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Read the story on page 15 for details on the check disbursement, and how you can be eligible for next year's Club Life Insurance refund.

Tony DeClue's City Career Concludes In Flurry of Parties

Asst. Gen. Manager Tony DeClue, Club Member, retires.

Story and photos by Robert Larios, Director of Operations; Contributions by Yvonne Liu, Office of Finance



Tony DeClue.

GENERAL SERVICES — For General Services Assistant General Manager Tony DeClue, who completed 36 years of City service, October was a flurry of retirement celebrations.

The last retirement reception held in his honor concluded at the Quiet Cannon in Montebello Oct. 16.

Tony DeClue was recognized at a City Council meeting for his illustrious career Oct. 10.

Leonard Walker, Director of General Services/Fleet Services, worked with Tony the last four years. "I will miss Tony for the 36 years of expertise he had in the internal workings of the City," Leonard said. "He was also a people person, and he supported the people at the ground level, like the City mechanics, who got the job done."

For lots more on Tony's career with the City, and his retirement parties, turn to page 56.



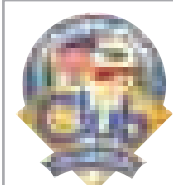
City Employee Curtis Cash aboard Public Works' ocean assessment boat, the *Marine Surveyor*, during a regular specimen collection voyage.

Testing the Waters



Curtis Cash and Public Works' Environmental Monitoring Division monitor the waters off the L.A. coast, making sure they're safe.

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** A Message From the CEO **

Despite Loss, Giving Thanks

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

It's November, and since Thanksgiving is just around the corner, it's that time of year to be thankful again.

However, I must admit, it's a little hard to be in a thankful mood when so much is being taken away. First, we lost the Club's own Howard Pompel in the tragic Metrolink accident. Then several weeks ago we lost an amazingly wonderful and beautiful lady, Ella Garza, wife of Americo Garza, who is on the Board of the RLACEI (Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc.) and a great friend of the Club. And, just a few days ago, John Burnes, the *Alive!* editor in chief, lost his father as the result of a sudden massive stroke.

It's been tough to think about giving thanks, but then I began thinking about all this loss and realized that, without giving thanks for all the joy these people brought into our lives, their passing would be meaningless. So, I am going to give thanks for all the joy that Howard brought to the Club and its members; I'm going to give thanks for all the wonderful memories that the Club had with Ella Garza, and I'm going to give thanks for all the creative genius that Don Burnes passed on to his son, John, which has allowed *Alive!* to be what it is today. Finding something to be thankful for when the chips are down is tough. But it's the best medicine I know of when dealing with loss.

Now, having said all that, we were still able to put together another fantastic *Alive!* In our feature story, Angel Gomez and I had the privilege of tagging along with your fellow City Employee, Curtis Cash, as he and his team from Hyperion assessed the quality of the waters off Santa Monica Bay. After that, John Burnes and I hunkered down for some water-quality straight talk with Dr. Mas Dojiri, Wastewater Treatment Lab Manager III, Public Works/Sanitation's Environmental Monitoring Division. The story starts on the front page; give it a read and check out the pictures!

And of course, we just recently held our annual ClubFest, which was the best ever! We have tons of pictures starting on page on page 16, and we also put hundreds of pictures on the Web. Just go to our Website at www.cityemployeesclub.com to see them all.

And, even though it's sad to see Assistant General Manager Tony DeClue retire from General Services, it makes me feel good to see him beaming with so much happiness as he looks forward to his new life. He and Laurie have some serious plans as they set sail into retirement. Read all about them, beginning on the cover.

We were also able to acquire some up-close and personal images of our fellow City heroes in action, fighting the Sesnon, Marek and Sepulveda fires; see the dramatic and full color images on pages 42 and 43.

In closing, I realize that I have a lot to be thankful for. I have an amazing staff and Board of Directors here at the Club; I have an incredible wife and kids; and I have the opportunity to work with the greatest team of City Employees in the country. So, on that note, have an excellent Thanksgiving everybody.



Martha Harding and Ella Garza, having fun at one of the many Retirees Association events, from May 2007.

JOHN

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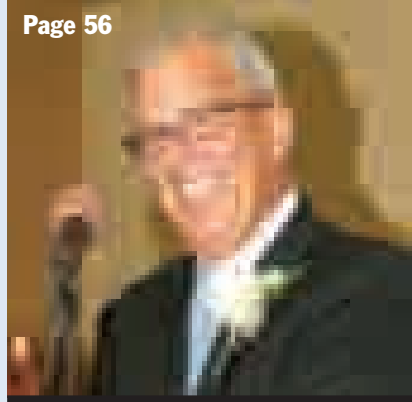
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Cecilia Talbot,
Claims Administrator

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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— Neal Buechner, September 2008

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spoke with by telephone or in person was polite, sensitive to my loss and courteous. Everything was explained in detail and was handled smoothly and quickly. You were very professional, and I was very impressed after receiving the book and the kind letter from Marla Fisher. I was blown away -- the book, *The Fall of Freddie the Leaf* -- was easy to read and helpful in explaining to younger family

members. This great gift by a well-known author shows that the Club cares about the family. Thank you, God bless."

— Larna Hayden, August 2008

"I evaluate your service as a number 8 from a scale of 1 to 10. I received my check swiftly."

— Stanley Barr, August 2008

Your Club Insurance Dollars at Work

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Life insurance claims paid this year: **\$1,653,032.34**

Long-term disability claims paid this month: **\$154,144.53**

Long-term disability claims paid this year: **\$909,616.79**

Long-term care claims paid this month: **\$18,750.00**

Long-term care claims paid this year: **\$212,663.36**

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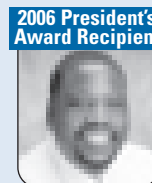
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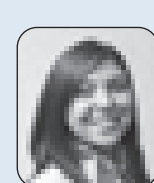


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LETTERS

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To the Editor



This Coloring Contest Winner Is Full of Grace

Thank you for allowing young ones and old ones to join in the fun of entering the Coloring Contest. As winner of the best entry for the Adult Coloring Contest [in October], I am honored to accept your gift certificate for Target and allowing me to compete with so many wonderful entries. It was so much fun to be able to say I am now at 84 an artist. Here is picture of my husband and myself celebrating his 94th birthday. Thanks again.

—Grace Gonzalez, Retired Club Member

We love the great response we get when we offer our Grown-Up Coloring Contests in Alive! You're welcome, Grace, and readers can look for more frequent Grown-Up Coloring Contests in the future. —Ed.
[photos 0908, 0913]

Nathan Looks to Be Another Ticket Guy in the Making

I thought I would send these photos in. You have to love that face!

I took these photos of my son, Nathan, at the new Club Store.

—Navin Cotton, the Club's Ticket Guy



Great photos, Ticket Guy! He's cute as can be. —Ed.

Last Issue Was a Beautiful Tribute to a Beautiful Man

Beautiful! That's the only word in can find in my vernacular to describe your tribute to the wonderful Howard Pompel in your last issue. I was so sad to hear about his passing, but when I saw him on the front cover of Alive!, I couldn't help but smile. Thank you for honoring such a wonderful man.

—Mary Rose Wilkens, Retired Librarian

Seeing Howard on the front cover made me cry, but in a good way. Thank you so much honoring his memory.

—Jana Sokolovich, Rec and Parks

Can Anyone Join Alive!'s Car Club by Sending Photos?

Hey Alive!, can anyone submit an entry for the Car Club? If so, I have a super hot ride that I would love to show off. Let me know, and thanks!

—Edward Romos

Absolutely, Edward. We would love to help you show off your prized wheels. Simply email a couple paragraphs about your car along with some high-res photos. Send them to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com. Thanks, Edward! —Ed.

His ClubFest Favorite Was Either Hot Dogs or Hot Dogs

Hey! I really loved ClubFest this year! It was the best one I've been to, and I've been to all of them since my buddy is a Club member. It was great to see some old friends who are now working in other City Departments while having my three hot dogs. I still can't get over that there were unlimited hot dog stations.

My kids loved the Ferris wheel, and my friends liked the bands. They were great. Thanks to the Club for a fun-filled day.

—Tim Kendall, DWP

Henry's on Fire About ClubFest, Club Store and Refund Checks

Club employees! I have stuff you need to know. I thought ClubFest was the same as usual. What do I mean by that? I mean it was fabulous. I thought the bands were hot and sizzling! Bring them back again next year, people!

Also, I really like the new store you over there by my favorite cigar shop called Cigar Shop! And when I can't get over there, I just take a look at the Website and order my tickets and clothes there.

When am I getting my refund check, eh? Get to it; print my little break from the recession so that I can buy a gallon or two of octane 89! I'm kidding there, buddies.

I just heard that Universal Studios will be open on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Ticket Guy? You have answers? Is this true? That's it, gotta go. Time to flow. Keep on moving, Clubbers.

—Henry Goss, General Services

Tough Economic Times Calls For Raising Salaries

During these tough economic times, my coworkers and I can't help but feel very uncomfortable with what is going in everything we do. As we all know, life is run by money. We need it to live. I'm thinking that City Employees are going to feel the effects if they haven't already, and I propose that City Hall give us all raises so that we can afford to live here and work here.

—Jack Norel, Rec and Parks

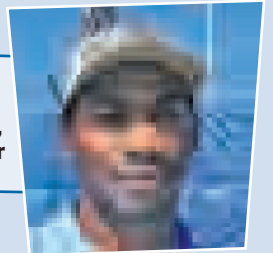
QUESTION ? of the Month

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

What is your remedy for a holiday stomachache?

"Mineral oil - two tablespoons."

— Daniel Hillman,
Custodian, Club Member



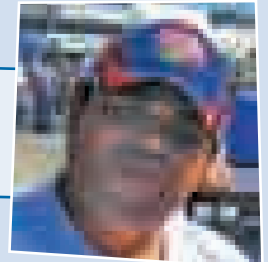
"Double Jack and Coke, easy on the ice and Coke."

— Ceaser Lazo,
Painter, Public Works, Club Member



"Upchuck."

— Raul Arroyo,
Supervisor/Painter



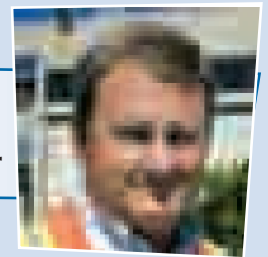
"Alka-Seltzer."

— Tony Jones,
Waste Water Treatment Mechanic, Public Works



"Green tea."

— Paul O'Carroll,
Sr. Electrical Inspector, Club Member



"Kimchi and exercise."

— Sarafin Malabanan,
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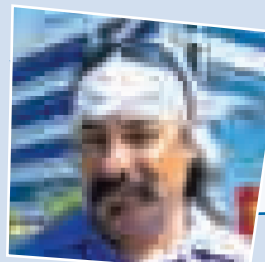
"Baking soda mixed with a teaspoon of water."

— Regina Johnson,
Sr. Clerk Typist, Personnel, Club Member



"Crackers and 7-Up or Coke."

— Robert Lape,
Gardener



"Apple cider and one tablespoon of vinegar."

— Marie Miller,
Custodian, Club Member



"Alka-Seltzer."

— Mike Weise,
Supervisor/Plumber



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Club CEO John Hawkins (left)
with Curtis Cash, Water Biologist III,
aboard the *Marine Surveyor*.

MARINE SURVEYOR

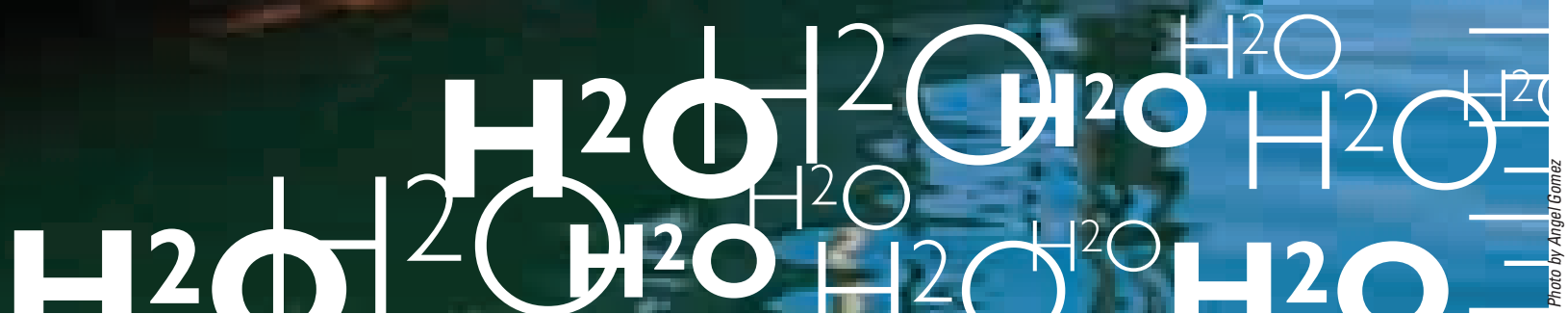
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Testing the Waters



Hyperion's Ocean Assessment Unit plies the waters of the Pacific Ocean every working day, taking specimens to make sure that the Hyperion Treatment Plant is doing its job.

Learn about the Environmental Monitoring Division on the following pages.





Testing the Waters

PUBLIC WORKS



Profile

Dr. Mas Dojiri

**Wastewater
Treatment Lab
Manager III**

Division Manager

**Environmental
Monitoring Division**

**Public Works/
Sanitation**

- Began working for the City Jan. 29, 1989.

- Bachelor's degree, biology, UC Santa Barbara.

- Master's degree, marine biology, Cal State Long Beach.

- Training at Boston University's Wood's Hole Marine Biology Program.

- Teacher, Georgetown University, Cal State University, Long Beach.

- Born in Japan; grew up in Los Angeles.

The *Alive!* Interview

Under the Sea

On Sept. 9, John Hawkins, Club CEO, and Angel Gomez, Director of Member Services, accompanied Sanitation's Ocean Assessment Unit of the Environmental Monitoring Division (EMD), on their assignment that day: monitoring the water and aquatic life in Long Beach Harbor, as part of the Bight Project. The unit also monitors near the Hyperion Outfall, the pipe that places the City's fully treated wastewater into the ocean. Returning the water to the ocean is the last piece of the water delivery and treatment cycle that *Alive!* has been documenting over the last year or so, from the very beginning of the Los Angeles Aqueduct in Lee Vining, in the Eastern Sierras, all the way through the Hyperion Treatment Plant.

Monitoring the treated water as it returns to the ocean via Hyperion Treatment Plant into Santa Monica Bay and Terminal Island Water Reclamation Plant into Los Angeles Harbor, and the plant and animal life affected by the water, is the final and critical step in the process.

The Environmental Monitoring Division also monitors the stormwater and urban runoff at the beaches of Santa Monica Bay, Los Angeles Harbor, and adjacent coastal waters.

After the ride-along with the Ocean Assessment Unit, John and Angel interviewed Dr. Mas Dojiri in his office. He's in charge of the Environmental Monitoring Division, which includes the Ocean Assessment Unit. —Ed.

In an interview with Dr. Mas Dojiri, Wastewater Treatment Lab Manager III of the Environmental Monitoring Division, Bureau of Sanitation, *Alive!* learns all about monitoring the ocean for contaminants.



Alive! editor John Burnes (left) and Club CEO John Hawkins (center) interview Dr. Mas Dojiri of Public Works's Environmental Monitoring Division.

The *Alive!* Interview:

Alive! Thanks for letting us go along on the boat for the monitoring today. It was really interesting!

Dr. Mas Dojiri: Our pleasure.

How often does the Ocean Assessment Unit go out?

Dr. Mas Dojiri: Pretty much every day, four times a week. The boat crew is on a four/ten work schedule, so they have every Friday off. They work ten hours a day, four days a week.

Explain for a person who's not a scientist, not a marine biologist, what the unit does.

Dr. Mas Dojiri: Sure. There are really three environmental questions that we address. One, and the public is most interested in this: "Is it safe to swim in Santa Monica Bay?" And the second is, "Is it safe to eat the fish in Santa Monica Bay?" And the third is, "Is the environment protected in Santa Monica Bay?" The third question deals with the marine organisms in the water, the small little worms and clams that live in the mud, and the animals that live on it or swim near the sea bottom like the fish and the starfish and sea urchins (the big invertebrates that live on the mud). So those are the three main questions that we address in our ocean monitoring program.

Is the outfall just one of the areas that you monitor? Is that where you go most of the time?

Dr. Mas Dojiri: The outfall area is one of the stops. We monitor right at that area, and then we have stations in concentric rings farther and farther away from it. It's a lot more complicated than that, though, because storm drains and other inputs into Santa Monica Bay complicate the issue and necessitate having additional sampling sites along the coast.

Right. I see.

Dr. Mas Dojiri: In certain parts of the country, the stormwater and the wastewater are combined. But here in California, they are separate systems. The sewer system is a system of enclosed sewer pipes that convey all the sewage to one of the four treatment facilities that the City owns. But, the storm drain system essentially just collects all the stormwater and urban runoff, then empties it into a larger storm drain, and it goes straight out into Santa Monica Bay and the Los Angeles Harbor [untreated].

The exception is that some of the stormwater, during dry weather, is diverted to the Hyperion Treatment Plant, where it is treated, and then sent five miles out into the ocean.

Public Works' Environmental Monitoring Division is tasked with making sure it's safe to swim in Santa Monica Bay (below).



Tony Phillips, Water Biologist II, removes the top five centimeters of sediment from a Van Veen grab sampler and places it into various sample containers for laboratory analysis.

But just during the dry season. The rainy season would be too much water?

Dr. Mas Dojiri: Yes. We're talking about billions and billions of gallons when it rains.

Hyperion is built for sewage, but if you can treat some stormwater, you do that, too.

Dr. Mas Dojiri: Exactly.

Okay.

Treatment History

When did the whole monitoring project begin?

Dr. Mas Dojiri: That's a good question. The City started monitoring the beaches about 50

years ago. Now, that sort of monitoring is pretty archaic. Some of the analysis they did in the lab and the biological analyses that I've taken a look at are pretty simple and pretty outdated, but, for the time, I guess it was not bad.

It was something.

Dr. Mas Dojiri: That's right. And science always builds on itself. It improves by increments, just like technology. We've gotten very, very good at what we do here. We have a first-class laboratory here at EMD. We've worked really hard in the last probably twenty years to get to that level. In the last six years, we have become an excellent laboratory!

Do you do the field work for any other municipalities?

Dr. Mas Dojiri: For our shoreline monitoring program, yes. The various cities in the Santa Monica Bay watershed don't have monitoring programs of their own, so we monitor, essentially, the entire coastline from Matador Beach, which is north of Zuma Beach, south to Malaga Cove in Palos Verdes Estates. Once it gets toward Lunada Bay, then the rest of it is monitored by the L.A. County Sanitation Districts. And then we pick it up again at Cabrillo Beach.

Monitoring the Beach

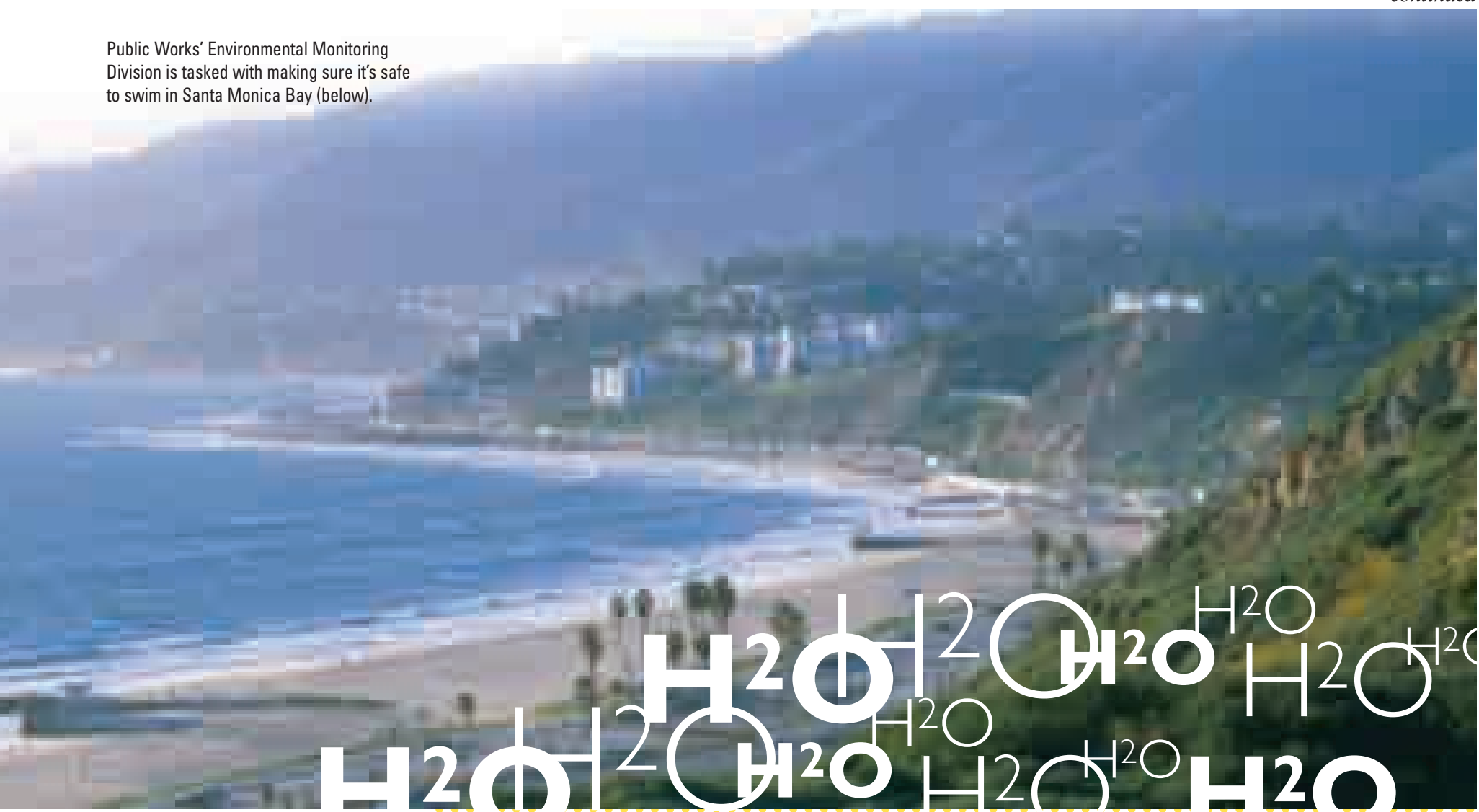
Let's talk about your normal routine. What are you typically looking for in the water?

Dr. Mas Dojiri: We're looking for bacterial pollutants and chemical pollutants, that is metals and organics. We're looking to see where the effluent [wastewater] actually drifts to, in Santa Monica Bay. We're looking to see if the effluent is toxic. We're looking to see if some of the pollutants are accumulating in the tissues of marine organisms. We're looking to see if the biological community, whether it's fish or the smaller invertebrates, are affected by the discharge of the Hyperion Treatment Plant out into Santa Monica Bay. We're looking at all of it. Let me just go through each one of these.

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— Dr. Mas Dojiri



Testing the Waters

The *Alive!* Interview

PHOTOS, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:

1. Curtis Cash, Water Biologist III, is recording descriptive data for a sediment sample into the computer field data system.
2. Water Biologists are washing down a sediment sample that was collected for marine organisms (benthic macrofauna sample). The biological inventory that was revealed and will be ultimately identified to species will help determine the site's environmental quality.
3. Dr. Greg Deets sorts organisms in a benthic macrofauna sample.
4. A tube, or sheath, of a marine worm collected in a benthic macrofauna sample.
5. An echiuran, commonly called a spoon worm, collected in a benthic macrofauna sample.
6. A benthic macrofauna sample that has been washed down over a screen. The sediment has been removed, revealing the marine organisms.
7. Worm tubes, a snail, and a brittle star from a benthic macrofauna sample.



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Please do.

Dr. Mas Dojiri: Back about 20 or 30 years ago, it was thought that the discharge from the Hyperion Treatment Plant was adversely impacting the beach along Santa Monica Bay. So we set up a fence-line strategy. We set up all these stations that were between the discharge point and the beaches to see if the effluent really crossed that imaginary fence, so to speak. After years of monitoring, we concluded that there were really no breadcrumbs that led from the Hyperion outfall to the shoreline. So, it was obvious that the Hyperion Treatment Plant discharge was not the cause of bacterial contamination of the Santa Monica Bay beaches.

So it wasn't coming back in?

Dr. Mas Dojiri: Right. The EPA, the Regional Board, and Heal the Bay, also looked at the data and said, yeah, we agree with you. From our data, [we saw] that the bacterial contamination of the shoreline, the beaches in Santa Monica Bay, was a direct result of stormwater discharge. Every time it rained, we would get a huge spike at the beaches. So, in 2004, we started monitoring right in front of the storm drains. They call it point zero. It's where the stormwater from the storm drain hits the surf. We used to monitor it 50 yards away from the storm drain, but now we monitor right in the middle of it. At each of the storm drains.

All of them?

Dr. Mas Dojiri: Every single one larger than 36 inches in diameter; the discharge from smaller pipes is relatively minor. We have a really extensive monitoring program in the wider Santa Monica Bay (defined as the area between the Ventura/Los Angeles County line south to outer Cabrillo Beach). Our goal is to get zero exceedance days in summer dry weather, and greatly reduced exceedance days during wet weather. That's going to be a real challenge.

How do you go about doing that? Are you charged with that, too?

Dr. Mas Dojiri: Not so much. We just monitor the conditions. There's another division in the Bureau of Sanitation known as the Watershed Protection Division that is in charge of actually reducing the pollutant levels, including bacteria, trash, nutrients, and chemical pollutants.

In Deeper Waters

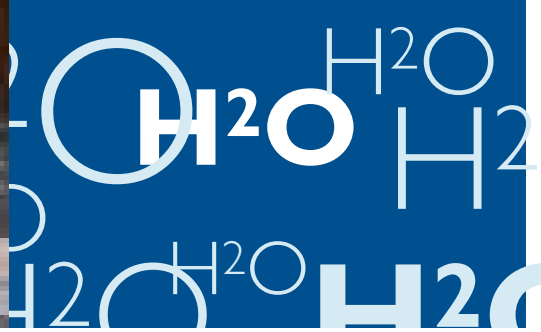
Okay, that's the beach.

Dr. Mas Dojiri: Let me get into some other programs we have.

Please do.

Dr. Mas Dojiri: About 85 percent or so of our employees are chemists, because so much of what we do is chemistry. But we can't analyze for 100,000 chemicals. It's just impossible. It would be too costly and too time consuming. About 100,000 synthetic chemicals have already been produced by chemical companies, and they're producing 2,000 new ones a year, like pharmaceuticals. To try to keep up with the monitoring on that would be incredibly expensive, and it would be impossible to do on a routine basis. So we monitor for 122 priority pollutants that have been identified by the EPA. They consist of 13 heavy metals, and the rest are organic pollutants. Heavy metals are things like mercury, copper, lead, silver, selenium and molybdenum and others. Organics would be pesticides like DDT, PCBs and others.

We can't test for everything. But, we have a monitoring program called the toxicity testing program. We take different concentrations of the treated sewage, called the effluent, and we test organisms in each of those dilutions. We might test fish in various dilutions of effluent to see if they live or die or if



ABOUT THE Environmental Monitoring Division

Monitoring and testing of the land, sea and air are performed by the Environmental Monitoring Division (EMD) – a staff of skilled and trained scientists who help protect public health and the environment with a wide variety of physical, chemical and biological tests and analyses. The EMD's primary responsibilities are to:

- Provide all lab testing for the Bureau of Sanitation
- Assess the health of the ocean and inland water bodies
- Assess the quality of air around the City's wastewater treatment plants
- Allow treatment plant operations staff to better direct their activities based on monitoring results
- Stay current with the regulations that affect the City's facilities and reuse and discharge practices
- Advise the Bureau of Sanitation on environmental protection issues
- Serve as a trusted source of information for the environmental community and neighbors of treatment plants.

EMD Labs

The Harry Pregerson Technical Support Facility at the Hyperion Treatment Plant houses a consolidated EMD lab facility. Here, EMD's staff performs extensive testing and assessments of marine chemistry, biosolids, industrial waste, air quality, storm water discharges, and ground water.

Skilled Scientists

EMD staff, working in state-certified labs, can test for the presence of more than 150 different pollutants.

Monitoring Ocean Waters

More than 5,000 samples of ocean water, sediments, fish and other marine organisms are collected and tested by EMD every year. Managing this data is another important function of the Division.

Monitoring Treatment Plants

Daily testing of wastewater takes place at all stages of processing at each treatment plant. EMD also tests the quality and safety of reclaimed water and biosolids, and reports on water discharged into water bodies.

Monitoring Air Quality

EMD monitors the health and quality of the air around the City's wastewater treatment plants. Findings are used by engineers to reduce air quality impacts to a minimum.

Two Vessels

The City has two monitoring vessels: the Marine Surveyor, 65 feet long and used in the L.A. Harbor; and the La Mer, 83 feet long, used in Santa Monica Bay.

Under the Sea

For More Information

For more information about the Environmental Monitoring Division's services, please contact:

Dr. Mas Dojiri,
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they grow any differently in the higher concentrations of effluent versus the control, which is just seawater. And then we might test an invertebrate like fertilized abalone eggs to see if the shells of the embryos develop properly. We might test the sporophyte, the tiny little seedling of the giant brown kelp that occurs off Palos Verdes Peninsula, to see if their rate of germination is different, and whether the length of the germination tube is different from the length of tubes in the control.

The program indicates whether there is some unknown toxin in the effluent, something we haven't measured chemically, but something from those 100,000 or 150,000 different synthetic chemicals that might be causing a problem. We might not know what it is, but it'll alert us that something is wrong.

Right. So you're testing specifically for 122 chemicals in this facility?

Dr. Mas Dojiri: Yes.

Which is the most common chemical that comes up?

Dr. Mas Dojiri: We detect a number of them. Whether we detect them in levels of concern or not is a different issue, but we do detect DDT, for example, and PCB in our southern Redondo Beach stations because the current is traveling northward from the L.A. County Sanitation District's outfall. There was a chemical company that was one of the largest DDT manufacturers up until 1976, I believe, before they ceased existence. They ended up discharging some of their DDT into the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts sewage treatment plant in Carson, and then the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts discharged it out their outfall off White's Point located offshore the Palos Verdes Peninsula. There are hundreds of tons of DDT on the Palos Verdes shelf along with PCBs. We've been collecting it now in our surface sediments in the southern Redondo stations, so the DDT is migrating northward.

So, those 122, that pretty much covers everything you monitor for?

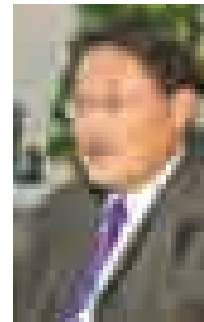
Dr. Mas Dojiri: At least in Santa Monica Bay. There are a number of things we look for in samples that we take from the process here at Hyperion, to make sure the treatment plant is operating correctly.

I see.

Dr. Mas Dojiri: That process is a little bit different, and we analyze for nutrients, ammonia, settleable solids, total organic carbon, biological oxygen demand, etc. That information is really important to the treatment plant operators and allows them to adjust treatment plant operations to the optimum level.

“Not only are the individual regulatory limits for each pollutant getting lower and more difficult to meet, but also the types and number of tests are increasing.”

– Dr. Mas Dojiri



Tracking the Effluent, Checking the Mud

Dr. Mas Dojiri: One of the other things that we do is track where the effluent goes [after it leaves the outfall pipe]. We send down a CTD, a Conductivity Temperature Depth profiler all the way to near the bottom of the ocean at each of the sampling sites.

We also measure 54 ammonia levels, salinity, pH, dissolved oxygen, and something called transmissivity. Transmissivity is the amount of light that can penetrate a certain distance. The transmissivity is the inverse of turbidity, so we want to know how turbid the water is.

The reason that we study those parameters as well as the acidity (pH) of the water is to try to track the effluent. We want to know where the treated water is going, once it leaves the outfall. The effluent, once it exits the five-mile outfall, gets diffused. It looks like a smoke plume coming out of a chimney. We want to track that.

Once the effluent goes out, many of the pollutants actually adhere to the particles and the particles are denser, so they end up settling down to the bottom. So you end up having this area around the outfall that has a layer of flocculent organic matter.

We're undergoing full secondary treatment now at Hyperion, so we don't have a lot of [organic] particles going out now in the wastewater. But, prior to 1986, when the treatment was

really bad, for example in 1985, when it was historically horrible, we had a lot of organic particles going out and settling down. You'd expect that the area around the outfall would have a different biological community in the mud and swimming around it than areas away from it. So we designed a sampling program to collect the little crustaceans, clams, and worms that live in the mud to see if they're different at areas away from the outfall, and we found out that they are very different.

Based on the types of species and their abundance, we can tell that there's a difference and that area [near the outfall] is impacted. The other way you can tell how the treatment plant is doing is you can take that one site and follow it through time. Are we doing better now in present day than we did prior to 1998, when full secondary [thorough] treatment kicked in? Or in 1985, when the emissions and the treatment at Hyperion was really pretty bad?

Report Card

What conclusions can you reach?

Dr. Mas Dojiri: We took all the biological information that we had and we ran it through a computer program.

The period before 1986 was the historically bad treatment [period] at Hyperion. In 1986 and later, the treatment got a lot better. We did a lot of things here at Hyperion to make it better, and we were actually approaching full secondary standards for the EPA, even though we weren't at 100 percent full secondary — the species diversity and abundance since we went full secondary at Hyperion has been tremendous. In fact, it's one of the most diverse communities out there now.

Curtis Cash [supervisor of the Ocean Assessment Unit] was saying there's, like, 180 species at the outfall, whereas you might have only 20 or 30 in other places.

Dr. Mas Dojiri: Yes. I think it's around there. That's a good sign. We're all pretty excited about the results.

And then we also have a trawling program where we send a net overboard. Once we bring it up, we separate all the fish and the larger invertebrates and then we identify them, weigh them, measure them.

And that has given you the same results?

Dr. Mas Dojiri: Yeah. Exactly.

So put it into layman's terms. How are we doing? How is Hyperion doing?

Dr. Mas Dojiri: It's doing really well. The treatment is very good. They're doing extremely well, and the 100 percent full secondary has obviously improved the outfall area biologically.

That was a huge change, a huge improvement.

Dr. Mas Dojiri: Right.

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Curtis Cash, Water Biologist III (right), explains the day's work to John Hawkins, Club CEO





Testing the Waters

The *Alive!* Interview

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Tissue Chemistry

Dr. Mas Dojiri: Another thing that we do is tissue chemistry. We go out there and catch sport fish, essentially. We mimic the sports-fishermen with hook and line, using the same type of bait, going to the same fishing spots that they do, and collect the same species of fish. We fillet them and put them in various containers, bring them back to the lab, and the chemists do the 122 priority pollutant analysis.

So you get to go fishing.

Dr. Mas Dojiri: Well, I used to get to go.

With a purpose.

Dr. Mas Dojiri: I used to get to do that. I don't do that any more. I thought once I became the division manager, I would be able to schedule myself on the boat anytime. But if you're going to be a conscientious division manager, you're going to stay back here and read all the reports, hold meetings, direct staff, and do all the personnel and budgetary things that need to be done for the division. So, now I sit behind a desk instead of going out on the boat or doing lab work.

Right, of course.

A Bigger Picture: The Bight Project

Curtis Cash was telling us about the Bight Regional Monitoring Program. Can you explain it?

Dr. Mas Dojiri: OK. The Program is coordinated by SCCWRP, the Southern California Coastal Water Research Project. SCCWRP is a joint powers agency, a quasi-government agency funded by several government agencies that all have a similar mission

or goal. Instead of achieving their research goals separately, they collectively get together as a team to form this joint powers agency so that they can pool their money instead of having duplicative efforts. In 1969, we formed SCCWRP to do a lot of research, primarily regarding wastewater issues that are above and beyond our routine monitoring. For example, once every five years, the SCCWRP member agencies conduct a regional monitoring program that covers several topics within the area known as the Southern California Bight, which is the coastline that extends from Pt. Conception to Cabo Colnett (Mexico). Essentially, the program results in an environmental snapshot of the entire Southern California Bight. It is a massive effort that involves over 60 agencies.

And not just near the Hyperion outfall.

Dr. Mas Dojiri: Correct. For 30-some-odd years, we've been studying just the area around our outfall and, as any good scientist will tell you, you can't have blinders on like that. It's great that we've been studying that to find out what's going on near the outfall, but how are we doing in respect to the entire Southern California coastline? [We wanted] to put our results into a bigger perspective. And let people know how we're doing along the entire coast.

So the Bight Project is essentially kind of taking a pause from your normal monitoring routines and doing quite a bit extra for the greater good rather than the local good?

Dr. Mas Dojiri: Absolutely. That's a very good way of putting it. We end up posing some bigger questions than we would normally do. For example, this time, we're going to look at nutrient concentrations out in the Southern California Bight, something that

we're not required to do in our permit. And then we're trying to correlate it with harmful algal blooms. We've been having some problems with domoic acid and a few other biotoxins produced by these harmful algal blooms. These algae produce biotoxins — we're not really sure how — but then the sardines and the anchovies end up accumulating the toxins when they eat the algae (they're plankton feeders) and then the marine mammals, seals, sea lions, end up eating the fish and, as it goes up the food chain, and the marine mammals either get sick or die. We've had a lot of marine mammal deaths this past season because of these harmful algal blooms. So it's a real concern.

You see a certain situation developing and you want to go out and investigate it, even though it's more than you need to do.

Dr. Mas Dojiri: Right. The agencies get together and collectively decide on the research for the Bight Regional Monitoring Program. The planning takes at least a year, if not longer. It's really an exhaustive, comprehensive planning effort. It's not easy to coordinate over 60 different agencies, as you can imagine.

Tighter Controls Yet Confused Fish

How much more detailed is the evaluation process getting? Does it get more complex? Are you testing for more every year?

Dr. Mas Dojiri: Not only are the individual regulatory limits for each pollutant getting lower and more difficult to meet, but also the types and number of tests are increasing. For example, whenever we find something that's toxic to the organism during our toxicity tests, we have to go through accelerated testing. We never had to do that before. All we had to do was just report that there was an exceedance. Instead of doing the test once a month, we end up doing it six times in 12 weeks. We have to do it more frequently and then we have to try to identify the toxicant, which we didn't have to do before.

And now, in the recent permit, we're required to do what we call special studies. Every year, we have to propose some sort of special studies that we're going to conduct above and beyond our routine studies. One of the things that we've been doing is studying endocrine disrupting compounds. These are compounds that disrupt the endocrine system. What we have found working in conjunction with SCCWRP, Cal State University Long Beach, among others [see below] is that some of the male flatfish near the Hyperion outfall were being feminized. We're finding ovarian tissue in the testes. We're finding egg-producing proteins in the blood of male fish, and they should have zero levels. So they look like they're becoming more and more female.

What's causing that?

Dr. Mas Dojiri: The endocrine-disrupting compounds that are flushed down the toilet. There are certain natural estrogenic compounds that women will excrete just naturally. In addition, our bodies do not utilize the entire doses of the drugs that we take to improve or maintain our health; therefore, a certain amount of these drugs enter the sewage system by way of our excretions (urine). Also, unused drugs have typically been flushed down the toilet (programs are developing to encourage proper disposal of these drugs), thereby adding to the problem. And there are a bunch of endocrine-disrupting compounds like DDT, other pesticides, and some other organic compounds that mimic the natural estrogenic type compounds.

We end up having this kind of soup of what we call EDCs (endocrine disrupting compounds) and PPCPs (pharmaceuticals and personal care products like fragrances, cosmetics, deodorants, hair sprays, etc.). There's a whole host of natural and synthetic chemicals out there that end up in our sewage treatment system and go out the outfall. We don't know what's going out there because we don't have the methodology yet to detect them. Certain research laboratories at U.C. Riverside, at Cal State Long Beach, at the U.S. Geological Survey and others, have developed the methods and can detect them. Although these chemicals are being discovered in minute quantities in the environment, we do not yet know if they are having any biological effects, for example, reduced reproduction, on the marine animals.

What other things are sending out warning flags for you? What are the trends?

Dr. Mas Dojiri: Generally speaking, the trends are all good. When we collected the fish, we used to see tumors or lesions or fin rot on the fish. We don't see that anymore. I don't think we've reported a tumor or fin rot in probably 15 years or so.

Wow.

Dr. Mas Dojiri: Yeah. It wasn't that unusual to find these when you brought up a trawl before. So that's certainly great. And we're finding a great abundance plus a high species diversity.

Both of them?

Dr. Mas Dojiri: Yes, both of them are increasing, which is a good sign. And certainly the treatment process has been great at Hyperion and other City treatment plants, as well as L.A. County Sanitation Districts, Orange County Sanitation Districts and the City of San Diego. The four major dischargers are all doing really, really well.

Thank you, Dr. Dojiri.

Dr. Mas Dojiri: You're welcome.



Aboard one of the City's boats, the *Marine Surveyor*, Curtis Cash and Tony Phillips process a benthic macrofauna sample.

Boat Captain Pete Christie (right) is at the helm of the *Marine Surveyor* en route to another site. Curtis Cash, Water Biologist III (left) and *Alive!*'s Angel Gomez are along for the ride.



LAPD

Mounted Police Welcome *Neighbors*

LAPD unit hosts open house at the Ahmanson Equestrian Center.



At left: Officer Ron Terrazas, PIII, 18 yrs of service, Club Member (left); Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member, and Cruiser.



Margo Lee, President of the Police Equestrian Foundation; and David Lee, VP of the Police Equestrian Foundation



Ed Kinney, P3+1, with Montana.



Nobel Merriett, Equine Keeper, 3 years of City service, with Slim, a quarterhorse.



Joe Nepomuceno, PIII, Club Member, with Shadow.



Paul, 8, with Lt. Ann Barrera.



Officer Gasca on Ranger during the crowd-control demonstration.



From left: Sgt. Steve Weaver, Foothill; Bill Casey, PIII, Metro SWAT; and Jennifer Grasso, PIII, Metro SWAT.



From left: Floyd Curry, PIII, Metro SWAT; Henry Romero, PIII, Metro SWAT; and Howard Ng, PIII, Metro SWAT.



Nhut Huynh, PIII, with Boomer.



From left: Eric Aguirre, son of Officer Aguirre; and Joe DeLorenzo, P3+1.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; Photos by Daniel Wang, Club Photographer

The Police Dept.'s Metropolitan Division Mounted Platoon held its 21st open house Sept. 20 at the Ahmanson Equestrian Center.

The event, including food and drinks, was free and open to the public.

Visitors were able to pet the horses, tour the barn and scale the rock-climbing wall. Some of the activities were live demonstrations and specialized displays by Mounted Platoon, SWAT, LAPD Historical Museum, Bomb Squad and LAFD.

The day began with a welcome address from Lt. Ann Barrera, followed by a horse-training demonstration, lead by Officer Donny Anderson. Officers Ed Kinney and Gary Copeland demonstrated the platoon and bokken tactics. Crowd management/crowd control tactics were demonstrated by Sgt. Mike Porter.

Thanks go to Officers Ron Terrazas and Rudy De Leon, both Club Members, for their assistance.



Just a little word of caution!



Richard Hurtado, PIII.



Rudy DeLeon, P3+1, 34 years of service, Club Member, with Raphael.



Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor, with Fred, 16.



From left: David Simons, Member Relations Officer; Vibet Sandajan, Communications Representative; and Mark Reyna, Sponsor Relations Officer.



Sucha Singh, PIII, Central, with Otto, a 14 year-old quarterhorse.



From left: Brian Koneval, Engineer; Councilman Tom LaBonge, Club Member; Chris Justus, Firefighter Paramedic, 56B; and Matt Westmoreland, Firefighter.



Donni Anderson, PIII, with Whitewater, 9.



Art Aguirre, PIII.



From left: Sgt. Dave Mascarenas, Underwater Dive Unit; and Chris McKinney, Detective II.



Steve Carnevale, PIII, Metro K-9, with Mlinois Res, suspect patrol canine.



Tips for Safe Holiday Fun

By Jimmy Hill, Fire Marshal, LAFD

The holidays are a great time ... but here are some safety tips to make sure they are exciting for all the right reasons!

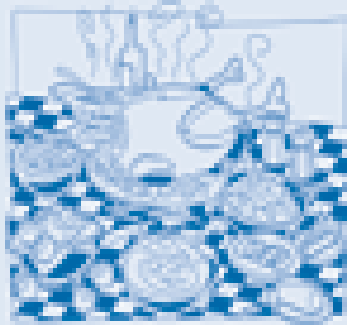
When you change your clock, change your smoke alarm battery. On Nov. 2, we will once again move our clocks back an hour. Take the time to change your smoke alarm battery at the same time. It's a good habit.

Make sure everyone in your family knows what a smoke alarm sound like, regardless of their age. The best way is to get everyone together to test the alarm. If you have anyone in your house with a special need, make sure they can either get out or call for help on their own.

Holiday Cooking

Burning propane fuel plus hot oil is dangerous. Please be careful when deep-frying turkeys. Many people have been burned because the fryer can tip over easily. The fryer sides, lid and pot handles can get dangerously hot. Turkey fryers usually are not UL-approved.

- Never walk away from your stove while cooking, because a child could get hurt.
- Know how to call 9-1-1.
- If you have a grease fire on your stove, never use water.
- Use a fireplace screen whenever you are going to have a fire in the fireplace.
- Make sure you have an approved spark arrester on your chimney. Have your chimney checked and cleaned by a certified person.
- Make sure your rain gutter has been cleaned out. Make sure all leaves are disposed of correctly.
- Make sure all windows, screens, and any security device that is in place are working properly



Holiday Travel

If you are going to be traveling during the holiday season, remember to be prepared:

- Know all your escape routes and show them to your family.
- Decide where you and your family should meet outside if you have to evacuate or if you get separated.
- Make sure you only stay at hotels that have smoke alarms and a fire plan in place.
 - Always have a flashlight, whistle and a good working (and charged) cell phone with you.
 - Never take an elevator during a fire or earthquake. Always use the stairs.

In the fourth quarter of 2006 (two holiday seasons ago) in the City, we had 12 fires and 807 medical incidents every day. Let's start this holiday season the right way and the best way -- let's be fire safe.



For more information, contact your local Fire Station, or go to:
www.lafd.org

CLUB HEADQUARTERS

Brian, your Club CFO says...

Life is good with another
Refund Check



Refund Checks On Their Way

The Club announces life insurance refunds of approximately \$300,000. Are you eligible?

Here come the refund checks ... right on time for your holiday needs!

The Board of Directors has approved a Club Life Insurance refund of approximately \$300,000 to be distributed back to the eligible Club members.

The Club continues its tradition of rewarding Club Life Insurance policyholders with a return of unused premiums (total premiums collected less paid claims and expenses). The 2008 refund will be the Club's 77th refund in its 80 years of existence.

"This is great example of how the Club works for its members," said Brian Trent, the Club's Chief Financial Officer. "Club Life Insurance is all about being there when our Members are in need. That's our first priority. And, when we can, we are happy to return that portion of the premiums that are not needed. And we've been able to do that in all about three years of the Association's existence."

Who is eligible? Anyone who had Life, Spouse Life, Dependent Life, Retiree Life or Retiree Spouse Life Insurance in force for the month of July 2008 is eligible for a refund.

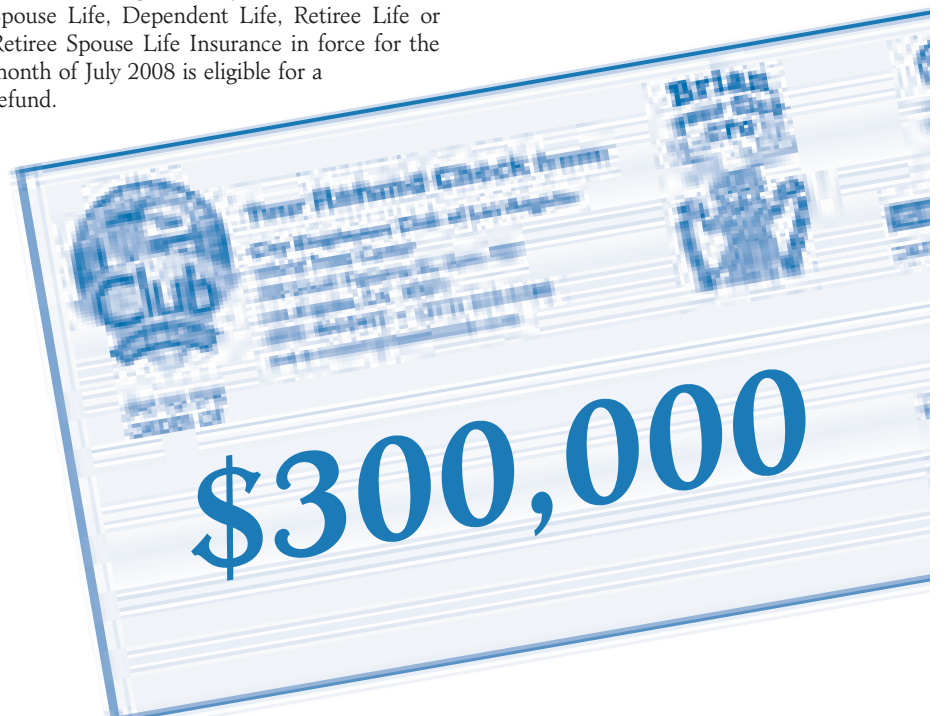
The actual amount Members receive will be determined as a percentage of the total premiums paid by an individual for the period of August 2007 through July 2008. However, those who dropped their insurance coverage prior to July 31, 2008, are not eligible for any refund.

Checks will be distributed at your worksite to active members in early December. Anyone who has recently changed departments should notify the Club so their check does not get lost in the distribution process.

Retiree member checks will be mailed in early December.

Are you not eligible for a refund check, but would like to be? It's so simple. Purchase any Life product from the Club, and you're eligible for next year. Insure your family's future and receive a little reward each year for living!

Talk to your Club Counselor, or call the Club at (800) 464-0452.



ClubFest 2008

The Best ClubFest!

More than 1,300 Club Members enjoy spectacular weather for the best ClubFest yet!

Photos by Alive! staffers Summy Lam, Michael Anderson, Angel Gomez, John Burnes and Robert Larios

With absolutely perfect weather and a great assortment of food, fun, raffles, jams and games, ClubFest 2008 will go down in the books as the best one yet. More than 1,300 Club Members and their families and friends gathered Oct. 5 at Calamigos Ranch in the hills above Malibu for sun, fun, rides, booths, a raffle (including a Wii game!), great live party music and plenty of delicious food.

"I think everybody had a fantastic time this year," said John Hawkins, Club CEO. "I had a blast, but the best part is talking to so many great Club Members. They make it great."

Thanks to the ClubFest team, especially Robert Larios, Director of Operations, and Navin Cotton, a.k.a. the Ticket Guy, for their hard work to make ClubFest 2008 the best one yet. See everyone next year!



Jacky, Kelvin Jr. and Kelvin Jackson Sr., Housing, 21 years of City service.



Diana, Alfonso, Kai, Kenji and Diana Medina, Public Works/Accounting.



Annie Medina with her family.



Maurice, a raffle prize winner.



Cristina Pameno, LAPD, with her granddaughter, Jasmine.



David Patron, Public Works/ Sanitation, with his wife, Valerie, and his son, Kevin.



Fernando Raudales, Public Works, 8 years of City service, with his family.



Mando Lopez Sr., Animal Services, North Central Shelter; and Larry Gonzales, Animal Services, South L.A. Shelter, with his family.



"V" Seeram, Public Works/Sanitation, Terminal Island, with his family.



Saul Campos, Animal Services; with his family.



Jesse, a raffle prize winner.



Jacky Moore, Housing, a raffle prize winner.



Rick's Jamnesia entertained the crowd.



Richard and Stephanie Peltomaa, and (in back) Alex Lopez, DWP Fleet.



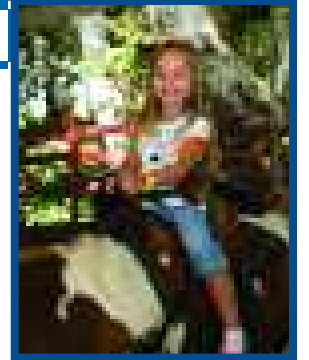
Gagan, Michelle, Imma and Alner Covarrubia.



From left: Sonya Manning and Sandra Smith, Retired LAX Officer.



Front Row: John, Treasa and Beverly Wilson. Back: Shane, Justin Miller, Jessica Whitfield and Trudell Whitfield.



Hannah Hawkins on the pony ride. She's the daughter of Club CEO John Hawkins.



Leslie and Samantha Solis.



The Hawkins family, front row: Isaiah, John and Hannah; back row Kelley, Justin and Noah. John Hawkins is the Club CEO.



The Nunez and Kuhn families.



Jesus and Yvette, guests of Hector Cardenas, Tire Shop, DWP.



Stefanie and Natalie Rush. Husband Tom Rush is a Machinist, DWP.



Kacee Wheeler and Kyra Mills.



Daniel Tapia with his family and friends.



Julissa, Nancy, Ed and Rosie Deckert, Building Inspector, Building and Safety.



The Brigido Cardenas family.



Deonte Newton and Shanelle Clark.



Robert Larios and Danette Mason-Reese, DWP, a raffle prize winner.



From left: Marie Briggs; John Hawkins, Club CEO; Tasha Muldrew, LAFD; and Nysha Raye.

Fun! Fun! Fun!



Iraida Valido, Rec and Parks, with guest Rebecca Lister.



Donna Solis.

ClubFest Photos on the Web!



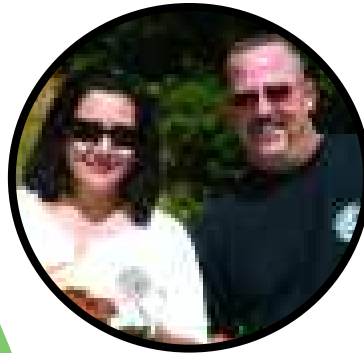
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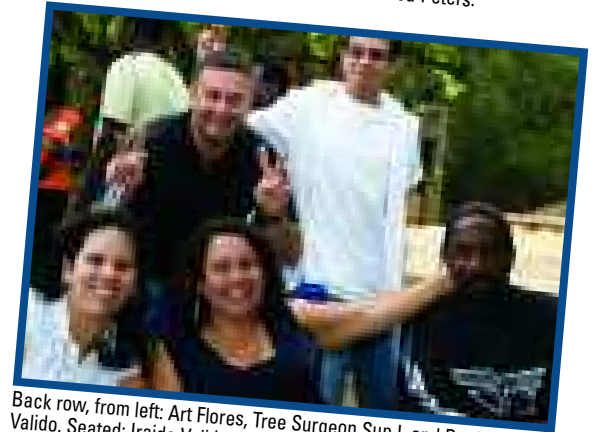
Traci Stallings, Sr. CT, Building and Safety, and Wayne Stallings, Storekeeper.



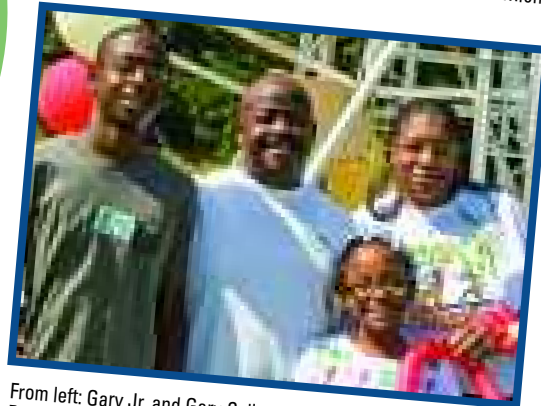
Sabrina, Transportation; Stefanie; and Veronica Peters.



Rhonda Bryant, Sr. CT, DWP, and Dennis Carlson.



Back row, from left: Art Flores, Tree Surgeon Sup I, and Daniel Valido. Seated: Iraida Valido, Sr. CT, Rec and Parks; Rebecca Lister; and Michael Jones, Equipment Operator, Rec and Parks.



From left: Gary Jr. and Gary Sellers, Detention Officer; with Rochelle and RiAna.



From left: Isis Perez, Linda Patino, Madison Terry Hadley, Brenda Perez, Jack Gardner and Terry Hadley.

We Had a Great Time!



Wearing the Dodger hat on the far right is Martha Acosta, LAX Security Officer, with her family. In the center is Club Member Mayra Cisneros, LAX Security Officer, with her family.



From left: Talish, Alana and Leon T.O.



The very illustrious *Alive!* designers Marie and David Jamgotchian



Cynthia Uytiepo, Accounting Clerk II, with Stanley, her husband, and children Kirk, 2, and Matthew, 7.



From left: Lorraine, Larry, Priscilla and Lil' Larry Gonzales. Larry Sr. is with Animal Services.



From left: Sondra and Gary Aragon; Alicia Marquez, Club Rep; Alicia's daughter, Selanie; Deserie Alvarez; and Isaiah Meza.

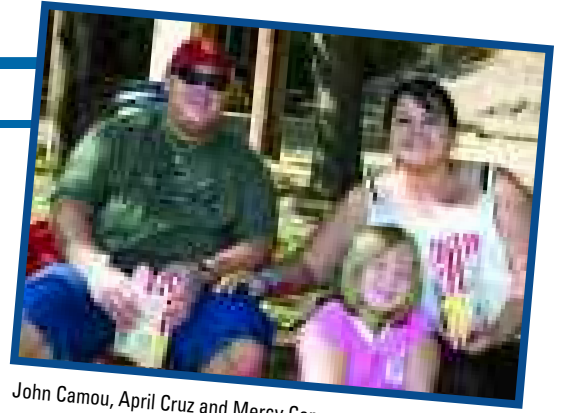


From left: Kimberly Smith, Dora Johnson, India Parks and Carolyn Carter.

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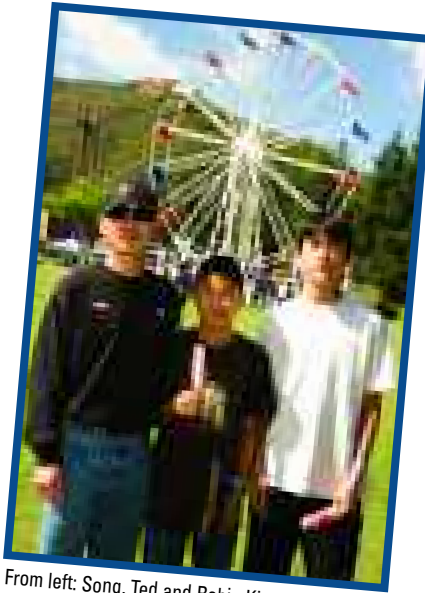
John Camou, April Cruz and Mercy Camou.



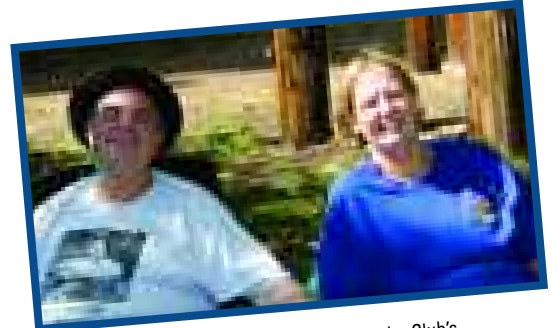
Victor Rios, DWP Power Division, 1 year of service, with his family.



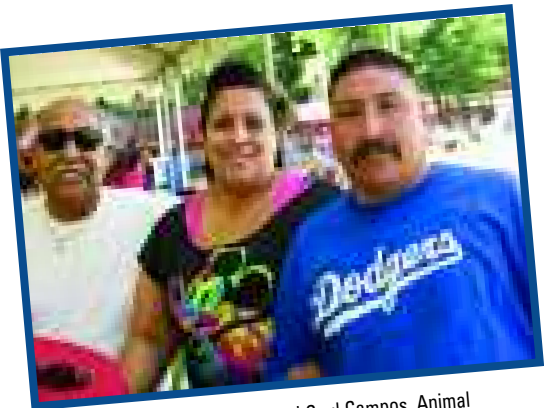
Fred Clayton and Henry Starks, Retired, Public Works/Street Services.



From left: Song, Ted and Robin Kim.



David Soroko and Katie Hesselstine. Katie is the Club's Application Coordinator.



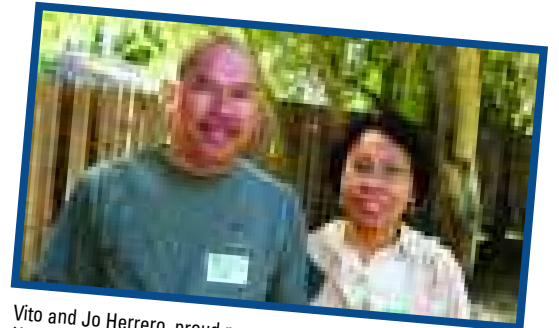
Art Meza, Retired; Lisa Meza; and Saul Campos, Animal Services.



Sgt. Alden Marsh, Transportation, with his family.



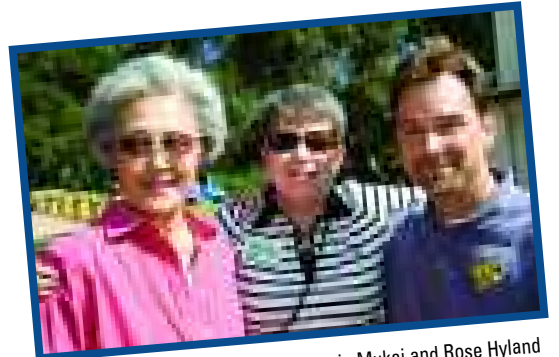
Michael Diaz, Animal Care Technician, with Jordan, Melody and Ilhya.



Vito and Jo Herrero, proud parents of Club Counselor Arlene Herrero.



George Mojica, Public Works/Street Maintenance, Retired, pulling his grandkids.



From left: Club Board Members Joannie Mukai and Rose Hyland with Club CEO John Hawkins.

Let's have fun!

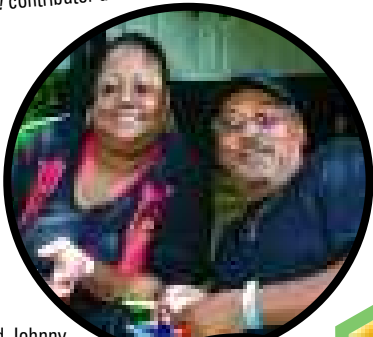
Mando Lopez Sr., Animal Services, North Central Animal Shelter; and Larry Gonzales, Animal Services, South Los Angeles Shelter.



Linda and Mike Hairston, General Services.



Frequent *Alive!* contributor and Club Rep Vas Singh with his wife, Narinder.



Brenda and Johnny Walker, CSR, DWP.

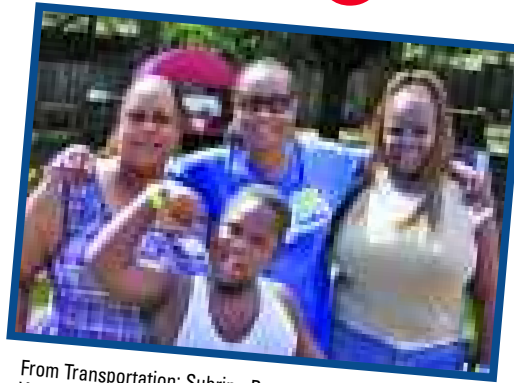


Aja and Maurice Richardson.





Let's Party!



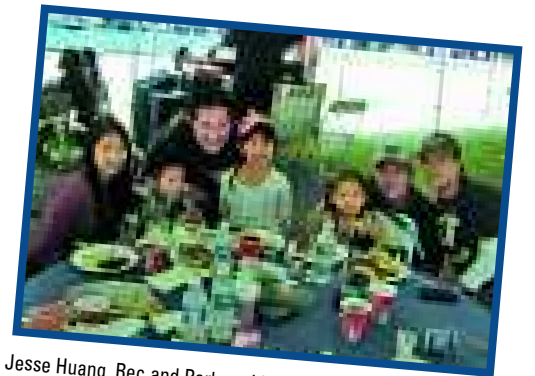
From Transportation: Subrina Peters, Stephanie Washington, Jaylin Washington and Veronica Bailey.



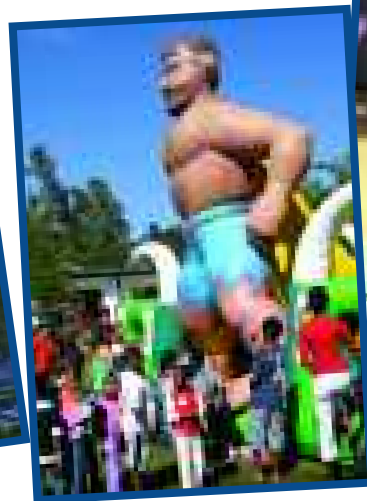
Gary Sellers, LAPD.



Federico Ramirez, Harbor.



Jesse Huang, Rec and Parks, with wife, Jasmine Liu; sister, Angelica Duong; son, Bryan; daughter, Vivian; cousin, Tasia; and brother-in-law, Bao Duong.



Check Out These ClubFest Prizes!

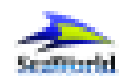
Thanks to these amazing sponsors, ClubFest raffled off some incredible prizes. Here's a list:



\$50 Home Depot gift cards (15)
\$100 Home Depot gift cards (5)



Passes for Pirate's Dinner Adventure (2)



Passes to SeaWorld, with a stuffed Shamu (2)
Passes to SeaWorld with a men's large shirt (2)



All-day passes for 4 to Mulligan's (3)



Adult passes for Wild Animal Park (2)



Wii game console, complete with Sports Hit and Charger (1)



\$50 AMC gift cards with See's Candy coupons (4)



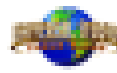
Adult passes to San Diego Zoo (2)



Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament passes (2)



Family pass for four to Knott's Berry Farm (1)



Universal Studios gift pack with four guest passes each (2)



Admission tickets for Wild Rivers Water Park (4)



Adult passes for one-day Disneyland Park Hopper (2)
Mickey Mouse with two passes to Disneyland (1)



LEGOLAND gift pack with four one-day Hopper tickets (1)



\$50 Best Buy gift cards (2)

ClubFest 2008



Club Board Member Mike Biagi and his wife, Marla.



From Public Works/Street Maintenance: George Mojica and Martha Sheldahl, with Elizabeth and Jesse.



Erica Amador, Rec and Parks, with Robert Amador, Public Works/Sanitation; mother, Elizabeth; grandfather, Oscar; grandmother, Gladys; son, Robert Jr., and Sirena.



Katrina and Sean Grant.



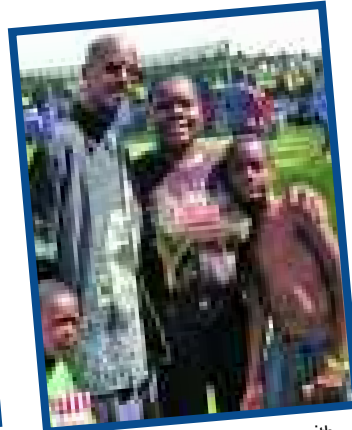
Mando Nunez, LAFD, with wife, Bethi; daughter, Dianne; friend, Justin Guerrero; Sherry Kuhn; Samantha Kuhn; Christie Kuhn; Regan Kuhn; Mayzina; James Nemeth; and Justin Guerrero.



Mando Lopez Sr. (Animal Services/ North Central Shelter) and Carman Lopez.



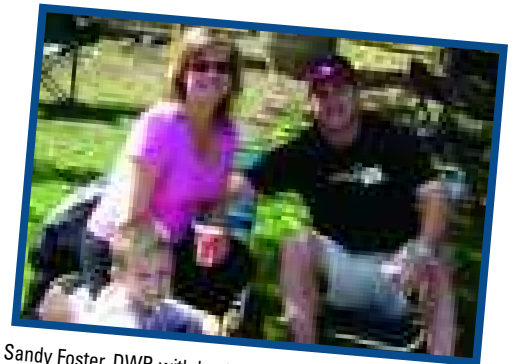
Victor Rios, DWP, with daughter, Melissa; Rosy, Dan; and Natalie.



Thainne Garret, Library, with husband, Melvin; son, Cevin; and son, Caleb

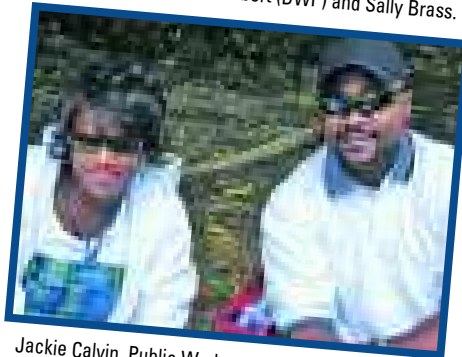


Robert (DWP) and Sally Brass.

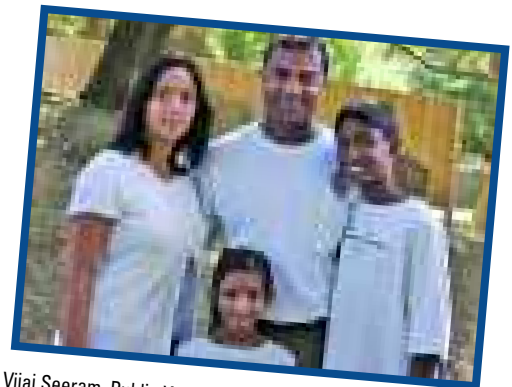


Sandy Foster, DWP, with husband, Todd; and son, Matthew.

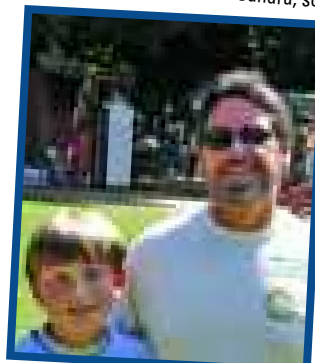
Having a good time!



Jackie Calvin, Public Works, and her husband, Eddie.



Vijai Seeram, Public Works/Sanitation, with his wife, Sandra; son, Karmon; and daughter, Darina.



From Housing: Don and Jordon Ackery.



Myra Cisnerso, SACU, with sisters Daniela and Monica.



Chris Price, Transportation, with wife, Nicole; daughter, Samantha; and daughter, Calli.

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Newsbrief

ZERO WASTE WORKSHOPS:

Public Works/Sanitation's Zero Waste Plan will hold its second series of stakeholder workshops for Phase 2 in November. The Zero Waste plan is a 20-year solid waste planning process to reduce waste in the City.

During workshops in September, key issues were identified by stakeholders that will highlight the discussion for this next series of workshops. Topics to be discussed are zero waste culture change, planning and management of private solid waste facilities, solid waste infrastructure and service voids and new technology. Representatives from several city departments will be at the workshops answering questions from attendees on the above topics. The dialogue during these workshops will help toward formulating the Integrated Policy, Program and Facilities Plan to be completed next summer.

"This is a great example of how this stakeholder process has worked," said Board of Public Works President Cynthia M. Ruiz. "Listening to the ideas and suggestions of our constituents to determine the important issues needed to be discussed as we continue developing this plan. This effort will make this truly a collaborative plan between the city and its stakeholders."

"This phase of the plan is vital as we develop future policies, programs and facilities required to achieve zero waste. The input provided by stakeholders will be part of the development," said Bureau of Sanitation Director Enrique C. Zaldivar.

For more information on the Zero Waste plan, visit the Website at www.zerowaste.lacity.org or contact: 1-800-773-CITY.

November Zero Waste Stakeholder Workshops:

Western: Nov. 3
Council District 11 Field Office
7166 W. Manchester Blvd.

West Valley, Nov. 6
California State University, Northridge
9851 Zelzah Ave.

South Los Angeles: Nov. 5
Expo Center
3980 South Menlo Ave.

North Central: Nov. 12
El Centro del Pueblo
1157 Lemonye St.

East Valley: Nov. 13
Van Nuys State Building
6150 Van Nuys Blvd.

Harbor: Nov. 18
Harbor Community Development Corp.
707 West C St.

Downtown: Nov. 13
Public Works Building
1149 South Broadway

Save the Date:
Citywide Conference, May 30
Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral
Downtown

LAFD WIDGETS:

Websites from two of America's leading newspapers featured Los Angeles Fire Department widgets as excellent public service communications. In articles related to wildfire in Southern California, the Daily News of Los Angeles and USA Today shared word of our 'Breaking News' widget that readers can add to their Website, blog, Facebook or MySpace page. The LAFD Breaking News and headlines from LAFD News and information widgets are available. Select one or both, the choice is yours. They are free and simple to install.

Here's where you can download them:
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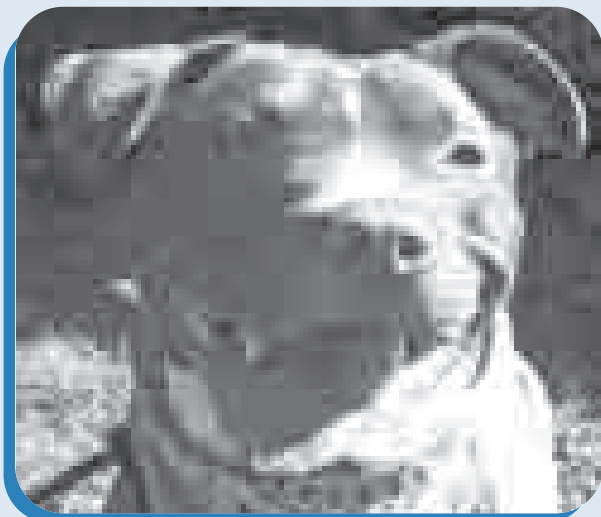
the pet club

Your friend is waiting for you!



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

This Month's Pets For Adoption:



pippy

Pippy is a one-year, eight-month old spayed brown and white American pit bull terrier. She was rescued after being locked in a car. Pippy is very affectionate and friendly and would love a home for the holidays!

ID#A0929481



soxs

Soxs is a spayed, five-year old, Akita/American Staffordshire Terrier mix. She loves people and can even impress your friends with the tricks she knows. She is a big, friendly girl looking for a little love and a home.

ID#A0985847



tabatha

Tabatha is a five-year-old spayed Maine Coon. She is very affectionate and would make the perfect lap cat. If you are looking for someone to cuddle with, Tabatha is the perfect choice!

ID#A0977610



Milo

Milo is an eight-month-old male tabby Domestic Shorthair. He's a handsome and curious, young man that likes to be around people. Please come meet Milo and help him find a loving home.

ID#A0975201



thumper

Thumper is a one-year, eight-month-old male white and tan shorthaired rabbit. He is a very sweet and silly rabbit. Thumper will provide you many years of companionship; he just needs a good home.

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Meet your New Hope coordinator!

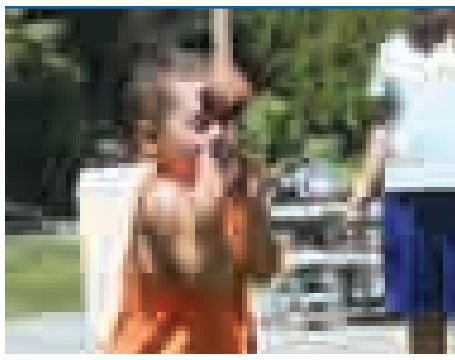


These animals are available for adoption at the Harbor Animal Care Center, 957 N. Gaffey St. in San Pedro. Contact Adan Lozoya, the New Hope Coordinator, at (213) 485-8755.

LAPD

A Hurricane of Fun

LAPD Communications hosts annual picnic at Hurricane Harbor.



Keep your eye on the ball!



From left: Melissa Mears, Cheryl Mears; Cathy Mears; and Cathy Sotos, Sr. PSR 1, Club Member enjoying their game of bingo.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; Photos by Daniel Wang, Club Photographer

The LAPD Communications Division – the 911 operators – held their annual picnic Aug. 18 at Six Flags Magic Mountain’s Hurricane Harbor.

There was lots of food, fun and water at Hurricane Harbor. Daffy Duck and Bugs Bunny made special appearances.

Thanks to Lt. Dennis, Jean Sarfaty and Cathy Sotos for inviting the Club!



From left: Fernando Garcia; Lily Gomez, PSR II, Club Member; and Mickey, 4.



Capt. Anita Ortega welcomes everyone to the picnic.



From left: Sgt. Kiel and Lt. Dennis, Club Member.



The water balloon toss is always fun.



From left: David, son; Donna Waters, wife; Adam, 2 (in the stroller); Mikael Waters, PSR II, Club Member; and Jaad Waters, 8.



Capt. Anita Ortega and her daughter, Mia.



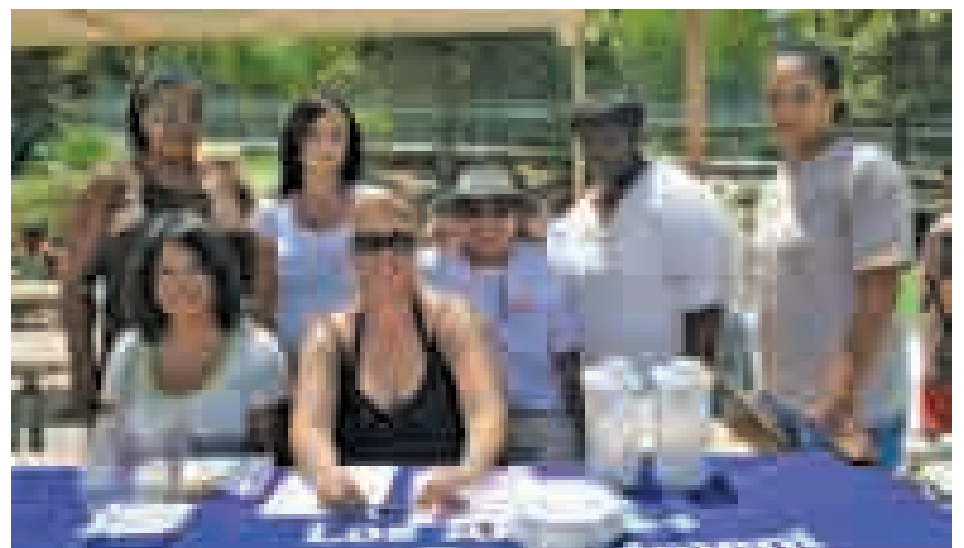
Back, from left: Marisa Zavala; Anthony Patti; and Nicholas Zavala. Seated: Manuel Rodriguez; and Lora, 2-year-old daughter of PSR Emily Zavala, Club Member.



Iris Dawson, PSR II, Club Member, with her son, Thomas, 6.



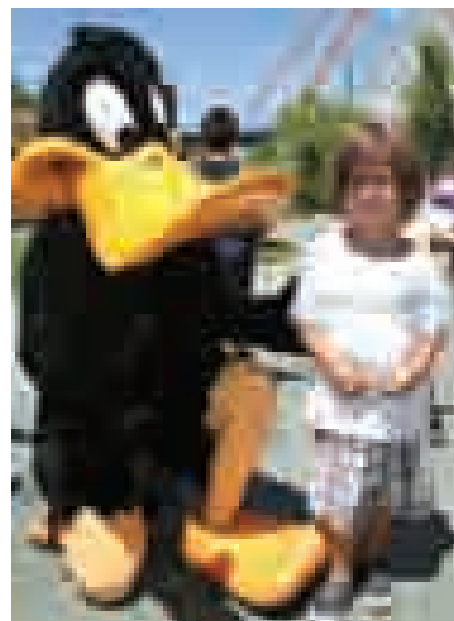
From left: Jairee, 7, nephew; Beth Hicks, Sr. PSR II; and Tai, 8.



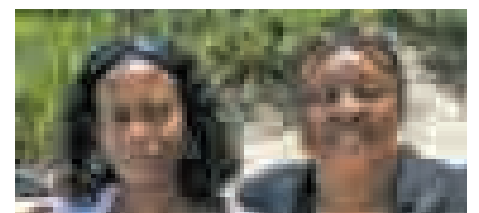
The picnic committee, standing from left: Janelle Harmon, PSR II, Club Member; Susan Reynoso, PSR II, Club Member; Michelle Willis, PSR III, Club Member; and Naima Tobias, PSR II, Club Member. Seated: Beth Hicks, Sr. PSR II; Teresa Azevedo, PSR II, Club Member; and Sgt. Kiel.



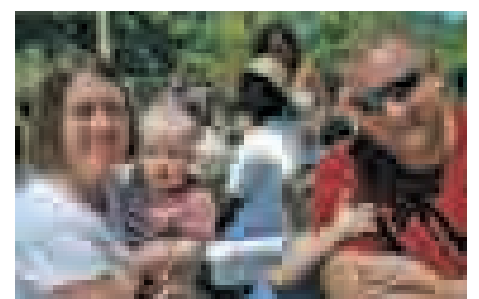
From left: Jordan; Johnny; Jacob; Irany Daniel, PSR II, Club Member; and Alicia; Mari Price, PSR II, Club Member.



Daffy Duck with Angelo, son of PSR II and Club Member Robert Lopez.



From left: Sherry Kemp, Sr. PSR I, 29 years of City service, Club Member; and Marlene Swancy, Sr. PSR 1, 25 years of service, Club Member.



From left: Sarah Farell, PSR III, Club Member; Joshua, 9 months (hiding is Matthew, 5); and Corey Farell, Detective, Foothill Station.

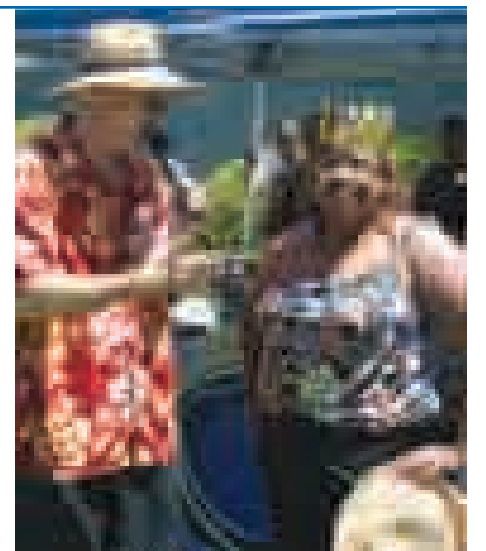
LAPD

A Hurricane of Fun

- Continued



Welcome to Hurricane Harbor.



Valerie was chosen as the queen of the picnic for the day, and her first request as queen was a Diet Coke from Sgt. Kiel.



From left: Randy and Nicole Carr, PSR II, Club Member; Amanda Carr, stepdaughter; and Will Mercer, friend.



From left: Janice Williams, PSR II, Club Member; and her daughter, Madyson, 2.



From left: Erick, son; Jesus Espinoza, husband; Erika, daughter; Anthony, son; and Elisa Espinoza, daughter. Back: Eva Espinoza, PSR II, Club Member.



Cheryl Garcia, PSR II, Club Member (in pink top) with the Chabolla and Clemons families.



From left: Steven Choi, PSR II; Jasmyn, 7, daughter; Lyntara, 4, daughter; and Steven's wife, Soo.



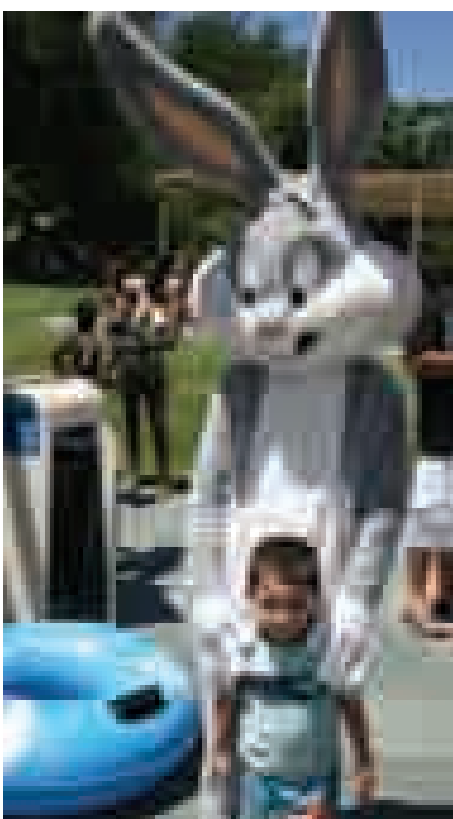
Lourdes Varas, PSR II, Club Member, with her son, Carlo, and daughter, Xenia.



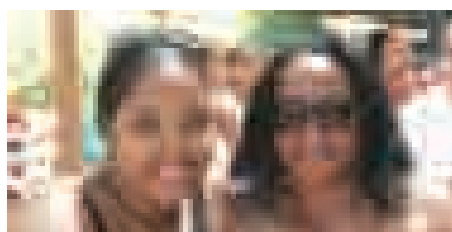
From left: Kaitlin, daughter; Cassie, family friend; Allison, daughter; GG, family friend; with Kathy Schamber, PSR II, Club Member.



Water balloon action.



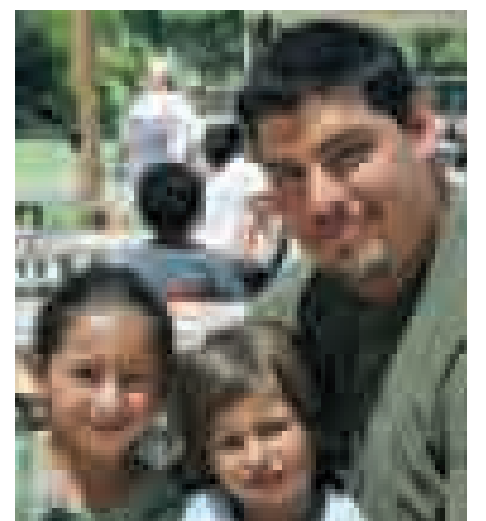
Looks like Bugs Bunny has found a new friend.



From left: Kishawnda Bellows, guest; with Rhonda Williams, PSR III, Club Member.



Back row, standing, with sunglasses is Manny Garcia, PSR III, Club Member, with his family.



From left: Bella, 6; Angelo, 3; and Robert Lopez, PSR II, Club Member.

AIRPORTS

LAX Hosts Health Fair

Event features screenings for employees.

Story by Angel Gomez, Club Director of Member Services; Photos by Angel Gomez and courtesy Airports

On Oct. 2, Airports hosted its annual Benefits Fair at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). The event featured vendors, giveaways and screenings to help Airports employees take care of themselves.

The Club thanks April Wright, Dennis Westbrook, Erin Carone, Sharmila Dasgupta and Audrey Atkins for their assistance, and congratulates them on a successful event.



From left: Donald Lee, Blair Charles and Willie B. Dockery Jr.



From left: April Wright, Dennis Westbrook, Erin Carone, Sharmila Dasgupta and Audrey Atkins.



From left: Stefanie Van Reyn, Martin Obregon Jr. and Heidi Huebner.



From left: Christine Williams, John Silva and James Burrett.



Henry Williams with Tiffany Sy, Club Counselor.



From left: Henry Williams and Esteban S. Lopez.



From left: Henry Victor III, Nidrah Lawrence and Kunya M. Nix.



From left: Ruben Serrano, Rigo Orozco, Salvador J. Enriquez, Nick Enriquez and Miguel Gonzalez.



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Happy Holidays from the Club





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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:

Airports Erich Brown Kelvin Dorsey	Carlos Castillo Angelo Cumpian Kevin Ferrell Daniel Melendez Juan Montiel Alfredo Negrete Sergio Ochoa Jeff Renk Miranda Rivas Jessica Rivie Mario Santa Cruz Bonita Soong Jamey Stearns Alex Suarez Lloyd Suh Joseph Tenario Omar Vargas	Danielle Olea Seree Rattanapichetkul Brenda Salgado	Transportaion April Davenport-Piggott Carlos Fuentes Steven Gomez Bruce McPheron Cammy Michaelson Randu Pineda
Animal Services John Cessna Michael Diaz Javier Romo	Public Works: Contract Administration Jeff Pastor Rony Stilson	DWP Daniel Aeshleman Demetrius Arduini John Duft Richard Hernandez Sharon Howard Stacey Janisse Gloria Revilla Rodelito Robles Ralph Sanchez Daniel Smith Pamela Sneed Zenaye Tadesse Michael Taylor Adin Vargas Jason Wyland	
Building and Safety Joseph Perez	Engineering Michael Smith	Sanitation Jesus Chavarria Raymond Chin Carla Dasselaar Anthony Glenn Lesley Grey Rex Jensen Marie Miller Jose Rizo Kioumars Pourkazemi	
City Council Monica Valencia	Library Elizabeth Felix-Discussion Sara Hayes	Street Services Robert Munoz	
LAFD Jorge Gomez Linda Wang	LAPD Karen Ann Castillo Serene Chen-Pang Antonia Diaz Andrew Garcia Sonia Garcia Denise Garcia Michelle Gonzalez Adela Gutierrez JoAnne Jett Olga Nunez	Rec and Parks Arthur Flores Michael Jones Sr. Jorge Martinez Eder Morales Ana Salazar Rosa Munoz Juana Preciado	
Fire and Police Pensions Leneva Cobb Alvaro Marin			
General Services Alberto Arriaga Modesto Esparza Daniel Neria Kenneth Petter Edward Rardin Yahaya Shakour Felipe Viera Gwendolyn Weaver			
Harbor Glendon Allen Victoria Anaya Nathanael Blair Kively Camarena			

In Memoriam

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

Active Michael Hammersley, General Services, 8 Thomas Moran, DWP, 30 Grayce Overman, Airports, 5 Lavista Pinkney, Library, 1 William Piworski, Public Works, 27 John Stratton, DWP, 17	Edmond Hoffman, Library, 16 Robert Humphreys, DWP, 32 Leo Ingram, Rec and Parks, 29 Armstead Jameson, Public Works, 31 Melvin Johnson, Public Works, 17 Carolyn Jones, Airports, 19 Isaac Jones, Rec and Parks, 31 William Jones, LAPD, 25 Cinda Kiel, DWP, 25 Simeon Lagunzad, Rec and Parks, 15 Albert Lee, DWP, 22 John Lemos, Public Works, 31 Irene Loeser, LAPD, 20 James Mackey, Public Works, 30 Arthur Martek, Airports, 26 Carl McGehee, Public Works, 32 Thomas McGinn, Transportation, 31 Roy Murano, Rec and Parks, 20 Ronald Sanchez, CAO, 4 Robert Saunders, DWP, 20 Naohiko Sekino, General Services, 40 Claire Sharpe, Personnel, 39 Rodney Shiosaki, DWP, 16 Hurchel Smith, Harbor, 31 James Somersall, Public Works, 25 Jack Sparks, DWP, 28 Sidney Starks, Public Works, 16 Anthony Storto, DWP, 27 Louis Talbot, DWP, 5 Joseph Thomas, Public Works, 29 Carmen Trojan, DWP, 21 Gerald Tuskes, Airports, 25 Peter Vlottes, DWP, 27 Charlie Walker, Airports, 20 Ronald Zito, LAPD, 35
Retired Prentis Adams, Public Works, 35 Gilbert Agaran, Public Works, 33 Darrel Ault, DWP, 32 James Avery, Building and Safety, 30 Carmen Azzolino, Transportation, 18 Alvin Bankston, DWP, 31 Bernard Bausch, DWP, 21 Michael Brunetto, DWP, 35 Fernando Calderon, DWP, 28 David Caldwell, City Clerk, 29 John Crayton, Public Works, 22 Christine Davidson, LAFD, 23 Ellen Dean, Personnel, 10 A.L. Dennis Jr., Not Disclosed, Not Disclosed Marcia Edgington, LAPD, 16 Calvin Elliott, DWP, 37 Calvin Fulton, DWP, 36 Lewis Gardner, Public Works, 29 Leola Garris, DWP, 11 Helen Goring, Library, 30 Lee Gorman, DWP, 34 Joseph Greer, Public Works, 33 Richard Grimshaw, Building and Safety, 23 Mary Heimbaugh, LAFD, 21 Mary Hobson, Harbor, 27	

Graduations

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Quinceañera

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Retirements

NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS	NAME	TITLE	DEPT.	YEARS
William Attmore	City Attorney Invest.	City Attorney	31	Richard Lieboff	Not Disclosed	LAPD	25
Louis Battle Jr.	Traffic Officer	Transportation	28	Johnny Lugo	Street Maint. Supv.	Public Works	32
Dorothy Black	Sr. Data Process Tech.	ITA	43	Gregorio Martinez Jr.	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	21
Karen Blackwell	Mayoral Aide	Mayor's Office	9	Juan Martinez	Photographer	LAPD	19
Pamela Boudreaux	Clerk Typist	LAPD	19	Annette Montoya Arreola	Sr. Clerk Typist	LAPD	21
Alan Brill	Gen. Auto Supvr.	LAPD	32	Alfred Munguia	Airport Police Officer	Airports	30
Larry Brumett	Sr. Detention Officer	LAPD	40	James Murray	Auto Body Builder/Repairer	LAPD	25
Rosa Cepeda	Sr. Admin. Analyst	CAO	40	William Nees	Dep. City Attorney	City Attorney	28
Kim Chu	Systems Programmer	ITA	23	Kurt Neswald	Stores Supervisor	General Services	30
Juliet Chung	Fiscal Systems Spec.	Controller's Office	19	Jeffrey Ordway	Warehouse Worker	General Services	22
Linda Clark O'Brien	Geographic Info. Spec.	Planning	28	Roberta Ormiston	Dept. Chief Accountant	Building and Safety	33
Fred De Hoyos	Wastewater Coll. Worker	Public Works	24	Arthur Parks	Painter	Public Works	24
Marion Franklin	Property Officer	LAPD	30	Gerard Pinnere	Park Maintenance Supv.	Rec and Parks	39
Johnnie Frazier	Librarian	Library	33	Esther Reynosa	Sr. Gardener	Public Works	18
Donald Garibay	Sr. Storekeeper	Airports	36	Margaret Richardson	City Planning Assoc.	Planning	28
Jack Gardner	Comm. Electrician	ITA	10	Natividad Rodriguez	Special Prog. Asst.	Rec and Parks	2
James Gillenwaters	Ref. Collection Truck Op.	Public Works	15	David Smith	Animal Keeper	Zoo	43
Andrew Gomez	Traf. Mark/Sign Supt.	Transportation	18	Jack Snodgrass	Sr. Equip. Mechanic	LAPD	21
William Grimes	Sr. Building Inspector	Building and Safety	31	Yolanda Stephens	Sr. Marketing Rep	Convention Center	36
William Heimanson	Photographer	LAPD	18	Sterling Sutton	Motor Sweeper Operator	Public Works	38
Edward Holland	Ref. Coll. Truck Op.	Public Works	20	Minerva Talise	Accountant	CDD	33
Leveris Hooker	Sr. Computer Operator	ITA	26	Lonnie Tang	Traffic Manager	Harbor	23
Fontayne Holmes	Librarian	Library	34	Cynthia Tarver	Traffic Painter Sign Post	Transportation	21
Timothy Houston	Custodian	Airports	31	Dennis Treadwell	Park Services Supv.	Rec and Parks	36
Mary Hunt	Crime and Intell. Analyst	LAPD	27	John Vargas	Electrician	Rec and Parks	11
Virgil Jordan	Wastewater Treatment Op.	Public Works	20	Antonia Velazquez	Legal Clerk	City Attorney	25
Yolanda King	Sr. Systems Analyst	Pensions	36	Clarence Williams	Pr. Storekeeper	General Services	44
David Lemley	Airport Police Officer	Airports	18	Roberta Yang	Dep. Mayor	Mayor's Office	13



Births

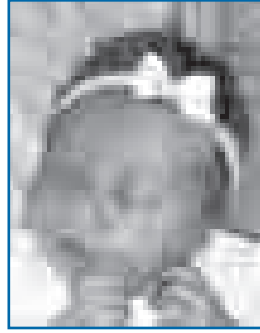
Dominick Matthew Jaqua, born Sept. 22. He's the grandson of Leigh Thompson, the Club's Controller.



Iolani Mariann Brideau, born Aug. 27 to Alex Brideau III, Housing, and Ginny-Marie Case. "Mom, Dad, and Iolani are doing well and getting to know each other better every day."



Emily Anne Simmons, born July 18 to Brenna Simon, Airports, and Douglas Donovan, Rec and Parks. Emily is also the granddaughter of Liz Simmons, Airports.



Mia Luna, born June 26 to Maria Elena Diaz, Housing. "I am so proud of her; she is so adorable and a lovely baby."



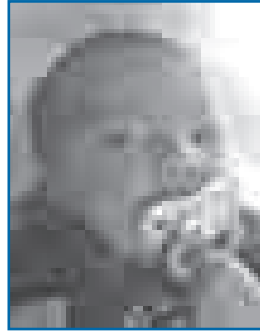
Kaylin Rose Ganier, born May 8 to Kim and Nick Ganier. Kim works for LAPD Communications Division. Kim and Nick were on the cover of the January *Alive!* holiday edition.



Kayla Castillo, Aug. 1. Her father is Alex Castillo, Port Police Officer II. Mother is Claudia Castillo, a kindergarten teacher.



Isaiah Ismael Flores, born Sept. 14 to Ismael Flores, Port Police, and Diana Guzman, Dep. Corrections Officer.



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Special Achievements



Club member Mario Sanchez passed his six-month probation as a Carpenter at the Convention Center Sept. 188. The Facility Division of the Convention Center, and the Club, congratulate Mario.

Have you or your children recently achieved something special? It could be academic, or part of your hobby, or similar. Let us know! Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



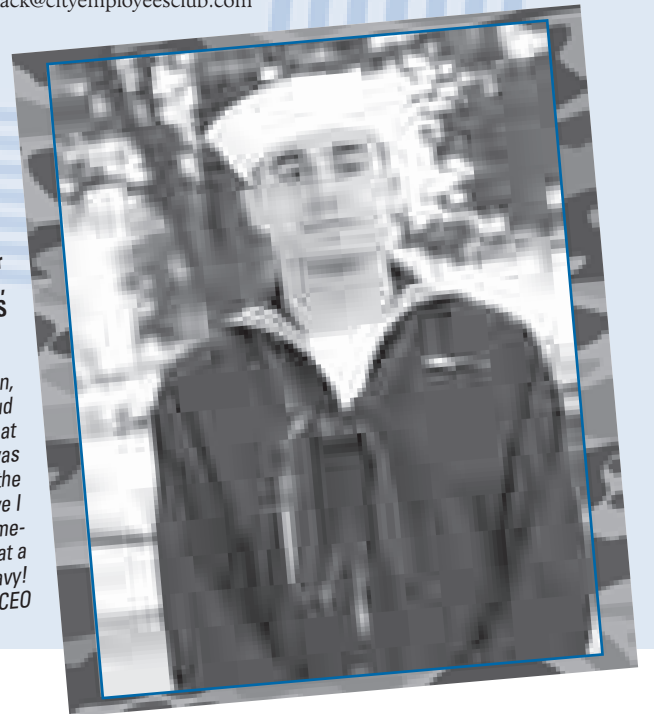
Military



Does someone in your extended family serve their country as a member of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard? Send 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 am very proud to say my son, James Osborne, has recently graduated from the Great Lakes Naval Recruit Training Center in Illinois. He is now attending A-School in Pensacola, Fla., training as an Aviation Structural Mechanic."
– Ruth Perry, Senior Management Analyst II, LACERS

Congratulations to your son, Ruth! He has a lot to be proud of, I graduated from Great Lakes back in 1983 and it was no picnic. Also, joining the Navy was the best move I ever made – every day something reminds me of what a good choice it was. Go Navy!
– John Hawkins, Club CEO



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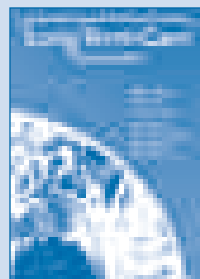
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Arlene Herrero



Tiffany Sy



1 New York



"This photo was taken at Yankee Stadium, on my recent trip to New York."
 - **Kevin Chatman, DWP**
Nice job, Kevin. You got there right before they closed it for good. —Ed.

4 Hawaii



"We are in front of the fountain at the wonderful Four Seasons Resort in Wailea, Maui, Hawaii."
 - **Robert Aguirre, General Services/Fleet Services, and his wife, Barbara**

2 Germany



"Here is a photo of me at Oktoberfest in Munich, Germany. We were in the Hippodrom beer hall, which has seating for 3,000 people. There are many other beer halls there, some of which have seating for 5,000 people."
 - **Richard Radmacher, Retired DWP**

5 Hawaii



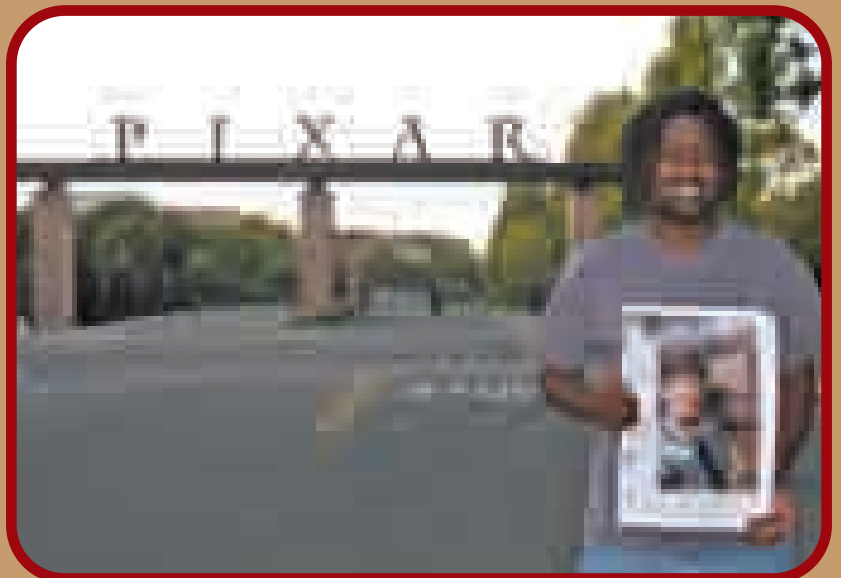
"The narrow bridge before the main entrance to the Hana sacred pools in Maui, Hawaii, is a perfect spot to pose with *Alive!* The drive took us three hours for a 56-mile trip, but we were rewarded with beautiful scenery along the way."
 - **Christine Tabirara, LADBS**

3 Wyoming



"Here's a photo of my son, Lloyd, 14, and I standing in front of the Old Faithful geyser. Old Faithful is in Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. Old Faithful erupts more frequently than any of the other geysers in the park; it usually spouts off about every 65 to 92 minutes, and when it does, it's just incredible."
 - **Renate Siskind, Systems Analyst II, DWP**

6 California



"I got to take a tour of Pixar Studios in Emoryville Calif., and brought my *Alive!* with me."
 - **James Howlett, Harbor**

Alive! AROUND THE WORLD

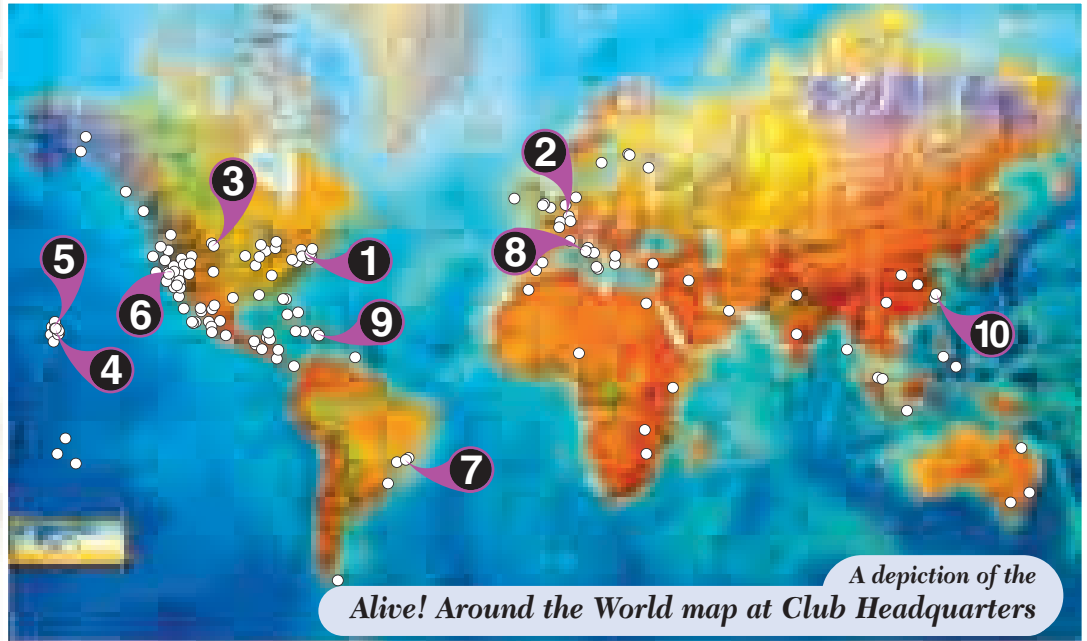


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Brazil



Alex Lopez, DWP Central Yard, and friends Lizette and Marelisa stand in front of the *Christ the Redeemer* statue, which stands 38 meters (125 feet) tall in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, during Carnival.



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

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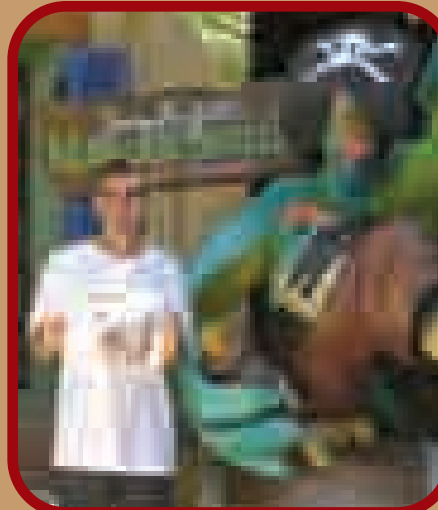
Italy



"In August, my family and I took a Mediterranean cruise to Southern Europe. This picture of Pompeii, Italy, was one of the many historical sights that we had toured."
- **Annie Cortes, DWP**

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Jamaica

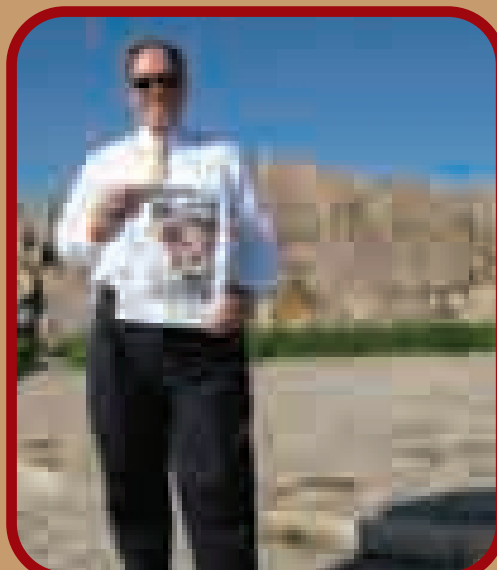


"In this first photo, *yeah mon*, we're sipping margaritas, eating jerk chicken and soaking in the sun at Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville in Montego Bay, Jamaica. Life doesn't get any better than this."

"In the second photo, the 'Margarita' train continues onto the third stop of our Western Caribbean cruise in Georgetown, Grand Cayman."
- **Mike Boyd, West Valley Sanitation**

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China



"Recently I visited Shanghai, China on Port business. Here are two photos at the Yangshan Deepwater Port (part of the Port of Shanghai, China), one of the newest port complexes in Asia. It's about the size of the Port of LA and was recently constructed in just three years. We have a sister-port relationship with the Shanghai Municipal Port Administration Bureau (Port of Shanghai)."
- **Michael Christensen, Deputy Executive Director, Development; Harbor**



CDD

Opportunities for Youths

Community Development hosts festival to introduce Watts youths to international cultures.

Story and photos by Tiffany Sy, Club Counselor

The Los Angeles Youth Opportunity (YO) Movement's International Festival took place Sept. 28 in Watts.

The event, coordinated by Community Development, creates multicultural awareness within Watts.

This fun-filled event provided free entertainment of local multicultural performers, multicultural food, popcorn, beverages, and snow cones for the community. There were also jumpers for kids.

"I come from a school of thought that feels art and culture are essential to having vibrant and peaceful communities," said Adrian Veliz, Sr. Project Assistant, Los Angeles Youth Opportunity (YO) Movement. "That said, when Scott Lee said that Hudson Jeans was interested in funding some projects and requested proposals from us, I quickly submitted the proposal for an 'International Festival.'

"Working in this community for the past

seven or eight years has taught me to appreciate growing up in a diverse environment. I went to school with Filipinos, Koreans, Ethiopians, Muslims, Vietnamese, Tongans, Samoans, whites, African Americans, etc. so I can appreciate the world through my experiences. Our community in Watts is the polar opposite of this; some of our youths have never been to a baseball game, a beach, a nice restaurant, and the list goes on. I felt that it was essential for families in Watts to experience Korean culture, and not just by shopping at the local store or watching TV. Most area youths have never even seen African or Aztec dancers, which are the ancestral backgrounds for most of our residents. Our philosophy here at YO! Watts has always been, 'One-State of Being,' and I feel that is why we're successful at what we do," Adrian said.

Special recognition goes to Peter Kim of Hudson Jeans, the community of Watts, the entire YO! Family, and Adrian Veliz and Scott Lee, Director, CDD.



Aztec dancers Victor Mendoza and Dina Ontiveras.



Dancers from the Jung Im Lee Korean Dance Academy.



From left: Scott Lee, Director, CDD, and Adrian Veliz, Event Coordinator.



Haley Sy, Club Counselor Tiffany Sy's daughter, with some of the local vendors.



Event Coordinator Adrian Veliz with his wife Rachel, and son, Manik.



Watts' very own drill team, the True Highsteppers.



In Lak Ech drummed and sang indigenous songs.



Dancers from the Jung Im Lee Korean Dance Academy.



Chinese dancers display graceful poises.



The free Jumper provided for all the jumping the youths desired.



Capoeira dancers showed off their agility in martial arts and dance.

It's Party Pix Time

Be a part of a Club Holiday tradition:

Have party pix from your City office's holiday party published in Alive!

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



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

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

2. Let us know when your holiday party is, and we'll try to send a photographer. Please note: There are more City holiday parties than we can cover, but we will try. That's why it's best to send in your own photos. If you want us to cover your party, talk to your Counselor (Tiffany Sy or Arlene Herrero) or write to Robert Larios, Club Director of Marketing and Communications, at rlarios@cityemployeesclub.com. We'll do our best to get to as many parties as we can, but we can't guarantee it. But let us know.



See you at the party!



HARBOR

Lunch for Boys, Girls

Port Police provide lunch for San Pedro Boys and Girls Club hoops tournament.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

On Aug. 18, the Port Police hosted a luncheon as part of the Boys and Girls Club of San Pedro's basketball tournament. The gesture was performed as a public service.

Approximately 36 players participated in the tournament, held at the Boys and Girls Club, across the street from the current Port Police headquarters.

The event was coordinated by AJ of the Boys and Girls Club, and Sgt. Rosario Ferrara of the Port Police. "I hope this is something we can do for years to come," Sgt. Ferrara said.



The Boys and Girls Club of San Pedro.



Helping prepare lunch were, from left: Sgt. Twardy, Club Member; Officer Brandon Smith, Club Member; and Sgt. Rosario Ferrara, Club Member.



From left: Greg Brown, Mike Metcalf and Standel Wallack.



The "Dream Team," from left: Coach Phillip Reed; Emmanuel Gidaya; Delvyn Gadlin; Dedrick Gadlin; Anthony Gracin; Johnny Allen; and Marquise Benjamin.



The "Hood Stars," back row, from left: Alex Martie, Standel Wallack; and Greg Brown. Front: Mike Metcalf, Ray Argentea; and David Torres.

Newsbrief

HOLLYWOOD MEDIAN:

Ground was broken Sept. 18 for the \$810,000 Hollywood Media District Pedestrian Improvement Project on Highland Avenue from Melrose to Fountain Avenues, announced Public Works/Street Services Director William Robertson. "When completed in January, this project will improve street appearance, traffic movement and pedestrian safety while beautifying the landscape of this thoroughfare," Robertson said.

Construction of three new landscaped median islands started on Highland Avenue from Melrose Avenue to Santa Monica Boulevard. Fifty-three pedestrian lights on Highland, from Melrose to Fountain Avenue, will follow. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority

and City of Los Angeles Proposition C are funding the project. Decorative stamped asphalt concrete crosswalks already have been installed at Melrose and Highland.

"We are always pleased to partner in projects like the Hollywood Media District Pedestrian Improvement Project," Robertson said. "They vastly improve the quality of life for neighborhoods and have a positive aesthetic impact."

Project Development Team partners are Los Angeles City Council District 4, the Hollywood Media District Business Improvement District, Transportation and Public Works/Street Services, Engineering and Street Lighting. Contractors are Street Services Special Projects and Urban Forestry Divisions and Bureau of Street Lighting.

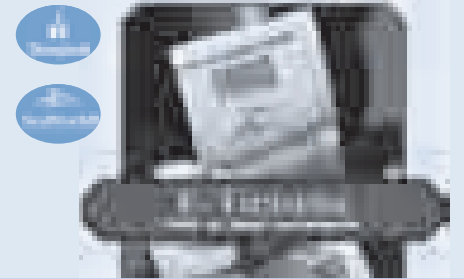
This Month at the

Club Store

Here are the highlights of the Club Store and Service Center for November:

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MERCHANDISE SPECIALS

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United Agencies APPOINTMENT SCHEDULE

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<u>Nov. 6</u> Patty Pulido, noon – 4 p.m.	<u>Nov. 20</u> Rosa Calderon, noon – 4 p.m.
<u>Nov. 7</u> Rosa Calderon, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.	<u>Nov. 21</u> Norma Angulo, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
<u>Nov. 13</u> Norma Angulo, noon – 4 p.m.	<i>Note: The Club Store is closed for Thanksgiving Nov. 27-28.</i>
<u>Nov. 14</u> Patty Pulido, 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.	

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Norma Angulo, Personal Insurance Agent
Rosa Calderon, Personal Insurance Agent
Suzanne Egli, Personal Insurance Mgr
Patty Pulido, Personal Insurance Agent
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LIBRARY

A Green Branch

Library opens groundbreaking “green” branch in South L.A.



The new Exposition Park – Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Regional Branch Library, the “greenest” building in the Eighth Council District.



Dist. 8 Councilman Bernard C. Parks cuts the ribbon Aug. 18 at the grand opening of the new Exposition Park – Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Regional Branch Library, the first eco-friendly “green” library in South Los Angeles. Parks was joined by about 500 community members and (from left) Irma Jenkins, President, National Council of Negro Women-SGV; Rita Walters, Library Commissioner; Bishop Roy Pettit, Miracle Center Apostolic Church; Dr. Julie Mendoza, Library Board President; Fontayne Holmes, then-City Librarian; Gary Lee Moore, City Engineer; Robert A. Chick, Library Commissioner; and James Caldwell, Jr., DWP Vice President of Environmental Affairs.

Story and photos courtesy Charlene Klink, Library

The community joined Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa, Councilmember Bernard C. Parks, then-City Librarian Fontayne Holmes, Library Commission Vice President Dr. Julie Mendoza and other dignitaries for the opening of the first “green” library in South Los Angeles—the new Exposition Park – Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Regional Branch Library—at 3900 S. Western Ave., Aug. 18.

The new Exposition Park Regional Branch is the first building in the Eighth Council District to meet the U. S. Green Building Council’s Gold LEED standards for environmentally sustainable design. The “green” features include low-flow plumbing and irrigation to reduce water use by 30 percent and high-efficiency mechanical and lighting systems to reduce energy consumption by 27 percent. In addition, recycled materials comprise at least 10 percent of the building, designed by Tetra Design, Inc.

Also, the new branch library hosts a 44-kilowatt solar photovoltaic “power plant,” one of many owned and operated by the DWP. The system has 480 solar panels and produces more than 57,500 kilowatt-hours per year, enough energy to serve about 10 households annually.

The new 14,500-square-foot facility replaces a branch facility built in 1974 and provides 50 percent more space for books, computers and patrons and includes special areas for children, teens and adults, a multipurpose meeting room, a study room, a storytelling area and a parking lot.

The new branch also houses the Los Angeles Public Library’s 19th Adult Literacy Center, which offers free programs, tutoring and materials to improve the reading, writing, math and other literacy skills of the estimated one million Angelenos suffering from illiteracy.

“This new library will serve as a vital resource for students, families and the entire community,” Villaraigosa said. “Libraries serve as important community centers, where everyone can come together to share great literature, 21st-century technology and the love of learning.”

Features

The 14,500-square-foot Exposition Park – Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Regional Branch Library used the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) new construction rating system developed by the U.S. Green Building Council. There are four certification levels (Certified, Silver, Gold, Platinum) awarded according to achievement as evaluated by points using the LEED scorecard. The following



The crowd waits to be admitted to the new Exposition Park – Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Regional Branch Library.

system will reduce water consumption by 30 percent.

3. Optimize Energy Performance: The building is designed to be 27 percent more energy efficient than a standard building, by utilizing efficient mechanical systems, double glazing with high efficiency glass coatings, and naturally lit reading rooms with automatic light fixture dimming.

4. Recycled and Environmental Safe Content: At least 10 percent of the materials and products used in this project were from recycled materials; rapidly renewable materials were also used including bamboo flooring and cotton insulation; and low volatile organic compound content paints and coating.

5. Regional Materials: At least 10 percent of the total materials used to construct the library were from sources within 500 miles of the project site, thus reducing the greenhouse gases emitted by transporting materials over greater distances.

6. Solar power: The building has a 44-kilowatt solar photovoltaic “power plant” owned and operated by the DWP. The system has 480 solar panels and produces more than 57,500 kilowatt-hours per year, enough energy to serve about 10 households annually.

7. Transportation Alternative: The library is located close to community transportation including a bus line and train station.

8. Additional Commissioning: An independent commissioning agent has been retained to verify that the building systems are calibrated and performance meets the LEED requirements. The commissioning agent will also provide maintenance personnel with training and will be available for re-commissioning and verification services.



A student checks out a computer station at the new Exposition Park – Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Regional Branch Library.

outlines design measures were employed to attain Gold certification in the construction of the library:

1. Landscape and Exterior Design to Reduce Heat Island: Additional shade trees and less thermal-absorbing “white concrete” pavement and “white coating” on the roof were used to reduce the heat absorbed by the site during the day and radiated at night. This helps avoid raising the ambient temperature and disturbing the microclimate of the surrounding park.

2. Water Use Reduced by 30 percent: The installation of low-flow plumbing fixtures as well as highly efficient landscaping irrigation



Waiting for the grand opening ceremony at the new Exposition Park – Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Regional Branch Library.



Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa (left) listens to the Foshay Choir at the opening of the new Exposition Park – Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Regional Branch Library.

Newsbrief

HUIZAR ON BROADWAY:

Councilmember José Huizar introduced City legislation Oct. 22 calling for a Bringing Back Broadway Commercial Reuse Task Force to develop recommendations for an ordinance aimed at encouraging and providing incentives for upper- and lower-floor commercial reuse on Broadway and in the Historic Core.

More than one million square feet of commercial space is vacant in the upper floors of Broadway's buildings and the vacancy rate on the ground floor – which has increased since the exodus of commercial businesses and employees to Bunker Hill – is estimated to be at least 15 percent and is on the rise.

"Unless the City does something to encourage the reuse of long-vacant commercial spaces, we'll be staring up at architectural ghosts all along Broadway," said Councilmember José Huizar, who is heading the Bringing Back Broadway Initiative, a public/private effort aimed at revitalizing the Historic Broadway Corridor. "Tragically, too many of these beautiful historic high-rise buildings are completely vacant on the upper floors, and the City will continue to miss the opportunity for much-needed long-term revenue from millions of square feet of vacant commercial and retail space."

Due to their 19th-century design and functionality, Broadway's commercial and theatrical buildings have fallen to substandard levels of occupancy safety, especially in the upper floors. Much of that upper floor space cannot be legally occupied today after years – even decades – of vacancy.

The task force will be convened by the City's Community Redevelopment Agency within 30 days and will include a wide variety of City departments and business leaders. The task force will then report back within 60 days with recommendations, including meaningful financial and program-based incentives for the consideration of a new ordinance.

The City's 1999 Adaptive Reuse Ordinance, which allows residential units to be built in underutilized commercial buildings, has been an estimated \$6 billion boon to development downtown and to the City's economy, exceeding the combined cost of the Staples Center, Walt Disney Concert Hall, the Cathedral, and LA LIVE, in addition to the projected cost of the Grand Avenue Project.

"Adaptive Reuse has changed the face of downtown and has jump-started revitalization that would otherwise not have been possible in the Historic Core," Huizar said. "Unfortunately, not all of the wonderful buildings on Broadway are suitable for conversion to housing and the low-hanging fruit for adaptive reuse have been plucked."

Due to market forces in place when many Broadway buildings were acquired, ground-floor rents continue to be sufficient to cover operational costs for many building owners, leaving little incentive to invest in the costly renovations necessary to legally reuse upper-floor commercial spaces.

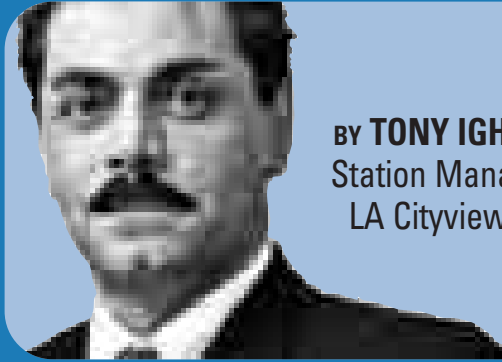
At the same time, independent "mom and pop" businesses – especially restaurants and other amenity-oriented establishments – are discouraged from occupying vacant lower and ground floor spaces on Broadway due to costs and difficulties related to completing change of use projects within historic high-rise type buildings.

Huizar will call on the task force to move quickly and to think aggressively and creatively about how to capture the significant revenue the City is currently missing by creating commercial reuse incentives in the historic core and promoting business and job growth downtown.

"There are so many options, even for spaces which would not be appropriate for adaptive reuse for housing – we should look at creative office space and boutique hotels to find ways that restaurants and cafes can more easily get into the vacant spaces on Broadway," Huizar said.

The Bringing Back Broadway initiative intends to revitalize the historic Broadway corridor so that Broadway can once again serve the City of Los Angeles as a thriving entertainment, commercial and retail center. Planned public projects such as new parking facilities, a streetscape plan, the Downtown LA Streetcar and an entertainment-oriented overlay zone will help prevent this historic corridor from falling into further decline.

Tuned



BY TONY IGHANI
Station Manager,
LA Cityview 35



CityView Programming Starts With Policy Board

Have you ever wondered how original programs get produced by Channel 35? It all starts with the Municipal Access Policy Board, or MAPB for short. This volunteer three-member board is the body responsible for making programming decisions every quarter when they convene and review various project requests, submitted to Channel 35 from City departments and elected officials. The MAPB also is authorized to initiate programming through IIA, which manages LA Cityview 35. The MAPB strives to create programming that represents all City entities and helps increase the diversity of all voices. The MAPB also is responsible to advise the Council on policy issues affecting Channel 35. The MAPB is chaired by long-time member Tracy Westen and co-chaired by John Lippman, and member Andrew Glazier.

We congratulate the MAPB for their guidance and leadership and helping LA CityView 35 for more than a decade to produce award-winning programming.

Highlights of Programming in December:

Aging in LA

Join host Paul Petersen on "Aging in LA" as he explores, in-depth, some exciting and challenging issues facing seniors and caregivers in Los Angeles today!

In "LA Seniors Count! Conducting a Needs Assessment," you will find out from Los Angeles AAA Directors and the Los Angeles County Commission on Aging (LACCOA) just how to conduct an award winning needs assessment.

Travel through the brain with "Dr. Gary Small in iBrain," his new book, where he carefully examines how the current explosion of digital technology is not only changing the way we live and communicate, it is rapidly and profoundly altering our brains.

The word "hospice" originally represented a place of refuge that provided shelter, nourishment and comfort for weary travelers. Today, "hospice" is a program that provides care and support for people as they near the end of their life's journey. Founded in 1993, Torrance Memorial Medical Center's Hospice Program is Medicare-certified and accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. We will talk about how staff and volunteers provide support not only to the patient but to the entire family.

In "The Ageless Art of Fashion" fashion consultant and designer resale boutique owner Maureen Clavin, whose clientele includes some of Hollywood's best-dressed celebrities, shares her extensive knowledge and intuitive wisdom of the fashion industry.

Airs: Thursdays at 8:30 p.m.

Disability Forum

On the upcoming series of *Disability Forum* shows, the focus is on housing, disability rights and advocacy. Two programs address housing: The first covers how to make existing housing accessible with a representative from Housing, and two contractors whose organizations do the actual work; the second looks at the Federal Section 8 housing program with three individuals from the City Housing Authority.

The other two programs spotlight the activities of one of the areas leading public interest law firms, the Disability Rights Legal Center.

Airs: Thursday at 9:30 p.m.

Faces of LA

Faces of LA goes global with two organizations dedicated to helping people in faraway lands and in life-threatening situations. We'll meet Rachel Andres, who heads the "Solar Cooker Project" for the LA-based *Jewish World Watch*, an organization established by Orthodox, Conservative, Reconstructionist, and Reform synagogues throughout Southern California in response to horrors perpetrated by human beings against others. The Solar Cooker Project enables Darfur refugees living in Chad to solar cook and save money, and reduces the risks women and girls face when venturing outside of camp. Next is "For the Troops," an organization founded by two women from opposite ends of the political spectrum who've come together to support our soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan by sending them local care packages.

Then we take you behind the scenes of a real-learning production studio, "Hollywood CPR," with founder and fourth generation Angeleno, Kevin Considine, who collaborates with industry professionals in helping kids acquire the skills required for success in the competitive entertainment industry. And speaking of production, "Faces of LA" also goes behind the scenes with Bonnie Spence, Chairwoman of *Women in Film's* PSA Production Program, which has made numerous public service announcements for LA-based charities.

Airs: Daily on LA CityView 35.

L.A. Roundtable

Never before in history have we seen the influence of religion in politics as much as we have during the past year. Candidates have been quizzed extensively about their faiths and their religious beliefs, rabbis and ministers have spoken at the national conventions, and past religious affiliations have sometimes come back to haunt the candidates. Yet "separation of church and state," a phrase derived from the Constitution of the United States, would seem to prohibit the injection of religion into politics. Why has religion become so important in political rhetoric, and should it even be mentioned at all? Those are some of the questions we'll explore with a panel representing all sides of the issue, on a new edition of L.A. Roundtable.

Airs: Mondays at 1:30 and 8 p.m., and Fridays at 1:30 and 9:30 p.m.

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



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HARBOR

Crackin' Good Time

Lobster Festival draws more than 30,000 to the Harbor Gateway.



Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor, with her lobster.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; Photos by Daniel Wang, Club photographer

The Harbor's annual Lobster Festival, held Sept. 19-21 at the Harbor's Ports O' Call Village, drew more than 30,000 lobster lovers to the Port area.

Prices for the signature dish – a 1.25-pound whole steamed Maine lobster meal with slaw and roll – were held to 2005 levels, \$17.

Other foods were available. Music, craft booths, games and rides were part of the festival.

Transportation and the LAFD were also on hand to make sure the event was smooth and successful.

Congratulations to the Harbor for another winning Lobster Festival, and thanks to Theresa Adams Lopez and Rachel Campbell for their assistance.



From left: Sheila Gonzales, Principal Public Relations Representative, and Rachel Campbell, Principal Public Relations Representative, Harbor.



From left: Port Police Officer Brandyn Anderson, Club Member, with his Cajun shrimp; and Port Police Officer Aaron Smith, Club Member.



First timers to the Lobster Festival were Mike Fluker and Tina Kelli from Inglewood.



Eugene Andrews, LAFD Inspector.



From left: Port Police Officer Travis Zoebisch, Club Member; Port Police Officer Eddie Martinez, Club Member; and Port Police Officer Anthony Reitz, Club Member.



From left: Sgt. Ryan Strauss, Club Member, and Sr. Lead Officer Livani Piltsis, Club Member, on their T3 electric scooter.



Martin Lovato, Electrician, 5 years, Club Member, enjoys his roasted corn.

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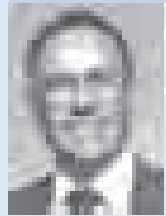
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Have News About Yourself?

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

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 4: Christmas Party, noon at the Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park Dr. Thomas Guide, p.594 F6. For reservations, call a week ahead to (800) 678-4145, x701.

For reservations to above meetings and lunches, call RSVP number (800) 678-4145, x 701.

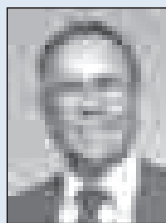
RLACEI:

News of 2009 Changes, And Ella Garza's Passing



By Phil Skarin,
RLACEI Publicity Chair

President Ed Harding reports:



Ed Harding

"It is with great sorrow that I write about the passing of Ella Garza, wife of Americo Garza, Director and Chair of our Entertainment Committee. For many years, Ella has been of great help to our organization. When we needed someone to serve at our luncheons, cover our tables or make coffee for our group, Ella was always there to do the work. We are all going to miss her greatly.

"Ella was born in Los Angeles June 17, 1923, the only girl in a family with four boys. She was named Ella Marie Gasio. At the age of 13, she and her family moved to Mexico. She quickly fell in love with the country, and

changed one lucky man's life forever, for the better, when she fell in love with Americo Garza.

"Ella and Americo were married in 1945. After the birth of their first-born son, Rick, they returned to the United States, and in 1960 moved to their home in Downey, where they raised four children. In 1971 they celebrated the birth of their first grandson, and in 2004, they became great grandparents. All told, they have six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

"Ella was a great seamstress, loved children and loved to go Christmas shopping with her daughter, Elsa. She worked with

Claret Ville, which helps an orphanage for girls in Mexico.

"Our heartfelt sympathies go to Americo Garza, who has been a Director on our Executive Board since 1995 and has made valuable contributions to our organization.

"I look forward to seeing you at our Christmas Party on Dec. 4 at noon at the Grace E. Simons Lodge in Elysian Park. Please RSVP by calling (800) 678-4145 ext. 701. You may bring a guest. A light lunch will be served. Free taxi service is available from the parking areas, and there will be door prizes. Come early!"

Legislative Update:



Ken Spiker

Ken Spiker, our Legislative Representative, reports: "As your elected Commissioner representing retirees on the LACERS Board of Administration, I want to report and update you on our following achievements:

"As of July 1, all Retired Members or their beneficiaries received the maximum three percent Cost of Living Allowance. If you look back, you will see that the Board has approved the maximum three percent for the last three years.

"Another increase that is important to all Retired Members on LACERS health plans is the increase in the maximum health subsidy amount, from \$1,022 per month this plan year to \$1,120 for 2009.

"This is an increase of \$98, or 9.6 percent. Other upgrades in LACERS health plans for 2009 is the introduction of MetLife as the new dental PPO, replacing Wellpoint Blue Cross Dental PPO. The new MetLife plan offers a dental implant benefit, a benefit

previously not available, covering implants at 50 percent of cost.

"LACERS will soon be providing a new computer program, whereby retirees can access their personal LACERS file. Information will be available for us to double-check beneficiaries, payroll deductions, health plans, etc. LACERS will notify us when the program is ready, and then tell us how to use it. Your file will be available only to you and no other retiree."

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



Hal and Evelyn at the southernmost point in the Continental United States.



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

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• Phil Skarin	Ext. 709
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• Jerry Bardwell	Ext. 706
• Harold Danowitz	Ext. 707
• Jack Mathews	Ext. 712
• Helen Salgado (membership)	Ext. 713
• Americo Garza	Ext. 710
• Tom Stemnock	Ext. 708

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Going the Way of Hemingway

■ Hal and Evelyn travel to Florida to celebrate an aunt's 100th birthday.

In early March, my wife, Evelyn, received an email from a cousin in Florida about a 100th birthday party for her Aunt Katherine. Aunt Katherine is Evelyn's mother's oldest and last surviving sister. Being such a special occasion, we decided to make the trip, even though it meant going to Florida in August.

The party was in Miami on Saturday, so we decided to fly down on Tuesday and go to Key West for a few days and then attend the party and return to Los Angeles the next Monday. We have been to Miami a number of times and have been as far south as Key Largo, but I always wanted to go to Key West.

We flew out on American Airlines and arrived in Miami pretty much on time. To me, Miami has one of the worst airports in the country, and this trip did nothing to change my mind. The wait for our luggage was almost one hour, and then waiting for the bus to take us to the Hertz office was almost as long. When we arrived at Hertz office, they were out of cars, and they said we would have to wait about a half-hour for a car. This didn't seem so bad, considering the number of people who were already in the office waiting. Luckily we only waited about 10 minutes, and we got our car and started our drive south to Key West.

Key West (population 25,000), which is closer to Havana, Cuba (90 miles) than to Miami (150 miles), is the southern-most point in the United States. It has known many stages; in 1889 it was the richest city in America per capita, and in the 1930s it declared bankruptcy.

Old Town is the heart of the city, and it is bisected by Duval Street, called the longest main street in the world because it goes from coast to coast – from the Atlantic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico.

The drive to Key West took about three-and-a-half hours and was quite scenic. The road, for the most part, has two lanes, and the speed limit keeps changing from 45 mph to the maximum of 55 mph. I had heard stories about speed traps along the way, so we were very careful to stay within the speed limit.

I had no idea of where to stay in Key West, and the first hotel I picked out was

by the airport, which was about as far away from Old Town as you could get. Doing a little research, I discovered that all of the attractions and nightlife were centered in Old Town and around or on Duval Street. After getting some advice from our cousins, Myrna and Don, we selected the La Concha Hotel (430 Duval St.). The La Concha was built in 1926 and was the first luxury hotel in Key West. Over the years it has been upgraded and remodeled to keep up with the times. While the rooms were small compared to newer hotels, they were very comfortable, and the bathrooms had been remodeled. But the best of all was its location. The hotel is right in the middle of the activities on Duval Street and in Old Town. Once we parked our car in the hotel lot, we just walked for the rest of our stay. Parking is very difficult and, when found, very expensive. There was a daily charge at the hotel, but it was worth it.

We got to the hotel about 9 p.m., and after checking in we had a quick bite in Jack's Seafood Shack, attached to the hotel. Because of the time change it still felt early, so we took a walk going north on Duval Street toward the Gulf of Mexico. I was unprepared for the activity of the street. There were people everywhere --

young people, older people and many families. I heard many different languages because Key West is a prime destination for Europeans. It reminded us of a combination of Bourbon Street in New Orleans, Cabo San Lucas, and Maui, all rolled into one. It is five blocks to the north end of Duval Street from our hotel, and each block had restaurants, bars with music blasting, and more souvenir shops that even Evelyn needed. I couldn't wait until the next day to start exploring the area.



La Concha Hotel.



The Little White House.



I had been worried because August is hurricane season in Florida, but even though Tropical Storm Fay was forming off the coast of Africa, we had clear skies and temperatures in the high 80s, with very high humidity while we in Key West. Fay finally caught up to us in Miami, but I'll save that for the end of the story.

The next morning we had breakfast at Starbucks and then walked south on Duval Street for about 10 blocks until we reached the Atlantic Ocean. Along the way we saw that this end of Duval was not quite as active as the north end. Once we reached the ocean we walked one block west to Whitehead Street, the southernmost point in the Continental United States, and asked a couple from England to take our picture in front of the landmark. I reciprocated by taking their picture.

Walking north along Whitehead Street, our first stop was the Hemingway Home and Museum (907 Whitehead St.), where Ernest Hemingway lived and wrote for more than 10 years during the 1930s. It is open every day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children.

You can wander through the house and grounds on your own or take a 45-minute guided tour, included with the price of admission. The grounds are home to approximately 60 cats and include a number of six-toed cats that are the descendants of a cat given to Hemingway by a ship's captain.

Cater-corner from the Hemingway House is the Key West Lighthouse Museum (938 Whitehead St.), built in 1847 to replace the original wooden tower on Whitehead Point that was destroyed by a hurricane. The lighthouse location is 14 feet above sea level and is constructed of brick. It was originally 66 feet high, but in 1894, 20 additional feet were added. You can climb the 88 steps to the balcony and have a spectacular 360-degree view of the island and surrounding waters. We both made the climb, and I will have to admit that I'm not as young as I think I am. I had to stop a few times to catch my breath, but I did make it to the top.

You can also tour the Light Keepers Quarters that was built in 1887 and houses the museum's collection of artifacts and the maritime history of the Keys. It is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and costs \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

After lunch at the Grand Café (314 Duval St.), we walked to Mallory Square, at the north end of Duval Street. It has a



A lighthouse.



Evelyn at Hemingway's House.



Evelyn and her new best friend.



Hal and his new best friend.

number of tourist attractions that we would visit the next day.

We spent the rest of the afternoon relaxing around the pool at the hotel and then had dinner at Kelly's Caribbean Bar (301 Whitehead St.), where we ate on an open patio. The weather was mild, and I thought the food was pretty good.

After dinner, we walked around Duval Street and then over to the Marina, where there are a large number of restaurants and bars.

In the morning, I felt like having a real breakfast, so we stopped in at the Flamingo Café (703 Duval St.). The food and the service were great, and I enjoyed having grits again.

One of the places that were on my list to visit was the Harry S Truman Little White House (111 Front St.). From 1946 to 1952, President Truman used the house 175 days as both a retreat and functioning White House. The house was built in 1890 by the U.S. Navy to house the base commander, and is on a Navy base that dates back to the late 19th century. After it became the Little White House, it was remodel to better suit the President, but it still retained a very homey atmosphere. Whenever the President was there, the Presidential yacht was anchored offshore to provide communications with Washington and also to provide all the food preparation. The house's kitchen was too small and poorly equipped. The house is still used by the government, and almost every President since Truman has stayed in the house. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children. This includes a guided tour and a visit to the small museum. We both enjoyed the Little White House. It gave a lot of insight into President Truman.

Our next stop was the Key West aquarium (Mallory Square), built in 1934 as Key

West's first tourist attraction. The 50,000-gallon exhibit gives visitors a view of many native species, including game fish, tropical fish, lobsters, alligators, sea turtles and birds. The aquarium has a large touch tank, where you can interact with number of creatures that don't bite. Ticket prices are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children.

Instead of lunch, we decided to just have dessert, which in Key West that means Key lime pie. I have had key lime pie in a number of places and just recently in Los Angeles, and I thought it was like lemon meringue pie. The real key lime pie is not like that; it is more of a stiff pudding with whipped cream top and is served very cold. To be honest I liked the other version better.

On the walk back to the hotel, we did our shopping for T-shirts for the grandkids and bought a few things for ourselves.

This was our last night in Key West, and I wanted to make sure we had a good dinner, so I asked the hotel concierge to recommend a good seafood restaurant. He made a reservation for us at A&B Lobster House (700 Front St.). We had a great dinner: I had hogfish, which I had never had before, and Evelyn had grouper, which is native to the area. It was a great way to end our visit to Key West.

The next day we drove back to Miami for the 100th birthday festivities. We had a great time visiting with relatives, and they really treated us well. The weather was starting to turn as Tropical Storm Fay was getting ready to hit the southern part of Florida.

During our drive to the airport on Tuesday it was raining, but our flight left on time and we arrived by in Los Angeles happy that we made the trip.

RLACEI MEMBER NEWS:

Ben and Betty Pratt celebrated 66 years of marriage June 5.

Phil and Miriam Skarin will celebrate 58 years of marriage Nov. 18.

Jack Jordan retired in 1980 after 30 years with the DWP and Airports. Last year he was mugged and developed a hematoma, which required brain surgery. He lives in Crown Point Assisted Living Facility in Corona.

Dean Lawrence retired in 1987 from Building and Safety. His hobbies are photography and flying. He is still an active pilot. He raised three children in his first marriage, and four more in his second marriage after his retirement. He is hoping for a change that will provide his new wife with a retirement income after his death.

Glen (Mac) McCloskey retired in 1988 from Airports after 22 years of City service. Four months after retirement, he suffered a major stroke, leaving him paralyzed on the right side. He then assisted other stroke victims and their families by giving motivational speeches and counseling. He is still able to drive and has driven his RV to Alaska and has revisited the beaches of Normandy and the WWII memorials in Washington, D.C. "Travel and volunteering" must be a great motto for a retiree.

Rosalie Jackson is a fine example of a widow of a retiree. She has been active in church and charity work, loves gardening and has traveled to Brazil, Turkey, Vietnam, Spain, Costa Rica, Australia, South Africa, China and Russia. She exercises three times a week to keep in good health.

Russ Bennett has had six different jobs in his 25 years of retirement. He enjoys traveling. He lives with his son in St. George, Utah. The whole family is involved with the St. George Musical Theater. His son has had the lead in about 10 productions and is the music critic for the local paper.

These members have expressed appreciation for this column, my poetry and the efforts of RLACEI on behalf of retirees: Lorraine Anderson, Douglas Nakamura, Irene Gochean and Selma Hasiganian. Thank you.

Hal Danowitz asks you to visit our Website at www.rlacei.com to find out the latest news. You can also e-mail us at rlacei@verizon.net.

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If you have news about yourself, or other retirees that you'd like to

You're Invited!



The RLACEI's annual Christmas Party and Installation of Officers is scheduled for noon Wednesday, Dec. 4 at the Grace E. Simons Lodge. The Lodge is at 1025 Elysian Park Dr., near Dodger Stadium. There will be a light lunch (sandwiches, salad and

drinks), entertainment and valuable door prizes. You must make reservations at least a week ahead: (800) 678-4145, x701. Guests welcome. Call one of the officers on the Retirees Helplines. Free taxi service can take you from the parking lot to the lodge.

RLACEI Holiday Party

Wednesday,
Dec. 4, 12 noon

Grace E. Simons Lodge
1025 Elysian Park Drive
(near Dodger Stadium)

LACERS

■ Open Enrollment Thru Nov. 15

LACERS has announced that the open enrollment period for health plans lasts until Nov. to make any additions or changes to your plans.

The Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System is at 360 E. Second St., second floor, Los Angeles, Ca 90012. Phone: (213) 473-7200 or (800) 779-8328. E-mail is www.lacers.org. Contact them to arrange direct deposit; change your tax withholding or beneficiary; or for questions about your health plans.



LACERS

■ Economy Not Affecting Benefits

Because of the market's volatility, many Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System (LACERS) Members have wondered if their benefits are affected. LACERS Members have a defined benefit plan. The Retirement benefit is calculated by a formula (based on age, service and highest final average salary) as defined in the Los Angeles Administrative Code.

If you are a LACERS Member, your monthly allowance is *not* affected by market fluctuations.

Information: Christal Chacon, LACERS: (213) 978-6840.



THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

Take It Off

*Conformity in our society is considered to be a virtue.
Don't make waves. Don't be different from the crowd.*

*So, in order to conform to variety of situations,
We develop a Virtual Wardrobe of conformity clothes—*

A suit for the office

A suit for social life,

A suit for Church, and

A suit for politics.

But, we've each been created with our own uniqueness, skills and talents.

How can we be true to ourselves and others

If we pretend to be someone we're not?

*Be proud of who you really are. If you always show your
true self, it'll help us relate more honestly to you.*

So, if you're wearing a conformity suit,

Take it off!

— Phil Skarin

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
Harold Danowitz x707
Phil Skarin x709

Jack Matthews x712
Michael Karsch x704
Jerry Bardwell x706
Tom Stemnock x708

Americo Garza x710
Neil Ricci x714
Helen Salgado x713

Retiree Question of the Month

Alive! asked retirees...

What are you most thankful for?

The Best Years



"Being happy!"
- Rose Torres, wife of Julian Torres



"Waking up every morning, my great family and being retired from the City and getting a pension."
- Charlie B. Lavender, Retired from Public Works/Street Services after 30 years



"Being alive and healthy!"
- Julian Torres, retired from Building and Safety after 15 years



"Being alive and that the Russians are out of Georgia."
- John Bogdanoff, Retired from Rec and Parks after 35 years



"That I'm up and walking and vertical, for my good health and for my family."
- Quintel Webb, Retired from Public Works/Street Services after 30 years



"For my great physical and mental abilities, and especially for being married to Eva for 64 years!"
- George V. Lopez, Retired from Planning after 31 years



"Family and friends."
- Rene O'Malley



"For my health, for being retired and not having to work."
- Robert Howard, Retired from the Convention Center after 38 years



"Being alive!"
- Wilma Reebe, LAPD



"My kids and grandkids!"
- Tony Alvarez, retired from General Services after 28 years

Life's Important Moments

Share Your Good News!



Everyone reads Life's Most Important Moments in **Alive!** Share your news... and send in a photo! Have you gotten married? Had a baby? Graduated? Has someone in your family had a quinceañera? Is a family member in the military? Send in a photo and a paragraph, telling us the details. We love to share your good news.

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- Babies
- Graduations
- Quinceañeras
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City Employees Club of Los Angeles
120 W. 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012







Everyday Heroes *in* Action

October Fires

Photos by Juan Guerra, www.juanguerra.smugmug.com; Keith Cullom, www.fire-image.com; and Jeff Zimmerman, Zimmerman Media LLC

Everyday heroes were kept busy through the middle and end of October, putting out a number of fires fueled by dry brush and volatile Santa Ana winds.

The Club thanks to the everyday heroes who tackled the fires.

The Sesnon Fire

Fire broke out Oct. 13 in the Porter Ranch area near Chatsworth/Twin Lakes/Indian Hills, and were finally 100 percent contained about five days later.

More than 14,700 acres were burned.

Fighting the fire were everyday heroes from CAL Fire, the LAFD, LA County Fire Dept. and the Ventura Fire Dept. Other personnel included units from the California Highway Patrol, the National Park Service, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, the LAPD, Cal Edison, SoCal Gas, the Los Angeles County OES, and the CDCR. In all, some 1,377 firefighters, and 88 engines, 40 crews, 17 water tenders, eight dozers and two helicopters fought the blaze.

The Sesnon fire caused one reported death and major evacuations; 15 buildings and 63 outbuildings were destroyed; and 11 residences were damaged. The Sesnon fire was caused by a downed electrical line.

Damages to property were valued at \$12.6 million.

The Marek Fire

The Marek fire, near Little Tujunga, Kagel Canyon and Lake View Terrace, started Oct. 12 and burned more than 4,824 acres.

The cause and damage estimate have not yet been determined.

The following structures were lost during the firestorm on the morning of Oct. 13: Skyview Terrace Mobile Home Park: six residences damaged and 38 destroyed; Dexter Canyon, two residences damaged and two destroyed; Lower Lopez Canyon, one residence damaged, one commercial building damaged and two commercial buildings destroyed.

The Sepulveda Fire

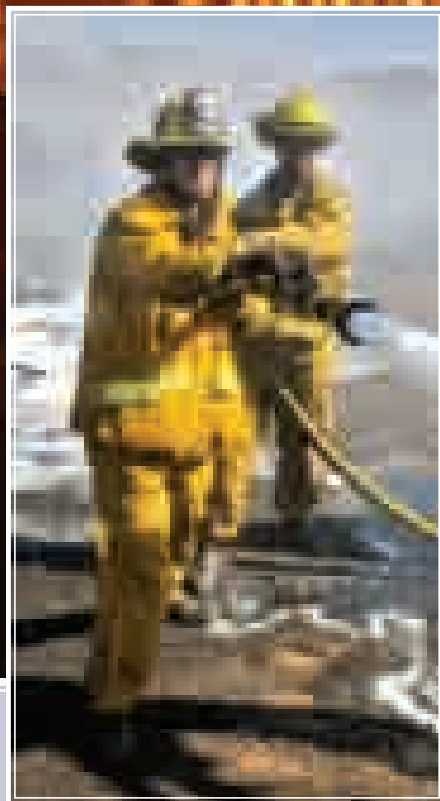
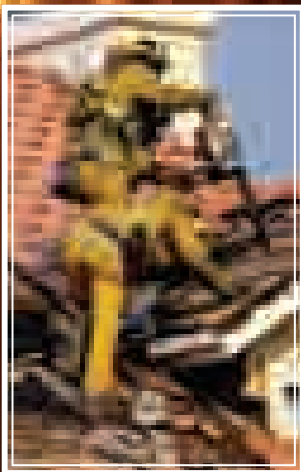
On Oct. 23, 69 companies of LAFD Firefighters, seven LAFD rescue ambulances, one heavy rescue, four arson units, three rehab units, eight helicopters, seven EMS battalion captains, 16 battalion chief officer command teams, two division chief officer command teams, LAFD dozers, water tenders, a mobile command post, two CERT team coordinators, and companies from Los Angeles County, Orange County and State Office of Emergency Services Fire Departments, all under the direction of LAFD Assistant Chief Craig Fry, responded to a major emergency brush fire at the southbound 405 Freeway near Getty Center Drive in the Sepulveda Pass.

Firefighters arrived to find three to five acres of heavy brush burning uphill towards the southwest, being driven by high winds. Firefighters were deployed throughout the canyon areas to provide structure protection and prepare for the advance of the wind-driven fire.

Fortunately, an aggressive aerial assault by water-dropping helicopters and a coordinated effort by ground-based Firefighters limited the spread of the fire.

More than 400 Firefighters worked throughout the night, extinguishing the fire in just 7 hours and 25 minutes.

There were no reported injuries and no structures were damaged. The cause of the fire is under investigation. Approximately 100 acres were consumed in this fire.



REST INSURED



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



Extended Warranties: Are They Worth It?

We are sometimes asked, "Should I buy the extended warranty on my new car?"

While, obviously, this is a decision that each person has to make for themselves, I do have an opinion on the topic, and am happy to share it:

Extended warranties are a ripoff.

An April 2008 *Consumer Reports* survey found that the average extended warranty buyer spent \$1,000 for their warranty, and experienced only \$700 of covered repairs. (Of course, if you were one of the people who were not average, and had a \$3,000 repair covered by your warranty, you might feel different about it.)

The main reason that extended warranties are not a good deal is that automobiles today are more reliable than ever before. What is covered by the extended warranty will probably never break. Extended warranties sell costly "peace of mind" for repair nightmares that probably won't occur, according to the survey of more than 8,000 readers.

When it comes to other goods, extended warranties may (or may not) be a good deal, depending on the item in question; the likelihood of it needing repairs during the warranty period; and the price you have to pay for it. Keep in mind that what you're buying is insurance; and like any other kind of insurance, an extended warranty can provide valuable protection, or it can be a waste of money. What you need is honest information about the average cost of repair, and frequency of repair record to make an intelligent determination.

Here's one clear warning sign that the warranty may not be such a good deal: When the salesperson pushes much harder to sell the warranty than the car. This is the case when the dealer makes more money on the warranty than on the sale of the vehicle. For many dealers, the sale of the extended warranty, a Lo-Jack System, and high-interest financing are a major source of their profit on a new vehicle.

If you are like my Uncle Dick, who always seems to end up with the one lemon on the lot, you probably should consider getting an extended warranty. If you do decide to purchase one, consider your options instead of buying it from the dealer. Sure, it's easy to have them just throw it into the loan amount,

but you are probably paying 40 to 60 percent more than if you bought it on the open market.

Many insurance companies sell extended warranties, and if you would like a quote for a new car (or even a used car with less than 50,000 miles), feel free to call United Agencies and we'll be happy to sell you one.

Feel free to call our agency if you have any questions about what we can do for you, would like to know what it would cost to buy your insurance through us, or would like a question answered on any type of insurance.

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.

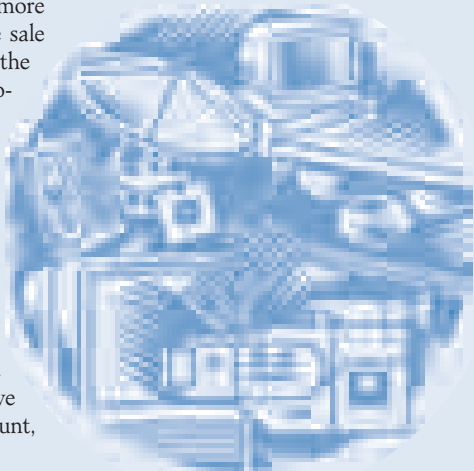
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You can also see us on Fridays at the new City Club Store, where you can ask us any question in person, and get an instant quote!

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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LAPD

New Property Officers

Police Dept.'s Property Division graduates its new officers.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

The LAPD Property Division graduated two new officers – David Peng and Martin Preciado – at a ceremony Sept. 30 in the Metropolitan Dispatcher Conference Room.

Welcome remarks were delivered by Steven B. Johnson, Commanding Officer, Property Division. Commander William Fierro, Executive Officer, Office of Support Services, addressed the attendees.

Administration of the oath and the presentation of badges were handled by Senior Personnel Analyst Francoise Gardere, Personnel Division. Closing remarks were conducted by Police Administrator Rhonda Sims-Lewis, Commanding Officer, Administrative and Technical Services Bureau.

Additional guests included Police Administrator Nancy Gennusa, Assistant Commanding Officer, Administrative and Technical Services Bureau; and Police Administrator Peter DiCarlo, Assistant Commanding Officer, Administrative and Technical Services Bureau.

Congratulations to David and Martin on receiving their badges. And thanks to Cordelia Williams for her assistance.



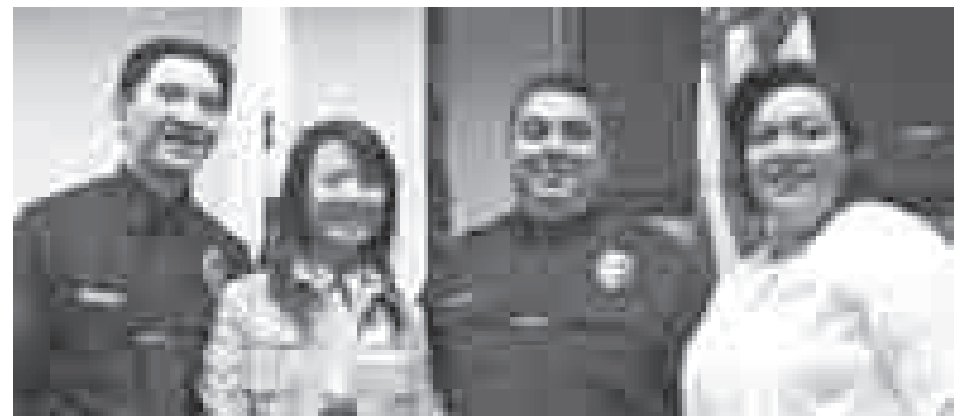
It's time for cake!



Closing remarks were made by Police Administrator Rhonda Sims-Lewis, Commanding Officer, Administrative and Technical Services Bureau.



Police Administrator Peter DiCarlo, Assistant Commanding Officer, Administrative and Technical Services Bureau.



From left: Property Officer David Peng and his wife, Ellen; and Property Officer Martin Preciado and his wife, Cynthia.



New Property Officer David Peng.



New Property Officer Martin Preciado.



Commanding Officer Steven B. Johnson assists Ellen Peng with Property Officer David Peng's badge.



Property Officer Martin Preciado with his wife, Cynthia.



From left: Lisa Floyd, Assistant Commanding Officer; Police Administrator Rhonda Sims-Lewis, Commanding Officer, Administrative and Technical Services Bureau; Police Administrator Steven B. Johnson, Commanding Officer, Property Division; Property Officer David Peng; Property Officer Martin Preciado; and Senior Personnel Analyst Francoise Gardere, Personnel Division.

LAPD

Repeaters: A Good Season

LAPD Communications' softball team completes their season.

Story and photos courtesy Kathy Kravitz, Club Member

The LAPD Communications Repeaters softball team ended their season tied for third place of seven teams, with a winning percentage of .583.

They played in a league organized by Rec and Parks, and were sponsored by the City Employees Club.

Congrats on a winning season!



PSR Jessica Loya, Club Member, second base and outfield.



PSR Jessica Cepeda, second base and outfield, Club Member.



PSR Lio Vasquez, outfielder and shortstop.



The 2008 LAPD Communications Repeaters, back row, from left: PSR Robert Lopez, third base, shortstop, Club Member; PSR Rick Lopez, left field, Club Member; PSR Chance Chavez, outfield and third base; and PSR Lori Powell, catcher and second base, Club Member. Front: Sr. PSR Cathy Bushey, right fielder, Club Member; PSR Deby Herdrich, catcher, Club Member; PSR Sandy Goldstyn, first base and catcher, Club Member; PSR Andres Mendoza, pitcher and shortstop, Club Member; PSR Zoe Culotta, first base and right field, Club Member; PSR Eve de la Pena, third base and outfield, Club Member; and PSR Kathy Kravitz, pitcher and second base, Club Member.

FINANCE

Tax Auditors Graduate

Finance's Tax and Permit Division graduates six new tax auditors.

Story and photos by Yvonne Liu, Finance

If you think that school was the only time you'd ever hear about midterms and finals, think again. Six Tax Auditors successfully completed an intensive seven-week course with the Office of Finance's Tax and Permit Division.

After successfully passing their final Sept. 23, six new City employees joined a team of more than 70 tax auditors who are employed by the Office of Finance to collect revenues due to the City and ensuring compliance with the City's Business Tax ordinances.

The Office of Finance was created in 2000 as a result of Charter reform efforts. On an annual basis, the Office of Finance collects more than \$2 billion in revenue from various sources including taxes, licenses, fees and per-

mits that pay for numerous essential municipal services to City residents and businesses. Tax auditors as a team are responsible for generating audit billing of roughly \$41 million in tax revenue annually.

Tax auditors individually meet business owners and visit their accountants or offices to conduct audits of the taxpayer's reported tax measures. They don't do it alone. Seventeen Senior Tax Auditors review their work and help them perform more complex audits. If the business records are located out of state, Tax Auditors may be sent to wherever the records are to complete the audit.

The Office of Finance also provides information to businesses and individuals regarding the City's tax and fee collection program.

For more information, please go to www.lacity.org/finance/



The City's new Tax Auditors, from left: George Man Li, Xiang (Sandra) Wei, Lorena Navarro, Da (Ida) Xu, Lei Jia, and Ramon Moreno.

PERSHING SQUARE DOWNTOWN ON ICE

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 Thursday, 11/20
 Friday, 11/21
 Saturday, 11/22
 Sunday, 11/23
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 New Year's Day
 Martin Luther King Day

All Adult Services, \$3 State Rental
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 Discount Parking with the
 Skating Session

ADMISSION:
 Adults: \$10
 Children (12 & under): \$5
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 Family (2 adults & 2 children): \$30
 Corporate/Group: Call 311

COMMUNITY/CONCERT:
 Free admission for all community members
 and concertgoers.

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 Free admission for all community members
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HOLIDAY CONCERT & EVENT SCHEDULE

The War Over Bullock's Bridge

■ Bullock's plan to build a bridge over St. Vincent's Court in 1919 created a war between Chandler's Times and Hearst's two papers.

by Eddy Feldman



Landmark dedication of St. Vincent's Court, 1957.

In 1896, Fourth Street and Broadway was way out in the country. A small retail store at that corner proved the point by failing. Arthur Letts, an émigré from Holdenby, Northhamptonshire, England, and newly arrived in Los Angeles, purchased the bankrupt store and merchandise at an auction for \$8,167. Mr. Letts turned out to be a talented merchant, and as his general merchandise business prospered he acquired various nearby buildings. The intersection of Seventh and Broadway fascinated him.

Early in 1906, a developer began building a seven-story store at the northwest corner, but the project died, with the steel work halted midway. The owner called on Mr. Letts, who promptly signed a 50-year lease on the unfinished structure. Mr. Letts appointed an executive at The Broadway, John G. Bullock, to complete development of the newly acquired property by organizing another entity to be known as Bullock's Department Store. He also put up \$250,000 to get it started. Mr. Bullock left The Broadway on Nov. 1, 1906, taking another Broadway executive, P.G. Winnett, with him.

Bullock's opened to the public March 4, 1907, and succeeded swiftly, catering to buyers of "finer merchandise." Expansion westward was indicated. In July 1917, Bullock's acquired a building on Hill Street, north of Seventh Street, which had been occupied by the Pease Furniture Company. A bridge was built with a permit from the City Council.

Then, in June 1919, Bullock's signed a long-term lease covering the property at the northeast corner of Seventh and Hill Streets and at the Eshman Building at 311 W. Seventh St. These transactions gave Bullock's unbroken frontage from Broadway to Hill Street, other

than for an alley, 40 feet wide and 60 feet deep between Bullock's and the Eshman building and unbroken frontage on Hill Street, two thirds the way north towards Sixth Street.

The Los Angeles Times recorded the event:

"The purpose behind the transaction is business expansion, according to Mr. Bullock, who foresaw this step as one which, in the light of store's wonderful story of mercantile development since it was established 12 years ago, was necessary to parallel the phenomenal progress of Los Angeles...." When it is remembered that only as far back as 1906 the corner of Broadway and Seventh, where the present fine Bullock's store is situated, was occupied by a two-story frame structure – a relic of the early [18] eighties – it is pointed out that such progress would represent at least half a century of growth in an eastern city."

The block, Sixth Street and Seventh Street bounded by Broadway and Hill Street, is an interesting piece of real estate. As Harris Newmark noted in *Sixty Years in Southern California, 1853-1913*, in the late 1850s, Ozro W. Childs contracted with the City to dig a water-ditch, perhaps 1,600 feet long, 18 inches wide and about 18 inches deep. The City allowed him one dollar per running foot, and he took land in payment. The land, comprised in part the "wonderfully important" square beginning at Sixth Street and running to Twelfth, and took in everything from Main Street to Figueroa.

Boyle Workman, who had been a schoolmate of Mr. Childs at St. Vincent's College, and was president of the Council during this period, added in his recollections, *The City That Grew*, that had Mr. Childs held on to the land, "its ultimate value would have been so great that he would have received more money for the contract of digging that *zanja* [ditch] than the United States paid for the construction of the Panama Canal."

A plaque installed on Sept. 4, 1957, on the alley wall of the original Bullock's store, reads in part:

"St. Vincent Court: This was the site of St. Vincent's College from 1868 to 1887. The college, now Loyola University, was founded by the Vincentian Fathers in 1865 and was the first institution of higher learning in Southern California."

We return to Bullock's bridge.

If Bullock's intended to expand the operations of the several upper floors of Bullock's to the several upper floors of a renovated Eshman building, it needed access other than by the passage way at ground level. A bridge over the alley connecting the several floors, and a tunnel underneath to service them, was the answer. Now, although the

property on both sides of the alley was owned or controlled by Bullock's, the City still owned an easement over this public way by virtue of the recording of a map back in 1886. Such being the state of affairs, Bullock's required a permit from the City to build the bridge and the tunnel.

Bullock's petitioned Council for such a permit on Aug. 20, 1919. The petition was referred to the Public Safety Committee, which recommended approval of a permit to erect a structure nine stories tall. Bullock's anticipated no problem. After all, the City had granted a permit to build a bridge between the Bullock's and Pease buildings in 1917. However, Councilman Walt Mallard, a member of the Committee, opposed the recommendation because the City would not receive any compensation for what he called a "grab." On Sept. 22, 1919, the Council granted the permit, anyway. Excavation began.

The permit also stated that it shall be revocable at any time at the pleasure of the Council of the said City of Los Angeles, or at the pleasure of such other officer, body or board as may be empowered to revoke such permits

Bullock's was not comfortable in committing to thousands of dollars of construction if later Council might move – for whatever reason – to revoke the permit. Bullock's wrote to Council offering to pay a "just" rent and thus "make its grant secure." The Council referred the matter to the City Attorney.

There was something of a consensus at the time that this alley was worth \$480,000.

It should be noted that in the years during which the Bullock's construction was going on, there were just three newspapers of significant circulation: *The Los Angeles Times*, owned by the Chandler family, and the *Evening Herald* and the *Examiner*, which were both owned by William Randolph Hearst. Bullock's, which advertised extensively in *The Los Angeles Times*, placed not a single advertisement in either Hearst paper. It is not surprising then, that, by February 1921, a few months before a primary Council election, there would be a full-blown war between the Hearst papers and *The Times*. Hardly a day went by when there was not some publication of provocative remarks that may have titillated members of the public, but which were deadly serious to the individuals with financial interest in the outcome. To the Hearst papers and to President Mitchell, the permit to build over St. Vincent's Place was an unconscionable gift of the taxpayers' property – a "grab" by a millionaire. To *The Times*, Bullock's was demonstrating the wonderful attractions of Los Angeles and the skill and good will of a master merchant. In addition to serious editorials written in stern prose, readers were treated to poetical arguments from both sides.

On Feb. 18, the *Evening Herald* published a parody after Thomas Macauley's "Lays of Ancient Rome," with John Mitchell as "Horatius at the Bridge." Only the last two of 23 verses need be printed here:

*Then with a crash like thunder\Fell every loosened
beam\And, like a dam, the mighty wreck\Crashed down
and blocked the scheme.\And a long shout of
triumph\Rose from the walls, about\As Bullock's bridge
did bust in 'twain\And Letts must flee in route.*

*When the leaders meet in session\And hear the public
needs\When the vested rights of people\Superseded all
grasping greeds,\With cheering and with laughter\Will be
the story told,\Of how John Mitchell wrecked the*

Please welcome my guest columnist, Eddy Feldman.

Eddy moved to Los Angeles in the 1940s, where he continues as a practicing attorney to this day. From 1958 to 1975, he was the Managing Director of what is now known as the Los Angeles (Furniture) Mart. From 1961 to 1973, he was a member and President of the Los Angeles Board of the Municipal Arts Commission, a precursor to Cultural Affairs.

Eddy is a prolific writer in history, litigation and legislation. In 1979, the Dawson's Book Shop published his book, *Street Lighting of Los Angeles*. He is past President of the Los Angeles City Historical Society, 2004-2007. He is working with Councilman Tom LaBonge on a Sister Cities project.

— Hynda



Guest columnist, Eddy Feldman.

History Comes Alive!

Tales From the City Archives



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

'bridge' And left Letts-Bullock cold.

A few days later, a poem, inspired by one written by Robert Louis Stevenson, appeared in *The Times*. The last few verses will suffice:

What matters so I may have my fun?
What matters so I may gorge my spite?
The people are so credulous
I cannot resist the rich delight

Of making long-eared fools of them
Of stretching merchants on the rack
Of threatening reputable men
Who advertise not with me
Shall feel my knife in his back!

I sing my ditty, do my dance,
My eyeballs rolled up toward the blue.
Pay off my private grudges well,
And to "deluded taxpayers" yell:
Dear people, all for the love of you.

On Feb. 15, the Council moved that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare an ordinance revoking the permit. But President Boyle Workman ruled the motion out of order, for which action he was renamed in the Hearst press as "Hard-Boiled" Workman: Councilman Wheeler remarked to the Council that the Council "had a legal right to do what they did [grant the permit], but it was just as legal that the petitioners should comply with the law; this, they have not done; had Bullock's come to the Council as one who had complied with the law, the Council may have been legally justified in allowing the petitioners to proceed, but as it is the Council can consistently refuse to allow them to proceed. It is rather peculiar that some papers and organizations that are loud in their daily demands for the enforcement of law, suddenly reverse their attitude, and demand and require that the little fellow obey the law; why should the millionaire be excepted."

Mr. Bullock responded to the criticism and informed the Council that it had always been prepared to pay a "just" compensation to the City if a way could be found to make the payment legal. On Feb. 17, the Council requested the Los Angeles Realty Board to report to it what it found to be a "fair market ground rental value per month" of St. Vincent's Place.

The newspaper war continued. On Saturday morning, Feb. 26, the *Times*' front page, left hand column, was headlined: "Hearst Takes Charge of It." The story became personal:

"Dissatisfied it appears with the abortive efforts of his local representatives to blackjack Bullock's because that

store declines to forget his pro-German war record and advertise in the *Examiner*, William Randolph Hearst has assumed personal charge of the anti-Bullock campaign and is directing by wire from New York a concerted attempt by the entire field force of the *Examiner* to array the merchants of Los Angeles against each other.

"Hearst ordered the lavish use of billboard space now being given to the fight on Bullock's by the *Examiner*, and Hearst directed that every available man be sent out from the *Examiner* office to call upon the other merchants of the city and to represent to them that the Bullock interests, as their business risks, are their personal rivals as well. In this not-too-subtle way the Hearst men are instructed to try to persuade the businessmen that they should support Hearst's *Examiner* and *Herald* with advertising and in other ways because of Hearst's war on the common enemy."

On Feb. 28, the *Evening Herald* reported a suggestion that "the children of the city might begin a revised game: 'Bullock's bridge is coming down, coming down, coming down.' And they could shout, 'Letts take the bull out of Bullock's.'"

The Realty Board submitted its report to Council on March 2, concluding that the net annual rental value of the nine upper floors over St. Vincent's Place should be \$5,370.

Frustrated by the Council's inaction, Mr. Hearst's people acquired signatures for two initiative propositions: (1) to revoke the permit given in 1917 to Pease Furniture Company and to Bullock's for the bridge already built between their stores, and (2) to revoke the permit given in 1919 for the bridge over and passageway under St. Vincent's Place. If the 1917 permit were to be revoked, the bridge presumably would have to be demolished, and in the 1919 instance the work on the partially completed structure would have to be torn down. After only four days, Hearst submitted 12,207 signatures in favor of Propositions 1 and 12,207 signatures in favor of Proposition 2.

On March 7, Bullock's agreed to pay the \$5,370 for 34 years, even though, it still insisted, it was not legally obligated to do so.

Council on March 16 placed the two initiatives on the May 3 ballot. At the request of Bullock's, it also placed a third proposition accepting Bullock's offer to "donate" \$5,370 annually for 34 years.

The papers took sides, of course.

The Hearst papers supported the four councilmen who "are credited with standing the 'acid test' in their action in refusing to give up a valuable price for city property for the erection of a store building without proper financial remuneration to the City." The *Evening Herald* noted that three of the "faithless five" [Councilmen] who voted to give away a city street for a store building, and who are candidates for reelection will not be looked upon with favor by the voters.

Large ads appeared in *The Times* supporting Bullock's position, urging "no" on Propositions 1 and 2, and "yes" on Proposition 3. The names of many prominent like-minded citizens were listed.

On election day, the voters firmly rebuffed the Hearst proposals,



Bullock's on Seventh and Broadway, 1938.

while at the same time they accepted \$408,000 at the rate of \$1,000 a month over 34 years.

Next morning *The Times* chortled:

"The vote yesterday was one of the severest in the series of setbacks the New York publisher has received in his career, which has been marked by similar unsuccessful attempts to act as a dictator to National, State and City governments in the United States."

The editorial in the *Evening Herald*, nevertheless, made it look more like a Hearst victory:

"The People Have Spoken.

"By an overwhelming majority the voters of this city have gone on record against permitting any person, firm or corporation using municipal property for private gain without paying a just rental fee to the municipality.

"Proposition No. 3 on the primary ballot, which makes it necessary that Arthur Letts and J.G. Bullock pay the city of Los Angeles the sum of \$1,000 a month – or \$12,000 a year – as rental for the building site over a public thoroughfare received by far the heaviest vote polled at yesterday's election. The taxpayers of this city overwhelmingly went on record at the ballot box against the efforts of Letts and Bullock to grab St. Vincent's place and convert it to their own uses without reimbursing the people, whose rightful property it is.

"The *Evening Herald* is very proud of the leading part taken by this newspaper in exposing the Letts-Bullock scheme and in aiding the people to win the victory against greed and oppression which was scored yesterday by the voters."

The Times was not in a forgiving mood. Its editorial on May 5, read in part:

"Hearst Blackmailers Rebuked.

"Revenge may be sweet; but an attempt to secure it that falls is gall and wormwood. By an overwhelming majority the voters of Los Angeles have served notice on Hearst and his Los Angeles subalterns that they are not so stupid nor so credulous as to aid Hearst in punishing those who have withered him with their contempt. His minions on the *Examiner* and the *Herald* have seen the tremendous vote by which the initiatives whereby they sought to destroy the Bullock's bridges have been repudiated by the people and they are about as happy as whipped lackeys....By Bullock's agreeing to make a donation to the Treasury while the bridges are maintained, the city gets a virtual rental even greater than it would probably receive if the land were city property."

On May 12, City Attorney Stephens informed the Board of Public Works that there was no legal restriction on Bullock's resuming construction. The City Clerk reported to Council that checking the signatures on the initiatives had cost the city \$1,938. On July 1, Council adopted an ordinance carrying out Propositions 1, 2 and 3 by affirming the permits and adopting an agreement that fixed the times when Bullock's would pay its obligation to the City. On Aug. 24, the agreement was signed by Mayor George E. Cryer and John G. Bullock. The store had already sent two checks, each in the amount of \$1,000 for rent for July and August 1921.



The Broadway Dept. Store in 1896.

CONVENTION CENTER

Award Winning ... and Green

Convention Center is the first in the United States of its size to be awarded with Leed Green Building Certification.

On Oct. 16, officials from the Convention Center formally accepted its historic certification achievement in Leadership and Energy Design for Existing Buildings from the U.S. Green Building Council.

Officials at the ceremony included Councilwoman Jan Perry; Christina Noonan, President, Convention Center Commission; Cynthia Ruiz, President, Board of Public Works; Pouria Abbassi, General Manager, Convention Center; and others.

Among the features that helped the Convention Center earn its Leed Certification are:

- Trees donated by the Million Trees LA initiative;

- 100 percent compostable and biodegradable service ware (cups, napkins, lids, forks, spoons, etc.)
- a food waste diversion station and earth-friendly cleaning chemicals;
- healthy alternative food service;
- Solar array panels;
- High-efficiency lighting;
- Composting and recyclable materials;
- Water conservation and efficiency; and
- a white cool roof.

Congratulations to the Convention Center on this great achievement.



The Los Angeles Convention Center is enrolled in the DWP's Green Power Program (environmentally-friendly renewable energy resources such as hydroelectric, geothermal, solar, biomass, and wind energy) at a level of 30 percent of the facility's consumption.

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Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving . . . reminds us of the importance of family.

Thanksgiving reminds us of the importance of friends.

Thanksgiving reminds us that working hands have dignity.

Thanksgiving reminds us to be grateful for our blessings.

Thanksgiving reminds us we are all part of the human family.

Thanksgiving reminds us how grateful we are for you.

Happy Thanksgiving. From the Club.

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John's Picture Perfect Contest



"Here's a photo from a recent scuba trip to Catalina. These are Moray eels; they're common around the island."

- Mike Aubin

John's comments: They're very weird looking creatures, Mike. I'm not sure I would want to be that close! But thanks for sending your photo.

WIN FOUR PRIZES
\$25 WalMart Card

NEXT DEADLINE: December 15
 Happy Snapping!

For November, we have four winners!

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



"Everyone has seen photos of the Taj Mahal and its gardens. I took this shot from the marble decking behind the Taj Mahal, looking at the Yumuna River, which runs directly behind the Taj Mahal. This river was used to transport the building materials to build this amazing structure. Now everyone knows what's behind the Taj Mahal."

- Brent Tuttle,
 Senior Construction Inspector

John's comments: Thank you, Brent, for bringing us something that we would rarely see!



"This is our family sunset walk. The Hawaiian sunset at Kaanapali provided a beautiful backdrop while we strolled the beach. The photo was taken Aug. 23."

- Vernon Tabirara

John's comments: This is a great family shot, Vernon. There's something about silhouettes that brings a sense of magic to photography.

"I took this picture ('Fishing From the Cove') in the evening, when I went fishing at El Rosario in Baja California, Mexico."

- Jorge Ortiz, Street Maintenance

John's comments: This almost looks like a painting, Jorge. The muted colors and strong lines are mesmerizing!



Runner Ups:

Luz Elena Kalfell, Airports/Ontario; Gary Bigelow, Public Works/Contract Administration; Mike Kutas, Public Works/Contract Administration; John Edwards; Karl Guder, General Services; Carlos Ojeda, Transportation

RULES:

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

Holiday Happenings

CLUB STORE

Donate Your Toys

Be a part of this Club holiday tradition by donating toys to the less fortunate.

This year, more than ever, your generosity is really needed to help children in the City celebrate the holidays. So consider joining in the Club's annual Toy Drive.

As part of the Club Angels program, the annual Club Toy Drive, in conjunction with the Central City Police Boosters toy drive, is gearing up your accept your toys for those in need.

Collections run through Friday, Dec. 5 at the new Club Store and Service Center, or through your Club Counselor. Club Members are asked to contribute an unwrapped toy to the cause.

The drive is spearheaded by the LAPD Central City Police Boosters. In the past, some of the toys were distributed to City Employees in hardship, too.

This is the sixth year that the Club has participated in the Central City Police Boosters holiday toy drive, and each year the drive collects more toys. More than 112 toys were collected last year; that includes toys donated by Club staffers and Club Members such as your-

self. With your help, the Club hopes to collect even more.

The Club thanks you in advance for your generosity.



Last year's toy drive distributed more than 112 toys to families in need. Won't you help spread Christmas cheer this year to those who need it? Pictured during last year's Club Toy Drive were Club staffers (from left) Marla Fisher, Claims Assistant; John Hawkins, CEO and President; the Ticket Guy; and Jessica Segura, Merchandise and Ticket Sales Coordinator.

REC AND PARKS

Great to Skate

Downtown on Ice skates into downtown for its 11th season.



L.A. Kings Downtown on Ice

Hours: Open every day Nov. 20 – Jan. 19

Monday – Thursday: noon to 10 p.m.

Friday – Sunday: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Special Extended Holiday Hours:

Dec. 19 – Jan. 11 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily

Open Thanksgiving Day: 2 to 10 p.m.

Open Christmas Day: Noon to 10 p.m.

Open New Year's Day: Noon to 10 p.m.

Price: One hour skating session \$6; skate rental \$2. Group and party rates available.

Information: (888) LA-PARKS (527-2757) or visit www.laparks.org and click on Pershing Square.



Santa, Meet Demi

Santa's Holiday Parade extends to a full day with Winterfest street festival, which includes Disney star Demi Lovato.



At last year's Santa's Hollywood Parade.



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Santa's Hollywood Parade – the annual Hollywood Christmas Parade that was re-created last year – will expand in 2008 to a day-long festival Nov. 30, it was announced in October by City Council President Eric Garcetti and Councilmember Tom LaBonge.

The 2008 Hollywood Holiday will include Winterfest, an all-day street festival featuring a free Radio Disney performance by Hollywood Records recording artist and Disney Channel actress Demi Lovato. Ms. Lovato stars with the Jonas Brothers in Disney's *Camp Rock*, and her album *Don't Forget* debuted at number two on the Billboard 200 chart when it was released on Hollywood Records in September. The festivities will also include a parade featuring marching bands from across the country, equestrian units, floats and Santa Claus.

"This year's Hollywood holiday festivities will bring family entertainment to the boulevard in a fresh, exciting format," said Council President Garcetti. We are very pleased to announce we are working with Radio Disney and the participation of some of today's hottest young talents like Demi Lovato. It's going to be a great way to start the holiday season."

"I'm very happy to keep this great holiday tradition in Hollywood," said Councilmember LaBonge. "The Hollywood Santa Parade brings

so much excitement to young and old. Long live the Hollywood Santa Parade!"

"The Radio Disney team is proud to be part of our community's Hollywood Santa Parade tradition and this year's Winterfest. We look forward to showcasing the multi-talented teen sensation Demi Lovato in concert and seeing our listeners at the event," said Natalie Eig, Station Manager, Radio Disney AM 1110.

Winterfest will run from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and will be located on Hollywood Boulevard at Highland Avenue. The family event will feature games, food and a stage where event-goers can watch performances by Radio Disney favorites, including Demi Lovato. The City of Los Angeles, Lift Up America, and the Hollywood Youth Foundation are presenting

sponsors of Winterfest, which will include a special "VIP" area for more than 1,000 children who participate in Los Angeles-area programs for underprivileged youths.

At 5 p.m., the Hollywood Santa Parade will begin at the corner of Hollywood and Highland. Grandstand seats are available for \$35 and discounts are available for groups of 25 or more. The City of Los Angeles has contracted with Hollywood's Santa Parade LLC to produce this parade. There's more information at www.hollywoodsantaparade.com.



Demi Lovato.

The LA Kings Downtown on Ice celebrates its 11th season at Pershing Square when it opens Nov. 20, and is open for business every day through Jan. 19.

Admission price is \$6 (skate rental is \$2). Scheduled special events include:

- free youth hockey clinics
- a free concert series
- a free Winter Holiday Festival
- weekend Kids Zone interactive entertainment
- an outdoor Cityscape Art Gallery Exhibit
- and more.

Sponsors include Rec and Parks, the Los Angeles Kings and Councilmember Jan Perry (9th District).

Sometimes hailed as the Rockefeller Center of the west, the Pershing Square rink is framed by towering skyscrapers, trees and stunning historical landmarks.

Centrally located in the heart of the City of Angels, the facility is easily accessible by car, bus

or rail. Rewarding commuters, a collaboration with Metro, Metrolink and Montebello Buslines allows riders to receive a \$1 skating session discount by showing a coupon available on all mass transit lines. The convenient stop at Pershing Square Station makes getting there easy. Underground discount parking is available with validation.

For more info and a detailed session schedule go to www.laparks.org or call (213) 847-4970.



Olympic star Dorothy Hamill will help open the 11th season of L.A. Kings Downtown on Ice.

ZOO

It's Raining Reindeer

Zoo trots out the 'reindeer' for holiday family fun.



From Thanksgiving to New Year's Day, reindeer fly into the LA Zoo for a visit of sunny Los Angeles during its annual Reindeer Romp.

Children will delight in this holiday event, especially when they see how close they're allowed near the tamed animals. Their keepers

will answer questions about these peculiar little deer, and even assist families in making their own pair of reindeer antlers to take home with them.

The rest of the zoo will be open during these nights, too, so visitors can watch as animals get their holiday treats during the weekends.

This yearly tradition delights young and old. Guests can visit live reindeer, as well as enjoy hands-on arts and craft activities for children of all ages. Visitors can also enjoy entertainment, shopping and more.

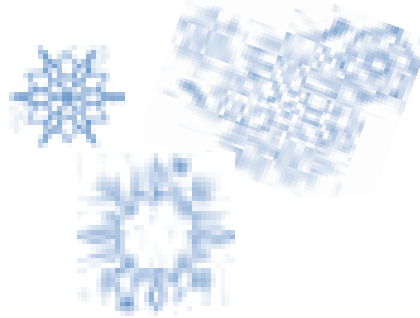
Reindeer Romp runs from Nov. 22 through Jan. 1 during daily zoo hours. Closed on Christmas Day. Guests can be one of the first to view the new Zoo's new Campo Gorilla Reserve, where they can discover a group of lowland gorillas in a lush tropical habitat.

L.A. Zoo Reindeer Romp

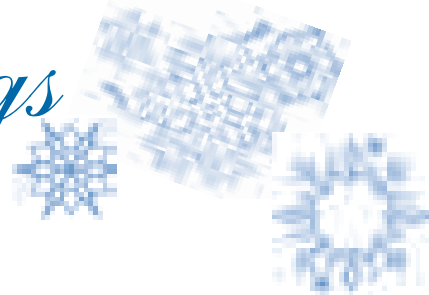
When: Nov. 27 – Jan. 1

Admission: Free with regular zoo admission

Information: www.lazoo.org



Holiday Happenings



DWP

Half a Million Holiday Lights, and Green Ones

DWP's annual Holiday Lights Festival in Griffith Park continues its green effort.

The DWP once again presents its holiday drive-through favorite, but now with greener options.

The DWP Light Festival returns to Griffith Park beginning Nov. 21, and running through Dec. 30. Last year, the DWP switched to energy-efficient LED bulbs, saving energy. Plus, the DWP now offers walking-only nights, plus a bicycle night. And parking shuttles will be available.

The 13th annual DWP Griffith Park Holiday Light Festival runs along a one-mile segment of Crystal Springs Drive and has become a holiday tradition that attracts more than half million visitors each year.

This festival symbolizes DWP's proud history and shared legacy of service to the people of the City. It is also made possible through the generous support of the Los Angeles Visitors and Convention Bureau (LA Inc.), Transportation, the Zoo, Airports, Autry National Center, Automobile Club of Southern California and CalTrans.

To demonstrate the DWP's continuing commitment to a "greener" LA, the Holiday Light Festival will be a pedestrian only and "vehicle free" event Nov. 25 through Dec. 7. Visitors may park at the L.A. Zoo parking lot or the parking lots on the south side of the festival near the Merry-Go-Round, or the lots near the pony rides. Parking will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Walkers are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes and to dress warmly to walk the full one-mile route each way. It is also recommended that walkers have outerwear, as it can get chilly.

■ **'Walking Only' Nights:** The festival is "going green" and introducing "walking only" nights from Wed., Nov. 21 through Sun., Nov. 25, from 5 to 10 p.m. The festival route will be closed to vehicles on these nights. Visitors will be able to park at the L.A. Zoo parking lot. Guests can exit Zoo Drive off of the Golden State 5 Freeway north and park in the L.A. Zoo lot. You will be adjacent to the walking route. There are no shuttles on the L.A. Zoo side of the festival route.

■ Additional parking is available on the south side of the festival off of Los Feliz Boulevard. Guests can enter on Los Feliz Boulevard and Crystal Springs Drive. Parking is available at the Pony Ride, as well as the lots near the Merry-Go-Round. Visitors who park on the south side of the festival route will be able to



Last year at the DWP Light Festival.

take shuttle buses to the walking entrance of the festival. The shuttles will make stops at all of the parking lots on the south side of the festival. Shuttle stop signs will be posted. The DWP encourages visitors to the "walking only" nights to wear warm clothes and comfortable shoes, as the entire festival route is one-mile in length one-way and it can get chilly in the park. It is estimated that a "walking only" visit will take guests about 90 minutes, so visitors are encouraged to come early for parking and to enjoy the full festival. It is advised to not arrive later than 8:30 p.m., as it might be difficult to view the entire festival by walking prior to the 10 p.m. closing.

■ **A 'Vehicle Free' Celebration:** To celebrate the festival's "vehicle free" nights, there will be an educational mini fair area Dec. 5-7 for all to enjoy, featuring information on family activities and healthy nutrition, as well as some tasty treats.

■ The traditional route of driving, walking and shuttles will run Dec. 8 through 30. The shuttle buses will be available weekends and Dec. 19-30. Walkers on these days will enjoy the walking path. Both options are accessible from the Los Angeles Zoo parking lot.

■ **Traditional Festival Experience:** The Light Festival will be open from Nov. 26 through Dec. 30 from 5 to 10 p.m. in its traditional format. Visitors can drive through the festival, entering at Los Feliz Boulevard and Crystal Springs Drive, or guests can walk the festival on the walking path. Guests who would like to walk the festival, may park at the L.A. Zoo parking lot.

■ Shuttle service will also be available on Nov. 30, Dec. 1 and 2; 7, 8 and 9; and 14-30. Shuttle users may park at the LA Zoo parking lot.

■ **Spark of Love Toy Drive:** This is the season to share. Please help make the holiday a little brighter for a needy child. Donate a new, unwrapped toy for the Los Angeles Fire Department's annual Spark of Love Toy Drive. Bins and a crew are available to receive your donation at the festival entrance.

13th Annual DWP Holiday Light Festival

When: Nov. 19 – Dec. 30 (traditional drive-through Nov. 26 through Dec. 30, from 5 to 10 p.m.)

Bike Night: Nov. 19, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Walking-Only Nights: Nov. 21-25.

Address: Griffith Park, 4730 Crystal Springs Dr., Los Angeles

General Information: (323) 913-4688, ext. 9.

Admission: Free.

Shuttle (Zoo Parking Lot): Thanks to Transportation, a shuttle bus will depart continuously from Nov. 30, Dec. 1 and 2; 7, 8 and 9; and 14-30.



REC AND PARKS

All Aboard for Santa

Travel Town Museum in Griffith Park offers its miniature train ride to the North Pole ... and it starts earlier this year.

For the sixth consecutive year, Travel Town Train Museum in Griffith Park is hosting a unique holiday event starring Santa Claus and thousands of dancing lights and beautiful music. On Nov. 24, 25 and 30, and then again Dec. 1-2; 7-9; and every evening starting Dec. 13 through 23, families will be able to take a miniature train ride to visit Santa at his house at the North Pole.

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

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

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

in Griffith Park before or after the DWP's spectacular Festival of Lights.

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

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

Travel Town Train to the North Pole

Dates: Nov. 24-25; 30; Dec. 1-2; 7-9; and nightly from Dec. 13 through 23 (weather permitting; trains do not operate in the rain)

Times: 5 until about 8 p.m.

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

Cost: \$7 per person; infants under 18 months ride free. (Photos with Santa cost \$5 each.)

Information: (323) 662-9678



Banning Museum Goes Victorian

Banning Residence presents its annual Victorian Christmas celebration.



The community is invited to welcome in the holiday season with the annual and festive Victorian Christmas celebration from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 6 and 7 at the Banning Museum, 401 East M St. in Wilmington. Admission for the event will be \$5 for adults and \$1 for children 12 and under. Please call the Banning Museum for further information about the event at (310) 548-7777 or visit us on the web www.banningmuseum.org

Much research has been done to ensure that the museum will reflect realism in decor and display a re-creation of a "Victorian Christmas: The Spirit of Giving." In addition to tours of the museum, visitors will enjoy free transport on a horse-drawn trolley between the museum and Drum Barracks Civil War Museum as well as specially planned old-fashioned activities. Visitors can enjoy the Stage Coach Barn for Victorian-style crafts, enjoy strolling Victorian entertainment and complementary cookies and hot cider and a visit from jolly St. Nick!

Lunch is available for purchase in the sunken patio. Visitors can browse through the Norris Museum Shop, which will be filled with gifts, ornaments and holiday decor.

The museum is a facility of Rec and Parks and is operated in cooperation with Friends of Banning Museum.

■ **November Preview:** The Norris Museum Shop at the Banning Museum presents a holiday preview from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sat., Nov. 8, and Sun., Nov. 9 in the Norris Museum Shop, 401 East M St. in Wilmington.

Visitors can be the first to see the Norris Museum Shop at its brightest! The holiday season is upon us, and the museum shop is prepared with this year's dazzling array of treasures. During this very special weekend, the Norris Museum Shop will offer spectacular gift items, ornaments and seasonal décor. For further information please call the Norris Museum Shop at (310) 548-2000.

LIBRARY

Mapping It Out

Library begins exhibit of local maps in "L.A. Unfolded."

Story and photos courtesy Los Angeles Public Library

Historical maps largely unseen for 100 years, classroom maps from the early 1900s and maps representing a wide range of styles and periods will be on display in the exhibit "L.A. Unfolded: Maps from the Los Angeles Public Library" at Central Library's Getty Gallery, 630 W. Fifth St., downtown Los Angeles, now through Jan. 22.

The exhibition focuses on Los Angeles and California and features topographic surveys, tourist guides, real estate maps, pictorials, illustrations and more. Highlights include a 1791 Spanish explorers' California coast map; a 1975 Goetz Guide to the Murals of East Los Angeles; and artist-historian Jo Mora's masterly illustrated 1942 city map. The exhibition draws exclusively from the Los Angeles Public Library's own map collection, one of the largest collections owned by a public library in the United States.

"As powerful technical and imaginative constructs, maps straddle the line between art and science," said exhibition co-curator Glen Creason, the Library's subject specialist in maps. "For the first time in 100 years, most of them will get their chance to see the world, just as the world has been 'seen' on their surface over many eventful decades in the City of the Angels."

"L.A. Unfolded" will also present a group of maps that transcend local or regional themes. These items range from the 1919 classroom map "The New Europe" to the Louise E. Jefferson 1945 pictorial "Uprooted People of the USA."

"These maps, regardless of their type or intent, have remarkable stories to tell about our city, whether it's learning the original name for Grand Avenue or the location of a 1940s blimp

landing field," said Gloria Gerace, co-curator and director of exhibitions.

The exhibition will also display the winning entries of neighborhood maps created by student participants in the Los Angeles Public Library's 2008 teen summer reading program. Along with the exhibition, free ALOUD lectures called the "Ground Truth" series will take place on three Sundays this fall in Central Library's Mark Taper Auditorium. The series takes its name from the practice of checking the accuracy of a map or aerial image by visiting the actual location.

The ALOUD programs include "Mapping the Invisible Landscape" with Amy Balkin and Kim Stringfellow in conversation with Matthew Coolidge from the Center for Land Use Interpretation, Nov. 9; and "How We Talk About Los Angeles and Why This Matters" with Greg Hise, USC associate professor of urban history in conversation with author D.J. Waldie, Nov. 16. For more information, visit www.aloudla.org.

Also, in collaboration with the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA), family festivals are scheduled for Nov. 2 and Jan. 18. Families can view the exhibition and then join LACMA artists to create their own maps in the Central Library's second floor Rotunda. For information, call (213) 228-7500.

"L.A. Unfolded: Maps from the Los Angeles Public Library" is presented by the Library Foundation of Los Angeles for the Los Angeles Public Library. Exhibits at the Central Library are made possible in part through a grant from The James Irvine Foundation. For more information on the exhibition, visit www.lapl.org/events/unfolded.

The Central Library is located in Council District 9, represented by Councilmember Jan Perry.



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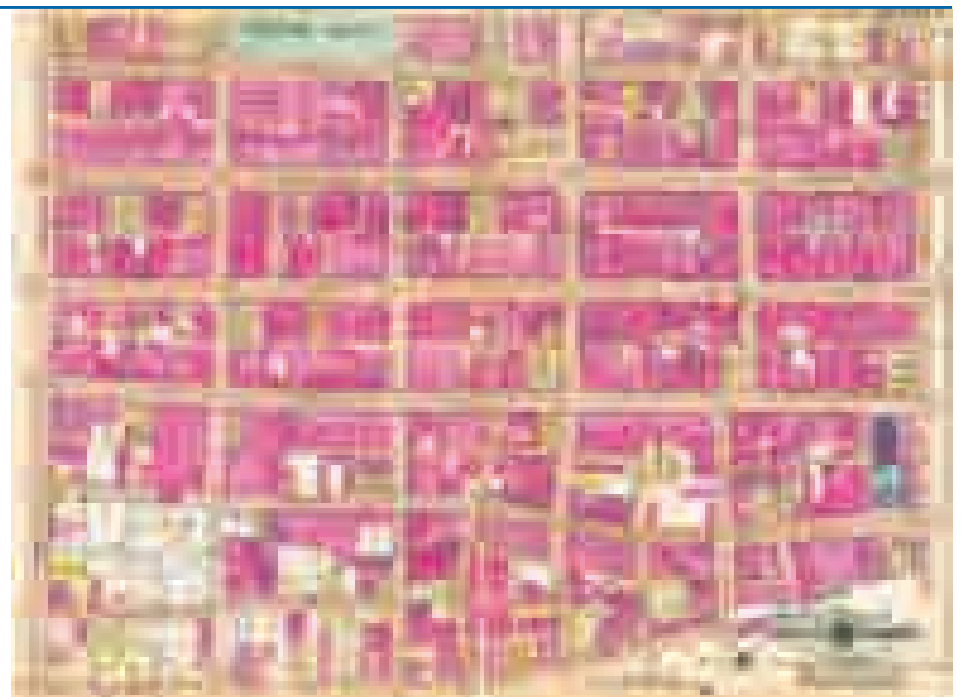
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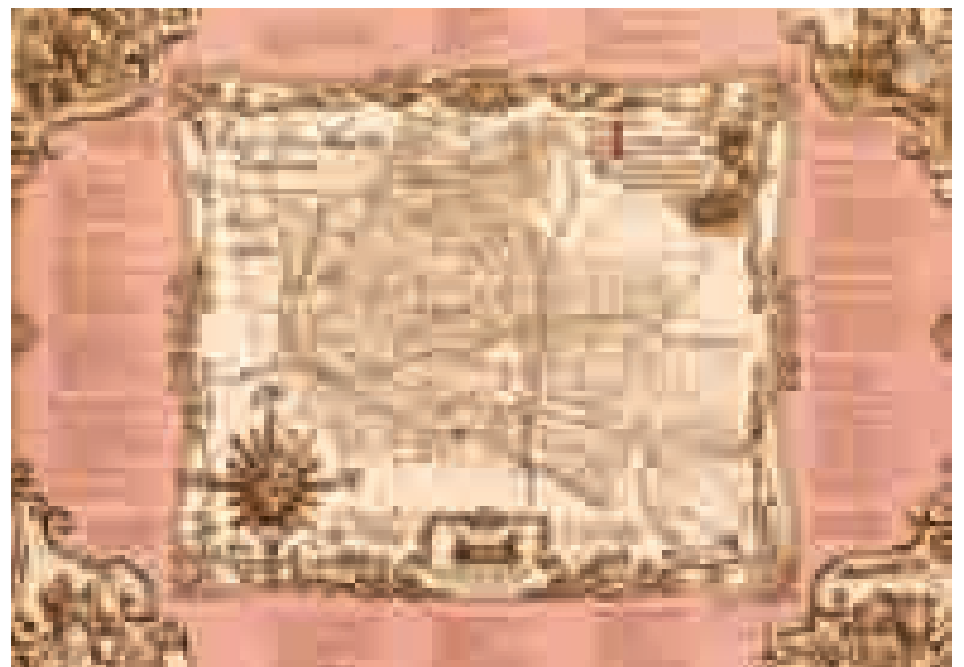
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Mother Lode. Robert Cormack, 1931.



Baist's Real Estate Atlas of Surveys of Los Angeles. G. Wm. Baist, 1921.



The Goetz Map Guide to the Murals of East Los Angeles, created and layout by John D. Gonzalez, design and drawing by David Botello, story illustrations by Robert Arenivar. Goetz Publishing Co., 1975.

TOYS FOR TOTS

You Can Help a Needy Child

The Los Angeles Festival of Arts (LAFA) joins the Marine Corps and volunteers to bring the holiday spirit into the heart of Los Angeles.

The event will continue to be held in December 2008. The individual locations are listed on the left. Distribution is subject to the availability of toys.

What Can You Do?

Donate a new, unwrapped toy at one of our branches by Friday, December 12, 2008.

Culver City: 8000 Culver Center Drive

El Monte: 4204 Han Drive, Suite A

Garden: 1500 West Avenue Blvd.

Glendale: 3075 Glendale Ave.

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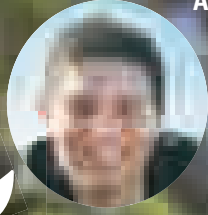
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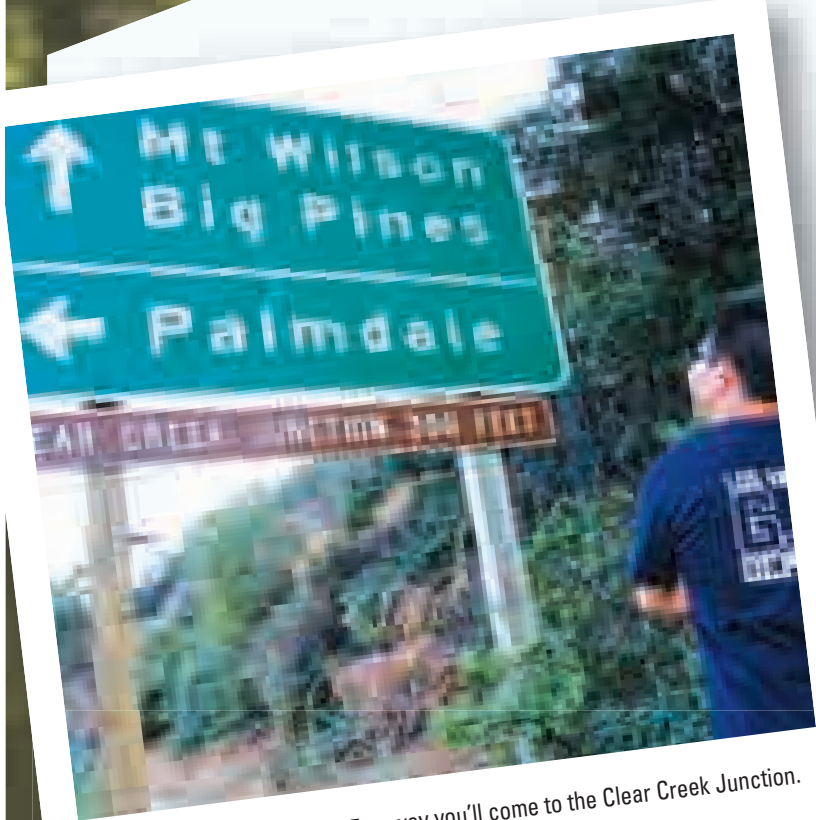


Angel Gomez,
Director of
Member Services



Hurry and explore Mount Wilson before it closes for the winter.

Mount



About 10 miles from the 210 Freeway you'll come to the Clear Creek Junction. Go straight (the road actually bears to the right).

Hello again!

This month we head to Mount Wilson, one of the more prominent peaks in the San Gabriel Mountains. Part of the Angeles National Forest, it's where the Mount Wilson Observatory is, at 5,710 feet, although surrounding peaks around the mountain can rise slightly above 6,000 feet. That means there's snow sometimes during the winter at the peak. Also, there are a lot of antennas at the top, relaying radio and television signals.

There is evidence that various Tongva tribes inhabited the mountains and the low-lying valleys around Mount Wilson. But it was named for the first-known explorer of the mountain, Benjamin Davis "Don Benito" Wilson, California statesman and politi-

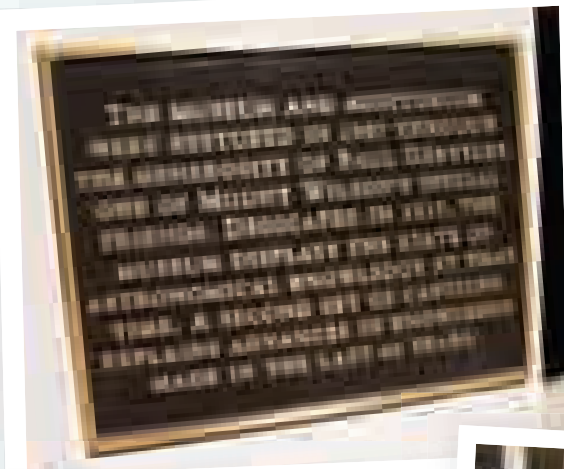
cian. Wilson, grandfather to Gen. George S. Patton Jr. owned Rancho San Pascual at the time and ran a winery at his home near today's San Marino. Wilson hoped to find a suitable wood for his casks and created a hike to the mountain that became a popular pastime for locals, who would make a weekend trip to the summit.

There's still great hiking there today. But remember: The Forest Service requires that vehicles parking within the Angeles National Forest, which includes the parking lot, display a National Forest Adventure Pass or a Golden Age Passport. The Adventure Pass may be purchased for \$5 (one

day) or \$30 (one year) at Clear Creek Ranger Station, Red Box Ranger Station and many sporting goods stores. I usually get mine at Sport Chalet in La Cañada at the base of the mountain. You can also buy one at the Shell station just south of the 210 Freeway on Angeles Crest Highway. Keep in



When you see this sign, make a right into the Red Box Ranger Station. You're getting close; only five more miles!



The Astronomical Museum.



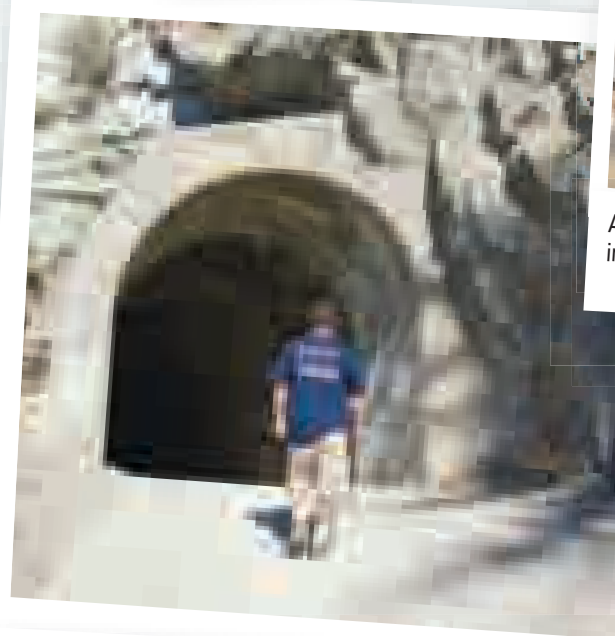
The Red Box Ranger Station.



After leaving the Red Box Ranger Station, keep an eye out for mile marker 2.43. There's a turnoff a hundred feet or so beyond it, where you can park and take a neat little hike.



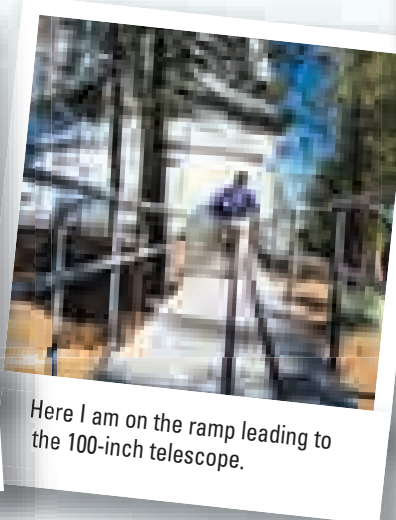
Among other cool items is this "polishing tool" for the telescope mirrors.



Just a couple hundred yards from the road is a very cool tunnel, the Mueller Tunnel. You can walk through it.



Here I am at the 150-foot solar tower. Make sure you read all about it; it's quite fascinating!



Here I am on the ramp leading to the 100-inch telescope.



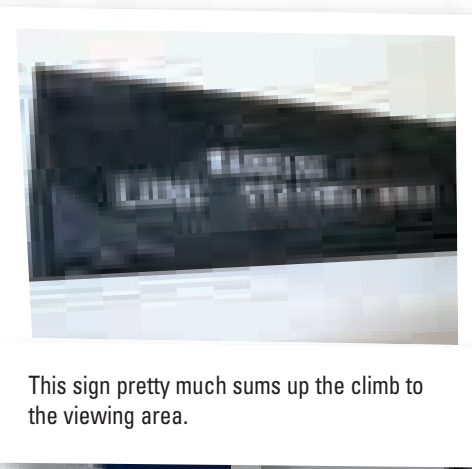
A beautiful piece of machinery!

Wilson

mind that the ranger stations are not open all the time, but the Shell station is.

Here are some Websites with more information:

- **General information:**
www.mtwilson.edu
- **Here's a self-guided tour:**
www.mtwilson.edu/vis/selfguide.pdf
- **Current weather conditions:**
www.weather.noaa.gov/weather/current/KMWS.html



This sign pretty much sums up the climb to the viewing area.



A pretty impressive sight!

Directions:

- From the 210 Freeway, follow the Angeles Crest Highway (State Highway 2) north out of La Cañada Flintridge. After about 10 miles, you'll come to the Palmdale turnoff, the location of the Clear Creek Ranger station. Bear to the right and continue on the highway. After about four miles, make a right turn at the Red Box Ranger Station. In about five miles you'll come to an intersection near some transmitter towers. Follow the "Observatory" sign on the one-way road to the far right around the towers until you reach the Forest Service gate, which is the entrance to Skyline Park and the Observatory.



November Events

Holiday Light Festival and Reindeer Romp

These two annual events – the DWP's Holiday Light Festival, and the Zoo's Reindeer Romp -- combine to make Griffith Park a winter wonderland. Start at the Zoo for the attraction featuring reindeer and includes fun, games and time with the mighty creatures; and then continue your evening by driving (or walking or biking) your way through the beautiful maze of energy-efficient LED lights and sounds. All the details are in this month's Holiday Happenings section.

City sponsors: DWP, Zoo
 • Information: www.dwplightfestival.com; www.lazoo.org

Travel Town Trip to the North Pole

Do you want to take your kids to see Santa, but you want to avoid the mall, or try something new? Griffith Parks's Travel Town turns into a gateway to the North Pole, as this attraction offers glittering miniature train trips to see Santa. Visitors board Travel Town's mini-trains and travel through a wonderland of music and lighted scenes, ending at the "North Pole" and a visit with Santa. Admission fee; photo with Santa extra. See this month's Holiday Happenings for all the details.

City sponsor: Rec and Parks
 • Information: (323) 662-9678

Downtown on Ice

Pershing Square turns into the Rockefeller Center of the West, as the L.A. Kings Downtown on Ice returns for its 11th year downtown. But it's more than just ice skating amidst the downtown skyscrapers in the great Southern California weather – it's concerts, movies and other attractions, too. See the calendar in this month's Holiday Happenings section.

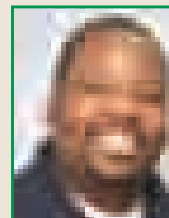
City sponsor: Rec and Parks
 • Information: (888) LA-PARKS (527-2757) or visit www.laparks.org and click on Pershing Square.

Warner Grand Theatre

This large, beautiful art deco theatre in San Pedro is run by Cultural Affairs and offers a full slate of movies and stage plays for your enjoyment. Coming up in November and December: *Las Bellas Novias de Mexico (The Beautiful Brides of Mexico)*, dance, Nov. 1; *The Rocky Horror Picture Show*, film, Nov. 1; Historic walking tours, event, Nov. 8; Opera at the Grand, opera, Nov. 8; *Clarita's Vogue Nutcracker*, ballet/contemporary popular dance, Nov. 12; *Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill*, short films, Nov. 15; *The Maltese Falcon*, film, Nov. 22; *The Wizard of Oz*, film, Nov. 23; *The Christmas Carol*, theatre, Dec. 4-7; and *The Nutcracker*, ballet, Dec. 13-14.

City sponsor: Cultural Affairs
 • Information: www.warnergrand.org

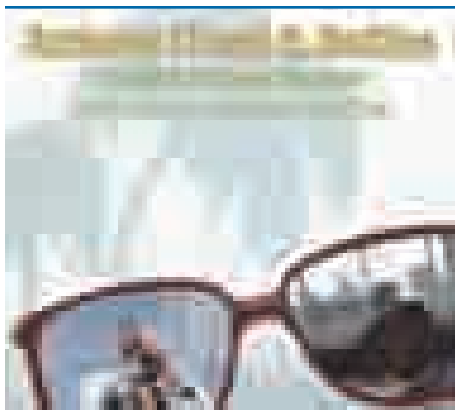
Ticket Guy Recommends



"I recommend the Aquarium of the Pacific. Go down and enjoy incredible sea life. They even have a shark tank!"

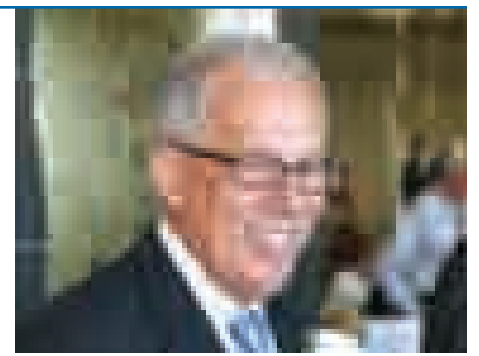


GENERAL SERVICES



Tony DeClue Retires

Asst. General Manager Tony DeClue, Club Member, retires with City Council ceremony and retirement party.



Tony DeClue.

Story and photos by Robert Larios, Director of Operations; Contributions by Yvonne Liu, Office of Finance

For General Services Assistant General Manager Tony DeClue, who completed 36 years of City service, October was a flurry of retirement celebrations.

The last retirement reception held in his honor concluded at the Quiet Cannon in Montebello Oct. 16.

Tony DeClue was recognized at a City Council meeting for his illustrious career Oct. 10.

Tony started his City career in 1971 while still in college at Cal State Los Angeles. He was an Administrative Trainee at Building and Safety.

After he graduated, he was appointed Junior Administrative Assistant, Public Works/Sanitation, Sewer Maintenance Division. After working there for a year, he took a leave of absence and went to live and surf in Hawaii.

He returned to the City in 1974 and resumed his career working at Building and Safety, Social Services and Consumer Affairs and City Clerk Elections. For the next 15 years, Tony worked on projects as varied as budgets for the Housing Authority, Community Development, Community Redevelopment Agency and the City Clerk's Office, Emergency Preparedness, and special projects involving taxes and revenues.

He joined the Mayor's Executive Management team in 1989, when he was appointed as an Assistant General Manager, Aging. There, he resolved some major financial problems and put their budget on sound footing. He helped start a LA's local Meals on Wheels fundraising efforts. He helped develop the nation's first ethnically diverse senior meal plan, adding six styles of cultural cuisines: kosher, Hispanic, African American, Korean, Japanese and Chinese. This became a national model. After the 1994 Northridge earthquake, Tony helped organize a number of senior relief programs.

In 1996 Tony was promoted to General Services, where he worked for the last 12 years. He was last Civil Service Assistant General Manager in City employment. Under four different mayors, he implemented major improvements to General Service's Security Services that benefited the Security Officers, including equal status as peace officers, better training, better pay, and state-of-the-art equipment.

Utility Buyer Lina Senatin-Partosa, DWP, remembers that she met Tony when she was a Mayoral Aide, Aging. She later worked for Tony as an Executive Secretary at General Services. She has been a member of the City Employees Club since 2005.

Tony made sure that Accounts Payable Section paid its bills on time so that the City captured discounts from City vendors. He would ask for a monthly report from the Accounts Payable Section to explain why they were not able to capture the savings and save money for the City.

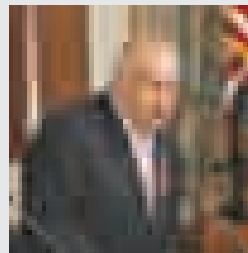
Lina, who has 28 years of City service, enjoyed working with Tony because he has a good sense of humor. "When we would be stressed out at the office, I would start singing, 'I feel good, I knew that I would,' [like James Brown], and Tony would join in with 'So good, So good, Ow!'" Lina said.

"What I admire about Tony is that he treats everyone the same, whether you are [a] staff [member], department head, or elected official. He treats everyone with the same respect," said Tina Fermin, Executive Administrative Assistant II, who had worked with Tony in the last year and a half. She has been a member of the City Employees Club since 2002.

Tony worked closely with SEIU and custodial staff. He oversaw major improvements in custodial services. General Services/Custodial Section became more competitive with the private sector and actually was able to win back



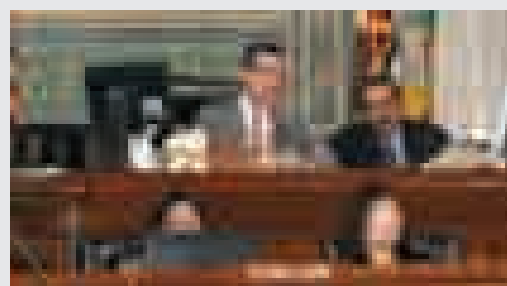
Tony DeClue with his family in the background, and Councilman Tony Cardenas on the left.



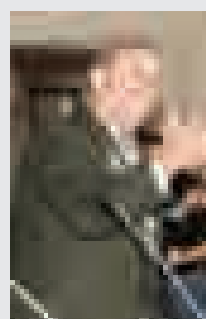
Councilman Dennis Zine gives his comments.



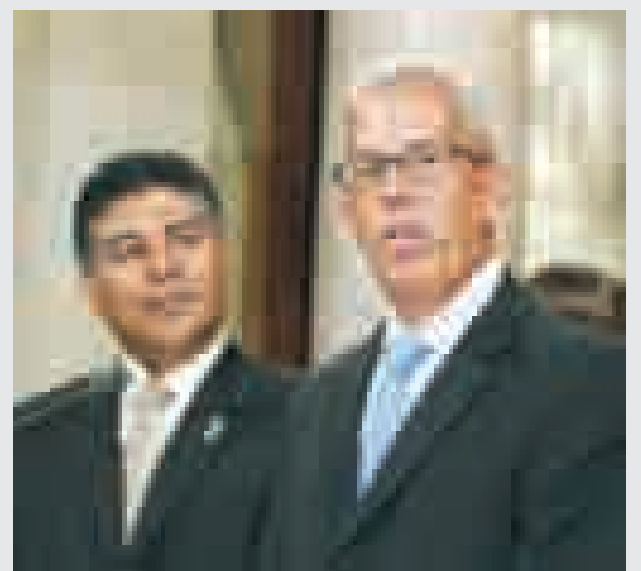
From left: Tony DeClue's son-in-law, Drew Jedlinsky; daughter, Jenny Jedlinsky; Councilman Tony Cardenas; Tony DeClue; Tony's wife, Laurie; and son, Chris DeClue. Not pictured: Tony's daughter, Shelley DeClue.



Council President Eric Garcetti.



Councilman Greig Smith.



Tony DeClue and Councilman Cardenas

**Council Chambers:
Oct. 10
Council Resolution**

**Reception,
City Hall South
courtyard.**

**Retirement Luncheon: Oct. 16
Quiet Cannon, Montebello**



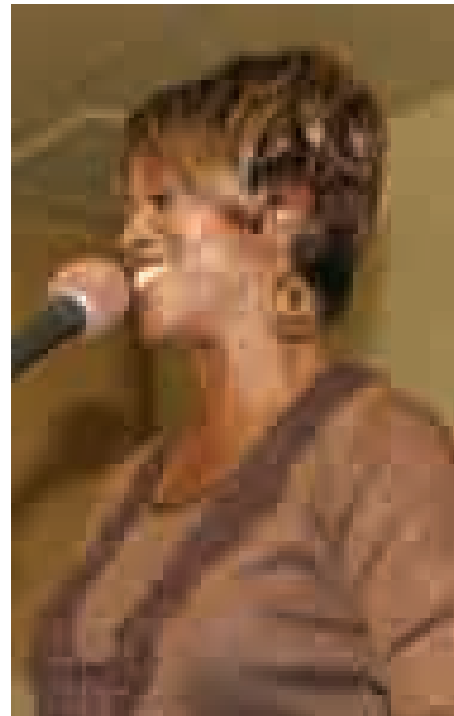
Phyllis Currie, Former DWP Chief Financial Officer, with Tony DeClue.



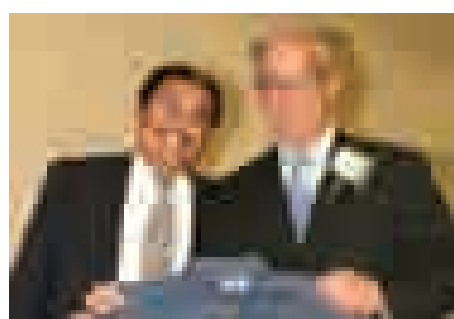
Tony Royster, General Manager, General Services, presents Tony DeClue with the City's official Retirement Recognition.



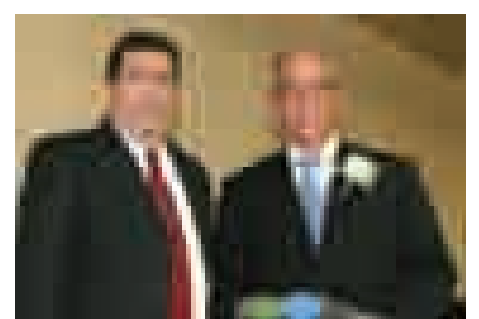
The Mistress of Ceremonies; Angela D. Sherick, Acting Asst. Manager of GSD



The extremely talented Sandy Mack, City Attorney's Office, singing a customized version of "At Last" tailored just for Tony.

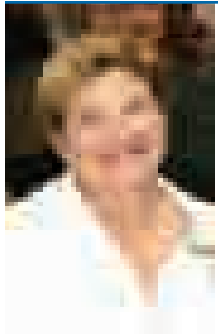


Rene Villa-Agustin, Asst. Director of Fuel Services, GSD

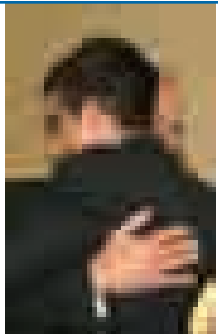


Alex Helou, Asst. Director of the Bureau of Sanitation

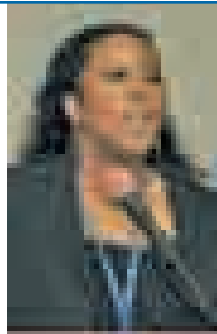
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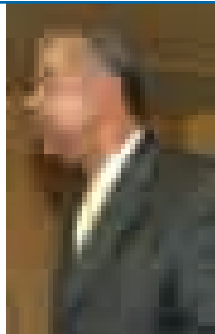
Tony DeClue's wife, Laurie.



Tony and son Christopher DeClue



Regina Adams, Assistant General Manager, Rec and Parks



David Paschal, Asst. GM GSD



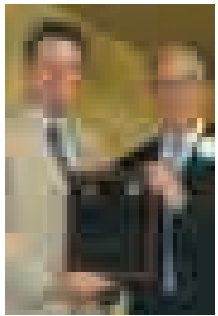
The beautiful sign given to Tony by Fleet Services, designed and painted by Ben Baca.

Tony DeClue Retires

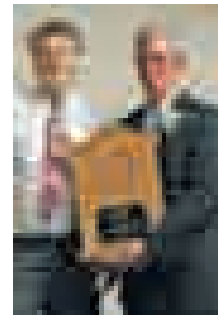
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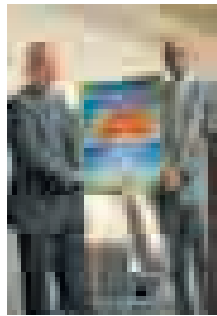
Tony DeClue with General Services/Fleet Services.



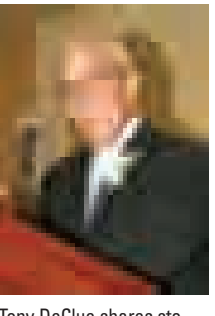
Bill Robertson, Director of Bureau of Street Services



Nick Pendorf, Director of Construction Forces, GSD



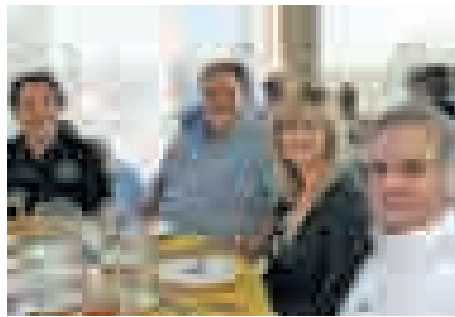
Leonard S. Walker, Director of Fleet Services



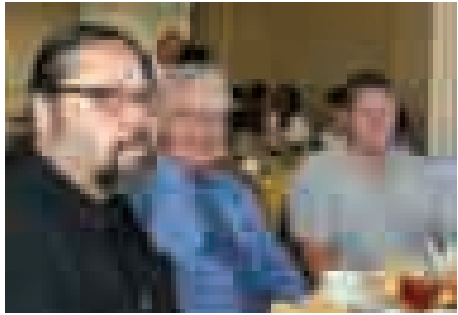
Tony DeClue shares stories of his good times working for the City.



Tony DeClue and artist Ben Baca, who painted the sign.



From left: Vince Garcia; David Honeywell; Janet Gnerlich, Club Member; and Josh Esquivel, Club Member.



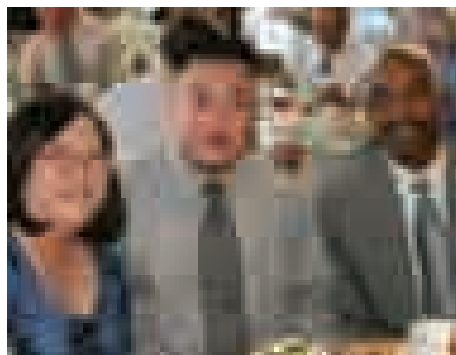
Art Flores, General Services/Fleet Services, Club Member; Jacque Lorraine, General Services/Fleet Services, Club Member; and Dan Parker, DWP, Club Member.



Tony DeClue with Ralph Burquist, Retired.



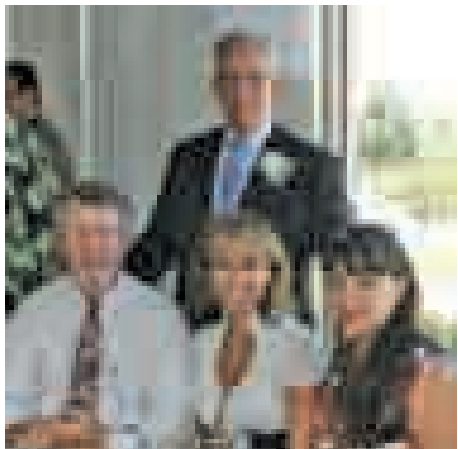
General Services/Fleet Services employees (from left) Keith Hall, Dave Wilson and Richard Coulson, Club Member.



From left: Gail Tichman; David Ly; and Leonard Walker, Director, General Services/Fleet Services, Club Member.



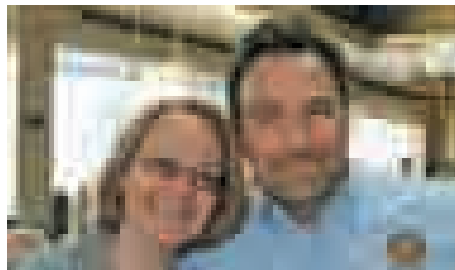
General Services/Fleet Services employees (from left): Kris Goolsby, Club Member; Toni Roberson; and Bob Nieto



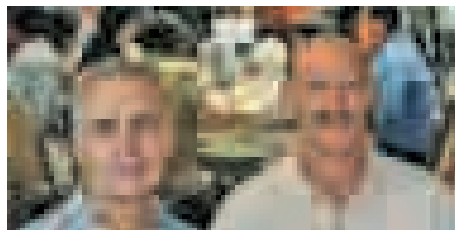
From left: Tony DeClue; Nick Pendorf, Club Member; Carol Holguin, Club Member; and Angie Rios, Club Member.



John Hawkins, Club President and CEO, presents Tony DeClue with a Club's Classic Divers watch.



Loretta Quenon, Director, General Services/Custodial Services, Club Member; with John Hawkins, Club President and CEO.



From left: Ben Baca (the artist who painted the sign) and George Giambastiani.



From left: Beverly Batiste; Allie Taylor, Club Member; and Maiyo Lara.



From left: Beverly Pleasant, Executive Administration Assistant III, Club Member; Sonya Flint, Executive Administration Assistant, Club Member; Biniko Hawkins, Executive Administration Assistant II; and John Hawkins, Club President and CEO.

contracts for expanded services at City-owned facilities that would otherwise go to private custodial firms.

Kevin Lee, Automotive Engineer II, and his staff purchase the fleet equipment for most City departments, including garbage trucks for Public Works/Sanitation and construction equipment for Rec and Parks. When Alvin Blain became General Manager for General Services, Tony took over the City's Clean Fleet Program and has ensured its continued success.

Kevin knew that Tony succeeded Alvin with an infallible background in finance and administration. "I was most impressed with Tony by how fast he learned the technical side of our business," Kevin says. "He learned it quickly, gave good advice and directed us to the right path."

Since 2000, the City has been switching out old models with environmentally friendly, fuel-efficient models. The City now has the largest hybrid fleet of more than 1,100 sedans, and has the largest municipal natural gas refuse and sweeper fleets in the nation. In fact, the City is way ahead of other municipalities when it comes to its commitment to alternative fuel vehicles.

Leonard Walker, Director of Fleet Services, worked with Tony during these last four years of his 20 years with General Services. "I will miss Tony for the 36 years of expertise he had in the internal workings of the City, especially the budget process," Leonard said. "Tony had the knowledge on getting the resources to get the job done."

"He was also a people person, and he supported the people at the ground level, like the City mechanics, that got the job done," said Leonard, who has been a member of the City Employees Club since 2005.

"Tony was also big on safety and often emphasized the importance of keeping the equipment in superb operating order. He was proactive on vehicle safety and the maintenance of city vehicle, making sure that [City vehicles] were safe and reliable," Leonard added.

Tony has always enjoyed a physically active lifestyle. During his retirement, he will be enjoying his favorite water sports including kayaking, swimming, fishing and surfing.

Tony said, "The hardest thing [about retirement] will be leaving the people I have worked with for so many years. I feel like I'm part of a family. And I feel that I have been able to make a small contribution to the citizens of Los Angeles."

Now that Tony recently bought a small motor home, he will be taking a break from teaching kids to surf the waves and to play soccer in his spare time.

Tony and his wife, Laurie, were to venture out in their motor home on a leisurely trip through Baja until the end of the year. He also plans on biking in the German wine country in Fall 2009. Other destinations on Tony's "bucket list" are Machu Picchu, the Galapagos Islands, Easter Island, the Fiji Islands, Tierra del Fuego and Mt. Kilimanjaro. Since Tony has been a member of the City Employees Club since 1974, maybe he will share these travel destinations through "Alive! Around the World" or "Adventures with Hal."

Congratulations from the Club, Tony, on your excellent career, and have a great retirement.



Retirement Luncheon: Oct. 16
Quiet Cannon, Montebello

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. 11 in a series.
NOVEMBER 2008



Meet Dwayne Thomas.



AGE: "62."

BIRTHPLACE: "New Orleans, La."

MARITAL STATUS: "Married once, but now divorced."

FAMILY: "Four brothers and six sisters."

RELIGION: "Baptist."

FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: "Getting my driver's license."

MOVED TO THE CITY: "About two years ago, after Hurricane Katrina. My work dried up."

EDUCATION: "I have a high school diploma from J.S. Green High School."

MILITARY: "I was drafted into the U.S. Army and was sent to Vietnam. I served from 1966 to 1969 as a medic and saw much fighting. I spent time in the Mekong Delta. I got injured when I fell on a pungee stick [a bamboo shoot that's cut, sharpened and buried in a pit, seriously injuring a soldier if he or she fell into the pit]. They told me I'd get a Purple Heart, but never did."

IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE? "Getting up off these streets and being self sufficient. Getting a job is pretty slim for a black man being my age and all."

LAST JOB: "I was a landscaper in New Orleans. I did things like cut people's grass. I did 60 yards a week."

FAVORITE SPORTS: "Football and basketball."

FAVORITE FOODS: "Meatloaf with ketchup and hot sauce."

FAVORITE MOVIE: "I like scary movies."

FAVORITE ACTOR: "Denzel Washington."

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "I don't watch much TV."

FAVORITE MUSIC: "Jazz, of course."

FAVORITE CANDY: "Hershey bar."

LAST BOOK READ: "I want to read *Shock Doctrine*."

WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "I live in a tent over on Seventh and Maple."

ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "Just remember that you're just one paycheck away from being in the same situation as me."

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE WAR IN IRAQ? "It sucks. It was instituted behind a lie."

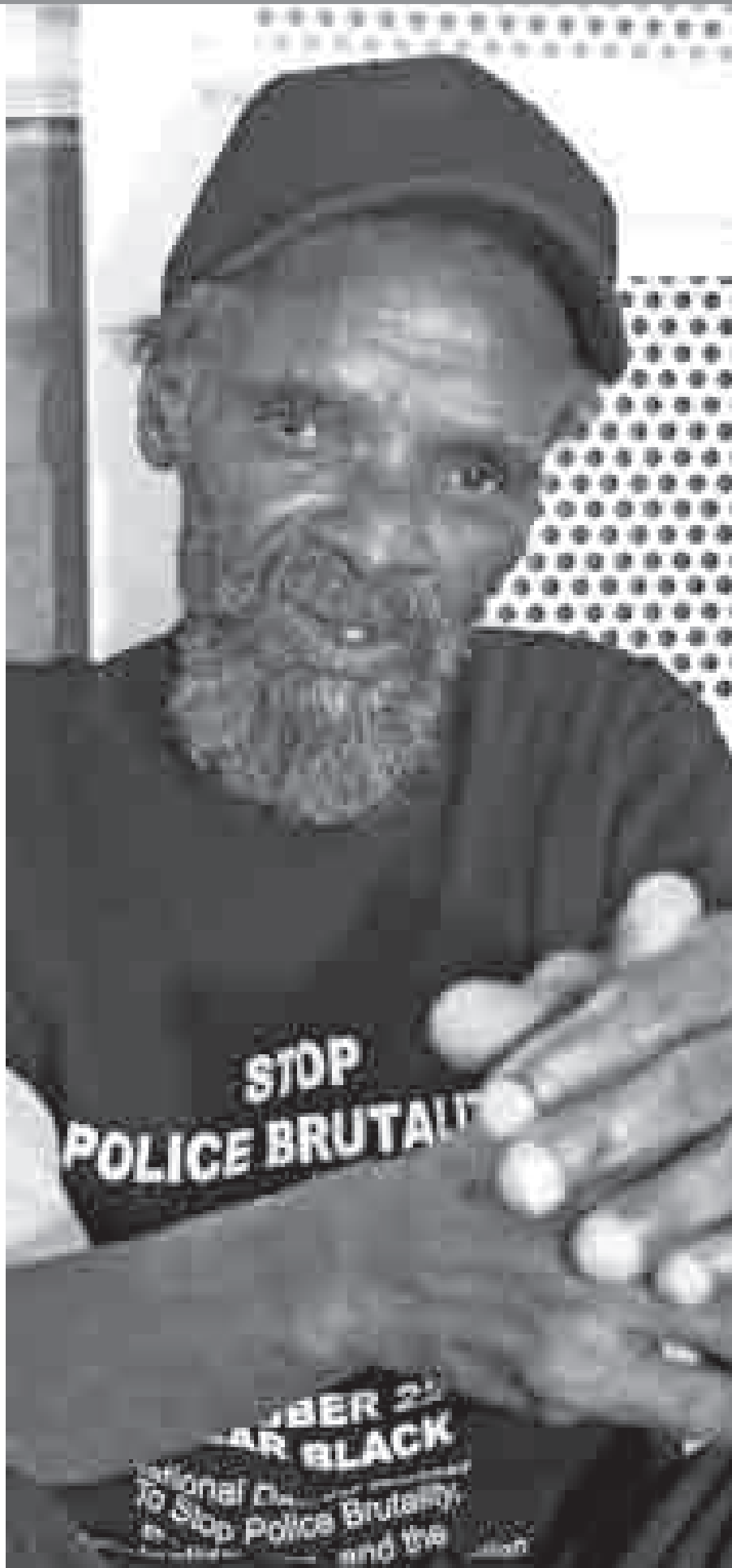
WHAT IS YOUR SOLUTION TO THE ECONOMICAL CRISIS? "We need to create a new system altogether."

WHO ARE YOU VOTING FOR, FOR PRESIDENT? "Obama!"

IF YOU WERE THE MAYOR, WHAT WOULD YOU DO ABOUT THE HOMELESS SITUATION? "First there's no room for the homeless. There's 93,000 homeless on the streets and there's just not enough room. The mayor needs to create housing opportunities. The missions are not a solution; they are very institutionalized and very demeaning, not to mention seriously overcrowded."

The Club gave Dwayne a water bottle, three pairs of socks, a \$25 McDonald's gift certificate, \$20 and snacks.

The interview took place Oct. 24 at Second and Los Angeles Streets, Downtown Los Angeles.



Newsbrief

SANITATION SUPPORTS

FIRE VICTIMS:

Public Works/Sanitation stepped forward Oct. 15 to provide additional support and assistance to fire-stricken communities and victims of the latest fires that have hit Los Angeles communities.

Through the end of October, Sanitation trucks went through the streets of fire-stricken communities to collect large bulky items that have been damaged or destroyed by the fires. Residents affected by the fires were asked to place their fire-damaged bulky items on their curb.

At the same time, Sanitation provided additional support directly to homeowners affected by the fire. Homeowners who needed special assistance or who had special material including hazardous and electronic waste could request the support by calling 3-1-1.

Residents who needed to dispose of hazardous material, automotive products and/or electronic waste could also take their material to any of the City's SAFE Centers. S.A.F.E stands for Solvents, Automotives, Flammables and Electronics - items hazardous to the environment that should not be disposed of in the regular trash.

STUDENT SMART PROGRAM:

An expanded version of the Student Smart program, which helps middle and high school students improve study skills and SAT scores, was launched by the Los Angeles Public Library and Princeton Review in response to increased demands from parents searching for help during difficult economic times.

More than 200 Hollenbeck, Markham, Stevenson and Gompers middle school students helped launch the third year of Student Smart Oct. 16, in Central Library's Mark Taper Auditorium. The middle schools are part of the "Partnership for LA Schools" program created by Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa to improve reading and literacy skills at 10 elementary, middle and high schools.

"We have received more calls this year from parents about Student Smart than past years, and they say they want to take advantage of this program because they cannot afford to pay for similar programs during these hard economic times," said Georgette Todd, Director of the Library's Young Adult Services. "We have expanded the number of workshops and seminars because of the demand."

The free program allows students to attend PSAT and SAT seminars and take SAT practice tests, a package that generally costs several hundred dollars. The program also reviews techniques to improve test scores, study habits, writing and skills for college preparation. This year, the program will offer 133 Student Smart programs - 56 seminars and 77 SAT practice tests - a more than 46 percent increase in programs compared to last year.

The program is open to all middle school and high school students and more than 10,000 students have taken advantage of the program over the past three years. The "Student Smart" seminars and workshops will be offered at the downtown Central Library and at Los Angeles Public Library's branches Citywide. Also, as a part of the program, libraries will offer more PSAT and SAT books and other study materials.

The Student Smart schedule of seminars and practice test sessions is available online at www.lapl.org/studentsmart. Teens interested in participating in a particular seminar are encouraged to contact the libraries where programs are scheduled; pre-registration will be available and is highly recommended.

For more information about the program, call Young Adult Services at (213) 228-7510 or visit the Library's Web site at www.lapl.org/studentsmart.

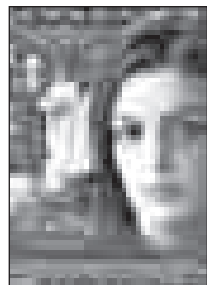
Student Smart is made possible through the generosity of Linda Duttonhaver, with additional support provided by the Sterling Foundation. Funding secured by the Library Foundation of Los Angeles. To support the Los Angeles Public Library, contact (213) 228-7500 or www.libfnd@lap.org.

Who are the people you see every day?

REVIEWS BY FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS

ENTERTAINMENT

MOVIE REVIEWS

**Rachel Getting Married**

Rated R

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

Ann Hathaway is Kym, Rachel's sister, who is home for the weekend from drug rehab to attend Rachel's wedding. That is the setup for one of the most amazing, unforgettable acting performances I have seen in years. Watching Ann Hathaway alone is worth the price of admission, although the story line and quirky editing make for somewhat difficult viewing. Another acting surprise is Debra Winger as the troubled, dysfunctional mother. With such great acting, it's easy to overlook the film's many other flaws.

- Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

**Max Payne**

Rated R

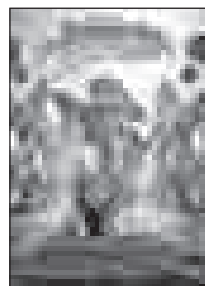
My Score: 3 (out of 5)

This movie, based on a video game, has unique visual effects similar to *Sin City* and *300*. Mark Wahlberg, as Max Payne, is a cop whose wife and kid get killed as he arrives home. He dedicates the rest of his career to finding those responsible. The movie also stars Mila Kunis (*That '70s Show*) as an assassin who joins him in that quest.

Having never played the *Max Payne* video game, I expected to see more of this dark underworld where the Valkyries inhabited, but instead all I got was this mayhem centered around a drug company. It was slow at the beginning, but had a very good pace and action at the end. This would have been a much better

movie if it had the pace and action of the ending throughout the movie.

- Chuck Beas, DWP

**Beverly Hills Chihuahua**

Rated PG

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

This is a great Disney movie for children! But just okay for all others. Drew Barrymore is the voice of "Chloe," an adorable and spoiled white Chihuahua owned by the very rich Jamie Lee Curtis. When Jamie goes away for work and leaves "Chloe" with a relative, "Chloe" gets lost, and then the adventure begins.

Fifty percent of the audience was kids, and they remained quiet throughout the movie, so you know that's a good sign. I was disappointed that Jamie Lee Curtis's role was so small. George Lopez is great as the voice of "Papi," who is in love with "Chloe."

- Gail Seltzer, DWP

Beverly Hills Chihuahua**My Score 3 (out of 5)**

What a cute movie. I took my two-year-old daughter, and believe it or not she watched the whole thing. Jamie Lee Curtis' character owns a spoiled Chihuahua named Chloe. Chloe would be considered your typical spoiled Beverly Hills chick, I mean dog. Chloe ends up being babysat by Curtis' niece, Rachel, and that is where the fun begins. Rachel takes Chloe to Mexico. Chloe gets picked up by a group that steals dogs to fight in dogfights. In the end, Chloe gets rescued by a washed-up police German shepherd. The movie is very funny and entertaining for kids.

- Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

**Burn After Reading**

Rated R

My Score: 2 (out of 5)

There was a lot of laughter in the audience, but unfortunately not from me. I did enjoy Brad Pitt; he was gorgeous and funny. George Clooney, who is also gorgeous, provided me with some laughter, too.

But overall I did not care for the story and wished I had picked a different movie to see. I also wished I could ask for my money back. I guess if you had seen other Coen movies and enjoyed them, you would probably enjoy this one. This was my first Coen movie and probably my last.

- Gail Seltzer, DWP

**Body of Lies**

Rated R

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

This is another spy thriller based in the Middle East. I expected more from this Ridley Scott movie, especially with Leonardo DiCaprio and Russell Crowe starring as CIA agents trying to track down a high ranking terrorist named Al Salim in Jordan. Halfway through the movie, it just dragged on, emphasizing the constant feuding between the field agent DeCaprio and his handler, Crowe. It lost my interest in the story, so I was a little disappointed with this Ridley Scott movie.

- Chuck Beas, DWP

DVD Reviews

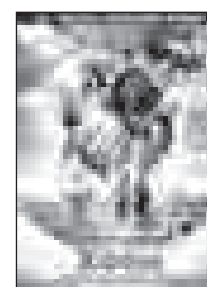
**Underdog (2007)**

Rated PG

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

As a kid I loved the *Underdog* cartoon. So I watched this movie with my two-year-old daughter. The movie starts out with a beagle that is fired as a bomb-sniffing dog for the Police Department. Then a mad scientist snatches the beagle off the street. The beagle gets injected by the mad scientist, which gives the dog super powers. Jim Belushi finds Underdog and takes him into his home, not knowing his powers. Underdog then saves the day numerous times during the movie. The movie is cute for kids and has some good special effects.

- Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

**Zoom (2006)**

Rated PG

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

I had not heard of this movie until I was looking for PG movies for -- who else but my daughter. Well, it was a very cute movie with some good stars, Tim Allen, Courtney Cox and Chevy Chase. Allen plays a washed-up superhero named Capt. Zoom who is called back to duty to train a new group of superheroes. The superheroes are a bunch of misfit kids who have powers that no one knows about. After the kids get trained they have to save the world from a villain. The movie is funny and was surprisingly fun to watch.

- Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

BOOK REVIEWS

**Rogue**By Danielle Steel
Fiction, 305 pages
Bantam Dell**My Score: 4 (out of 5)**

This book is about life after a divorce and how two people, because of what they shared in their past along with their three children, remain so close. Each has their own lives with others, and the children pass judgment about all their different partners and seeing everything that goes on.

- Patricia Saucier, Retired Club Member

**Fearless Fourteen**by Janet Evanovich
Women's Fiction, 320
Pages; St. Martin's Press
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Personal vendettas, hidden treasure, and a monkey named Carl will send bounty hunter Stephanie Plum on her most explosive adventure yet.

The Crime: Armed robbery to the tune of \$9 million. Dom Rizzi robbed a bank, stashed the money, and did the time. His family couldn't be more proud. He always was the smart one. *The Cousin: Joe Morelli.* Joe Morelli, Dom Rizzi and Dom's sister, Loretta, are cousins. Morelli is a

cop, Rizzi robs banks, and Loretta is a single mother waiting tables at the firehouse. The all-American family. *The Complications: Murder, kidnapping, destruction of personal property and acid reflux.* Less than a week after Dom's release from prison, Joe Morelli has shadowy figures breaking into his house and dying in his basement. He's getting threatening messages, Loretta is kidnapped, and Dom is missing. *The Catastrophe: Moonman.* Morelli hires Walter "Mooner" Dunphy, stoner and "inventor" turned crime fighter, to protect his house. Morelli can't afford a lot on a cop's salary, and Mooner will work for potatoes. *The Cupcake: Stephanie Plum.* Stephanie and Morelli have a longstanding relationship that involves sex, affection and driving each other nuts. She's a bond enforcement agent with more luck than talent, and she's involved in this bank-robbery-gone-bad disaster from day one. *The Crisis: A favor for Ranger.* Security expert Carlos Manoso, street name Ranger, has a job for Stephanie that will involve night work. Morelli has his own ideas regarding Stephanie's evening activities. *The Conclusion: Only the fearless should read Fourteen.* Thrills, chills, and incontinence may result.

This is the 14th novel by Janet Evanovich featuring character bounty hunter Stephanie Plum. This fictional comical adventure novel will make you laugh as Stephanie, Morelli and Ranger try to solve another crime.

- Linda Rorex, Personnel

**Don't Let the Lipstick Fool You**by Lisa Leslie with Larry
Burnett; Nonfiction, 290 Pgs.
Kensington Publishing
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

A four-time Olympic gold medalist, three-time MVP of the WNBA, and the first woman ever to dunk in a professional basketball game, Lisa Leslie is considered one of the greatest players in the history of women's basketball. Now in her own words, she points the spotlight onto her remarkable life off the court, where being a confident champion was not always simple.

As a child growing up in South Central Los Angeles, Lisa was timid, awkward, and more than six feet tall in the sixth grade. Opponents challenged her, and she struggled to overcome self-imposed fears and limitations. But as her interest in basketball grew, she toughened both her game and her resolve. She also learned she could retain her femininity and throw a few elbows, too.

Still there was a nagging notion that girls -- even tall girls and especially pretty ones -- could not play well. At the same time, Lisa's home life, though loving, was unstable. Lisa never knew her father. Her mother worked as a traveling truck driver to support the family, leaving Lisa to shuffle between relatives. Lisa's beloved older sister

seemed only to torment her and harbor hidden jealousies, and would later go on to steal her identity and almost ruin her finances. And as a young woman, it would take two broken engagements before Lisa finally found the love of her life.

Overcoming tremendous doubts paved the way to Lisa's greatest achievements -- scoring 101 points in the first half of a high school basketball game; signing with the Wilhelmina modeling agency and appearing in *Vogue* magazine; and of course traveling the world and winning championship after championship after championship.

Today, Lisa is a beautiful, poised, assertive, six-foot-five-inch basketball powerhouse. Her elegance and charm have made her a favorite with fans, the fashion world, and even Hollywood. With hard-won candor and self-assurance, Lisa Leslie shares her empowering story about finding grace under pressure, balancing a life of contradiction without losing yourself, and exceeding expectations -- including your own -- by playing like a girl.

This autobiographical novel is power-packed with information about Lisa's life that is not well known by the public. It also has pictures of Lisa's modeling career days and her career as number 9 on the Sparks Basketball team and life as a wife and mother.

- Linda Rorex, Personnel

Your Reviews

You can be a reviewer! Have you just seen a great movie or DVD? Read a great book? Been to a great play or musical? Write a brief review. It's easy! See the instruction box.



100 Words or Fewer

Here's how to submit your review. *Alive!* accepts entertainment reviews of 100 words or fewer. We might not print them all, especially if we receive multiple reviews for the same movie or DVD. Follow these rules:

- For movies: Make sure the movie is still in theatres. For DVDs and books, make sure they are generally available. For theatre shows: try to submit your review before the show closes.
- Have fun!
- Keep all reviews to 100 words or fewer, but try to write more than one or two sentences.
- Your own comments are more important than a long plot summary.
- Give us your score on a scale of 1 to 5. Use this format: *My Score: X (out of 5)*.
- Make sure you give us your name and City department (or retired).
- Submit your review to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com
- *Alive!* will send you a small but appropriate "thank you" if we publish your review.

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

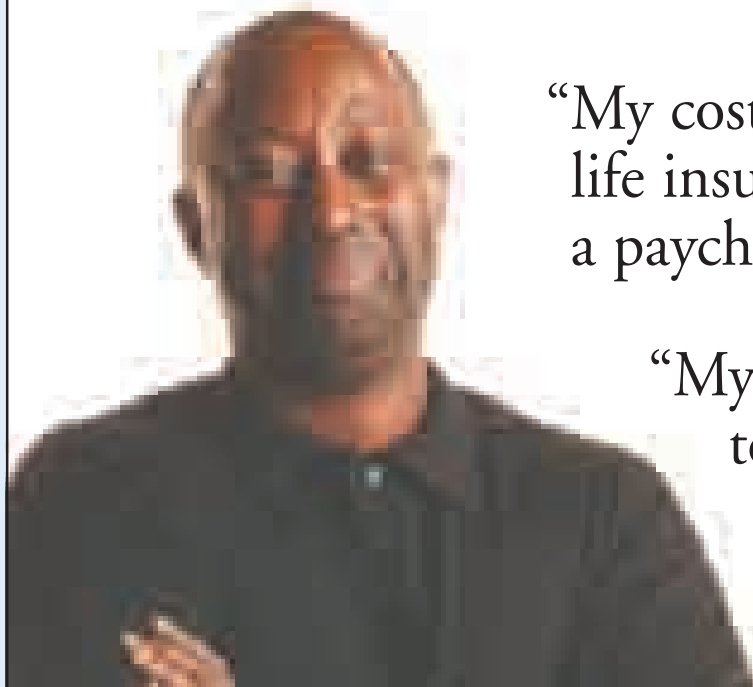
When evaluating term life insurance plans, here are some things to consider:

- 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

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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:
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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 <input type="checkbox"/> Single	
SPOUSE	FILL OUT ONLY IF SPOUSE IS APPLYING FOR COVERAGE.							
	Last Name		First Name	MI	Social Security Number			
	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.)

Employee Total Coverage Amount Desired: \$

Spouse Total Coverage Amount Desired: \$

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:

Employee Total Coverage Amount Desired: \$ 25,000 to \$300,000 (available in increments of \$25,000)

Spouse Total Coverage Amount Desired: \$ 25,000 to \$300,000 (available in increments of \$25,000)

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.

G-19027L AG5539 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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PUBLIC WORKS

Hyperion Benefit Fair

Sanitation hosts benefit fair at Hyperion.

Story and photos by Tiffany Sy, Club Counselor

On Sept. 18, Public Works held an employee benefit fair at the Hyperion Treatment Plant.

It was a great event, promoting work and fun in the workplace. Sanitation employees were able to learn about their benefits while they enjoyed food and fun under the sun.

Thanks to Melissa Camiling for her assistance in producing this article.



Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor, helps City Employees understand their Club insurance and Club benefits.



Employees line up for the delicious tacos!



Time for ice cream.



Tee off, anyone?



Scoring a good workout on the court.



From left: Lynetta Johnson, Melissa Camiling and Maribel Gomez.



Jeff Brill, Sr. Administrator I.



Hyperion Treatment Plant employees enjoy their catered lunch and good company.



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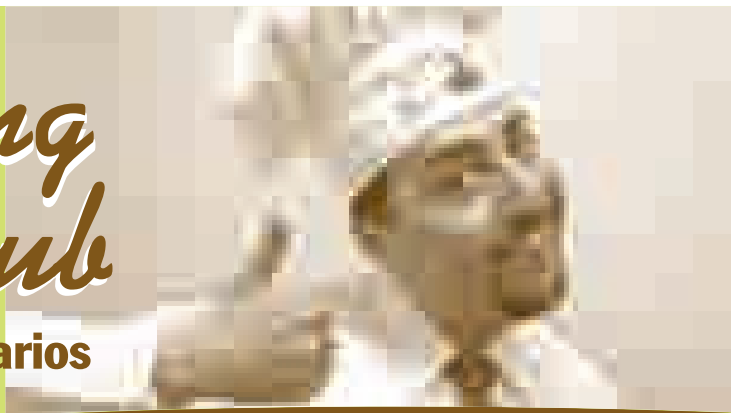
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Cooking with the Club

by Chef Robert Larios

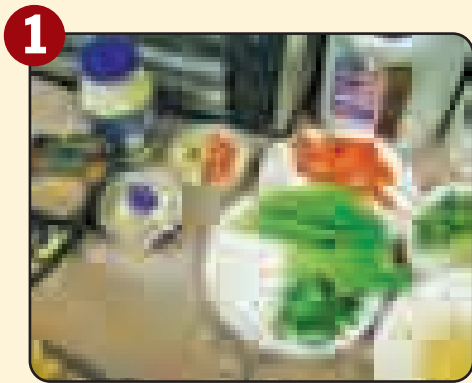


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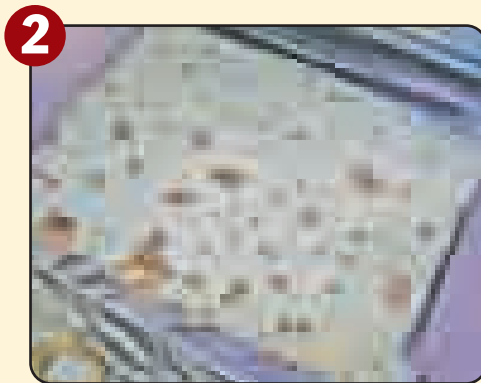
If you would like your recipe published in the next issue of *Alive!*, you may fax your recipes to (213) 620-0398 or e-mail us at talkback@cityemployeesclub.com.

It's a Wrap ... With Turkey and Beef

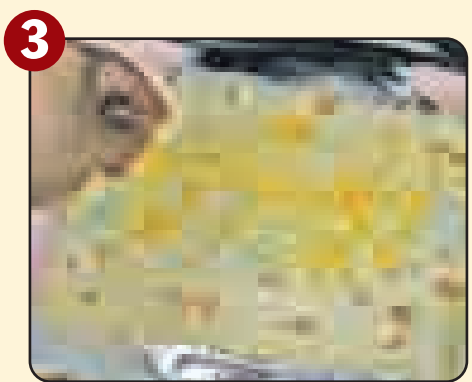
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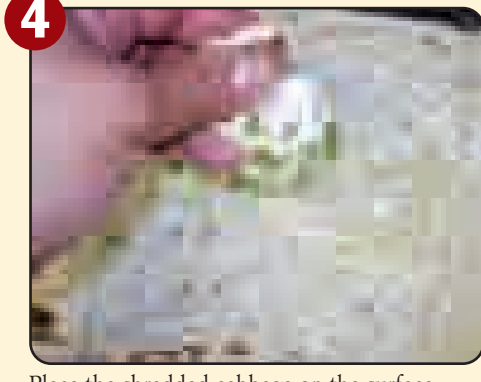
1 Have all the ingredients ready. Dice the green onion, tomato and jalapeño. Separate the romaine lettuce, grate the cheese and shred the cabbage.



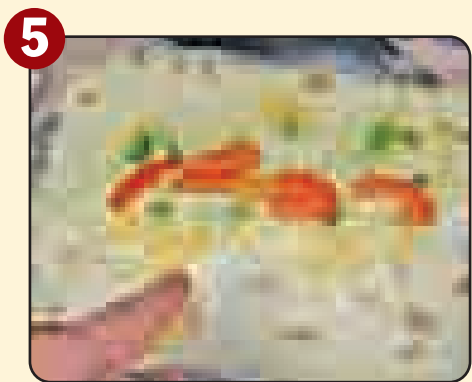
2 Take out one slice of the lavash bread and place it on a flat surface, such as a cutting board.



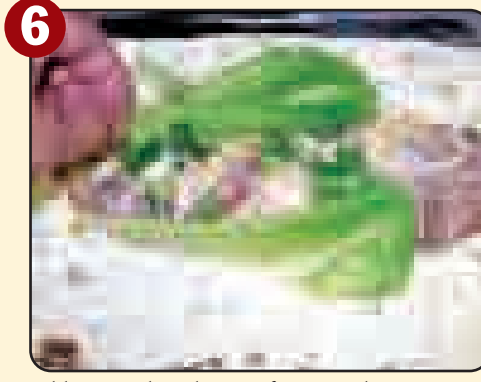
3 Spread a light coating of mayonnaise, tahini sauce and the yogurt to one side of the lavash bread.



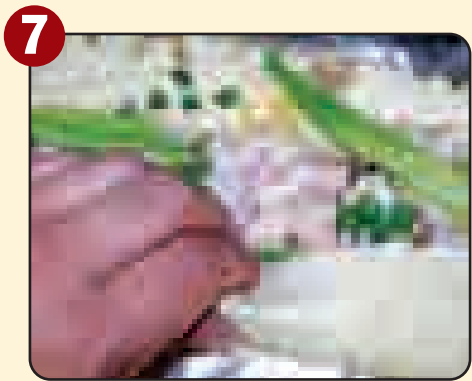
4 Place the shredded cabbage on the surface of the lavash bread.



5 Add the roast beef and roasted turkey, shredded cheese, diced jalapeño and tomato.



6 Add two to three leaves of romaine lettuce.



7 Roll the lavash bread as you would with a taco or burrito.



8 Cut the lavash wrap in half or in three pieces and plate.

In my opinion, wraps are as tasty and easy to make as the best sandwiches. It really boils down to knowing the right combination of ingredients. To be frank, nothing about making wraps is complicated. Prepare, place on lavash bread, roll, and cut – that's it. Easy enough!

In this recipe I combine turkey and roast beef, but you may add turkey without the roast beef or vice versa. You may use other meats, or even vegetables including eggplant. In fact, you can use roasted eggplant as a substitute to the turkey and roast beef I used for this recipe. The combination of the yogurt, tahini sauce, and mayonnaise does so well in a wrap, but is heavenly with eggplant.

You might be wondering where you're going to find tahini sauce. It's becoming more and more available at most supermarkets, but if you don't find it, it's okay to go without it.

You can't go wrong with this recipe. It's very versatile, since it can be made for lunch or for a quick dinner, and the variety of ingredients you can use is varied. If you have children, this is a great alternative to the traditional sandwich. If your children are averse to hot flavors, you're free to remove the jalapeño. I add it to give it some crunch and a subtle, spicy hot taste. Remember to experiment, and take delight in making meals.

Turkey & Beef Wraps Serves 2 to 4

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 to 4 slices of lavash bread (or large tortillas)
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup tahini sauce
- 1/4 cup yogurt with dill and chives
- 1 medium tomato
- 1/2 cup diced green onions
- 1 cup shredded cabbage
- 1 medium jalapeño, diced
- 1 cup shredded cheese (mozzarella and mild cheddar)
- Approximately 6 leaves of romaine lettuce
- 1/4 to 1/2 pound turkey breast
- 1/4 to 1/2 pound roast beef

Cooking Tidbit: Feel free to substitute other types of cheese and meats. Experiment with other roasted vegetables. If you can't find lavash bread, use tortillas.

[A Cook's Dictionary]

Tabini:

Used in Middle Eastern cooking, tabini is a thick paste made of ground sesame seed. It's used to flavor various dishes including hummus and baba ghanoush.

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

LAFD

Firefighters Memorial

LAFD holds annual memorial service at Fire Museum.

Story and photos by Tiffany Sy, Club Counselor

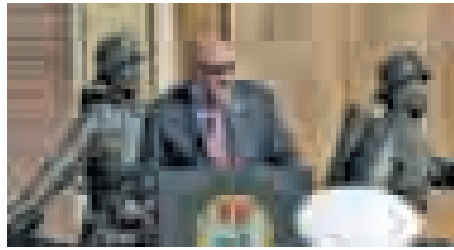
The LAFD Historical Society held its annual Firefighters Memorial Oct. 11 at the LAFD Historical Society in Hollywood.

The memorial is a place where family and friends can come to pay respects to the fallen firefighters of Los Angeles. LAFD has raised \$2.3 million from donations to build this memorial. Many of the donators have inscriptions on the bricks.

Event attendees included supportive family members, active and retired firefighters, representatives from the LAPD, and Councilmembers Dennis Zine and Janice Hahn, both Club Members.



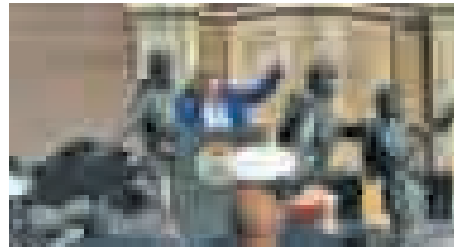
The Color Guard.



Councilman Dennis Zine.



Friends and family of the LAFD.



Councilwoman Janice Hahn, Club Member.



LAFD Capt. Steve Owens addressed the attendees at the LAFD Memorial event.

ANIMAL SERVICES

Spay/Neuter: It's the Law

Spay or neuter your pet: It's the law. Enforcement began Oct. 1.

On Feb. 12, the City Council approved a new law that requires all cats and dogs in the City to be spayed or neutered after the age of four months, with some specific exemptions allowed. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa signed this ordinance into law Feb. 26, making Los Angeles the national leader in efforts to humanely decrease the number of pets abandoned and euthanized each year.

If you live in the City, Animal Services has several programs to assist with the cost of the sterilization of your companion animal at participating veterinary hospitals. Please visit www.laanimalservices.com for more information.



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Police Officer Recruitment Incentive Program (PORIP)

CANDIDATE

Candidate Agreement - Must Be Signed in Order to Qualify

TO ORDER FROM THE CLUB STORE:

Go to www.cityemployeesclub.com. Ordering online is fast and easy. -or- Complete the order form below, and fax or mail it in.

Discount Tickets

Table with columns: Item, Retail Price, Club Price, Quantity, Total. Categories include Theatre Tickets, Theme Parks / Attractions, and various entertainment tickets.

Gift Certificates

Table with columns: Item, Retail Price, Club Price, Quantity, Total. Includes See's Candies and Mulligan's Family Fun Center.

Merchandise

Table with columns: Item #, Price, Quantity, Total. Note: Hats, Watches, Shirts, Clocks, T-Shirts \$5.50 added to the total order.

Table with columns: T-shirts (Men's & Women's), Size, Color, Price, Quantity, Total.

SUBTOTAL \$

Table with columns: Shipping & Handling, Item, Price, Quantity, Total. Includes Priority Mail, Standard Mail, Certified Mail, etc.

TOTAL (please include shipping) \$

*When using Standard mail, please be aware that the Club cannot be responsible for tickets lost in the mail. **Please be aware that black-out dates and restrictions may apply to the use of discounted tickets.

To Order: BY MAIL: Complete the order form below and mail to: Ticket Guy, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 120 W. 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

Member Information form including fields for Member's name, Home Street Address, City, State, Zip, Home Phone, Work Phone, Club Member Number.

Payment Method form with options for Check, Credit Card, MasterCard, VISA. Includes fields for No., Exp., Cardholder Name, and Cardholder Signature.

TICKET GUY logo and text: ALL TICKETS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY. PRICES MAY CHANGE. Includes a list of terms and conditions.

Great Holiday Gifts!

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.



Club Store

Men's Watches with City Seal

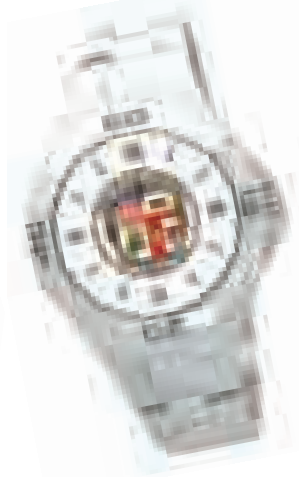
These watches have been meticulously crafted using only high-quality quartz movements. These new diver watches are made from solid stainless steel and genuine leather. *Plus tax and shipping



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
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Special Price!

Men's Watch, Silver
ITEM: #VWGS3000
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Men's Small Seal, Leather Band
ITEM: #WL2601
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Men's Small DWP Seal, Stainless Steel Band
ITEM: #DWPVS2700
PRICE: \$55.00* **Now \$40**



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Men's Small DWP Seal, Leather Band
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Ladies' Watches with City Seal



Ladies' Watch, Leather Band
ITEM: #LWBRN4000
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Ladies' Watch, Leather Band
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PRICE: \$25.00*

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Ladies' Watch, Two-tone gold and silver
ITEM: #WGSW1000
PRICE: \$50.00* **Now \$25**

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Ladies' Watch, Silver Band
ITEM: #VRF2000
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Coming Next Month!

City Retirement Pens

Ready for your special imprint!

- Solid brass construction.
- Elegant electroplated pen barrels accented with 24k gold or sterling silver plated fittings.
- Colors: Chrome Silver, Gold Plated Accent
- Imprint Information: 1-1/2"x5/16" imprint area; Laser engraved with laser engraved black box.

IMPORTANT ORDERING INFORMATION:

Holiday Schedule:

The Club Store will be closed
Thursday, Dec. 25
Friday, Dec. 26
Thursday, Jan. 1

We will be open on
Friday, Jan. 2

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.

Historical Books



Hollywood Views of the Past & Present
ITEM: #B1659



Los Angeles Views of the Past & Present
ITEM: #B1488



Orange County Views of the Past & Present
ITEM: #B1544

Club Discount Price!
(\$32.95 Retail)

Member Price:
\$25
per book*

*Plus tax and shipping

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.

Club Store

DWP T-shirts

DWP "Classic" Long Sleeve T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price: **\$15** per shirt*
 *Plus tax and shipping
 Available Colors:
 Black
 Gray
 Navy Blue
 Size: **3XL** \$16
 Size: **4XL** \$17

DWP "Bold" T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

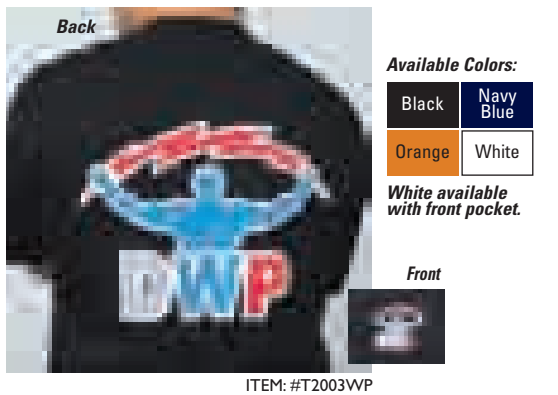


Member Price: **\$8.50** per shirt*
 Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue

Water & Power T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price: **\$10** per shirt*
 Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue
 Orange White



Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue
 Orange White
 White available with front pocket.

Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price: **\$12** per shirt*
 Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue
 Orange White

Available Colors:



Blue Dusk Charcoal Orange Black Navy Blue White
 White available with front pocket.
 Size: **3XL** \$13
 Available Colors:
 Blue Dusk Charcoal
 Black Navy Blue
 Size: **4XL** \$14
 Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue

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:
 Black Navy Blue
 Size: **3XL** \$13
 Size: **4XL** \$14

New City LA-Hall Short Sleeve T-Shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price: **\$8.50** per shirt*
 Available Colors:
 Black Blue Dusk Navy Blue
 Sport Gray Tan White
 Sizes: **3XL** \$9.50
 Sizes: **4XL** \$10.50
 Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue Sport Gray

LA City "B-Label" T-Shirt (with Depts.)
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price: **\$10** per shirt*
 Available Colors:
 Black
 Gray
 Navy Blue
 Size: **3XL** \$13

LA City "Alma Mater" T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



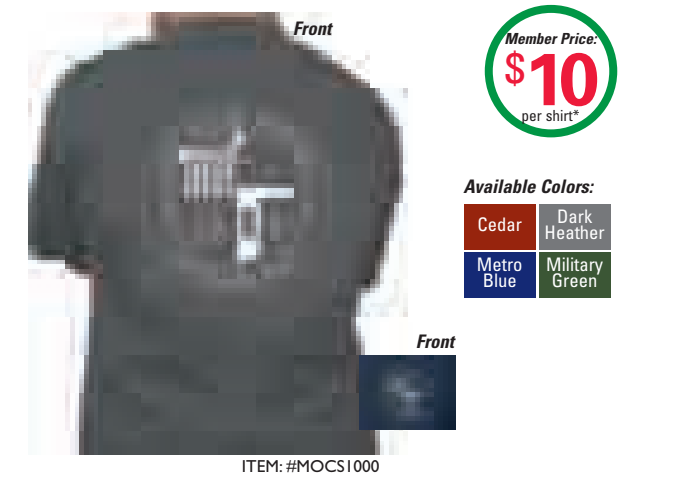
Member Price: **\$5** per shirt*
 Available Colors:
 Black
 Gray
 Navy Blue

LA City "B-Label" Sweatshirt (with Depts.)
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price: **\$22** per shirt*
 Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue
 Size: **3XL** \$23

LA City Seal T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price: **\$10** per shirt*
 Available Colors:
 Cedar Dark Heather
 Metro Blue Military Green

Short Sleeve "Classic" T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL (all colors)**



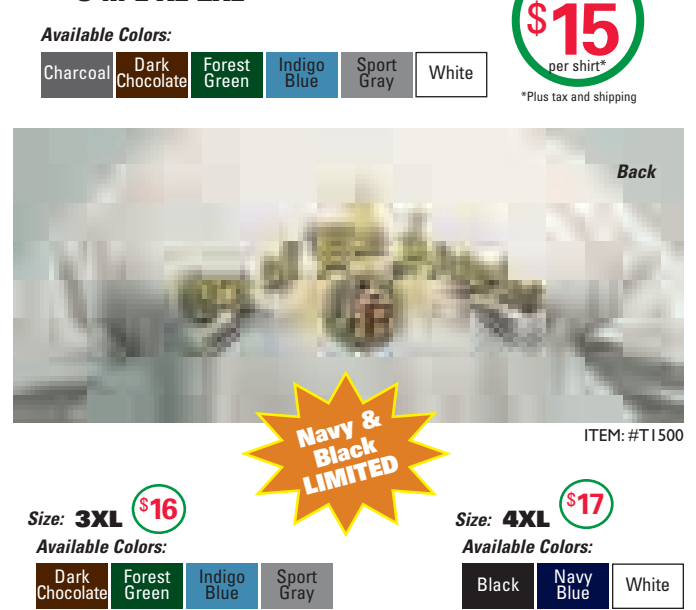
Member Price: **\$12** per shirt*
 Non-Member Price: \$25 per shirt
 *Plus tax and shipping
 Available Colors:
 Blue Dusk Charcoal Chestnut Forest Green Indigo Blue
 Leaf Green Light Pink Maroon Olive Orange
 Royal Sport Gray Texas Orange White
 Black Navy Blue
 White available with front pocket.
 Size: **3XL** \$13
 Available Colors:
 Blue Dusk Charcoal Forest Green
 Indigo Blue Royal Sport Gray
 White Black Navy Blue
 Size: **4XL** \$14
 Available Colors:
 Indigo Blue Sport Gray
 Black Navy Blue
 White available with front pocket.

LA City "Olde English" T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price: **\$8** per shirt*
 Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue

Long Sleeve "Classic" T-shirt
 Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**



Member Price: **\$15** per shirt*
 *Plus tax and shipping
 Available Colors:
 Charcoal Dark Chocolate Forest Green Indigo Blue Sport Gray White
 Size: **3XL** \$16
 Available Colors:
 Dark Chocolate Forest Green Indigo Blue Sport Gray
 Size: **4XL** \$17
 Available Colors:
 Black Navy Blue White

Club Store

Women's T-shirts



City Women's - LA Hall Full Color Seal T-Shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL** Available Colors: Navy Blue, Black

Member Price: **\$11** per shirt*

City Women's - LA Hall One Color Seal T-Shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL** Available Colors: V-Neck Style: Black, Heather Gray, White

On white shirt, emblem is pink

Member Price: **\$8** per shirt*



ITEM: #WFCS1000

ITEM: #JS1000

City "Bold" Department Shirts

City "Bold" Department Shirts

Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Member Price: **\$12** per shirt*

Size: **3XL** \$13

Size: **4XL** \$14

Available Color: Navy Blue



*Plus tax and shipping

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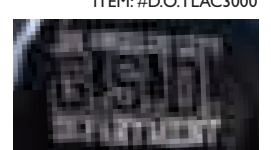
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ITEM: #L.A.WA.LAC5000

City Girl "Classic" T-shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL**



Member Price: **\$10** per shirt*

Available Colors: Crew Neck Style: Cherry, Heather Gray, Hot Pink

Available Colors: V-Neck Style: Black, Caribbean Blue, Key Lime, Violet, White

ITEM: #T-W1000

City Girl "Retro" T-shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL**



ITEM: #T-W2000

City Button Down Shirts

City Long Sleeve Button Down Shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL 3XL**

Available Colors: Black, Navy Blue, Khaki, White

Size: **3XL** \$28

NEW!

Member Price: **\$25** per shirt*



*Plus tax and shipping

ITEM: #LSB1000

L.A. City Polo Shirt

LA City Polo Shirt

Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Available Colors: Black, Navy Blue, Pink, White

Member Price: **\$12** per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping

Close-up of Embroidery



Front

ITEM: #PS1000

City Seal Tank Tops

Women's

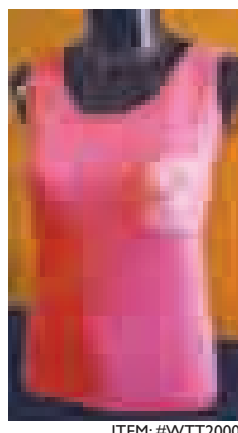
Sizes: **S M L XL**

Member Price: **\$7.50** per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors: Hot Pink, White

On white shirt, emblem is pink



ITEM: #WTT2000

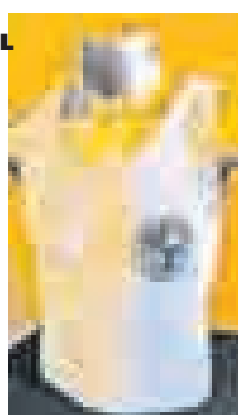
Men's

Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL**

Member Price: **\$7.50** per shirt*

*Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors: Heather Gray, White



ITEM: #MTT3000

City Jackets

City Windbreaker

Sizes: **S M L XL 2XL 3XL**

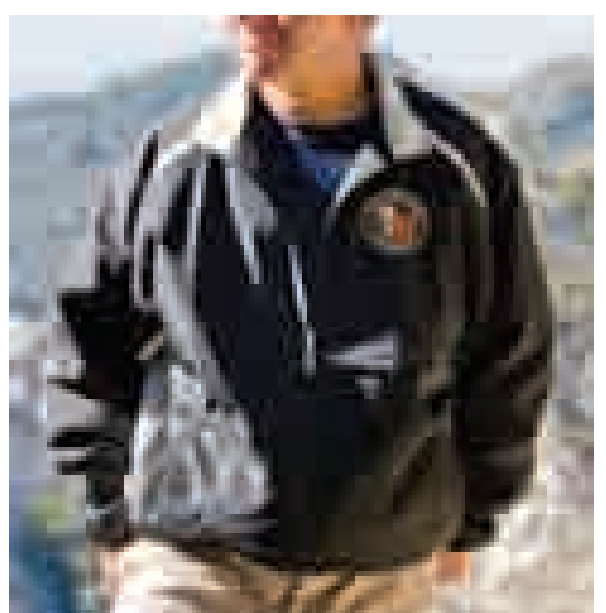
Member Price: **\$32.50** per jacket*

ITEM: #JKT2000

Sizes: **3XL** \$35.50

*Plus tax and shipping

Available Colors: Black with Gray Stripes, Gray with Black Stripes



ITEM: #JKT1000

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High quality embroidered ball caps!

City Seal Department Hats

Member Price: **\$10** per hat*

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Transportation
NAVY: #H2003
BLACK: #H2004



Bureau of Sanitation
FOREST GREEN: #H1996
NAVY: #H1995
BLACK: #H1998



Public Works
NAVY: #H2001
BLACK: #H2002



Retiree
BLACK: #H2007



Harbor
NAVY: #H2005
BLACK: #H2006



General Services
NAVY: #H1999
BLACK: #H2000



Water & Power
NAVY: #H1997
BLACK: #H1998



Recreation & Parks
NAVY: #H1993
BLACK: #H1992

City Seal Hats



Seal w/Script
NAVY: #H1989



Seal w/Script
KHAKE: #H1991



Seal w/Script
ORANGE: #H1990



Seal w/Script
BLACK: #H1613



Member Price: **\$8** per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping



City Seal
NAVY: #H1628



City Seal
BLACK: #H1987



City Seal
KHAKE: #H1988



City Seal
ORANGE: #H1661

Mugs

City Hot Beverage Mug

NEW!

Member Price: **\$5** per mug*

*Plus tax and shipping



ITEM: #MGS1000

DWP Hats



DWP Hat
NAVY: #DPWH2000

Member Price: **\$8** per hat*

*Plus tax and shipping



DWP Hat
BLACK: #DPWH3000

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City Seal Lapel Pins



DWP Enamel Lapel Pin
3/4" Diameter
ITEM: #LP4
PRICE: \$10.00*
Now \$5



"The Classic" Enamel Lapel Pin
3/4" Diameter
ITEM: #LP3
PRICE: \$10.00*
Now \$8



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*

Decals



LA City Decal, 3" Diameter
ITEM: #DECLAC2000 • PRICE: \$2.50*
*Tax included



DWP Decal, 3" Diameter
ITEM: #DECWP1000 • PRICE: \$2.50*
*Tax included

City Seal Key Chain



City Seal Key Chain - Silver
ITEM: #LAKC2000



City Seal Key Chain
ITEM: #LAKC001

Member Price: \$5 per chain*
Club Discount Price! (\$10 Retail)
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City Department Bears

Member Price:
\$20
per bear*

Each custom made "City Bear" stands 10" tall and is dressed in meticulously detailed and accurate uniforms.
Stand not included.

*Plus tax and shipping



DWP
ITEM #BDWP

Transportation Department
ITEM #BDOT

General Services
ITEM #BGSD

Sanitation Department
ITEM #BBOS

Street Services
ITEM #BSTS

Member Price:
\$12
per bear*

*Plus tax and shipping

Available T-shirt Colors:

Blue

Green

NEW!

CITY SEAL BEAR
ITEM #TEBY1000

City Bags

City Professional Bag



ITEM: #BAG1000

NEW STUFF!

Available Color:
Black

Member Price:
\$25
per bag*

*Plus tax and shipping

City Clocks

City Wall Clocks



ITEM: #C8003

Member Price:
\$12
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*Plus tax and shipping

10" Diameter Battery Operated (AA)



ITEM: #WCVWSP3000

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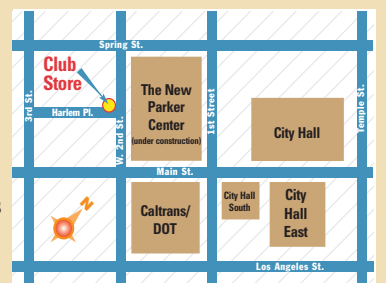
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

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