarian

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Phil Skarin
Dave Wilkins
Jack Mathews
Neil Ricci



In the City, and Up the River

■ Hal and Company leave New York City to visit the FDR Library and the Culinary Institute.

Evelyn and I visited New York City for a week with our cousins, Don and Myrna. We stayed at the Hilton New York (53rd and Avenue of the Americas). We arrived on a Tuesday, which I recounted in last month's article. This month, I will pick up our trip starting Thursday morning.

Our plan was to go to Hyde Park, about 90 miles north of the city, and visit President Franklin D. Roosevelt's home and library at Springwood, and the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) for a tour and then have dinner.

At first I thought we would take the train to Hyde Park, but the more I researched the idea it became clear that renting a car and driving would be the best way to get there. I reserved a car from Hertz, which was just across the street from the hotel, and I called the CIA to make a reservation for a tour and a reservation in their Escoffier Restaurant.

We picked up the car around 8:30 a.m. and started up the laptop GPS and headed toward Hyde Park. The GPS worked well, and we got out of town with no problems. The drive north is on the west side of the Hudson River and was very picturesque. After about 90 minutes, I decided to plug in the power strip so I could charge my laptop, and wouldn't you know it the power ports in the car weren't working. Luckily I had printed out driving instructions from Yahoo just in case.

We arrived at the Springwood visitor center in time for the 11:30 a.m. tour of FDR's

House. The entrance fee is \$14, which includes the home tour and the presidential library and museum. We were able to use our "Golden Age" card and did not have to pay the fee.

President Roosevelt donated his home and 33 acres on the Hudson River to the American people in 1943 on the condition that his family be allowed to use it after his death. The family relinquished their lifetime rights in 1945 and transferred the property to the Department of the Interior.

The house was purchased by FDR's father, James Roosevelt, in 1867, and FDR was born there in 1882. It continued to be his home for the rest of his life. In 1900, after his father died, he lived there with his mother, Sara. In 1905 he married Eleanor, and they lived there together with his mother until Sara died in 1941. The President was stricken with polio in 1921, and the house has a number of innovations that provided accessibility for the President's wheelchair. The house remains pretty much as he left it on his last stay in March 1945. FDR died in Warm Springs, Georgia, on April 12, 1945. The guided tour takes about one hour and includes the house, coach house and stables, greenhouse and the rose garden where FDR and Eleanor are buried.

After the tour, we drove into town and had a quick lunch before returning to the Presidential Library and Museum. It is the first presidential library and the only one used by a sitting president. It was designed by FDR himself, in the Dutch colonial style, and opened in 1941. By donating his papers to the library, he established the precedent for public ownership of presidential papers, which became a federal law in 1978. His library contains more than 17 million pages of documents and a number of exhibits about the lives of the Roosevelts, the Great Depression, the New Deal and World War II. The tour is self-guided, and we spent almost two hours going

from room to room. It is the first presidential library that I have seen, and I found it very interesting. We did not have time to visit Eleanor Roosevelt's Val-Kill Cottage, which she built as a retreat and lived in after FDR's death.

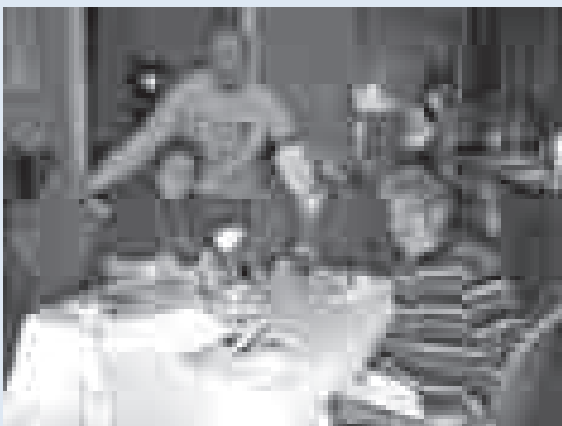
Our next stop was just down the road, at the Culinary Institute of America (CIA). The CIA is a recognized leader in culinary education for undergraduate students, food service and hospitality professionals. The college awards Bachelor's and Associate's degrees, as well as certificates and continuing-education units.

The CIA was founded in 1946 with 50 students, in New Haven, Conn., to provide culinary training for World War II veterans. In 1972, it moved to its Hyde Park campus, a former Jesuit seminary, St. Andrews on-Hudson. In 1995, the college added the CIA at Greystone in St. Helena, Calif., in the Napa Valley. The current enrollment is more than 2,400 students.

The public tour takes about an hour and is held on Mondays at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., and Wednesdays and Thursdays at 4 p.m., when the college is in session. Cost is \$5 person. The tour provides an overview of the instruction provided and we got to see a number of operational kitchens that were in process. All of the food prepared by the students is eaten at mealtimes by the students themselves. When we stopped by the baking kitchen, the students brought out fresh cookies for us to snack on.

The college operates five student-staffed restaurants, which are open to the public for both lunch and dinner. The American Bounty, Escoffier and Caterina de' Medici require advance reservation and have a dress code of business or country club casual. The St. Andrew's Café and Apple Pie Bakery Café are casual dress and don't require reservations.

We had some time before our 6 p.m. reservation, so we stopped in Apple Pie Bakery Café for a drink. Our dinner reservation was for the Escoffier Restaurant, whose cuisine is French, from rustic Provençal to sophisticated Parisian. The food and service was outstanding, and I can safely say that this was



Dinner at the Culinary Institute of America.



one of our better dining experiences. After our two-and-a-half-hour dinner, we returned to the city.

The Hertz location closed at 10 p.m. and they were closed when we got to the city. I would have to park the car overnight and return it in the morning. The cost of parking a car in New York City is not cheap, about \$40 overnight, but there wasn't much I could do about it. I decided to park in the parking structure where the Hertz location was, and as I was looking for a parking space, I saw an empty space in the Hertz parking lot where I parked the car. In the morning when I returned the car they were not happy that I had parked in one of their spaces, but I pleaded dumbness and they just told me not to do it again. If I had taken the car out of the space and then returned it they would never have known. I was happy to save the \$40 on parking.

Friday, the weather was sunny and warm; it reached the mid-50s. President George W. Bush was in town and coming to our hotel to deliver a speech on the economy. All of the



A bust of President Franklin D. Roosevelt at his library.

streets were blocked off, which made the traffic a mess. We decided to go for a walk and just take in the sights of the city. We headed downtown toward Chinatown and got to about 20th Street and Broadway when someone told us that it was another three miles to Chinatown. Evelyn had wanted to go to Chelsea Market, at 15th Street and Ninth Avenue, so we headed in that direction. Chelsea Market is a large wholesale/retail food complex that takes up an entire city block. In 1898 it was the original Nabisco Bakery, where the Oreo Cookie was created. It now houses 12 of New York City's finest specialty food shops. The Market is also the home to the TV Food Network. Don and I let the girls wander through the complex, and we explored the area looking for a place to get a beer. It wasn't long till I got a call from Evelyn, saying they were done. We started the long walk back to the hotel, stopping for a beer in a small Irish pub on Eighth Avenue. We made it back to the hotel in time for a short nap before dinner.

The one dinner reservation I made before we came to NYC was at BLT Steak (106 E. 57 St, 212-752-7470), which had been recommended by one of our New York friends. It was a great meal. Being a steakhouse, we shared a porterhouse for two, with side dishes and even had dessert. The food and the service were outstanding. Their signature dish is a cheesy popover treat served instead of bread. It was wonderful, and Evelyn came home with the recipe. They have a restaurant here in Los Angeles, and we will be trying that soon.

New month I'll finish up our trip.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

The Freedom to Fail

*In this country of many freedoms,
One of the greatest freedoms
Was given to us by our creator,
It is the freedom to fail.
But, a true failure is someone
Who quits trying after a few failures.
Each of us was created with the
Potential to succeed in many areas.*

*Some of us were destined to be
Laborers, poets, actors or doctors,
Singers, clowns or teachers,
Nurses, engineers or politicians.*

*The only way to achieve our true destiny
Is to keep trying to develop our skills
In many different areas. The more things
We try to do, the more failures we will have.
But, also, the more successes we will have.
So, cherish this God-given freedom,
The freedom to fail.*

— Phil Skarin

On the Move

Alive! catches up with Retirees who are active, involved ... Alive!

Are you On the Move? Write to us and tell us what you're up to! It's even better if you send us a photo. We'll print what we can! talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

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.

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

RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

Irving Leemon frequently writes Letters to the Editor to the Los Angeles Daily News. His comments reflect his experience in government.

Tony Mafra is the only surviving past president of RLACEI. Tony's wife, Constance, passed away April 20. Our sympathies go to Tony and their son, Anthony.

Leo Rosen's wife, Norma, is receiving treatments for leukemia.

Miguel Lopez has traveled to Yugoslavia, Portugal, Ireland, Panama, Italy and the Holy Land. He visits inmates in the California Department of Corrections in Hesperia.

Victor Osugi is an active fellow, working out at the gym, taking bobble classes, consulting engineering, golfing, and playing poker with other active employees.

Michael Stafford is on the Board of Directors for the Del Rey Neighborhood Council and the UCLA Triangle Fraternal Corp.

Charles and June McCoy celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary June 3. Give them a call at (323) 728-1196.

The Coalition of L.A. Unions has proposed a plan to give eligible employees credit for and additional five years of work time toward their retirement to encourage early retirement and thereby reduce the number of layoffs. The mayor is considering it.

In 2007, **Los Angeles Federal Credit Union** celebrated its 71st year of serving its members and now has \$607 million in assets. Many of its officers and directors are members of RLACEI.

An information sheet titled "**Upon the Death of a Retired City Employee**" is available by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Phil Skarin, 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411-3910.

Hal Danowitz asks you to visit our Website www.rlacei.com to find the latest news. You can also e-mail us at rlacei@verizon.net

If you change your address, notify Helen Salgado, Membership Chair, at (800) 678-4145 x713, or write to her at 8372 Arnett Drive, Huntington Beach, CA 92647. Also notify LACERS.

Are You Planning to Retire Soon?

If you are, you're invited to join the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI). RLACEI is the only organization exclusively serving the interests of all Los Angeles City retirees. Over the years we have worked diligently to improve and protect retiree benefits. All our members are active members of the City's Retirement System. Our mission is to assure a financially sound retirement system adequately funded, so that all present and future retirees will receive the financial benefits for which they worked and are entitled. RLACEI needs the support of all retirees and we urge you to join us in protecting your benefits and making our voice heard. The dues are only \$1 a month. If you would like additional information, e-mail us at RLACEI@VERIZON.NET or call one of our Board members at (800) 678-4145.



The LACERS T.E.A.M. team.

Outstanding Employees Honored

■ LACERS honors outstanding employees at its quarterly staff recognition luncheon.

LACERS — The Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System (LACERS) honored 15 outstanding employees at its Quarterly Exemplary Staff Recognition Luncheon March 27.

David Nuno, Systems Analyst I and a LACERS employee for seven years, was selected as 2007 Employee of the Year. His positive attitude and willingness to help were key when he was nominated for this honor. The Employee of the Year is nominated and selected by coworkers.

"David is a great employee and a positive influence on his co-workers. He is more than willing to assist others and does so with a smile," said Tom Moutes, Interim General Manager at LACERS.

As Employee of the Year, Nuno received a plaque and a \$500 savings bond. This is the second time he has received this award having been Employee of the Year in 2003.

Delia Hernandez, Management Analyst II and a five-year LACERS veteran, was selected as the Employee of the Quarter for Fall 2007. Employees of the Quarter are nominated by their peers based on their notable contributions over and above the scope of normal duties. LACERS senior staff makes the selection from the nominees. Hernandez received a plaque and a \$200 savings bond.

"Delia exemplifies LACERS mission state-

ment by providing superior service and protecting retirement benefits for our members. She is the embodiment of all our core values," Moutes said.

Also announced were the winners of the 2007 T.E.A.M. (Together Everyone Achieves More) Award for their contribution to the successful Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The team included members of Administrative Services Division, Portfolio Management Division and Member Communications Section. The CAFR team included Li Hsi, Chief Benefits Analyst; Dan Gallagher, Chief Investment Officer; Linda Aparicio, Public Information Director I; Mikyong Jang, Principal Accountant II; Inge Setiabudi, Senior Accountant II; May Tran, Senior Account II; Sara Griggs, Investment Officer II, Wayne Ige, Investment Officer II; Josie Enriquez, Investment Officer I; Jason Leung, Senior Systems Analyst I; Alan Lee, Account II; James Aceron, Management Analyst II; and Christal Chacon, Management Assistant.

The T.E.A.M. Award was designed to promote a sense of unity within work units and encourage staff members to recognize the importance of working together as a team supporting one another.

"This is well-deserved recognition for the hard work all these employees put into the

production of the CAFR," said Moutes, adding that the annual financial report was one of LACERS' most important documents.

The Club congratulates all the honored employees at LACERS.



David Nuno.

Moutes: Interim GM



Thomas Moutes.

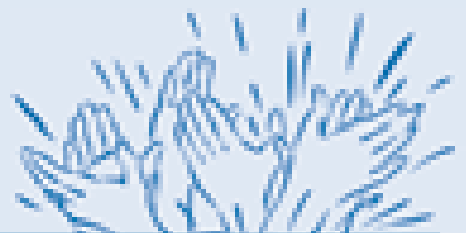
■ Thomas Moutes is named LACERS Interim General Manager.

LACERS — The Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System (LACERS) announced the appointment of Thomas Moutes as Interim General Manager May 14.

Moutes has served as Assistant General Manager at LACERS since January 2007 and was head of LACERS Administrative Services Division since July 2005.

Moutes is a 25-year veteran with the City, 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, 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 30,000 active employees and 15,000 retirees. LACERS has \$10.9 billion in assets.



March for Babies

■ LACERS March for Babies Team raises more than \$7,000.

LACERS — A record 18 staff members from the Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System (LACERS) participated in the March of Dimes annual March for Babies walk-a-thon held April 26 at Griffith Park. The LACERS team collected more than \$7,000 for the charity, a \$1,000 increase over last year's total.

In addition to getting pledges and sponsors, team members held fundraisers at LACERS headquarters prior to the walk. Fundraisers included breakfasts, lunches and product sales of t-shirts and stuffed animals.

The six-mile walk began at 8 a.m. with most walkers finishing by noon. Several thousand people attended this event, one of many March for Babies walks held throughout the

country, with funds going toward research to learn the cause, prevention and treatment of birth defects. March of Dimes accomplishes this mission through research, community services, education and advocacy.



The LACERS March for Babies Team, front row, from left: Jason Leung, Soledad Cristobal, Gilda Solorzano, Denise Malosh and Margaret Drenk; Back: Wai Jung, Michelle Cooley, Art Avila and Christal Chacon.

Retiree Question of the Month

Alive! asked retirees...

The Best Years



"Papadakis in San Pedro."
- Gus Papadakis



"Damon's and Jax in Glendale."
- Lillyan Candelaria



"Haf's in Torrance."
- Henry Starks



"Denny's."
- Mike Vraibel



"L.A. Buffet in Northridge."
- Wilma Rebbe



"Denny's."
- Cleone Vraibel



"I like it all."
- Helmar Anderson



"A Taste of Thai."
- Ben Reyes



"Taix in Los Angeles."
- Harry Warshawski

What is your favorite restaurant?



"Carrow's (for breakfast)."
- Joe Govea



"Bob's Big Boy."
- Rene O'Malley



"Weiler's Deli."
- Arnold Port



"Stonefire in the West Valley."
- Shirley Govea



"Rosie' Barbecue in the Valley."
- Sam Hochberg



"Sushi King on Wilshire."
- Jeff Chonis, Club Partner



"Spago."
- Bebe Jacobson



"Stonefire in the West Valley."
- Dennis Harding



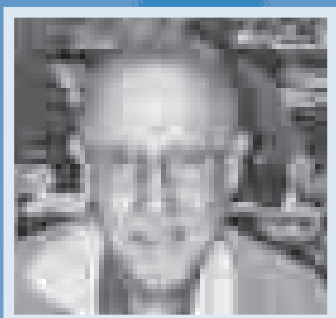
"Claim Jumper."
- Sylvester Warsaw Sr.



"El Cholo in Santa Monica."
- Stephen Friedlander



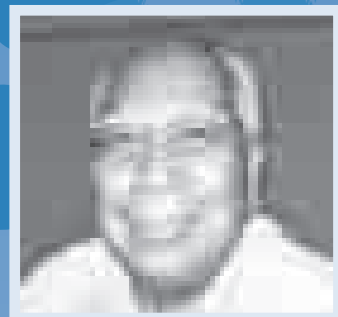
"Fromin's Deli in Encino."
- David Port



"Tam O'Shanter on Los Feliz."
- Bob Knox



"Wood Ranch in Northridge."
- Ken Kochakji



"Fogo de Chao on La Cienega."
- Mariano Ondoy



"Fuji."
- Harris Yoneoka

CLASSIFIED ADS *Alive!* Members Marketplace

New Ads This Month!

1995 Rodeo Isuzu- Grey, AM/FM/Cassette. Good Condition. Asking \$4000 OBO. 323-316-3649. 608

Campground Membership: Exchange my Silent Valley Club, Inc. in Banning for your Mountain Lakes Resort at Lytle Creek. My yearly dues paid up until October, 2008. Call (626) 965-1049-Diana. 608

1994 Chevy Corvette Coupe: Good condition, Burgundy, Collector's Dream. Fully Loaded, Auto, PWR everything, removable targa top, Beige Int. w/Leather Seats, CD/Cassette stereo. Only 82,090 miles. Wants to go fast! Beautiful car. \$12,500/O.B.O. Will consider all offers. Serious buyers only. Contact Jesse at (714) 618-4220. 608

1976 CHEVROLET C-10 TRUCK: Black, short bed, minor scratches and dents, running great, \$3,000 OBO. Sergio (323) 708-3410 807

Cemetery: 1 plot. At Ontario Cemetery, Section Evergreen. Lot 411, grave 6, \$1800. Can be converted to two plots. Ask for Silvia @ 661-297-0271. 608

FOR RENT- Lovely apartment in Los Angeles (5-units). 1 bed/1 bath, kitchen, living room, dining room, 1-car garage. Downstairs unit. New paint, carpet, windows and fixtures. Very quiet. Don Tomaso Dr. Close to public transportation. Call for more details (310) 365-1868. 608

Painting Equipment- Folding Shaffold \$500, Multitactic ladders \$70 each, Extension ladders w/acc. 32 ft. \$200; 24ft. \$100; 20ft. \$150; 16ft. Stinson plank \$250; 433 graco ultra airless \$500; Pressure washer \$500; Call 818-246-2704 608

Bug for Sale. 1971 Volkswagen 2 door Bug. Convertible. \$3,200. Has Struts. Make reservation to inspect on Saturday or Sunday. Check Blue Book to verify good deal. Call or Fax - (818)361-3444 608

House for Rent. \$3000. 3 Bedroom, 2 bath home. Hardwood floors throughout. Kitchen with stainless steel appliances and granite countertops. Call 323-469-6480 608

Homes/Rentals/Land

Lone Pine House For Sale: 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bath, Lg Den/Fireplace, Patio, Garage, Shed, \$230,000.00 (760) 872-4206 508

One Bedroom apartment - Downstairs unit. Washer/Dryer Hook-up. Ice maker connection. One car garage. Adams & Arlington Area (between 4th Avenue). \$900.00/per month. For inquiries on rental unit, please contact, Marcus McNeal at: (323)735-8085 or (213)610-9784. 508



Indry, covered patio. 90 min from Lake Tahoe. (916)704-0088 508

For Rent- Lovely apartment in Inglewood (4-units). 1 bed/1 bath, kitchen, living room, dining room, 1-car garage. Downstairs unit. New paint, carpet, windows and fixtures. Very quiet. 82nd/Crenshaw. Close to public transportation. Call for more details (310) 365-1868. 508

House for Rent - 3 bd/2 ba, on 2 acres in Phelan, CA (High Desert), 40 min. to Ontario Arpt, near good schools and shopping ctr. \$1500 mo. + deposit. Email for details: mcp794@hotmail.com 508



House For Rent: Beautiful large 2 story in Victorville. Quiet neighborhood, near fishing lakes and shopping. Fully landscaped front + back with 2 waterfall ponds. Covered patio + balcony with nice view of the mountains. 4 bdrs/ 3 full baths/3 car garage. Lots of interior upgrades: custom paint, granite countertops, wood flooring and many more. Responsible persons need only inquire. \$2200 monthly includes yard maintenance. Call for more info 760-843-3793 or 760-217-9491 e-mail us for photos at roadbandence@verizon.net 508

For Sale - 3 bd/2 ba home in quiet, friendly rural community of Phelan, CA. \$325K Horse property on appx. 2.5 acres with coral tie fence, gazebo, and store shed. Inside has open floor plan, tile floors, and wood burning fireplace. Close to schools and center of town with views of mountains and valleys. Easy access to Hwy 138 and I-15. Enjoy all 4 seasons here! For details/pictures go to: www.realtor.com/realstate/phelan-ca-92371-109764120/ 508

Apartment For Rent: Southwest LA, Large 2BD/1 BA - Triplex upstairs very clean. Built-in/gated/large bk yard/garage. 544 West 120th St., #3 Hoover/Figueroa. \$1250/mo. Call: (562)430-2694 508

PALM SPRINGS CONDO FOR RENT - Close to the village & Spa Resort Casino. 1 bedroom/1 bath, sleeps 5. Gated Community with 8 Swimming Pools & Spas. Tennis Court and Shuffleboard Court. Call for Weekday & Weekend Rates. (562) 301-2940. 408

Marina Dunes/Monterey Bay Timeshare for seven nights. One week 10/18/08 - 10/25/08 for only \$975. Sleeps 6 max. King in master, 2 twins in 2nd Bedroom and Queen Murphy in L.R. Full kitchen, Cable TV, VCR/DVD, Gas FP + BBQ, W&D, Outdoor Swimming Pool + more. No pets. No A/C. Call and leave a message for Terry at (818) 769-3382 408

For Rent - Apartment: residential neighborhood in Northeast Los Angeles. 2-bed/full bath, kitchen, living room, dining room and garage. Convenient to markets, public transportation, and freeways; \$1000 a month. Call (213) 952-0835 408

FOR RENT- Lovely apartment in Inglewood (Townhouse). 2 bed/1 bath, kitchen/stove/dishwasher, living room, dining room, 1-car garage/gated parking. Two story unit. New paint, carpet, windows and fixtures. Washer/Dryer in unit. Very quiet. Inglewood, CA on Cory Dr. Close to public transportation. Call for more details (310) 365-1868. 308

FOR RENT- Lovely apartment in Los Angeles, Leimert Park (4-unit complex). 2 beds/1 bath, kitchen/Granite countertops, living room, dining room, 1-car garage. New paint, carpet/hardwood & tiled floors, windows and fixtures, Washer/dryer hookup. Very quiet. Los Angeles, CA Leimert Park. Close to public transportation. Call for more details. (310) 365-1868. 308

FOR RENT- Lovely apartment in Los Angeles (6 Units). 1 bed/1 bath, kitchen, living room, dining room, 1-car garage. New paint, carpet, windows and fixtures. Very quiet. Located in Leimert Park. Close to public transportation. Call for more details (310) 365-1868. 308

House for Sale 3 Bedrooms 2 Baths, Large front/back yard, fenced, 2 on Lot Great starter, good area Foreclosure in Los Angeles, Call for Appt (323) 294-6552 308

Room for rent: Spacious Redondo Beach (safe and near beach) 2bd, 1bd, 2 car garage apt to share with female and two small dogs (Pomeranians). \$750+ Electrical/Month. (626) 840-0181 308

Timeshare 4 Sale Las Vegas Club de Soleil 2 bedroom unit close to the strip Take over payments \$257.42. Call (661)718-2192 ask 4 Gina or Jackie. 308

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Condo for Rent in Highland Park - 2 bedrooms 1 bath, includes water, 2 car garage, gated, washer/dryer on site \$1300.00 call (323) 351-0694 or (323) 351-0695 107

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Household Items

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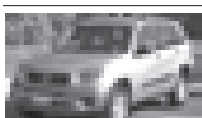
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Autos / Motorcycles / Boats

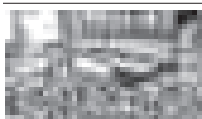


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El Camino - '73 El Camino V8 automatic, runs well, but needs interior work, \$1500. Call Cortez Norwood, (323) 382-2405. 408



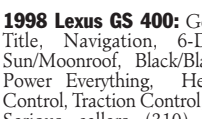
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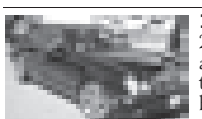
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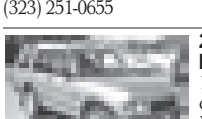
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PLUMBING VAN FOR SALE!! '94 Ford Econoline 350, 1 ton. Complete with tools and hardware, ready for work! Call (661)263.7472, leave message. 1107

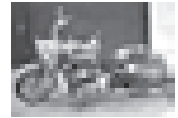
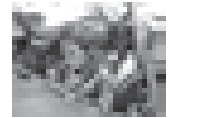


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1995 Cadillac Seville for sale. \$5900.00 or B/O 62,000 orig. miles. Rebuilt Trans, new plugs & wires, new water pump & a/c comp. Call (626) 641-1478 1107

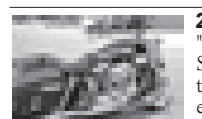
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1965 VW Bug primered, chrome rims, new carb & new gas tank \$1,300 obo, call 818-212-3144 607

Electronics/Computers

Digix Home Entertainment Theater. Includes subwoofer, 5 mini attachable speakers, wiring from speakers. Kind of difficult to wire, but if set up, the theater will work. \$100 - \$120. Steven J. Ramos, 323-566-4812. 408

Sprint (PCS) Vision Phone with leather case, lithium ion battery. Desktop recharger; hardly ever used. Activated once but had to turn the service off. Asking \$70. Steven J. Ramos, 323-566-4812. 408

Mamiya M645 1000S Camera with normal and wide angle lens plus grip holder. \$350. Call Leon at (310) 831-6652 408

Used Panasonic PV-L750 camcorder in excellent working condition, complete with carrying case. Asking \$400 OBO. Contact # (310) 408-6431 in Torrance. 607

Used HP 5650 printer in excellent working condition. Asking \$25. Complete with cables and software. Contact # (310) 408-6431 in Torrance. 607

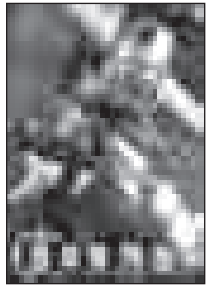
Furniture

Twin sized Electric Hospital Bed - new, unused. (TVC Bed Series by Invacare). Selling for \$1,000

REVIEWS BY FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS

ENTERTAINMENT

MOVIE REVIEWS

**Iron Man**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Who would have thought Robert Downey Jr. would make such a great superhero? What a great surprise that was.

This is a very well-done action-packed movie with a little romance thrown in

for good measure. I was not into comic books and do not even remember *Iron Man* as one, but now, I am looking forward to the sequel. For those of you who like a lot of action, you will not be disappointed. Gwyneth Paltrow is very good as the assistant and so is Terrence Howard as his trusted friend.

- Gail Seltzer, DWP

Iron Man

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

What doesn't this movie have? What it does have is non-stop action, a great story, a great cast (Robert Downey Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow, Terrence Howard and Jeff Bridges), terrific special effects, and it's a great escapism movie!

Tony Stark (Downey) is a genius inventor who makes a major decision in his life (after being taken prisoner by insurgents in Afghanistan) that his intellect can be used for something other than the bombs that his family's company develops. The Iron Man suit that Stark develops helps him escape his captors using some pretty impressive inventions. His longtime assistant, Pepper Potts (Paltrow -- shades of 007!) helps him uncover a nefarious plot with global implications. This movie also includes some surprise twists, and

even through two hours will totally keep your attention. I am already looking forward to the sequel in 2010 and will be buying the DVD when it is available. Even if you have a big-screen TV, be sure to see it on the big screen in the theaters!

- Jean Sarfaty, LAPD

**Made of Honor**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Although Patrick Dempsey and Michelle Monaghan make an adorable couple and have good chemistry, the overall story was very predictable. It was also a little slow-moving for my taste.

But being a big fan of Dr. McDreamy from *Grey's Anatomy*, I did enjoy the movie. The movie is a good romantic drama with some comedy. I do recommend the movie.

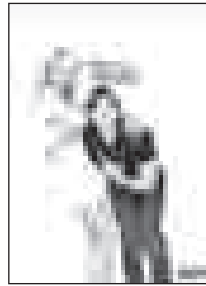
- Gail Seltzer, DWP

Made of Honor

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

I enjoyed Patrick Dempsey and Michelle Monaghan. They were great together, but the storyline was a lot like many other movies, and a lot like real life; you don't realize how much you care about something or someone until you lose it, or someone else becomes interested in it. The movie held my interest because of the people in it. That's why the rating is as high as it is. The setting in Ireland was beautiful.

- Patty Saucier, Retired, DWP

**What Happens in Vegas**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Here is another romantic comedy, starring Ashton Kutcher and Carmen Diaz. This too was a predictable movie, but still good. Although they were a cute couple, I don't see them together in future movies.

Queen Latifah has a small role but does make the most of it, as does Dennis Miller. Since there are not too many of these type of movies out, I do recommend it.

- Gail Seltzer, DWP

**Deal**

Rated PG-13

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

This is another gambling-type movie set in Las Vegas! Being a long-time fan of Burt Reynolds, I was pleasantly surprised to see him in this movie and be the star of it.

I enjoyed the movie as well as the suspense of who will win. The only thing that would have made me enjoy the movie better is if I knew how to play poker. Shannon Elizabeth, who was recently on *Dancing with the Stars*, has a small role here along with Charles Durning.

- Gail Seltzer, DWP

Deal

My Score: 2 (out of 5)

I went to see this movie because I like Burt Reynolds. I did enjoy seeing him, but as far as the movie goes, the storyline was too short. It was all about poker tournaments and how to read the players. I knew what was going to happen before the movie ended. It was boring and dull.

- Patty Saucier, Retired DWP

**Nim's Island**

Rated PG

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

The cute young actress star of *Little Miss Sunshine*, Abigail Breslin, stars in this Disneyesque movie. It was nice to see Jodie Foster here in a new type of role that included some comedy.

The story is good and is for all ages. I do recommend this movie.

- Gail Seltzer, DWP

Nim's Island

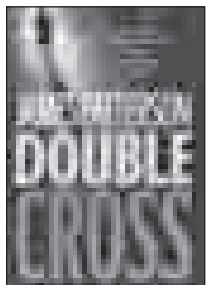
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

I enjoyed this movie. It was full of action and full of surprises. It kept me in suspense; you were never sure what was going to happen. Jodie Foster played a very believable part.

I didn't want it to end. Abigail Breslin is a young and talented actress.

- Patty Saucier, Retired DWP

BOOK REVIEWS

**Double Cross**

James Patterson;
Little Brown and
Company; Crime
Fiction, 389 pages
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Alex Cross rejoins the D.C. police force to confront two of the most diabolical killers he's ever encountered -- a psychotic killer who craves an audience.

Just when Alex Cross's life is calming down, he is drawn back into the game to confront a criminal mastermind like no other. The elaborate murders that have stunned Washington, D.C., are the wildest that Alex Cross and his new girlfriend, Det. Brianna Stone, have ever seen. They are perpetrated by a murdering mastermind who works alone.

In Colorado, another criminal mastermind is planning a triumphant return. From his super-maximum security prison cell, Kyle Craig has plotted for years to have one chance at an impossible escape. Both are after the same detective -- Alex Cross.

From the author *Time* magazine has called "the man who can't miss," *Double Cross* has the pulse-racing momentum and electrifying thrills that have made James Patterson a number-one best-selling storyteller all over the world.

- Linda Rorex, Personnel

**The Choice**

Nicholas Sparks
Grand Central
Publishing; Romance
Fiction, 288 pages
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Travis Parker has everything a man could want: a good job, loyal friends, even a waterfront home in small-town North Carolina. In full pursuit of the good life -- boating, swimming and regular barbecues with his close buddies -- he holds the vague conviction that a serious relationship with a woman would only cramp his style. That is until Gabby Holland moves in next door.

Despite his attempts to be neighborly, the attractive redhead seems to have a grudge against him, and the presence of her longtime boyfriend doesn't help. Still, Travis can't stop trying to ingratiate himself with his new neighbor, and his persistent efforts lead them both to the doorstep of a journey that neither could have foreseen. Spanning the eventful years of young, love, marriage and family, *The Choice* ultimately confronts us with the most heart-wrenching question of all: How far would you go to keep the hope of love alive?

Number-one *New York Times* bestseller Nicholas Sparks turns his talents to a new tale about love found and lost, and the choices we hope we'll never have to make.

- Linda Rorex, Personnel

DVD REVIEWS

**Enchanted (2007)**

Rated PG

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Enchanted is a fairytale that collides with modern-day New York City and stars Amy Adams as the fairytale princess and Patrick Dempsey, James Marsden and Susan Sarandon.

I wasn't sure if I really wanted to watch this movie, but my husband thought I would enjoy this movie more than any of the other movies we had seen lately. Sure enough, he was right. This is just a good family-type of movie to watch and enjoy, not just a kids-type of movie. The fairytale princess -- Princess Giselle -- changes her views on life and love after she has been in the modern-day world for awhile.

Susan Sarandon did a great job as the evil mom.

- Gwen Lew, DWP

**Reservation Road (2007)**

Rated R

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Reservation Road stars Joaquin Phoenix, Mark Ruffalo and Jennifer Connelly.

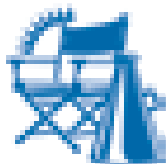
This movie showed what survivors must endure between revenge and healing. Joaquin Phoenix and Jennifer Connelly play the parents whose son is killed in a hit-and-run accident on Reservation Road. Mark Ruffalo plays the guy who left the scene of the crime.

This was a tragic and sad movie, but it shows the emotions of what one goes through when they lose someone they love, and what someone goes through when they know they're about to lose everything in their life.

- Gwen Lew, DWP

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ITEM #BBOS



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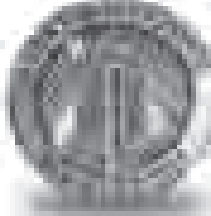
Gold Embossed
Lapel Pin
3/4" Diameter
ITEM: #LP2
PRICE: \$5.00*



Full-Color
Silkscreened
Lapel Pin
3/4" Diameter
ITEM: #LP1
PRICE: \$5.00*



City of LA Hall
Enamel Pin
ITEM: #LPH1
PRICE: \$5.00*



City of LA Hall
Silver Finish
Pin
ITEM: #LPH2
PRICE: \$5.00*

CHERRY
WOOD BOX
AVAILABLE
FOR \$3.50*

ITEM: #LPB-1



*Plus tax and shipping

Decals



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



DWP Decal, 3" Diameter
ITEM: #DECWVP1000 • PRICE: \$2.50*
*Tax included

City Seal Clock

\$12 Each*



ITEM: #C8003

Size: 10" Diameter
Battery operated (AA)

*Plus tax and shipping

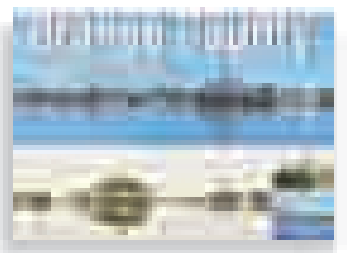
Historical Books

Club Discount Price.....\$25*
(\$32.95 Retail)

An excellent review of what these areas looked like in their humble beginnings compared to the present day. Photographs by the world famous George Ross Jezek.



Los Angeles
Views of the Past & Present
ITEM: #B1488



Orange County
Views of the Past & Present
ITEM: #B1544



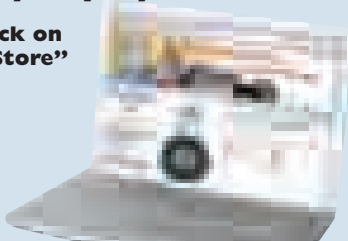
Hollywood
Views of the Past & Present
ITEM: #B1659

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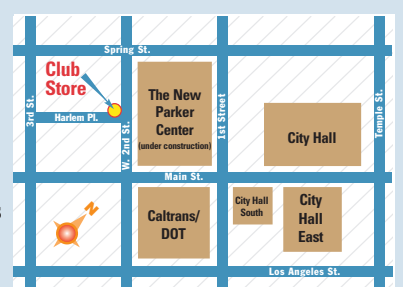
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OFFICIAL CLUB MERCHANDISE & DISCOUNT TICKETS

L.A. City T-shirts

New City LA-Hall Long Sleeve T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price: **\$12** per shirt*

Available Colors:
 Navy Blue Black

Size: **3XL**

\$13

Size: **4XL**

\$14

ITEM: #NC1000

New City LA-Hall Short Sleeve T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price: **\$8.50** per shirt*

Available Colors:

Navy Blue White Black
 Sport Gray Tan Blue Dusk

Sizes: **3XL** **\$9.50**

Available Colors:

Sizes: **4XL** **\$10.50**

Available Colors:

Black Sport Gray Navy Blue

Front

ITEM: #CN1000

LA City "B-Label" T-Shirt (with Depts.)
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price: **\$10** per shirt*

Size: **3XL**

\$13

Back

Grey

ITEM: #LAC-5000

Long Sleeve "Classic" T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Available Colors:
 White Sport Gray Indigo Blue

Member Price: **\$15** per shirt*

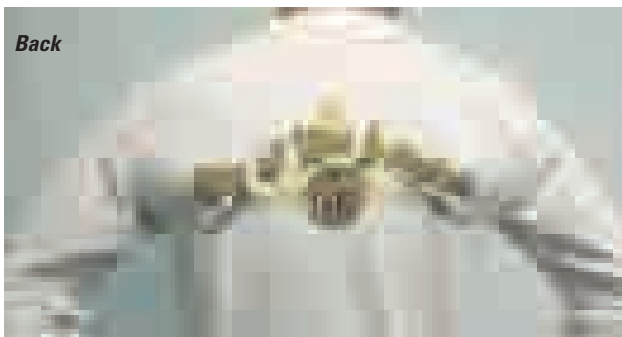
*Plus tax and shipping

Size: **3XL**

Available Colors:

Sport Gray Indigo Blue

\$16



Back

ITEM: #T1500

LA City "B-Label" Sweatshirt (with Depts.)
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price: **\$22** per shirt*

Size: **3XL**

\$23

Available Colors:

Navy Blue

Black

ITEM: #LAC-6000

LA City "Alma Mater" T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Front

Member Price: **\$5** per shirt*

Available Colors:
 Grey Black Navy Blue

ITEM: #LAC-2000

LA City T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Back

Member Price: **\$7** per shirt*

Front

Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue

ITEM: #LAC-3000

LA City "Olde English" T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Back

Member Price: **\$8** per shirt*

Front

Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue

ITEM: #LAC-4000

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

Available Colors:
 Texas Orange Sport Gray White Leaf Green Indigo Blue
 Light Pink Maroon Blue Dusk Orange Olive

Member Price: **\$12** per shirt*

Non-Member Price: **\$25** per shirt
 *Plus tax and shipping

*White available with front pocket.

Sizes: **3XL**

Available Colors:
 White Blue Dusk Indigo Blue Sport Gray

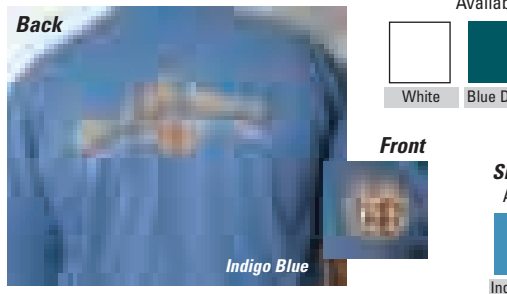
\$13

Sizes: **4XL**

Available Colors:

Indigo Blue Sport Gray

\$14



Back

Front

Indigo Blue

ITEM: #T1000

L.A. City Polo Shirt

LA City Polo Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Front

Member Price: **\$12** per shirt*

Available Colors:

White Black Navy Blue Pink

Close-up of Embroidery

ITEM: #PS1000

DWP T-shirts

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



Back

Member Price: **\$8.50** per shirt*

Available Colors:

Black Navy Blue

Front

ITEM: #T3000VVP

DWP "Classic" Long Sleeve T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL** Size: **3XL**



Back

Size: **3XL**

\$16

Member Price: **\$15** per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors:

Grey

Front

ITEM: #T2500VVP

Water & Power T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Back

Member Price: **\$10** per shirt*

Available Colors:

White Navy Blue

Black Orange

Front

ITEM: #T2002WP



Back

Available Colors:

White* Navy Blue

Black Orange

*White available with front pocket.

Front

ITEM: #T2003WP



Back

Member Price: **\$12** per shirt*

Available Colors:

White Navy Blue

Black Orange

ITEM: #T2001WP



Back

Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

*White available with front pocket.

Available Colors:
 White* Orange

Blue Dusk Charcoal

Size: **3XL**

AVAILABLE COLORS:
 Blue Dusk, Charcoal

\$13

Front

ITEM: #T2000VVP

Club Store

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The Club Store has moved to: 120 W. Second St., between Spring and Main Streets. The Club Store in the World Trade Center has closed.

Women's T-shirts

City Women's - LA Hall V-Neck T-Shirt
 Sizes: S M L XL

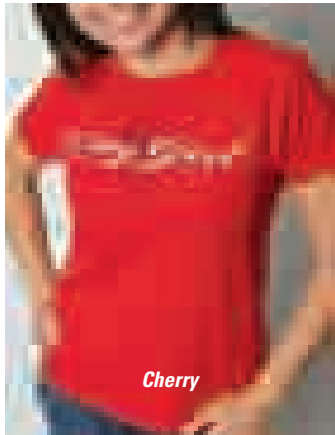
Member Price: **\$8** per shirt*

Available Colors:
 Heather Gray
 Black
 White
 (On white shirt, emblem is pink)



ITEM: #JS1000

City Girl "Classic" T-shirt
 Sizes: S M L XL



ITEM: #T-W1000

Member Price: **\$10** per shirt*

V-Neck Style Colors:
 White, Key Lime, Black, Violet, Caribbean Blue
 Crew Neck Style Colors:
 Hot Pink, Cherry, Heather Gray

City Girl "Retro" T-shirt
 Sizes: S M L XL



ITEM: #T-W2000

Member Price: **\$10** per shirt*

V-Neck Style Colors:
 White, Key Lime, Black, Violet, Caribbean Blue
 Crew Neck Style Colors:
 Hot Pink, Cherry, Heather Gray

TICKET GUY Tips for Visiting the Club Store:



- I would strongly recommend that members place their orders by phone using a debit/credit card before visiting. This will help you avoid lines.
- The best time to visit the new Club Store would be around 9:15 a.m. Parking is abundant and portions of downtown are still sleeping.
- When visiting the Club Store, try to bring a co-worker who is not a member. If they sign up, you will receive a \$10 Gift Card. So bring Johnny or Lisa down.

Men's Watches with City Seal

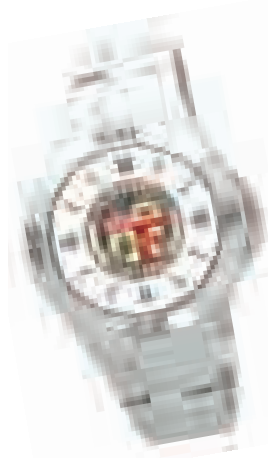
These watches have been meticulously crafted using only high-quality quartz movements. These new diver watches are made from solid stainless steel and genuine leather.



Men's Watch, Leather Band
 ITEM: #SF2000
 PRICE: \$25.00*



Men's Watch, Leather Band
 ITEM: #SF1000
 PRICE: \$25.00*



Men's Watch, Silver Band
 ITEM: #RF1000
 PRICE: \$25.00*



Men's Watch, Silver
 ITEM: #VVGSM3000
 PRICE: \$50.00* **Now \$25**



Men's Small Seal, Stainless Steel Band
 ITEM: #WS2501
 PRICE: \$55.00*



Men's Small Seal, Leather Band
 ITEM: #WL2601
 PRICE: \$45.00*

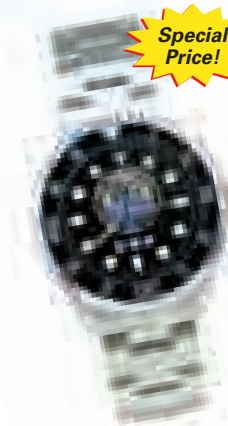


Men's Large Seal, Stainless Steel Band
 ITEM: #WS2500
 PRICE: \$65.00*



Men's Large Seal, Leather Band
 ITEM: #WL2600
 PRICE: \$45.00*

Ladies' Watches with City Seal



Special Price!

Men's Small DWP Seal, Stainless Steel Band
 ITEM: #DWPVWS2700
 PRICE: \$55.00* **Now \$40**



Special Price!

Men's Small DWP Seal, Leather Band
 ITEM: #DWPVW3050
 PRICE: \$45.00* **Now \$35**



Special Price!

Ladies' Watch, Two-tone gold and silver
 ITEM: #VVGSW1000
 PRICE: \$50.00* **Now \$25**



Ladies' Watch, Silver Band
 ITEM: #WVRF2000
 PRICE: \$25.00*

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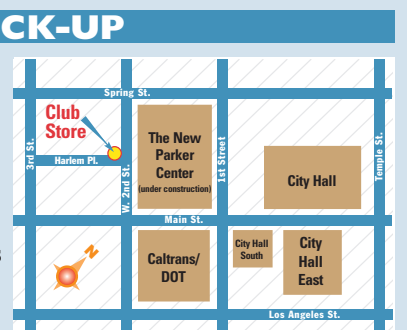
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