Color of DWP Light Festival: Especially Green

Dept.'s annual Light Festival in Griffith Park, which opens Nov. 20, goes environmentally friendly with LED lights, and biking and walking opportunities.

DWP — It was always green (and red), but now the annual DWP Holiday Light Festival in Griffith Park is going really green — as environmentally friendly.

The popular annual Light Festival begins with a preview bike event Nov. 19, and a "walking only" test week through Nov. 25. The festival opens to vehicles Monday, Nov. 26.

"The DWP received a number of inquiries from neighborhood councils and community groups to see if the festival could become more environmentally friendly and walking only," according to DWP spokeswoman Kim Hughes. "The DWP worked with the councils and groups in exploring options, and we are very proud to have put together a great strategy."

The festival again will be run on site by Anita Wright, Club Member, the first woman in the department's history to manage the event on site.

See the story inside on page 38.

Club Insurance Check Refund Totals $700,000

Club to give back $700,000 total to holders of Club Life Insurance. Do you have Club Life Insurance?

CLUB HEADQUARTERS — The Club will be returning approximately $700,000 in refunds to more than 8,500 holders of the Club’s Life Insurance product.

What will you be doing with your refund? You’ll get one if you have Club Life Insurance.

Members pay premiums each month. At the end of the year, money that is not paid in the administration of the claims is returned. This year, that totals approximately $700,000.

"That’s among the largest amounts we have returned in our 79-year history," said Brian Trent, the Club’s Chief Financial Officer. "Club Life Insurance promises to be there for those in need; that’s our highest priority. But, after that, we love giving back anything we don’t need."

Read the story on page 7 for details on the check disbursement, and how you can be eligible for next year’s Club Life Insurance refund.

Alive! visits the DWP power plants and transfer stations and the men and women who staff them, following the electricity from generation into the grid. Here’s where the power for your lights, computers and televisions starts. Included: an interview with DWP power chief Enrique Martinez on the department's green efforts, among other topics.

Turn to the special section, beginning on page 10.

ClubFest photos! Are all inside and more on the Web! Include website.
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Here's Where the Power Comes From

by John Hawkins
President and CEO, The Club

You flick on a light. You switch on your favorite sofa, ready to watch an interesting program on TV. You know that power has been generating and transmitting all day, every day. But you probably take it for granted, but the good employees at the DWP work hard to make that power go to you.

This month's Alive! honors its workers. The DWP plants and transfer stations that bring the power to your homes are the stars of this month’s Alive! It may sound like a simple task – it’s all about being there when you need it. Having said that, it’s not always easy to return money to our policyholders. We hope you enjoy this special feature – a thank you to all the people who work at them. They make the power and then bring it to you, and they take those jobs seriously.

Special thanks go to Enrique Martinez, Chief of the Power Side; MaryAnne Pierson, who helped produce this great feature; and all the folks we thank in the feature, which begins on page 10. We hope you enjoy it.

In other news – a huge high-five goes to Rita Robinson, Club Board Member, who has been appointed the new General Manager at Transportation. She’s the best, and well deserving.

And let’s not forget about the refund checks. The Club is proud to be able to bring you this benefit. Club Life Insurance is all about being there when you need it. Having said that, it’s great when we can return money to our policyholders. How do you get this refund? Purchase a Club life insurance policy. Read the stories on pages 7 and 60.

November is when eyes and hearts turn to the holidays. It’s the best, and well deserving. And now, one final word about Thanksgiving. Some people like roasting their turkey; some like deep-frying it. Some like it sliced on sandwiches, etc. But you know what? I’ve found that makes the turkey taste best! It’s when you say thanks first, thanks for all your blessings. It makes the turkey taste so much better!

Okay, that’s it from me for this month. See you in December!
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Total claims paid back to Club Members this year, so far: $3,601,993

Claims paid:

| Life insurance claims paid this month: | $63,435 |
| Long-term disability claims paid this month: | $50,054 |
| Long-term care claims paid this month: | $21,106 |
| Cancer insurance claims paid this month: | $50,000 |
| Long-term disability claims paid this year: | $1,054,674 |
| Cancer insurance claims paid this year: | $275,000 |

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LETTERS To the Editor

Tell us what you think! talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

LETTER OF THE MONTH

‘Alive Around World’ Shows Club Members Leading Fun Lives

I am very impressed to see all the City employees taking Alive! with them on vacation. I’m going on vacation soon and would like to have my picture put in Alive! too. What do I need to do? Thank you very much for your help.
— Sal Benenquio

Hi Sal: We are really proud of our “Alive Around the World” feature, which Club Members have really embraced. Have you checked out the locations where Club Members take Alive! India …china … Ireland … Australia … Iraq … Mexico … Egypt … the Caribbean, and on and on! We’re holding out for Antarctica, the North Pole, Easter Island, etc. When we started this feature, we thought we might get a few fun photos from California. But Club Members have done us proud. It really reflects how really, really alive our members are. So keep ’em coming! Oh, right, you asked a question. Getting your vacation photo into “Alive Around the World” is easy. Take your latest copy of Alive! with you. And then, when you come upon a really interesting location — it can be famous, but doesn’t have to be — stand in front of it (daylight usually is best), and have someone take your photo. Hold the paper pretty high on your chest, and stand closer to the camera than to the landmark. That way, we get to see your face, and that’s important. Also, make sure your camera’s setting is for high-resolution (big) pictures. Then email the digital photo to us, telling us your name and department, and writing a quick recap of what’s on the picture. That’s it! Email it to “talkback@cityemployeesclub.com” You can also mail a paper photo to the address on page two. — Ed.

Revised Page 2 Chart Shows How Smart Club Insurance Is

Holy Insurance Claims Paid, Batman! The Club seems to be helping its members when they need it most (just finished reading page two). It’s good to know that employees like me can count on the Club in case I have to use my insurance, like my disability insurance. When the Club says it pays when you buy insurance through the Club, they’re not kidding!
— Linda Gomez, Rec and Parks

Office Depot Benefit Shows How Smart Club Membership Pays Off

Okay, okay. I went to Office Depot. I bought about $125.33 worth of stuff. I swiped my credit card at the cash register that I linked with the Club/Office Depot discount, and it was unbelievable. The cashier said, “Your new total is $80.26.” Wow! Thanks Club! What a great benefit!
— Linda Gomez, Rec and Parks

International Friends Story Shows That City’s a Good Place to Work

The story on the International Friends on page 26 [September Alive!] was refreshing. I love food and I wish I had known about it so I could have tried the food they had there. It sounded like it was all yummy! I noticed that everyone in the photos had big smiles and great plates of food, people like Claudia Rojo, Ripaime Ter-Galstyan and Paola Valencia. Life at the City is good, really good. I love it! I think every department should take the example of Contract Administration and have their own international food luncheons. Keep up the good work. Contract!
— Henry Mora, Transportation

Where Is Hynda? This Club Member Missed Her Column

I missed Hynda Rudd’s column in the last issue of Alive! I’m a faithful fan of hers and look forward to it each month. Thank you!
— Terry Aguilar, Club Member

Hi Terry. As you’ll see when you read Hynda’s column, History Comes Alive!, this month, she was a very busy person last month. We are all glad to have her back! — Ed.

What food will you not be eating for Thanksgiving?

“I have to work, so I will not be eating any turkey.”
— Won Davis, LAX, Airfield Operations

“I’m eating everything on the table!”
— Gary Ramirez, Maintenance Laborer, 4 years of service

“Believe it or not, I’m having everything except for turkey!”
— Jacqueline Ingram, Custodian, 13 years of service

“Cranberry sauce is something I’ll be doing without.”
— Vincent Sawyer, Custodian, 9 years of service

“I’m leaving anything that has the word beans alone.”
— Armida Mendoza, Custodian, 1.8 years of service

“Just like Armida, I will not be eating beans!”
— Fernando Alday, Maintenance Laborer, Electrician, 4 years of service

“I love turkey, but I can’t stand pies!”
— Robert Garcia, Maintenance Laborer, 7 years of service

“Sometimes a fish dish appears on the Thanksgiving Day table and it’s wrong.”
— Donald Gaybay, Senior Storekeeper, 33 years of service

“I’m part of the ‘Ban Cranberry Sauce’ group.”
— Thomas Hoffman, Communications Electrician, 6 years of service

“Are you kidding me? Every Thanksgiving dish tastes good to me.”
— Michael Estrada, Gardener, 17 years of service

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!

QUESTION? of the Month

Tell us what you think! talkback@cityemployeesclub.com
Hansen Dam Triathlon

**REC AND PARKS** — On Aug. 19, the Hansen Dam Aquatics Center hosted its annual triathlon. The contest included a 500-yard open-water swim, an 11-mile bike course and a three-mile trail run.

As part of the event, City Departments were encouraged to face off against each other.

City Employees included:

**L.A. City Aquatics Division**
- Asam Tawdy
- Edwin Realgeno
- Gareth Burk
- Robert Amiola
- Rick Peña
- Welby Cham
- Joshua Foster
- Benjamin Kingsbury
- Mark Steele
- Leonardo Sandoval
- Jeff Hart
- Joel Torres

**LAPD, Foothill Division**: Larry Martinez

**LAPD Explorers**
- Humberto Ambriz
- Oscar Flores
- Evangelina Garcia
- Jose Guzmán
- Dave Perez
- Jose Berriz

Congratulations to all participants. And thanks to Zack Millett, Hansen Dam Aquatic Center, for his assistance.

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Vas Celebrates India

**PUBLIC WORKS** — Vas Singh, Senior Clerk Typist, Contract Administration/Public Works; Treasurer of the India Association of Los Angeles; and Club Member, helped organize the celebration of the 60th anniversary of India Independence Day Aug. 28 at Pierce College in Woodland Hills. Thousands turned out to the event, which featured entertainment from local performers as well as a variety of booths. Councilmember and Club Member Grieg Smith attended, sporting a colorful turban. Councilman Dennis Zine sent a certificate from his office. Congressman Brad Sherman was the chief guest, and Sheriff Lee Baca was also in attendance.

There were about 28 cultural presentations and about 70 stalls, selling varieties of Indian goods from apparel, jewelry and delicious spicy Indian foods bris-...
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. 4, 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 sounds 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 (the holiday season) 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

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**Tips for Safe Holiday Fun**

*By Jimmy Hill; Fire Marshal, LAFD*

**Refund Checks On Their Way**

- **The Club announces life insurance refunds of approximately $700,000. Are you eligible?**

**CLUB HEADQUARTERS —** 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 $700,000 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 2007 refund will be the Club’s 76th refund.

“This is another 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 we are happy to return that portion of the premiums that are not needed.”

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 2007 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 2006 through July 2007. However, those who dropped their insurance coverage prior to July 31, 2007, are not eligible for any refund.

Checks will be distributed at your worksite and mailed 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 plan from the Club, and you’re eligible. Insure your family’s future and receive a little reward each year for living!

See page 61 for an application. Talk to your Club Counselor, or call the Club at (800) 464-0452.

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**Retirements**

- **In Memoriam**
  - Our thoughts and condolences are with the family and friends of the following current and retired City employees who have passed away. The number after the name indicates years of service.
  
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  - Mervyn Meyer
  - Sylvia Powell
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  - Michael Alvarez
  - Catalina Martinez

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Power Facts:

DWP Power Service facts at a glance

**Power Sources (for fiscal year 2004-05)**

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**Electrical Capacity**

- Total Generating Capacity: 7,200 megawatts
- Los Angeles Peak Demand: 6,165 megawatts

**Electricity Usage (annual)**

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**Other Power Facts**

- Total Power Poles: 290,000
- Miles of Transmission Lines: 3,643
- Miles of Overhead Distribution Lines in L.A. Area: 7,268
- Miles of Underground Distribution Lines in L.A. Area: 6,115
- Total Street Lights in L.A.: 258,000

**Measurement Guide**

- **Watt:** Unit of measurement of electrical power
- **Kilowatt-hour:** 1,000 watts of power at work for one hour, or a 100-watt light bulb operating for 10 hours
- **Megawatt-hour:** 1,000 kilowatt-hours
- **Gigawatt-hour:** One million kilowatt-hours

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Last February, Alive! focused on the water that supplies the City by following the DWP’s Los Angeles Aqueduct from Lee Vining to Sylmar. And now comes part two, as Alive! looks at the DWP’s equally critical power side, visiting the department’s staffed power generation and transfer stations from Boulder City to Long Beach.

Come along and meet some of the people along the City’s electricity grid who generate and bring you the service that powers your life.
Alive! interviews Enrique Martinez, Chief Operating Officer, Power System, for the Department of Water and Power, about how the department generates the power you use, its emergencies situations, and its green future.

DWP — On Sept. 7, Alive! CEO John Hawkins interviewed the head of the DWP Power System, Enrique Martinez, about how the heat wave the City had just endured, the broad view of the power system, and department's efforts at green power generation.

Alive!: Thanks so much for meeting with Alive!

ENRIQUE: Martinez: Sure.

Alive!: One of the most important things is to give the reader a broad overview of the power system, I think a lot of people have misconceptions about where we get our power. Where does it come from?

ENRIQUE: Martinez: Okay. Well, first of all, we measure the capacity of the system, the size of the system, in megawatts. A megawatt is a million watts of power. The Department of Water and Power has more than 7,000 megawatts of its full capacity, which means two things: one, we are one of the largest utility in the nation based on that indicator; and two, we are the largest municipality in the United States.

We also have 1.4 million meters on the power system, which represent the individual homes, residences and apartments that we serve at all times with that full capacity. That’s about 10 percent of the full capacity of the State of California. Our transmission lines are throughout the West. They are not just in the City and the state. They are not out of state, too.

Alive!: And you own those lines.

ENRIQUE: Martinez: Correct.

Alive!: Where does it come from?

ENRIQUE: Martinez: Please give us a broad overview of where all this energy and electricity comes from.

ENRIQUE: Martinez: We own those lines. We own the source.

Alive!: But maybe not the source.

ENRIQUE: Martinez: In most cases we own the source, and also we own the transmission. And then, of course, we own the distribution within the City of Los Angeles. So we are considered a vertically integrated utility. That means we own generation. We own transmission. We own distribution, and we serve the customers directly. So that, in the big picture, is what the Department does and has at present.

Alive!: Where does the coal come from?

ENRIQUE: Martinez: We buy natural gas on the spot market. Also, we have bought a position in reserves in Wyoming, where the Department has bought actual gas fields.

Alive!: Really.

ENRIQUE: Martinez: And we are moving gas. It is being produced from Wyoming all the way down to Los Angeles using pipelines. It is withdrawn from the field in Wyoming, in Pinedale. It goes through a process to make it pipeline-quality before it is injected into what they call the Kern River Pipeline. Kern River Pipeline runs all the way from Wyoming to the California border. And then at the California border, it gets transported to the Southern California gas company system. And then from the gas system it comes to our plants.

Alive!: Wow.

ENRIQUE: Martinez: We bring gas as far as Wyoming. We can bring it from as far as Texas. The pipes are mostly underground.

Alive!: So then we go to natural gas. In the L.A. basin, we own four natural gas facilities. They are Haynes, near Seal Beach and Long Beach; the Harbor Generating Station, by the Port of Los Angeles; Scattergood, near Hyperion Treatment Plant; and the Valley Generating Station, in Sun Valley. So those four provide our gas-fired generation.

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Alive!: Where does the coal come from?
He has been in the utility business for 29 years. He launched his career as an entry-level engineer with Southern California Edison (SCE). During his 16-year period at SCE, he advanced through various technical and management positions and reached the level of Manager of Hydro Generation. He left SCE in 1992 to assume the leadership of the Tennessee Valley Authority Hydro Generation Organization as Vice President in the Power Group. He later assumed responsibility for the Fossil Generation Organization until he left the company in 1998.

A Bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from California State University, Fullerton, and is a graduate of the executive program from the University of Virginia Darden School of Business.
Water Power

Alive!: So there is coal, natural gas and hydroelectric, too.

ENRIQUE: Yes. In terms of hydroelectric, the biggest component is one allocation from Hoover Dam. Many years ago, the Department was one of the first investors to make building the dam possible.

Alive!: We invested in that?

ENRIQUE: Yes. We had a compounded where employees lived as Boulder City during con-

struction and up to 1983. We had Department personnel who lived in Boulder and worked at Hoover Dam, operating our units. Following 1983, the [Federal] Bureau of Reclamation took ownership back basically, because we had a 50-year licence when Hoover Dam was built. So they took the option to take it back, and now the dam is operated by the federal government. Most of the facilities were sold at that point. The homes and everything we had back there were also sold to the employees in most cases. Many of the employees stayed with the Bureau of Reclamation.

Alive!: So they switched jobs?

ENRIQUE: Basically, yes. But we retained the allocation of the power coming out of Hoover Dam. And it is about 380 megawatts coming out of there.

Alive!: And there are other hydroelectric plants, too, right?

ENRIQUE: Right. We also have hydroelectric along the LA Aqueduct, all the way from Owens Valley. There are power plants all the way down. Everything is driving flow. There are no pumping sta-

tions to get the water down from the Owens Valley. They built small power plants to pro-

vide power for [aqueduct] con-

struction. After the construction, they stayed to provide power. So we have hydro facilities there, the Middle Gorge; the Central Gorge, and hydro facilities along the Gorge. And we have power plants down farther, too. There is a large plant in the San Francisco Canyon. That is at the confluence of a lot of water coming through the Aqueduct. There is a lot of a water there, so they put a larg-

er power plant there.

Alive!: But Hoover Dam is the biggest?

ENRIQUE: That is the biggest.

Alive!: And the most recognizable?

ENRIQUE: Right.

Alive!: What about Castaic?

ENRIQUE: Castaic is the pump station. It is a hydro, but a little different type of hydro.

Alive!: Explain that that...

ENRIQUE: Well, during the day, water is released up the Upper Kerchner which is Pyramid Lake. It comes down to Castaic and generates power. In the evening, when the demand goes down in the City for power, we reverse the pumps. We pump the water back up and store it for the following day. It’s kind of like a recycling process. We don’t necessarily get more kilowatt-hours out of it. But you bring in the kilowatt-hours to [generate] more expen-
sive power when you need it. And because you can put that energy into the system so quickly, it becomes a very good way to meet the peak demand. We use surplus power in the evening to pump the water back up, and then [generate] more expensive power during the day.

Alive!: And that is property we already own?

ENRIQUE: No. It’s privately owned, but we negotiated long-term leases with the owners for the site and use the facility. We are also pursu-
ing purchasing additional land around that area. The wind potential is pretty good in that area. We have transmission lines there, so we are trying to find a way to increase the capacity for that region there so we can bring more of that power to the City.

Alive!: And what would be, 10 years from now, the most popular form of renewable energy?

ENRIQUE: Well, I think it will be wind primarily. But we are also going to bring other technology into the picture. We are definitely pursuing geothermal. We are working with the Imperial Irrigation District in the Desert Phase Sea area, which is the development of geothermal down there. The Department has purchased some land with geothermal potential in the Imperial Valley, which we plan to develop as well.

Alive!: Geothermal means heat in the earth.

ENRIQUE: In the earth. Correct.

Alive!: How do you create energy?

ENRIQUE: You drill wells into the earth, and you collect that heat, or what we call press. It depends on the type. But you bring heat from the earth and you process it through a heat exchanger, where you then make the exchange in the full system to make steam inside the tur-

bine. Then you get this power.

Alive!: So it is hot enough to make steam?

ENRIQUE: Oh, yes. Yes.

Alive!: Like a nuclear reactor without the radiation.

ENRIQUE: Correct. The fields are somewhere in the neighborhood of 340 to 380 degrees. So it is not what we call superheated, but it is hot enough to generate and get enough energy out of that source so we can run turbines. What makes it clean is that there are no emissions. Once the steam has expanded, it is re-injected back into the earth so that the cycle continues to feed itself.

Alive!: What about photovoltaics?

ENRIQUE: That’s solar. The Department has a very aggres-
sive plan for adding photovoltaics. It is a long process because every installation is so small. The way that we are using to try to get people to invest money into photovoltaics is by provid-

ing rebates. But the rebates unfortunately are not large enough to offset the cost of the invest-

ment. And then, because our rates are low and the payback period is so long, that it kind of works against itself. We just adjusted and subsidized to the Federal Solar Energy areas, for con-

sideration of the rate of the rebate structure, to make it more attractive.

Green Challenges

Alive!: What prevents us from doing build-

ing photovoltaic cells in the desert?

ENRIQUE: Cost. It is very expensive. The most efficient way to collect solar power is called a concentrated solar system. Concentrated solar means fields and fields of troughs of mirrors that are concave with a conductor, or some kind of a single pipe through the center of the conduc-
tor. The parabolic mirror tracks the sun from the morning to the evening, and then reflect it into one single point at the apex of the parabol-

ic dish. That is where the heat is concentrated, and the heat transfer occurs at that point. The fluid runs through that pipe, all the way back to a heat exchanger. That is where the steam is created and then runs a turbine. We have been looking at that type of system, but more cost effective, more controllable. You are limited to smaller quantities because it takes a lot of area to produce one kilowatt of energy.

Alive!: And it is DC to AC.

ENRIQUE: DC to AC. You have the conversion issue. You have other problems, so it is very efficient.

Alive!: You have to convert it to AC to trans-

mit it.

ENRIQUE: Yes. In that conversion, you lose energy. And so by the time you add all these things, possibly solar is much more effective and efficient than photovoltaics.

Alive!: Does DWP own any [photovoltaic] projects?

ENRIQUE: No. About three projects have been proposed. We are evaluating those right now actually and probably we will see one, maybe two in the next 10 years.

Alive!: The people who work on this, are they DWP employees? Is there a renewable energy division?

ENRIQUE: We are starting that. Up to now, we do not own renewables. Our major installa-
tions on renewables will be the wind farm. And we are looking right now at staffing and looking at the profile of the kind of work that they have to perform. We are finding that one of the phys-
ical requirements of these jobs is that employees will have to climb 300 feet up in the air and perform work at those elevations.

Alive!: Three hundred feet.

ENRIQUE: Three hundred feet in the air. That is where the turbines are.

Alive!: On the wind farm?

ENRIQUE: Yes. The actual tur-

bines will be sitting 300 feet up in the air. It is pretty mountainous where we are going to be installing our turbines. Palm Springs is fairly flat. We have identified that our people will have to climb up daily and also be able to safely rappel over the side and come down in an emergency. They would be hamstrung and all

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Hoover Dam

**Marketplace Transfer Station and McCullough Switching Station**

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**Joe Rosenthal, Electrical Station Operator, 21 years of service**

**The McCullough Switching Station, south of Boulder City, gathers power from a number of sources and sends it where it’s needed.**

**Bob Wasdorp, Electrical Station Operator, 32 years.**

**Performing a remote terminal upgrade at Marketplace are, from left, Mike Able, Electrical Mechanic; Al Derlighter, Electrical Mechanic Supervisor; Walter Johnson, Electrical Mechanic; Alfredo Cardenas, Electrical Craft Helper; and Vic Aceves, Electrical Mechanic.**

**Power is generated at the bottom of Hoover Dam (the top of the dam is at right) and transferred over the cliffs via power lines to the McCullough Switching Station and the Marketplace Transfer Station.**

**At the controls at McCullough is Bob Wasdorp, Electrical Station Operator, 32 years.**

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**Richard “Mack” De Motte, Electrical Mechanic, 6 years of service.**

**Danny Jurn, Equipment Operator, 27 years.**
Alive!: Do you think we are at an advantage as opposed to other municipalities or power users in the United States in that we have wind, heat and many sunny days? Whereas, maybe back East or in the Midwest there might not be as much of that?

ENRIQUE: That is true. The resources here on the West Coast are more plentiful. They facilitate that type of technology. If you go to other places it is more difficult to develop them because it just impedes itself. They do not have the weather or terrain to be able to make that happen. So, yes, I think there is a lot of potential to tap.

I think our biggest challenge is that we are moving from what we did in the past, from very large, large projects, to a whole bunch of little ones. They have to be built. They have to be maintained. They are going to have to be commissioned and permitted. And then, of course, transmission lines have to be built. When you are working on a large project, there is a lot of focus and concentration, and a lot of resources pour in. But once it is done, it is done, and it is pretty predictable. When you start multiplying that in a number of different foreign projects, your risk level goes up.

Alive!: Right. Eighty turbines instead of one.

ENRIQUE: Yes. Or one large boiler. So, yes, it becomes a little more challenging and more labor-intensive to maintain a new system. But the trade-off, of course, is that they are cleaner.

They are very clean. It does help the atmosphere: it is a pollution-saving problem. It addresses a number of other issues of technology development. And, ultimately, over time you may be the beginning of a nexus of new technology that will be evolving, because the issue of combustion in general, whether it be automobiles or diesel engines or power plants or cement plants... It is becoming more and more of a challenge to keep combustion as the mainstream way we produce any kind of energy for anybody in this country.

There has to be some departure, some way to find alternatives. And it is not going to be cheap. This is one of the issues. It is not going to be a cheap way to go, but ultimately for the long-term issues of the economy and of the citizens and humans, something has to change.

And I am really concerned. This last two years we have had some unusual weather. We have been talking in the Department about how we used to predict pretty much where [energy demand was] going to be, and how the weather was going to be, and make our plans... But we are not systematic. We have so much history as to how patterns develop. And right now we are in a really strange pattern that we cannot predict one way or the other which way it is going to go.

Alive!: But it gone out the window?

ENRIQUE: That has kind of gone out the window, yea. Last year there was so much demand driven by a long duration of [high] temperature that tasks our system. The demand was driven to levels we did not anticipate until 2011 or 2012. We are going back to the drawing board right now and try to figure out, okay, what have we got to do? We cannot be in a position where the City is jeopardized and they cannot have reliable power. Having customers [lose power] or days upon days without energy and hot days, is just not sustainable and it is not something that the City wants to have. The Department, frankly, doesn't want to explain why customers are without service for long durations.

Alive!: Does anyone buy power from us?

ENRIQUE: Yes. We sell surplus power to the market which we do not need by us. We will make it available when it is surplus, but if we need it we always call it back because we make sure that the City is served first.

Alive!: Can buyers be a municipality? Can it be another corporation?

ENRIQUE: Yes. It could be a utility. It could be an out-of-state utility. It could be a marketer. Our issue is not necessarily who we sell to. Our issue is to make sure that the financing is viable, that they can pay us when we sell that power because we do not want to extend credit to companies that do not have a lot of credit.

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**Operational:** 1986.

**Purpose:** Convert power from DC (sent from the coal-burning generators in Utah) to AC; and transfer that power to DWP stations in Victorville, Boulder City and the Valley.

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**THE FACTS**

The Adelanto Converter Station in Adelanto, near Victorville. A microwave tower soars above it.

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**Roy Snyder, Chief of Operations, Adelanto Converter Station.**

**At the controls in Adelanto, from left: Donald Rowland, Second Operator, 25 years of service, and John Clark, First Operator, 25 years of service.**

**Sandra Grassmuck, Sr. Storekeeper, 18 years of service.**

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Power is gathered and stabilized before it is sent into the massive converter arrays inside the two buildings. Power at this point is rated at 500 megawatts.
Owens Valley Gorge Generating Stations:

Upper Gorge
Middle Gorge
Control [Lower] Gorge

Location: North of Bishop, Calif.
Operational: 1952 and thereafter. (Three much smaller power plants were built in the Owens Valley in 1908 and 1909 to power the construction of the first Los Angeles Aqueduct.)
Type of power: Hydroelectric
Generating capacity: 110 megawatts

Control [Lower] Gorge

Water from the Los Angeles Aqueduct enters the Control Gorge Station via this penstock and valve. Standing next to it is Jeff Husted, Chief Electric Plant Operator.

At the control panel at Control Gorge are, from left: Forrest Bell, Electric Station Operator; Jeff Husted, Chief Electric Plant Operator; and Mike Robertson, Electric Station Operator.

Power is collected from all three Gorge stations, sent through these transformers and transferred to Los Angeles. These transformers are almost brand new.

Control Gorge, just north of Bishop, controls all three Gorge stations and is the only one that is permanently staffed.
An Energy Dissipation Structure (EDS) was installed at Upper Gorge in the early 1990s to take some water from the Los Angeles Aqueduct as it came down the gorge from Crowley Lake and re-water the Owens River Gorge (above).

Installing a new transformer at Upper Gorge is Will Johnson, Electrical Mechanic, 1 year.

Middle Gorge Generating Station is not staffed.

Middle Gorge

Adjusting the sag of newly installed power lines (the originals were destroyed during the brush fires of July 4 and Independence) are (front row from left) Phil Monteforte, Electrical Distribution Mechanic Trainee; Joel Vega, Electrical Distribution Mechanic Trainee; and Mario Miranda, Electrical Distribution Mechanic Trainee. Standing: Phil Vega, Electrical Distribution Mechanic Trainee; Ben Rodriguez, Electrical Distribution Mechanic Trainee; Dave Flynn, Electrical Distribution Mechanic; Charlie Reagan, Electrical Distribution Mechanic Trainee; Mike Conley, Foreman; and Mike Cruise, Electrical Distribution Mechanic.

Upper Gorge

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Scattergood Generating Station

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Dave Tsosie, Scattergood operator.

Control room for the generating station.

Dave Tsosie stands in front of filtering unit.

Central room for the generating station.

Another central room for the generating station.
Haynes Generating Station

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Alex Gima, Environmental Coordinator, 38 years of service.

View from top of Haynes Generating Station.

Generating Station landscape from the front of the plant.
Harbor Generating Station

**FACTS**

- **Location:** Wilmington
- **Operational:** 1962, re-powered in 1994
- **Type of power:** Natural gas
- **Generating capacity:** 466 megawatts

Mostafa Haji, Plant Engineer, 18 years of service, at the Harbor Generating Station.
Fuel Cell Power Plant

John Ferraro Building Fuel Cell Power Plant

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From left: Lee Beatty, Safety and Training, 29 years of service; Jeffrey Reid, 3 years with the DWP; and Joseph Jiwatrakan, 1.5 years of service.

Carl Kinsey, Assistant Control Operator, 28 years of service.

The smoke stacks have long been recognized as a point of reference in Sun Valley.

Jeffrey Reid and Joseph Jiwatrakan make a routine inspection.

Photo courtesy of DWP.
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Smoothing reactors work like a resistor and limit current. State of the art equipment converts DC to AC current and vice-versa. The conversion capacity of this station is 3100 megawatts. The Sylmar convertor station has stood the test of earthquakes over the decades. DC filters have to be cleaned every other year since the electricity collects dust onto the surface of equipment.

**Sylmar Converter Station**

**Location:** Sylmar


**Purpose:** Convert power at the end of the multi-state Pacific DC Intertie power grid.

**Conversion capacity:** 3,100 megawatts

**Fact:** The world’s most powerful converter station.
San Francisquito Generating Plants 1 and 2

**San Francisquito Generating Plants 1 and 2**

**Location:** Saugus

**Operational:** 1917 (Plant 1, rebuilt after the 1971 Sylmar earthquake); 1920 (Plant 2, rebuilt immediately after the 1928 failure of the St. Francis Dam destroyed it). Repowered early 1980s (Plant 1), 2006 (Plant 2)

**Type of power:** Hydroelectric

**Generating capacity:** 75 megawatts (Plant 1), 42 megawatts (Plant 2)

**Fact:** Plant 1 generated the first power produced by the DWP for the City’s direct use.
Castaic Pumped Storage Power Station

Location: Castaic
Operational: 1973, re-powered 2005
Type of power: Hydroelectric
Dual purpose: Generate electricity during the day; and pump the water back up the hill at night, when power is less needed (and cheaper), to generate more electricity the following day.
Generating capacity: 1,175 megawatts

Roland DeVera, Control Operator; 22 years of service.

DWP employees repair powerplant equipment.
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Sign Here

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

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For Retired Club Members

RLACEI:
Is Combining Two Funds a Good Thing?

Ed Harding reports:

RLACEI President Ed Harding reports: “I wish to thank all those who voted to retain our incumbent directors for another two-year term on the Executive Board. They have all done a great job in the past, and I am looking forward to working with them in the future.

“The Mayor and Controller met Oct. 1 with representatives of LACERS and Fire & Police Pensions to discuss the pros and cons of combining the investment activities of both pension systems. See Ken Spiker’s report to the right for more details.

Keith Richman is again sponsoring a bill to eliminate pension systems as we have today. He is circulating petitions to have employees contribute to 401k or other similar programs and stop pension systems like ours. Do not sign these petitions.

See you at our Christmas Party Dec. 6. Americo Garza has again hired Chris & Pitts to feed us, and hired some great entertainment. We will be raffling off about 40 door prizes. Be sure to call to reserve your lunch.

President

Legislative Update:

Ken Spiker, our elected Commissioner to the LACERS Board of Directors, reports that the Mayor and City Controller’s offices are currently studying an independent fiduciary audit recommending combining the investment functions of the Los Angeles Fire and Police Pensions System (LAFPP) and the Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System (LACERS), creating a new Department of Pension Investments (not to include the DWP).

A new Board would consist of nine members, five appointed by the Mayor and two representatives from each of the existing systems. (There is no mention of a retired representative.) There would be no change to the benefit structure for the members.

DWP Retirees

Delores Foley, President
Phone: (828) 445-7379
Email: delorens@altrionet.com

Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association
Roble J. Wieland, President
Phone: (520) 283-4441
Fax: (828) 285-1461
Email: bobej@pacbell.net or 9522 Los Tunas Dr., #4, Temple City, CA 91780

Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)
Ed Harding, RLACEI President
www.rlacei.com
Contact him: (800) 678-4145 Ext. 703 or via E-mail: postmaster@rlacei.com

DWP Retirees

Change of Address?
If you change your address, notify Helen Salgado, Membership Chair, at (800) 678-4145 Ext. 713, or write to her at 5423 Dewar St., Los Angeles, CA 90022. Also notify LACERS.

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

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

Contact LACERS
The Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System is at 360 E. Second Street, 3rd floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Phone: (213) 687-7200 or (800) 776-8328. Contact them to arrange direct deposit of your retirement checks, change your tax withholding or beneficiary, or for questions about your health plans.

www.rlacei.com

City Retiree Associations:

City Employees Club of Los Angeles, Alive!
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The last part of my summer trip with my grandkids (Maddie, Isabelle and Coco) was stopping at our home in Las Vegas for a few days.

We left Williams, Ariz., on a Wednesday morning for the 240-mile drive to Las Vegas along Interstate 40 until we reached Kingman, Ariz., where we changed to US93. The highway crosses over Hoover Dam, and I wanted to stop and take the kids on a tour. Since 9/11, the security on the dam has been greatly increased, and prior to reaching the dam you must stop at a security check-point. We must have looked okay because they waved us on through. Hoover Dam was completed in 1935 and at 726 feet high is one of the highest concrete dams ever constructed. The dam’s completion created Lake Mead, the largest man-made lake in the United States. A few years ago they built a new visitors center and parking structure on the Nevada side, but I decided to park ($7) on the Arizona side, which let the kids walk across the dam from Arizona to Nevada. This was the week before Labor Day, but there was no line. After we paid our tour entrance fee ($11 for adults, $9 for seniors and $6 for kids 7 to 16), we took the 45-minute tour. After we watched a movie on the dam’s construction, we took an evaluator down 500 feet to view the generator methods to maintain the lifestyle in the desert. The preserve is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and until 10 p.m., Friday through Sunday. Admission is $18.75 for adults, $10.75 for those 5 to 17 years old, and $17.05 for seniors. The girls found the Ora*Gen experience interesting. There were a large number of interactive gal-leries that told the stories about the development of the Las Vegas area. If you want to learn about the how and why Las Vegas became Las Vegas, it is well worth the visit.

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On the way into town, we dropped my son-in-law, J.P., off at McCarran Airport in Las Vegas to catch his flight home. My daughter, Michelle, and the girls would fly home Friday, and then Evelyn was flying in Friday to spend the rest of the Labor Day weekend in Vegas with me.

We spent the rest of the afternoon in the pool and took in a movie that evening. The next day we took the kids to the Las Vegas Mini Pez (1401 N. Rainbow Blvd.), which has lots of rides and arcade games. The kids love the go-kart road course, which Maddie was able to enjoy by herself, and Michelle and I each took one of the other girls with us. Isabelle and Coco showed their driving skills on the “sidle karts.” After they ran out of ride tickets, we spent the rest of the time playing video games.

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On the way to Las Vegas, we stopped in Boulder City to have lunch at the Coffee Cup Café (512 Nevada Highway). A few months ago I saw a pro-gram on the Food Channel about the best breakfast places, and this was one of them. My wife, Evelyn, and I drove out on our last trip to Las Vegas and enjoyed the breakfast.

For Retired Club Members

Retiree Hotlines
Who to call? Following is a list of contacts for RLACEI and for the DWP:
City Employees Retirement System:
(213) 473-7200
• Edward Harding Ext. 703
• Phil Skarin Ext. 709
• Robert Wilkinson Ext. 704
• Jerry Bardwell Ext. 706
• Harold Danowitz Ext. 707
• Jack Mathews Ext. 729
• Helen Salgado (membership) Ext. 713
• Americo Garza Ext. 710
• Neil Ricci Ext. 714
DWP Retirement Plan Office:
(213) 367-1722
• Hal Danowitz, Bylaws
• Jack Mathews Ext. 712
• Harold Danowitz Ext. 707
• Jerry Bardwell Ext. 706
• Robert Wilkinson Ext. 704
• Phil Skarin Ext. 709
• Edward Harding Ext. 703
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• Edward Harding, President

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• Bob Wilkinson, Audit
• Jerry Bardwell, Budget
• David Wilkins, Bylaws
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• Americo Garza, Picnic
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• Phil Skarin, Parliamentarian

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We get to our house in Las Vegas a num-ber of times each year. The following are rec-ommendations for a couple of restaurants we have been to and the one show we saw recently on the Las Vegas Strip.

On this trip, Evelyn wanted to eat at Bouchon [(702) 414-6200] in the Venetian. The restaurant is owned by Thomas Keller, who owns the French Laundry Restaurant in Napa, Calif. We have been try-ing to eat at the French Laundry for years and have never been able get
You’re Invited!

RLACEI Holiday Party in December

The RLACEI’s annual Christmas Party and Installation of Officers is scheduled for noon Thursday, Dec. 6, at the Grace E. Simons Lodge. The Lodge is at 1025 Elysian Park Drive, 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. Guests welcome. Call one of the officers on the Retirees Helplines. Free taxi service can take you from the parking lot to the lodge.

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Thursday, Dec. 6, 12 noon
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RLACEI Member News:

Ben and Bette Pratt celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary June 5. They celebrate each year by going to Maui.

Nick and Liliana Buckcroft will celebrate their 24th wedding anniversary Nov. 25. Nick had been the Director of the Van Nuys/Sherman Oaks Senior Center.

Cliff Albright lost his wife of 64 years, Mildred, Sept. 15, due to heart problems. Give him a cheer-up call at (951) 244-6611.

Sysa Natalie Manoosian writes, "Since my 'retirement' from the Library Dept. in April, 1999, I’ve been volunteering as a consultant to libraries in Armenia and in the Armenia Patriarchate of Jerusalem. At 70, I am also a doctoral student at UCLA.” Give her a call at (323) 974-5676.

Shirley Fisher, Hanford, writes: "I enjoy reading the ‘Report to Members.' Your articles are very enlightening. Keep up the good work."

The following members all express thanks to the RLACEI officers for all the work they do for retirees: Ivan Forbes, Dennis Vander Hook, Catherine Weber and Angelo Ruscito.

Hynda Rudd, former records management officer, with the help of three dozen historians and scholars, has compiled a 1,000 page book titled, “The Development of Los Angeles City Government – An Institutional History 1850-2000.”

Jim Shields passed away Sept. 23 in Mesa, Ariz. Jim and his wife, Linda, moved to Mesa in 2004 following Jim’s retirement in March after 30 years of City service as a Programmer Analyst for ITA. In addition to his wife, Jim is survived by his daughters, Lynda and Lori; his son, Vance; his brothers, Chuck and Hal; and his grandchildren, Alexandra, Spencer, Cameron and Lleyton. Jim attended Pepperdine University on a tennis scholarship and continued to play tennis weekly throughout his life. He was also very passionate about arches. Jim enjoyed hiking through the national parks and canyon lands of Utah and Arizona in search of undiscovered arches and natural bridges. He was an active member of the National Arches and Bridges Society.

The LACERS Office is at 360 E. Second St., Second Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Phone: (213) 473-7200 or (800) 779-8328. Call them with questions about your health plans, retirement checks or tax withholding.

If you move, notify Membership Chair
Helen Salgado at 8372 Arnette Dr., Huntington Beach, CA 92647. If you need a new green membership card, send her a S.A.S.E.

If you have news about yourself or other retirees that you’d like to share, send it to Phil Skarin at 5301 Norwich Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91411 or phone (818) 784-0130.

Visit www.rlacei.com to find out the latest retirement news.

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Debra Fleming named Employee of the Quarter for Spring 2007.

LACERS — The Los Angeles City Employees’ Retirement System (LACERS) has named Debra Fleming as its Employee of the Quarter for Spring 2007. Fleming, a Management Assistant, worked for LACERS for two years in the Member Communications Unit. Recognized as a team player, Fleming was recognized for her hard work and dedication. Her duties include developing, organizing and presenting retirement seminars; serving as editor for the LACERS newsletters; and assisting with other publications produced by the organization.

Employees nominate their co-workers for Employee of the Quarter based on their notable contributions over and above the scope of normal duties. Senior staff members vote on the nominations produced by the organization.

Debra Fleming received a commemorative desk plaque and a $200 savings bond.

Congratulations, Debra!

LACERS Welcomes the World

LACERS welcomes delegations from Japan and Russia.

LACERS — The Los Angeles City Employees’ Retirement System (LACERS) hosted two international delegations of pension officials in early September at LACERS headquarters building in downtown Los Angeles. The first seven-member delegation from Japan was welcomed Sept. 10, followed by the five-member Russian delegation Sept. 14.

As a premier pension plan, LACERS is frequently sought out by international officials as an example of a successful defined benefit plan.

Delegates from Russia present a souvenir of their visit to Tom Moutos, LACERS Assistant General Manager.

Legislative Update

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• Boards will be more focused on their respective missions.
• Current interested parties will keep their stake in the management of the investments by having representatives on the new Board.
• New fund (more than $25 billion) will improve the rank to approximately number 50 of all U.S. plans, which may improve our ability to negotiate better terms and/or improve access to investment opportunities.
• Creates possibility for greater diversity with investments.

Downside:

• Adds another layer of administration as the new “department” would still need administrative support in the areas of: - Accounting - Personnel administration - Board support (travel, agendas, etc.) - Information technology support - These may reduce or eliminate proposed savings.
• Both Departments also function similarly with regard to benefits administration and support functions. If there are efficiencies in merging investments, wouldn’t there be greater efficiencies in merging the two departments entirely? Also, if this is such a great idea, why isn’t DWP’s retirement plan included?
• Could produce negative reaction from employee groups, fearing that the City is going after their pension funds to make political investments; could pit elected officials against one another.
• Could weaken Fire and Police position in the Defined Benefit vs. Defined Contribution debate.

• May make it difficult to attract Board members to participate on the current Board and maintain quorums due to the greater emphasis on disability cases.
• Could create disfranchisement of elected officials going after their pension funds to make political investments; could pit elected officials against one another.

In accordance with the City contribution rate adopted by the Board for Fiscal Year 2007-08, LACERS received the following amounts from City sources:

- Harbor: $11,386,593, received July 3
- Airports: $46,954,914, received July 9
- Controller’s Office: $338,914,033, received July 18

The City received a $12,328,277 discount by paying LACERS early in the fiscal year. LACERS, therefore, has investment opportunities of the total $37,455,540 rather than waiting for partial payments throughout the year.

thought for the day:

A Sense of Peace

Someone did something to you that caused hurt and anger. You couldn’t be forgiving at the time, so you allowed resentment to fester. This can damage your quality of life.

Forgiveness can reduce stress and anger, and allow you to move forward and be more creative. It’s about coming to peace internally.

Forgiveness is not giving up or giving in. Forgiveness leads to strength and empowerment and will give you a sense of peace.

– 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
Jack Matthews x712
Americo Gatta x710
Harold Danowitz x707
Robert Wilkinson x704
Neil Ricci x714
Phil Skarin x709
Jerry Hardwell x706
Helen Salgado x713

For Retired Club Members

News

Entries—Current

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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.

City Employees Club of Los Angeles
Celebrating the lives of City Employees.

Fourth Annual
Christmas Toy Run
Sunday, Dec. 2

• To Benefit the Children of Los Angeles Harbor UCLA Medical Center
• Bring a new unwrapped toy to the starting location of your choice.
• One bike and rider will be chosen to go inside the children’s ward for viewing and pictures by those children who cannot leave the ward.
• Those children who are able will be allowed to come outside to greet the riders.
• Raffle Prizes and 50/50 Drawing
• In case you are unable to ride if it rains, please take your toys to your starting location.

Location #1 Downtown Los Angeles: Catch 21 Restaurant parking lot at 441 S. Central Ave. Arrival time: 8:30 a.m. Leaving at 10:30 a.m. for LA Harbor Medical Center in Torrance.

Location #2 Canyon Country: Park & Ride at San Fernando Road exit, east of the 14 Freeway. Arrival time: 8 a.m. Leaving at 8:30 a.m. for starting location #1 to meet group.

Location #3 Mission Hills: Millie’s Restaurant parking lot, 10318 Sepulveda Blvd. Arrival time: 8 a.m. Leaving at 8:30 a.m. for starting location #1 to meet group.

After the ride we will go to San Pedro Port O’Call at Sixth and Pacific.

Remember: The children are counting on us.
The toys will be delivered rain or shine.

Have any questions?
Call Cheryl Power, DWP: (818) 771-4835 or (818) 822-5369

Police Property Officers Graduation

LAPD hosts badge ceremony for new Police Officers.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

POLICE DEPT. — The LAPD celebrated the graduation of six Property Officers with a badge ceremony Sept. 11 at the Metropolitan Dispatcher Conference Room.

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

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

Additional guests included Police Administrator Nancy Gemma, Assistant Commanding Officer, Administrative and Technical Services Bureau; and Peter A. Di Carlo, Police Administrator.

The graduates were:
- Redentor Abcede, Club Member;
- Frank Bolio;
- Michelle De Anda, Club Member;
- Ryan Farhand, Club Member;
- Wilma Richardson; and
- Annette Robinson, Club Member.

Congratulations to the new Police Property Officers! And thanks to Cordelia Williams for her assistance.

The graduation class.

Frank Bolio, Property Officer.

Redentor Abcede, Property Officer, Club Member.

Police Property Officers.

Police Administrator Nancy Gemma, Assistant Commanding Officer, Administrative and Technical Services Bureau, and Police Property Officer, gives a word of advice: “Enjoy the job; it is very challenging.”

Police Administrator Sue Gordon, Commanding Officer, Personnel Division, administers the oath.

Wilma Richardson, Property Officer.

Annette Robinson, Property Officer, Club Member, with her mother, Stephanie Ruiz-Gonzalez.

Rafael Espinoza, Property Officer, Club Member, and his wife, Maritza Espinoza, with Ryan’s friend, Ron Brown.

Assistant Chief Sharon Papa, Club Member addresses the officers about their job ahead.

Michele Du Anda, Property Officer, Club Member.
Police Boosters Golf Tournament

LAPD Central City Police Boosters hosts 10th annual golf tournament.

Story by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor; Photos by Robert Larios, Director of Marketing and Communications

POLICE DEPT. — The Central City Police Boosters held its 10th annual golf tournament Sept. 26 at the Montebello Country Club.

The Central City Police Boosters have been proud supporters of the men and women at the Central Community Police Station for more than 35 years. The organization has focused its support on the crime prevention and youth programs administered by the Los Angeles Police Department, Central Area, Community Relations Office.

This golf tournament is one of the major fundraising events of the year to gather the money necessary to fund these important programs.

Congratulations to the Police Boosters for another excellent golf tournament, and thanks to Officer Marie Kardiban for her assistance.
Banning Residence Museum offers games, candlelight this Christmas.

REC AND PARKS — Banning Resident Museum, a Rec and Parks facility operated in cooperation with Friends of Banning Museum, is offering special events and holiday-themed opportunities this Christmas season. The Banning Residence Museum is at 401 East M. St. in Wilmington.

Exhibition

Educational Amusements: American Games of the Victorian and Edwardian Era

Banning Residence Museum Exhibition Gallery, now through Jan. 6
For thousands of years the world’s cultures have used games as a way to entertain and educate. Serving as mirrors of daily life and culture, games instructed players about important social values and rules. Games were often recycled over the centuries with different societies modifying them to fit their needs. The Victorian Era saw an explosion of board games due to increased leisure time and advances in manufacturing. Victorian board games are beautifully-crafted, colorful artifacts indicative of a complex age that promoted values of industry, honesty, responsibility, and perseverance.

This exhibition will include games from the late 19th and early 20th century including board games, card games and word games. The oldest game on display dates from 1843 and is believed to be one of the first board games made in America. Mansion of Happiness, manufactured by W. & A.R. Knaut, has served the community as a long time volunteer for the museum.

The Banning Residence Museum is proud to host this beautiful collection of antique games on loan from Geraldine Knatz, who has served the museum.

The Banning Residence Museum is at 401 East M. St. in Wilmington.

Holiday Preview

• Norris Museum Shop at the Banning Residence Museum
• Sat. and Sun., Nov. 3 – 4, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Be the first to shop at the Norris Museum Shop this holiday season. The holiday season is upon us and the museum 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 decor. For further information please call the Norris Museum Shop. (310) 548-2000.

Victorian Christmas Luncheon
• Fri., Nov. 30, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Banning Residence Museum

Members and guests will enjoy a festive luncheon and a program featuring Los Cancioneros Ensemble Singers. Faye Schwartz will discuss the history of holiday songs and carols while Los Cancioneros Ensemble Singers will perform samples of everything from traditional Christmas carols to contemporary American holiday songs. Sing along to your favorites or just enjoy the sounds of this fantastic group and experience the holiday spirit at the Banning Residence Museum. A preview tour of the Museum in all its holiday glory will be offered and the Norris Museum Shop will be open for your shopping pleasure. Reservations are required. Please call (310) 548-2005 for prices and reservation information.

Candlelight Tours
• Sat. and Sun., Dec. 8 and 9, from 6 to 8 p.m., Banning Residence Museum
• Free; Sponsored by Valero Energy Corporation

This community is invited to welcome in the holiday season with the annual festive Victorian Christmas celebration. Much research has been done to ensure that the Museum will reflect realism in decor and display a re-creation of a Victorian Christmas. In addition to tours of the Museum, you 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. Visit the Norris Museum Shop. The sale continues through Jan. 3.

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After-Christmas Sale
• Norris Museum Shop at the Banning Residence Museum
• Wed., Dec. 26, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Shop to your heart’s content! Join us for the annual after-Christmas sale in the Norris Museum Shop. The sale continues through Jan. 3.

It’s Party Pix Time

State Employees Club, November 2007
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Hey Club Members:
Alive! wants to print pictures of your holiday office party!

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 (Liz Montes or Arlene Herrero) or write to Robert Latos, Club Director of Marketing and Communications at llarios@cityemployeesclub.com. We’ll do our best to get to as many as we can, but we can’t guarantee it. But let us know,
West Valley Reunion

Active and retired Officers come back to celebrate 50 years of the LAPD West Valley area.

Story and photos by Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor

POLICE DEPT. — Active and Retired Officers and civilian employees came back to celebrate 50 years of the LAPD’s West Valley Area. The celebration took place Sept. 28 at West Valley. Many officers who had retired came to celebrate. Some came as far as Idaho (Retired Officer George Thomas) and San Diego (Retired Commander Walt Mitchell). Councilman Dennis Zine, a former Police Officer, was in attendance.

Thanks to Sgt. Fentress, Club Member, for assisting Alive! in producing this article.

A good crowd!
DOWNTOWN CHILLS OUT

Downtown on Ice returns Nov. 15 for the holidays. Concert series included.

REC AND PARKS—Hit the season for a yuletide glide as the Southland’s largest holiday outdoor ice skating rink, L.A. Kings Downtown on Ice, celebrates its tenth season at Pershing Square, (532 S. Olive St.). Downtown on Ice is scheduled to be open every day from Nov. 15 through Jan. 21, a week longer than last year.

Admission is only $6 per skating session with $2 skate rental, thanks to sponsorship from Rec and Parks, the L.A. Kings and Councilmember Jan Perry (Ninth District).

Traditionally, thousands of people have enjoyed skating under the sun and stars in the heart of Los Angeles at what has been hailed as the Rockefeller Center of the West. Bedecked in full holiday splendor, the vast outdoor oasis is framed by towering skyscrapers and stunning historical landmarks—adding to the holiday spirit, ongoing festivities include a free concert series, free youth hockey clinics, a free Winter Festival (Dec. 7 – 9), a week-end Kids Zone interactive entertainment, and more.

Centrally located, the facility is easily accessible by car, bus or rail. A partnership with Metro and Metrolink 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, call (888) LA-PARKS (527-2757) or visit www.laparks.org

532 S. Olive St. (across from the Millennium Biltmore Hotel)

**Hours:** Mon. – Thurs.: Noon to 9 p.m. Fri. – Sun.: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Extended holiday hours: Dec. 14 – Jan. 6 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.
Call for special hours Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Eve and Day.

**Admission:** (888) LA-PARKS (527-2757), or www.laparks.org

LAKERS

We’ve got BASKETBALL tickets!

See Kobe, Shaq, Iverson, McGrady, Vince, Carter, Garnett, Lebron, Carmelo

Please Call “Ticket Guy” For Details
1-888-777-1744
or visit the Cityemployeesclub.com

Available Now!

- Magic Mountain Private Party — 11/17/07 from 7pm-1am
  - Adult/Child $22.95 includes FREE Parking

- Disney on Ice: Princess Wishes — 12/21/07 7:30 pm at the Staples Center
  - $21 (Club Price)

- “Enchanted” at the El Capitan — 12/22/07 1pm
  - $13.50 (Adult/Child)

- Laker Tickets
  - $28 (Upper Level Seats)

- New LA City Decals w/Department
  - Adult/Child $22.95 includes FREE Parking
  - $13.50 (Adult/Child)

Go to page 73 for discounted ticket deals available to City Employees Club members only.

(All seats are upper level)
Normal price is $28.
*All games are held at the Staples Center
DWP Holiday Light Festival Goes Green

The popular annual festival of lights in Griffith Park made a number of changes to be environmentally friendly, including adding LED lights, and biking and walking opportunities.

DWP — The twinkle in Griffith Park that signals the start of the Christmas season in the City, is now more earth-friendly.

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Environmental Stewardship

In addition to making the change and initiating the walking plan, the DWP is taking a number of additional steps to make the festival more environmentally conscious. Some of those efforts include:

LED Light Bulbs

The DWP is supporting environmental responsibility by converting all of the light bulbs in the one-mile Holiday Light Festival to LED technology. This will save two-thirds the amount of energy needed over standard conventional light bulbs. Once installed, the department will measure the energy reduction and advise the public on the specific energy savings.

Tips and Energy Conservation Message

Energy conservation messaging, including energy and water-saving tips, will be included in the 2007 Holiday Light Festival Program. The customized program is distributed to all light festival attendees. In addition, it is available at City libraries, Rec and Parks facilities and other locations throughout the City.

Bike Night:

Mon., Nov. 19 (bicycles and pedestrians)

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John’s Picture Perfect Contest

NEXT DEADLINE: November 15
Happy Snapping!

WIN FOUR PRIZES
$25 Walmart Card

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.

For November, we have four winners!
Start snapping today, and send us your best results! Four winners will receive a $25 Target Card.

Winner for November

“Today’s shot of a beautiful girl, shown flying against the backdrop of the ocean. She is smiling and seems to be having a great deal of fun!”
— Edward R. Sanchez

John’s comments: Dashing young lady! She’s got a great smile and a great view. Great shot, Edward.

Winner for November

“This shot was taken in Vernazza, Italy. It was taken through the opening in the thick walls of the old lookout tower. I liked how the rugged bricks created their own border of the spectacular view outside.”
— Patrick Tamcheck, Airports

John’s comments: These are always such difficult shots to capture, Patrick; you did good! By the way, for those of you that don’t know, Vernazza has no car traffic (a road leads into a parking lot on the edge of the town) and remains one of the truest fishing villages on the Italian Riviera.

Winner for November

“This ‘Gates of the Valley’ shot is popular with tourists visiting Yosemite. You can see El Capitan, Sentinel Dome, Cathedral, and Half Dome in the distance.”
— Carlos and Leticia Aranda, DWP

John’s comments: Well, I haven’t been to Yosemite in quite some time, but I hope it still looks as beautiful as this photo does. From the sky, to El Capitan, to the trees to the grass to the water, you’ve captured it all. Great shot, Carlos and Leticia!

Winner for November

“Cooning the bell: This tower is 135 feet tall. Cooning the bell means climbing down the insulators to the wire, then you put a spacing cart on. The spans are a quarter-mile long.”
— Ron Ngos, DWP

John’s comments: A perfect entry for this issue, Ron! It’s truly amazing to see what’s taken to get power to Los Angeles. These are true City Heroes!

Winner for November

“This is a pic of my dog, and he’s looking very dapper in his glasses and bandana. He’s very comical and he’s just too cute!”
— John R. Sanchez

John’s comments: Dapper, indeed! He almost looks a little like a miniaturized “Dog the Bounty Hunter.” Thanks, John, for sharing this with us!
Eight Airport Police recruits graduate from the LAPD Academy.

Story by Officer Belinda Nettles, Airport Police; Photos by Officer Shawn Smith, Airport Police

AIRPORTS — Eight new Airport Police recruits are joining the ranks of the Los Angeles Airport Police following their graduation from the Los Angeles Police Department Academy at Elysian Park Sept. 14.

The new officers are Tia Moore, Dineen Villasana, Brandon Carr, Edwin Palacios, Brandon Jones and Cheryl Dickson, and Assistant Chiefs George Continos and Erroll Southern. Front row: Officers Larry Middleworth and Faramarz Farnia.

All the officers excelled in the academy as high achievers, and Officer Farnia was the proud recipient of the “Human Relations” award in his academy class.

The new officers were sworn in by Acting Chief Walker after the graduation ceremony. Congratulations to the new officers!
Channel 35 Programs: Who Decides What’s Made?

Every month, new programs are premiered on Channel 35 that include glove-to-gavel coverage of City Council meetings and other critical public meetings and an array of original content produced for City departments and elected officials. Have you ever wondered how original programs get produced by Channel 35? It 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 quarer 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 ITA, 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 binary Westen, and co-chaired by John Lippman and member Andrew Glazier.

We congratulate the MAPB for its guidance, leadership and more than a decade of award-winning programming they helped produce. In

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

LA Cityview 35 is the City of Los Angeles’ Emmy-award winning government channel. Managed and operated by City employees, LA Cityview 35 serves Los Angeles by bringing government closer to their homes. With innovative and timely programming, citizens now can have an active voice in what happens in their local government.

Aging in LA

New episodes of “Aging in LA” make their LA Cityview 35 debut this month.

Senses of all walks of life, all ages, all ethnicities and genders need access to services. In Aging Gay, we will look at the challenges faced by gay and lesbian seniors in accessing services and breaking down barriers to fulfilling their needs for social services and support. We will also discuss AB 2920, new legislation aimed directly at assisting GLBT communities.

Some have advocated that state conservatorships in California have not satisfied the true reasons for which they were created. Instead, it is said, they have facilitated financial deceit and abuse of the elderly without consent or care. In State Conservatorships: Higher of Harmful?, we’ll take a look at the history of conservatorships and the new legislation.

Experts at the Keck School of Medicine at USC investigate the scientific aspects of diabetes and take their information to communities and families. In Diabetes, we will discuss insulin functions in humans, the causes of diabetes and what predisposes certain children to obesity and diabetes.

White House Conference on Aging Resolution Update will discuss the resolution from the 2006 Conference and where we are in completing them. Guest: Marvin Schachter and Doreen Moore.

Disability Forum

On the next series of Disability Forum programs, host Mitch Pomerantz will cover a wide range of timely and useful topics.

The first show will explore the California Telephone Access Program, which provides accessible telecommunications equipment to individuals with disabilities. The second program will address the role played by the State Department of Rehabilitation in the employment of people with disabilities. With an unemployment rate exceeding 70 percent, the disability community has, by far, the highest rate of unemployment of any minority group. The third program will focus on the City’s ongoing war against HIV/AIDS and the long-term testing initiative under way throughout the City. The final program will take a look at the Los Angeles County Commission on Disabilities, an entity that works to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities throughout the County.

The Great Eighth

Join Councilmember Bernard C. Parks and Gail Choice for new edition of The Great Eighth, a comprehensive look at one of the City’s most colorful and diverse districts.

The Eighth District is experiencing tremendous commercial and community growth. Once primarily considered a predominantly African-American community, the Eighth District is developing into a more diverse area. This reflects a national trend, which identifies urban areas as the new “hotspot” to buy homes due to the rising cost of real estate.

Lindert Park Village remains the cradle of African-American expression. We’ll visit with Eso Won Books to learn about their move to the area, the challenges they face and what they will be bringing to the area.

Beautification and identification efforts are currently underway, spearheaded by community members interested in a safe and well-developed community.

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Program Highlight in November:

Aging in LA – “Senses of Life”

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT CABRILLO

Two October events at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium include a Fall Sea Fair and a Sea Scare party for Halloween.

The richness and diversity of the sea combined with fun-in-the-sun games and hometown spirit can all be found at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium’s Autumn Sea Fair Sunday, Oct. 21, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The uniqueness of this Fair is not only its “splashiness,” but the tender, loving care with which each activity is designed and created with the comfort of each child in mind.

Among the highlighted events are complimentary face-painting, 25-cent carnival-style games, a giant origami demonstration, and a puppet show. Adorable pirates of all ages can participate in the Great Buried Treasure Hunt and over two dozen ocean-related organizations will be present to share information. Also, be sure to experience Harold Greene playing some jazz favorites, the Japanese Drum group Kokoro Taiko and Geoff Agism singing his Sea Chanties. The Fall Sea Fair is co-sponsored by the Port of Los Angeles and the Friends of Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. This annual event is free to the public. Free parking and shuttle service is available, and certain food and beverage vendors will be present.

Halloween event that is fun for the whole family. Come in costume and join in the masquerade of spooks and ghouls, trick-or-treat throughout the aquarium with different themed stations and walk along the docks of the all new “Port Town” scare zone, an Old English fishing village that was once plagued by manufacturing pirates and now abandoned.

Visit the Aquarium’s Aquatic Nursery for a special treasure hunt, scary sea creature feeding demonstrations and chilling cyroganic demonstrations. Stop by the Exploration Center for some treats, participate in bioluminescence crafts and learn about other creepy sea creatures. Visit the Marine Research Library for some ghastly stories in the “Mermadis Lair.” Plus don’t forget to enter the costume contest for your chance to win some spook-tacular prizes.

Older members of the family will appreciate the Aquarium’s all new haunted house, “Nightmare,” a haunting journey through one child’s horrifying dream. Kids of all ages can participate in activities at the Craft Corner such as mask making, spooky cookie decorating, and coloring tables. Plus, visit the “Voodool Village” for fortune telling and games of chance, and then dance the night away in the “Sea Scare Party Zone” sponsored by Movin’ 93.9 fm.

Apparitional activities, creepy crafts, disdainful demonstrations, and eerie entertainment all await you at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium’s “Sea Scare 2007.” Admission is $5 for adults and $1 for children and seniors. FRIENDS members are free with special early entry at 5:30 p.m.

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is at 3720 Stephen W. White Drive, San Pedro, and is a facility of the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks. For further information or a calendar of events call Cabrillo Marine Aquarium at (310) 548-7562 or visit our website at www.cabrillo.org.

And, for Halloween, it’s coming back: Cabrillo Marine Aquarium’s second annual Halloween event, “Sea Scare 2007,” washing ashore Saturday Oct. 27, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium will once again be transformed into an underwater world of chills, thrills and gills in its annual nighttime Halloween event that is fun for the whole family. Come in costume and join in the masquerade of spooks and ghouls, trick-or-treat throughout the aquarium with different themed stations and walk along the docks of the all new “Port Town” scare zone, an Old English fishing village that was once plagued by manufacturing pirates and now abandoned.

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Convention Center Honors Employees

Convention Center hosts a luncheon for team spirit and to honor good employee performance

Story by Liz Montes, Club Counselor, and Luis Aguilar, Convention Center
Photos by Liz Montes

CONVENTION CENTER — The Los Angeles Convention Center hosted an employee appreciation luncheon Aug. 29. Employees from various departments within the Convention Center were recognized for their outstanding performance.

The luncheon provided the opportunity for the 200 employees to meet with each other. The luncheon was a big success for the department. Congratulations for an excellent event!
LAX Benefit Fair

Airport hosts benefit fair for employees.

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

AIRPORTS — Los Angeles World Airports Human Resources Division hosted its annual Benefits Fair Oct. 3 in the LAX Construction and Maintenance parking lot.

Airport employees had the opportunity to meet with representatives from various organizations to review their benefits. Everyone in attendance was given a free lunch and free gifts from LAX Human Resources Division.

Congratulations to the organizers for an excellent fair!

Newsbrief

City Beautification

More than 350 people took part in the workshops to receive information on preparing beautification project proposals overall. On Sept. 24, the City Board of Public Works Office of Community Beautification conducted the last of 15 Citywide workshops in the Echo Park area of Los Angeles to show the public how to receive a matching grant of up to $10,000, available through the City’s competitive Community Beautification Grant program.

With a 41 percent increase in workshop attendees from last year and a record 64 attendees at the Van Nuys workshop, Grant Manager Michael Espinosa, Rosa Benavides, Virginia Valencia, and Robin Woo were extremely pleased at the great interest and turnout from the public. The workshops were conducted in Palms/Rancho Park, Highland Park, North Hollywood, Tarzana, Los Feliz, Van Nuys, Pacoima, Manchester Square, Southeast Los Angeles, South Los Angeles, Venice, North Hills, El Sereno, Harbor City, and Echo Park. This year the grant expects to receive more than 200 applications and fund 90 projects.

Since 1998, more than 780 community beautification projects have been completed throughout the City. The scope and extent of the projects have ranged from mosaic and murals, public works of art, learning gardens on school campuses, tree plantings along highway medians, hiking trail restorations, new playground equipment, park benches and flower plantings along walkways.

The Club offers general admission tickets to this great annual City event. A limited number of ringside seats are available, too. Call the Ticket Guy hotline: (888) 777-1744.
LAFD Graduation

Fire Dept. graduates 42 new firefighters.

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

Fire Dept. — Forty-two recruits became Firefighters when they graduated Sept. 27 from the LAFD Fire Academy at the Valley Recruit Training Academy. Friends and family attended the ceremony to congratulate the new firefighters, who went through weeks of intense training. Fire Chief Douglas L. Barry presented each new firefighter with their badge.

The Club congratulates the new Firefighters!
Firefighter Chris Gibbons
Firefighter Dennis Legaspi
Firefighter Andrew Begg
Firefighter Gordon Reilly

Firefighter Ian Soriano
Firefighter Armando Salavion
Firefighter Derart Buderer
Firefighter Caleb Cane

Firefighter Kurt Carroll
Firefighter Trevor Insley
Firefighter Daniel Bannara
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Firefighter Shaun Gath
Firefighter Edward Gonzalez
Firefighter Brandon Bower

Firefighter Warren Quach
Firefighter Matt Nunui
Firefighter Matthew Jordan
Firefighter Matthew Craig

Firefighter Joshua Pickard
Firefighter Sage Pelot
Firefighter Scott Kwasigroch
Firefighter Hugo Tadeo
Dedicated to
L.A. Government

Two-volume book, produced by Hynda Rudd, is a landmark for City history.

On Sept. 26, the Los Angeles City Historical Society presented the City Council its very own history, in book form, from 1850-2000. This presentation was ably and admirably accomplished by the Honorable Tom LaBonge, the Councilmember of the 4th District. This great nine-year endeavor ended up in the form of a two-volume, 1,000 page history, The Development of Los Angeles City Government: An Institutional Memory, 1850-2000.

The presentation of a two-volume set was made by Tom LaBonge, Fourth District Councilman and Club Member. One thousand sets of the book were printed, and 400 of them have either been sold already or given to institutions of higher learning as part of the funding from the John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation. The remainder of the books is being sold through Loyola Marymount University. Please see the contact information at the end of the article.

The interest in this two-volume City history, a one-of-a-kind in this country, has even drawn inquiries from Europe. This book is an anthology with 32 pre-eminent scholar-authors and 26 chapters, and includes a prologue, epilogue, appendices and index.

On the facing page, you’ll find the table of contents, just so you can see the depth and breadth of our City government history in this book.

1889 Fort Street City Hall

In 1889, a much needed city hall was built that would serve the City’s present and future needs. The Romanesque revival structure was constructed of red sandstone, steel and wood, with a tower that extended well above the downtown skyline. The location on Fort Street between Second and Third Streets was to showcase the building and emphasize its importance. The Mayor’s office and the Council chamber were on the second floor of the tower section.

The City, having spent more than $300,000 for construction was able to provide space in the building for almost every municipal department, including the City’s library. The Fort Street city hall remained in existence until 1929. In 1890, Fort Street was renamed Broadway.

The two-volume book produced by Hynda Rudd contains history that was made at every L.A. City Hall, including this one.
The chapters have been broken into a number of categories:

PROLOGUE: By Dr. Doyce B. Namis, Jr. Retired University of Southern California Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History and Retired Editor for 42 years of the Southern California Quarterly, the publication of the Historical Society of Southern California wrote “Los Angeles, 1871-1850” This incredibly well written historical journey covers the Spanish and Mexican rule of Los Angeles prior to its becoming a city by the Act of Incorporation from the State of California, Legislature in 1850.

PART IV: CITY GOVERNMENT: ORGANIZATION AND CORE FUNCTIONS

Los Angeles became a city on March 18, 1850, by the State’s Act of Incorporation, but annual reports don’t start really until required by the 1878 State Charter, which also required department heads to be responsible for tracking money received and spent for their programs. Law and order is provided by the Los Angeles Police Department, through many bumpy episodes, and a Board of Health created to send the ill to a City hospital. Public education in Los Angeles became a reality in 1853, when the Common (City) Council passed an ordinance creating a Board of Education. Recreation and parks was another facet needed in the life of Los Angelinos. In the 1880s, lands were finally designated for parks. The 1889 Charter mandated a commission to work with the Planning Department, the Public Library, the Public Library and the Cultural Affairs Department. The Fire Department became a reality in 1872, as a volunteer organization by virtue of an ordinance. The Police Department, through many bumpy episodes over the years, and soon to be one of the leading police departments in the nation, began as a one-man operation with a City Marshal in 1850.

PART V: CITY GOVERNMENT: INFRASTRUCTURE AND LAND USE

While early Los Angeles was maturing, other aspects of life consisted of day-to-day living experiences. While the central necessity of life was, and continues to be, a primary issue of survival. By some accounts, Los Angeles was considered the most incredible city in the world because its source of water for human and animal consumption was almost nil. But A. L. A. had a destiny to fulfill. The history of drinking water concerned City fathers dating back to the Spanish and Mexican periods. The first Water Overseer was appointed in 1853. Water of another nature became important to our City through the Port of Los Angeles. The harbor was granted to our City by the federal government with provisions and Charter amendments in 1909, the same year the Board of Commissioners was established.

Other aspects of our developing City were the need for public works for municipal improvements. The first Board of Public Works included five members of Council, the Mayor and the City Clerk as Secretary, this was in 1872. City planning was also a great necessity in the beginning. So was housing — our City grew by leaps and bounds for many reasons. The City Redevelopment Agency was a latesetter back in 1948. Its responsibility was to “reverse vicious cycles of urban deterioration and disinvestments.” And finally, transportation truly opened up the West.

PART VI: CITY GOVERNMENT: SOCIAL WELFARE

Attorneys, City Prosecutors and the Court system, which in the formative years was under the jurisdiction of the mayor. A more physical form of citizen protection came from what would become the City Fire and Police Departments. The Fire Department became a reality in 1872, as a volunteer organization by virtue of an ordinance. The Police Department, through many bumpy episodes over the years, and soon to be one of the leading police departments in the nation, began as a one-man operation with a City Marshal in 1850.

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Thinking about buying someone a new car for Christmas? Many people are mistaken when they think that they have automatic coverage when they purchase a new car. Many policies have restrictions, and all policies require you to notify the agent to make the coverage effective.

Automatic coverage is extended to you only if all of the vehicles that you own are insured under the same policy! This makes logical sense, as you can’t expect the insurance company to know whether or not you are going to insure your new vehicle.

Let’s say that you are the registered owner of three cars, but one is used by your child at college, so you insure that vehicle under a separate policy. Even though all of your vehicles are insured, you aren’t insuring them all under the same policy. So, when you buy a new car, or even if you trade in one of your existing cars for a new car, the insurance company does not have to provide you automatic coverage on the new car.

Or, what if you like to fix up classic cars? You might have one that is not operational, so you aren’t insuring it. Or maybe you have a classic car insured under a separate antique auto policy. Again, you are not insuring all the cars that you own on your main insurance policy, so the insurance company does not have to give you automatic coverage on the new car.

Another concern are the listed drivers on your policy. If you have someone covered on your policy as a driver, that doesn’t mean that automatic coverage extends to them. For example, you may have a boyfriend or a girlfriend who lives with you, and you are both insured under the same policy. But the automatic coverage applies only to the owner of the insurance policy and their immediate relatives that live in the house. So, when your boyfriend trades in his car for a new one, if the policy is in your name, then he doesn’t get automatic coverage.

Very commonly, this applies to recreational vehicles. If you own an RV and insure it separately on an RV policy, that is still considered a vehicle. So, again, you are not insuring all your vehicles on the same policy, so you don’t get automatic coverage on any new vehicle you purchase on this policy.

There are other factors and other circumstances that commonly remove the automatic coverage from your policy, too. Bottom line: Make every effort to contact your agent as soon as you purchase a new car. You can fax us the purchase agreement at (877) 901-5522, or call us and give us the information over the phone. Many times people are covered automatically by their policies, but there are many times when they are not. Be, safe, and let us know as soon as you get the new car, so we can make sure that you are properly covered.

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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 jgelinas@unitedagencies.com, and I will try to answer your question in one of our monthly columns.

Be Safe and Have Fun!
Richard Retires

Richard Sanchez retires from Building and Safety after 38 years of City service.

BUILDING AND SAFETY — A retirement party was held July 31 for Richard Sanchez, Assistant Deputy Superintendent of Building II, Building and Safety, after 38 years of City service.

The party was held at the New Otani Hotel downtown.

Host of the party was Grace Harper, Building and Safety Primary speakers were Councilman Jan Perry who presented the Council scroll; former Building and Safety General Manager Art Johnson; and retired L.A. Sheriff Commander and retired USMC Lt. Col. Tom Vetter. Richard, a retired United States Marine Corps Warrant Officer, was treated to a Marine Corps Color Guard, which presented the Colors.

Richard Sanchez (left) celebrates with Los Angeles County CEO (and former City CAO) Bill Fujioka (right) and his wife, Darlene.

Elliott Adelman, former Building and Safety employee who originally hired Richard Sanchez.

Councilwoman Jan Perry presents Retiree Richard Sanchez with his Council scroll.

Former Building and Safety Principal Inspector Al Garcia (left) presents a drawn portrait to Retiree Richard Sanchez.

Retiree Richard Sanchez (left) and Retired L.A. Sheriff Commander and USMC Col. Tom Vetter.

Retiree Richard Sanchez (left) with Sgt. Major Rudy Obad, retired.

Jim Bangham, Treasurer of the Municipal Inspectors Association (MIAC), presents Richard Sanchez’s retirement badge.

Retiree Richard Sanchez (right) with Sgt. Major Rudy Obad, retired.

The Marine Corps Color Guard adds pomp and circumstance to the event. The color guard is being deployed to Iraq next year.

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HARBOR — Sixteen Port Police employees were honored recently for their efforts against vehicle theft. The Los Angeles Port Police were critical to the search and recovery of more than 100 stolen vehicles.

Recently, the Port Police were involved in a multi-jurisdictional operation — Task Force for Regional Auto Theft Prevention (T.R.A.P.), resulting in the apprehension of several suspects in a stolen vehicle chop shop, recovering stolen vehicles and stolen auto parts. Those employees were commended by the LA Board of Harbor Commissioners for their hard work and dedication to combat auto theft.

The honorees were:
• Lt. Titus Smith
• Sgt. James Webb
• Det. Sgt. Ken Huerta
• Det. Michael Belo
• Senior Lead Officer Michael Canlas
• Senior Lead Officer Alex Castillo
• Senior Lead Officer Dan Dayton
• Senior Lead Officer Dong Lee
• Senior Lead Officer Ryan Mullany
• Senior Lead Officer Ian Schunke
• Senior Lead Officer William Yocham
• Officer Fernando Martinez
• Officer Derek Pittman
• Officer Mark Velasquez
• Dispatcher Lachelle Washington
• Dispatcher Tamara Washington

Good job, and congratulations!

GORILLAS IN OUR MIDST
The Los Angeles Zoo will unveil its newest exhibit Nov. 8 with the opening of Campo Gorilla Reserve. The state-of-the-art natural habitat will be home to six western lowland gorillas and is designed as a replica of their native African environment. Zoo visitors will walk along a forested pathway for close-up views of gorillas living among waterfalls, lush plants and trees in two habitats—one for a family group of gorillas led by a silverback and the other for a pair of bachelors.

Campo Gorilla Reserve is the first major exhibit to open at the L.A.Zoo in more than two years and marks the return of the Zoo’s gorillas after a four-year absence. The three-quarter-acre Campo Gorilla Reserve is the final phase of the Great Ape Forest, a trio of naturalistic exhibits for chimpanzees, orangutans and gorillas. The Great Ape Forest includes the Chimpanzees of Mahale Mountains, the Red Ape Rain Forest and the Campo Gorilla Reserve and will distinguish the Los Angeles Zoo as one of only a handful of zoos to house three species of great apes.

The L.A. Zoo and Botanical Gardens is in Griffith Park at the junction of the Ventura (134) and Golden State (5) Freeways. Admission is $10 for adults and $5 for children 2 to 12. For information, call (323) 644-4200 or visit the L. A. Zoo website at www.lazoo.org.

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“I visited an orphanage in Managua, Nicaragua. Food donations were made possible by Ron Lina and Alex Lopez, Central District, DWP. The children in the photos are part of the orphanage and helped to unload the food donations.”

— Alex Lopez, DWP

Kona, Hawaii

“Cynthia Terada, Rec and Parks and Club Member, and I recently went to Kona, Hawaii, for a seven-day vacation. It was beautiful, and the views were breathtaking. These pictures were taken from a helicopter overlooking the Pacific Ocean. And yes, we remembered to take our Alive! with us.”

— Alicia Marquez, Housing, Club Rep

Germany

Wilma Rebbe, Retired, visited Germany.

Boulder City

“Taken on Alive!’s recent road trip to Boulder City, Nev., are DWP employees Al Derlighter (top photo) and Joe Rosenthal (above).”

Mars

Noah Hawkins, son of Club CEO John Hawkins, proudly displays his copy of Alive! in a parking lot on… Mars! (Well, okay, it’s actually outside the Alien Fresh Jerky store in Baker, Calif. — Ed.)

— Noah Hawkins, son of Club CEO John Hawkins

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Police Picnic

Police Protective League hosts annual picnic.

Story and photos by Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

POLICE DEPT. — On Sept. 22, the Los Angeles Police Protective League had its annual picnic at the Los Angeles Police Academy. The rain almost ruined the beautiful event that was planned. Everyone had a good time once the rain stopped. There was plenty of food, hamburgers, hot dogs, chik, beans, watermelon, potato salad and cookies. Also offered were popcorn, cotton candy (my favorite) and snow cones. My daughter, Sydney, loved the animal petting zoo, and Det. Mike Burnditt’s daughter, Caitlin, loved the reptile petting section. They had games for the kids and lots of stuffed animals for prizes.

The picnic was a success, and thanks go to the league for having it at the academy.

Sgt. Ann Pickering (Van Nuys) wears these glasses on patrol.

Retired LAPD Det. Mike Small and his two grandchildren, Iris and Rio. Watch out for that Hazmat suit behind you!

Det. III Mike Burnditt (Devonshire) and his daughter, Caitlin.

Det. I Pat Arrue (Metro Division) plays with his new toy; his mother is glad she gave him all those video games to play.

Steve Hanson tries to steal the AFlAC duck at, of all places, at the Police Academy.

Sgt. Ann Pickering (Van Nuys) saves these glasses on patrol.

Sydney Young tries to catch her next meal.

Steve Hanson gets a surprise lick from the goat.

Sydney Young tries to catch her next meal.

Sydney Young gets a surprise lick from the goat.

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2. Write a greeting to your fellow City Employees, for example: “Happy Holidays From Us.”
3. Tell us who is in the photo, and what office you represent.
4. Send everything to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

We’ll run as many as we can in the January issue, along with the office party photo. Deadline for submission: Dec. 15
TRANSPORTATION — Rita Robinson — a 30-year City veteran known for her effective and aggressive leadership, and a City Employees Club Board Member — was named General Manager of Transportation.

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa announced the leadership change Sept. 28. The previous General Manager, Gloria Jeff, took the position in March 2006.

Robinson will take command of the City’s third-largest department and will be responsible for the development and implementation of traffic reduction programs and solutions in Los Angeles.

“Rita Robinson is an effective and aggressive leader who is the right person to tackle one of the City’s toughest challenges, reducing traffic gridlock,” Mayor Villaraigosa said. “In her more than 30 years of public service, Rita has demonstrated exceptional leadership in handling major projects and bringing them in on-time and on-budget.”

Robinson was named director of the City’s Bureau of Sanitation in January 2004, where she brought leadership to an agency that provides Los Angeles with some of the most fundamental City services. The Bureau of Sanitation has more than 2,800 employees, a budget of $524 million and oversees trash collection, recycling, wastewater and sewage treatment. Robinson modernized the Bureau of Sanitation making it more effective, efficient and environmentally friendly. Under Robinson’s leadership, the Bureau of Sanitation can be credited with:

• Expanding recycling services to over a half million residents in Los Angeles bringing the city’s recycling rate to 62 percent — the highest of any large city in the nation.

• Increasing the number of clean fuel trash-collection trucks by 20 percent, which in one year alone (2006), has reduced the emission of greenhouse gases by 40 percent.

• Implemented the nation’s first project to produce green energy from a renewable bio-resource. When fully operational, the TIRE project will produce approximately 3,500 kilowatts of renewable energy.

• Expanding restaurant food-waste collection from 10 to 150 restaurants, which now recycles approximately 8,000 tons of food waste per year.

• Increased the City’s Wastewater Revenue Bond Rating to the highest rating, allowing more taxpayer dollars to go programs instead of interest payments.

The City Employees Club congratulates Rita on her achievement.

About Rita Robinson

Rita L. Robinson was appointed Interim General Manager of Transportation in September. She brings more than 30 years of government expertise to help find solutions to the traffic challenges that face the nation’s second-largest city.

Ms. Robinson is responsible for the day-to-day operations of more than 2,000 employees whose mission is to provide for the safe and optimal mobility of people and goods throughout the City to support economic activity and desirable quality of life. With the Transportation team, other transportation agencies and community partnerships, she will succeed in meeting the Department’s mission.

Her main focus is to support initiatives that will result in congestion relief, short- and long-range local/regional transportation planning and acquisition of funding to implement those projects. Other improvements planned include expansion and upgrade of the Automated Traffic Surveillance and Control system (ATASC), installation of additional traffic intersection signals, increasing vehicle turning lanes and left-turn signals, installation of more visible, modern signage, and the construction of new speed bumps.

Before her appointment, Ms. Robinson directed the Public Works Bureau of Sanitation, which has 1,000 employees and the mission to protect public health and the environment through legal, efficient and effective collection, treatment, reuse and disposal of liquid and solid wastes.

As Director of the Bureau of Sanitation, Ms. Robinson managed a budget of $260 million in both General Fund and Special Funds.

Prior to becoming the Bureau of Sanitation’s Director in January 2004, Ms. Robinson served as interim General Manager of Housing for one year and as interim General Manager of Transportation for six months.

As Interim General Manager of Housing, Ms. Robinson directed a staff of approximately 500 employees responsible for housing production, rehabilitation, and preservation. The Department also administers the City’s Rent Stabilization Ordinance and Code Enforcement Program. Ms. Robinson’s major accomplishments as Interim General Manager included the development of the implementation plan for the use of the $100 million Affordable Housing Trust Fund approved by the Mayor and City Council for additional housing opportunities within the City.

While serving as Interim General Manager of Transportation, Ms. Robinson directed a staff of 1,500 full-time and 500 part-time professional, engineering, field and clerical employees responsible for the development of programs and implementation of solutions to meet the ground transportation needs of the traveling public, as well as everyday commerce.

Ms. Robinson, a longtime resident of Southern California and a 1975 graduate of Scripps College in Claremont, is a 30-year City employee and has served in a number of capacities in Los Angeles City government, including the Office of the City Administrative Officer, Rec and Parks, and Community Development.

She is also a Board Member for the City Employees Club of Los Angeles. The Club was founded in 1928 to provide employee insurance benefits and is now a membership organization. It now offers discounted tickets, officially licensed city merchandise, and other benefits and services.
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We'll pick you up!
Hello again! This month’s Be Alive! – my second bike trail in a row – is only 3.2 miles long, and it’s an adventure to say the least: trees and water to the left and freeways and cars to the right. Our short trip begins at the Riverside Drive exit off of the I-5. I exited the freeway, made a right turn and parked at a small park. The cross streets are Garden and Sonora.

Before you start any trip, take a moment and look at the signs. Important: The bike path is open from 5:30 a.m. until 10:30 p.m. And remember to bring plenty of water and snacks on any trip. Oh, and bring a friend. Be Alive and Be Safe!

I started my adventure at about 12:30 p.m., and it was a gorgeous day. As I traveled south through the river bikeway, I felt relaxed and began to just enjoy the natural beauty of everything I could see. There were tall green trees, sparkling running water, and beautiful birds feeding and flying all around. This is definitely another hidden treasure in Los Angeles.

I usually have someone with me on all these adventures for safety and of course to take the pictures, so as we traveled the path we came across some old water lids that release water into the river. Well, these lids were the shape of a cat and (I was told) you could see them from the freeway years ago. They are still there; just hidden by the freeway wall.

Then, we came across a few of your fellow City employees, Street Lighting, to be exact. They were repairing a large section of lights that had been vandalized, so we stopped and took this picture on our adventure.

To the Street Lighting crew, we say, thank you for all your hard work. If you know or see these great guys, give them a high five for an outstanding job!

After my brief visit, I had only about a mile to go. Within a few more minutes, I was at the Baum Bicycle Bridge over Los Feliz Boulevard. You can see this bridge from the freeway. I love the architectural design (circles) on the bridge. I stopped and took a look around. Beautiful!

You can continue the bike path, but 3.2 miles was a good one for me. So, I turned around and started back for the home stretch. By the way, there are other ways to enter the bike path — one is across from Griffith Park, and I’m sure you know or can find a few more.

My adventure lasted only about an hour and a half, but it was amazing. Thank you, Los Angeles River Bikeway, for a wonderful time. Maybe next time I will bike a few more miles.

Be Safe and Be Alive!

Angel goes on another biking adventure, this time along the L.A. River. Photos by Alive! Staff

Angel’s Be Alive!

Los Angeles River

Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager
November Events

12th DWP Holiday Light Festival
The DWP’s annual Holiday Light Festival “goes green” this year, with walking and biking opportunities, energy-saving LED lights, and other features.
- Bike Night (opening night): Nov. 19
- “Walking Only” Test Pilot Program: Nov. 21-25
- Open to regular vehicles Nov. 26 through Dec. 28
- 5 – 10 p.m. nightly
- In Griffith Park, along Crystal Springs Drive
- Information: (323) 913-4688 ext 9 or www.dwplightfestival.com

Downtown on Ice
Downtown’s holiday event returns to Pershing Square Nov. 15 through Jan. 21.
- Hours: Mon. – Thurs.: Noon to 9 p.m.; Fri. – Sun.: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Extended holiday hours: Dec. 14 – Jan. 6 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Call for special hours Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Eve and Day.
- Open every day and all holidays.
- Information: (888) LA-PARKS (527-2757), or www.laparks.org

Hollywood’s Santa Parade
The old Hollywood Christmas parade might be dead, but the City has started a brand new one!
- Sunday, Nov. 25, at 5 p.m.
- Route starts at Hollywood Boulevard and Orange Drive, and runs east on Hollywood, south on Vine Street to Sunset Boulevard, and west on Sunset back to Orange.
- General viewing is free.
- Grandstand tickets are available at a discounted rate of $25 each (regular price $35 each) or via the toll free number (866) PARADE1 (identify yourself as a Club Member).
- Information: (866) PARADE1, or www.hollywoodsantaparade.com

Fight for Life to Beat Cancer
The Club is an official sponsor of this annual event – a boxing match, this year between the LAPD and the Sheriff’s Office. Proceeds go to the City of Hope for cancer research and treatment.
- 6:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30
- Los Angeles Sports Arena, 3939 S. Figueroa St.
- Tickets available through the Club store, the Los Angeles Sports Arena ([213] 747-7111), the Sheriff’s Relief Foundation ([562] 946-7081) or the Los Angeles Police Protective League ([213] 251-4554)
- Information: www.cityofhope.org/fight4life

Ticket Guy Recommends:
Six Flags Magic Mountain
Ever wanted to go to Six Flags Magic Mountain, without all the long lines? Here’s your chance: the Six Flags Magic Mountain Private Party! It’s a $50 value for only $21.95.
- Limited number of tickets
- 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 17
- Free parking
- Purchase your tickets through the Club Store. See contact information on the second to last page of this issue.
- Visit cityemployeesclub.com

Directions:
Here are directions to one entrance to the Los Angeles Bikeway. From the I-5, take the Riverside Drive exit. Make a right turn (east) off the freeway exit, and park at the small park. The cross streets are Garden and Sonora.
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.

If there is a gap between the amount of life insurance your family would need, term life insurance may be the most economical way to close it.

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

Life Insurance from the Club is a smart, easy choice

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.

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What to look for in a plan

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

When you order these plans, 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 Lazarus, 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 details in this issue of 4attachment4 and apply today with the application printed in this month’s publication.

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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.
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Summary of plan details

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ClubFest Sells Out

More than 1,500 Club Members enjoy a beautiful ClubFest day.

CLUB HEADQUARTERS — Sold out more than a week before the actual day, ClubFest 2007 was another big hit.

More than 1,500 Club Members and their families and friends gathered Oct. 7 at Calamigos Ranch in the hills above Malibu for sun, fun, rides, booths, a raffle, great live party music and, for the first time, ribs, which proved even more popular than Club officials predicted.

"Every year is great, but this might have been the best ClubFest yet," said John Hawkins, Club CEO. "There were a lot of great people there, although we made sure to stop selling tickets before it got too crowded. The food was good, and I had a lot of fun!"

Those of you who tried to get tickets but were too late, the Club apologizes but reminds you to buy your tickets a little earlier next year.

Thanks to the ClubFest team, especially Robert Larios, Director of Marketing and Communications, and Navin Cotton, a.k.a. the Ticket Guy, for their hard work to make ClubFest 2007 the best one yet.

See everyone next year!

ClubFest 2007 photos by Summy Lam, Club Tech Guru; Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager; Alien Heroes, Club Counselor; Robert Larios, Director of Marketing and Communications; and John Burnes, Alive! editor.
Fun! Fun! Fun!

From left: Martin Chavez, Harbor, with Regina Joseph, Sarina and Cochise.

From left: Jennifer Lee, ITA, 5 years of service, with her husband, John.

From left: Vanessa Ruiz; Alejandro Ruiz, ITA, 8 years of service; Silvia Ruiz, baby Matthew Mendoza; Veronica Mendoza; and Alejandro Ruiz III.

From left: Miles LeBlanc and Rhea Madison, Harbor, 2 years of service.

From left: Federico Ramirez, Harbor Department, 5 years of service; Suszan Smith; and James Smith, Harbor Department, 30 years of service.

From left: Tony Rodriguez and baby Kimani Rodriguez.

From left: Alan and Julio Ramos.

From left: Kimberly Smith, DWP, 9 years of service; and India Parks, DWP, 10 years of service.

From left: Chef Larios’ nephew, Oscar Meza, and son, Robby Jr., wait for the festivities to start.

From left: Alan and Jolene Ramos.

ClubFest Photos on the Web!

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Club Member Yvonne Liu reports on her first ClubFest.

Story by Yvonne Liu, Office of Finance

CLUB HEADQUARTERS—On Sunday, Oct. 7, my family and I went to check out the ClubFest festivities for the first time. The ranch itself is beautiful: There are soft, pasture-like lawns and many shady trees for children to explore. Event organizers planned for clearly marked booths for food and activities, plenty of clean picnic tables and dining tables and easy parking. The weather was perfectly warm enough for getting wet on waterslides and water balloon battles, but not unbearable if you were standing under the sun dancing to the live music provided by The Latin Gents, Jamnesia and Bad Boyz & Company.

My husband, sons, Benjamin, and Oliver, 9 months; my mother; and my sister and her two children, Nikita, 11, and Ananda, 6, accompanied me to the Fest. All the children, including the baby, were seasoned festival participants and they all gave ClubFest 2007 their thumbs up.

My mom was impressed with the customer service: the cooking, parking and cleaning staff. She was also impressed by the quality of the entertainers, especially the zodko clown, the puppeteer and the face painters. As a mom, I was thrilled that one low-price ticket covered live bands, all-you-want-to-eat barbecue lunch, Popsicles and drinks, rides, games for children and raffles for adults. No wonder many of the guests are returning guests.

Rewanda Mason-McGee, DWP, with 35 years of City service, has not missed one ClubFest in the last seven years. She said, “I come with my best friend, and we bring all the grandchildren and we have a great time! Every time. I love the food, the entertainment and chatting with my friends and family.”

Juan Camales, son of Jose Camales, DWP, came with nearly a dozen family members. His sons, Kevin, 10, and Gabriel, 5, both enjoyed the game Scream and Run, where each contestant must run as far as they can without screaming. Gabriel and his father also participated in the Balloon Waddle, where they had to complete a relay race carrying a balloon, like a penguin carrying an egg. Juan, who had recently taken his family to Knott’s Berry Farm, said, “Coming [to ClubFest] is much safer. It is a beautiful location, and [the activities] get the kids moving.”

While I was waiting in line with Benjamin for face painting, he spotted the puppet show 10 yards away and took off to join the other children seated on the floor. He was enjoying the friendly and lifelike puppet emu, rabbit, and dog so much that I saw him waving goodbye to them. Where else can you bring your family to an event like this and safely have your small children run about?

In fact, kids are one of the most important reasons to come to ClubFest. First-timer Ken Lam of ITA and Jeanie Lam of Public Works/Bureau of Engineering said that’s why they brought their four children. Their older children’s favorites were the Ferris wheel and the waterslides.

David Munakata, LAPD and Club Board Member, wouldn’t miss ClubFest any year. This year he brought his grandchildren. With 33 years of City service behind him, David said, “It’s a pleasure for me to see the kids have a great time. It’s truly heartwarming to see the members and their families enjoy themselves. [ClubFest] is all for the kids.”

Benjamin’s favorites were the cow-juggling clown, the pony ride and the tractor-pulled hayride. Oliver was happiest clapping and bouncing to the music. While Nikita said the ribs were the best, Ananda liked the winged dragon that he had painted on his cheek. Nikita also said the site passed her test for easy wheelchair accessibility. By the look of their happy faces, I’m very sure we’ll be coming back, too.

When asked what he enjoys the most about ClubFest, Club CEO John Hawkins said, “Seeing more and more City Employees taking advantage of the only picnic in the City that brings all departments together, whether it’s Fire, Sanitation, General Services or Airports.”

“It’s just a fun-filled day with nonstop fun, food and wonderful music,” he added.
It’s Time to Play!

We Had a Great Time!

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On You Mark, Get Set...Have Fun!

Time to Eat!
Let's Party!

Maurice LaCourt and Family, Sanitation, 15 years

Jolanda Norris and Jeanene Barnett

Ray Garcia, DWP – Senior Electrical Dispatcher, 31 years

From left: Sabrina Peters, Transportation, 7 years of service; and Stanley Barr, Transportation, 2 years of service.

From left: Tridell Whitfield, DOT, 10 years of service, with his son, Shane Borland.

From left: Edwin Verela; Tony Murillo; and Juan Salazar, GSD, 2 years of service.

Lois Starks and Henry.

From left: Stanley, Lai, Lah and Imunique.

Cecilia and Joanne.

From left: Natalie, Alex, Karla and Edwin Realegeno.

Kiah and Christina Kusch.

Leylani Bob and Jimmy “The Clown.”

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First Harbor Health Fair

**Story and photos by Angel Gomez, Member Services Manager**

HARBOUR — More than 500 employees attended the Harbor’s first health fair, held Sept. 25 at the Harbor Boys and Girls Club.

The four-hour event helped to raise awareness of and increase employees’ healthy lifestyles.

Thanks to the Port of Los Angeles Risk Management Team for putting together a great and organized event. And special thanks to Chrissie Quevedo and Jennifer B. Reyes for their invitation.

**From left: Tony Lauro gets a flu shot, with Robert Larios, Club Director of Marketing and Communications.**

The Health Fair crowd in the Harbor Boys and Girls Club gymnasium.

**Club Raffle winner James Sullivan, Welder, Club Member, with Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor.**

From left: Kenneth Henderson, Street Maintenance Worker II; Leo Cabrera, Equipment Operator; and John Humphery, Equipment Operator.

**Employees give blood.**

William Davis gives blood.

**Member, with Arlene Herrero, Club Counselor.**

**Employees play basketball for prizes.**

**The Health Fair crowd in the Harbor Boys and Girls Club gymnasium.**

**From left: Kenneth Henderson, Street Maintenance Worker II; Leo Cabrera, Equipment Operator; and John Humphery, Equipment Operator.**

**Ladies at the check-in table, from left: Kathy Merovitz, Risk Management; Jennifer Reyes, Asst. Risk Management, and Marie Gutierrez, Risk Insurance Assistant.**

**Harbor Gardner Crew, Div. 137, standing in front of the Health Fair sign.**

**Tim Hogan (center), winner of the Club raffle, with Norma Angulo, Club Partner, and Rosa Gutierrez, Club Partner.**

Harbor employees played basketball for prizes.

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- Legal assistance (TRO’s etc.)
- Medical Services
Harbor’s Environmental Management System receives international certification.

HARBOR — With the cry of “we did it!” Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa helped the Construction and Maintenance (C&M) Division at the Harbor celebrate the official ISO 14001:2004 certification of its Environmental Management System (EMS) Sept. 28. The Port of Los Angeles is the first seaport on the West Coast and the third in the nation to receive international certification.

“I couldn’t be more proud of our dedicated employees at the Port of Los Angeles,” Villaraigosa said. “Every individual at our Construction and Maintenance Division got behind the program and pushed it further than we imagined. And the benefit for all Angelinos is cleaner operations and an improved environment.”

ISO stands for the International Organization for Standardization, located in Geneva, Switzerland. ISO promotes the development and implementation of voluntary international standards, both for particular products and for environmental management issues. The Port received certification for its EMS in place at its C&M Division, which includes all craft services including plumbing, painting, mechanical repair, electrical repair and pile driving. The EMS is a voluntary program designed to provide effective and economical environmental management by assuring that the operations, products and services are in line with the corporate environmental policy; minimizing adverse environmental aspects and impacts and ensuring an ongoing commitment to regulatory compliance.

“The EMS has really empowered our employees to think creatively for ways to improve operations and their impacts on the environment,” said Geraldine Knatz, Executive Director at the Port of Los Angeles. “We’re recycling more than 35 tons of paper each year; we’ve gone to biodegradable products throughout our organization, and we’ve created an Environmental Compliance Assessment tool, for starters. We’re dedicated to the program and will continue along this path.

The overall program took a team of C&M and Environmental Management staff two years to implement and customize to the Port’s particular needs and operations. Most C&M employees have had some facet of the training, and many received specialized training in their particular fields. The EMS has become a part of the division’s culture. The Port of Los Angeles also requires its C&M contractors to adhere to ISO guidelines.

Port Receives Environmental Certification
**Your Reviews**

**Movie Reviews**

**The Brave One**

*Rated R*

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

Jodie Foster plays a radio host in New York City, who, along with her fiancé (Naveen Andrews from TV's *Lost*) are brutally attacked while taking a walk. Sadly her fiancé dies, and she is unable to move on. Originally purchasing a gun for her safety, she begins to take late night walks and when she comes across some bad guys, she blows them away.

Jodie as always turns in a brilliant performance, and Terrence Howard was excellent as the NYPD detective searching for the vigilante killer. I would wait for the rental on this one.

— Gail Seltzer, DWP

**Stardust**

Rated *PG-13*

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This film is dark and very violent, especially the first violent scene. Not at all for children! The movie also makes you think. I would recommend this for adults who like a good drama, touched off with violence in their movies.

— Debbie Winger, DWP

**The Bourne Ultimatum**

*Rated R*

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This film is the third in the trilogy of Jason Bourne's quest to find out who he is. After being brainwashed in a government experiment, the action sequences and story are all first rate. Matt Damon portrays the tormented Bourne with utmost delicacy, teetering on the line of humanity and heroism without becoming a cartoon. Joan Allen and David Strathairn, supposedly on the same side of the law, add solid support to Bourne's internal and external struggle.

My only complaint is the overly camera movements that attempt to add edge but at times are distracting. Julia Stiles, Albert Finney and Scott Glenn costar. I suggest watching the first two "Bourne" DVDs to bring you up to speed.

— Dan Basilio, LAPD

**The Heartbreak Kid**

*Rated R*

My Score: 3 (out of 5)

This was a somewhat laughable comedy starring Ben Stiller as Eddie and Malin Akerman as his wife, Lila. The story is mostly based on their honeymoon in Cabo San Lucas. There, Eddie realizes he made a huge mistake rushing into that marriage but meets and falls in love with another vacationing woman, Miranda (Michelle Monaghan).

This movie was ridiculously predictable and the humor was off. If you seen there's Something About Mary and Along Came Polly, you'll recognize the similarities and the same situations. However, I enjoyed Jerry Stiller as Doc. Eddie's father. All his scenes were hilarious as he tries to cope in another way.

— Dan Basilio, LAPD

**The Kingdom**

*Rated R*

My Score: 3.5 (out of 5)

A horrific terrorist attack takes place in Saudi Arabia, killing hundreds of Americans and Saudis. Against the wishes of the U.S. Government, an elite FBI team moves in to investigate the murderers. At first the team is kept under tight control and not allowed to move around the Saudi Kingdom freely. So the movie does drag a bit in the beginning. Once they gain access to move, the action takes off.

Jaimie Foxx, Jennifer Garner and Chris Cooper are all fine as the elite team. But it is the surprise performances of Jason Bateman and Ashton Kutcher as a Saudi counterpart that bring real sense of life to the film.

There's not really much of a script here, but it provides an ending that will leave you unsatisfied with the current state of affairs in the world today, and rightly so.

— Dan Basilio, LAPD

**Big Fat Liar (2002)**

*Rated PG*

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

If you need a good laugh, rent this movie. It is about a 16-year-old boy (Frankie Muniz) who can't tell the truth to save his life. He gets in trouble at every turn. Muniz has to write a paper for school because of this lies. He actually finishes the paper, but it is stolen by a Hollywood producer (Paul Giamatti). Of course no one believes Muniz when he tells them that Giampatti stole his paper and is now making a movie. Muniz sets out to prove to everyone he can tell the truth. It's very funny, watch it.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

**Pride (2007)**

*Rated PG*

My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This was a very good movie. It is about a young man (Terrence Howard), who was a former swimmer. Teams would not swim against his team because he was black. In the mid 1970s, after going to college, Howard worked for the Philadelphia Department of Recreation. He starts coaching underprivileged kids to swim. These kids end up taking the state finals despite all the odds against him. I thought it was a very inspirational movie, and your children can definitely see this one.

— Stephanie Lazarus, LAPD

**Nineteen Minutes**

*Rated PG*

My Score: 5 (out of 5)

In 19 minutes you can move your lawn, color your hair or watch a third of a hockey game. Nineteen Minutes explores what can happen when a 17-year-old high school student, Peter Houghton of Sterling, N.H., endures years of verbal and physical abuse from his classmates. Peter is sent over the edge, which leads him to the ultimate violence that changes the lives of the residents of Sterling forever. Like the Columbine shootings, everyone's lives are forever changed.

— Linda Rosas, Personnel

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Pumpkins: Pretty Pleasing as Soup

When I mentioned that I was making pumpkin soup, it was common to get a cringing reaction from people. I have a feeling that they all envisioned in their minds their decoratively carved but withered pumpkins that they had placed at their homes, simmering in a stew pot. The reality is that pumpkin soup can be quite flavorful while simple to make.

There are three methods I have used when making pumpkin soup. And in preserving the concept of keeping Cooking With the Club recipes simple but packed with delicious flavor, I’ve decided to go with the recipe that takes a moderate time to prepare, but not so much that you have to put up a tent in the kitchen for your dish to finish cooking.

Instead of roasting a pumpkin and then taking the flesh into a mixer, I’ve skipped that step and just bought a can of mashed, unsweetened pumpkin. Remember, I’m keeping it simple, although if there are pros out there, feel free to prepare the pumpkin in the roasted pumpkin method, since you’ll be able to get the highest quality of flavors this way.

I’m sure that you will agree that the recipe below very closely matches the tremendous taste of roasted pumpkin soup.

**INGREDIENTS:**
- 1 medium size pumpkin
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Parsley
- 1 clove of garlic
- 1 medium size scallion or 1/4 cup red onion
- 1 can (15 oz.) mashed pumpkin
- 1 pint of half and half milk
- 1/4 cup of green chives
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil

**DIRECTIONS:**

1. **Step 1:** Select a medium-size pumpkin for use as a decorative soup bowl.

2. **Step 2:** Cut the pumpkin toward the stem side so that you can later use the cut piece as a lid.

3. **Step 3:** Gut the pumpkin seeds and the rest of the inside material.

4. **Step 4:** Place the cleaned pumpkin on a baking sheet and put in the oven on broil for about 10 minutes or until the inside of the pumpkin has dried out.

5. **Step 5:** Open the can of mashed pumpkin and place the contents in a bowl. Add the parsley, pepper and salt.

6. **Step 6:** In a sauce pan on medium heat, sauté the diced scallions and minced garlic in the olive oil until slightly brown, and then add the pumpkin from the can. Stir

7. **Step 7:** While stirring, slowly add the pint of half and half milk to the pumpkin.

8. **Step 8:** Add soup to the medium-sized pumpkin that was halved out, sprinkle finely chopped chives over the soup, and place the lid on the pumpkin to keep it warm.

9. **Step 9:** Enjoy, and happy Thanksgiving!
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*Credit Card

## Member Information

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## Available only to orders shipped to a California address. No P.O. Boxes.

## Notes

- All prices are subject to change.
- **Please note that all items are subject to availability.**
- **All tickets subject to availability.**
- **Prices may change.**
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- **Blackout dates and restrictions may apply.**

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Suite 700

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