

SPECIAL SECTION

2008

The Year That Was

Alive!

■ **It's time to look back and savor the greatest *Alive!* moments from last year.**

THE CITY — Now that 2009 has just begun, it's time to look back at the great year that was 2008.

It was the year the Club opened its fantastic new Club Store and Service Center a short walk from most of you, and the year the Club Store started selling e-tickets (they're a big hit).


In 2008, *Alive!* went to interview Mr. L.A., Councilman Tom LaBonge, and ended up covering a fire, too! And then we went trudging through the snow with the DWP's snow surveyors. Also in 2008, the great Alvin Blain, General Manager of General Services, retired.

And we cannot forget about the deep sadness that 2008 brought to us, too, with the death of beloved Club colleague and dear friend Howard Pompel.

So let's look back one more time at the year that was 2008.

Happy New Year, everyone!

JANUARY



Fun in the City!

Happy Birthday, Harbor!

100 Years

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People We See

“People We See” starts

The Harbor throws itself a grand party.


Fun in the City!

It's an Alive! tradition – you have fun to kick off the holidays, and we publish the party pics!


Winner of the Mask contest was PSR III CT Feng, Club Member

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FEBRUARY




Teaching Kids to Renew




Youth participants in recent Rec and Parks camp programs enjoy using the new Compostable food service materials, which are environmentally friendly.

Parker Center Reborn



Out of the Ground, is New Police Building

Crew from PW Admin. make sure the new Police Dept. building downtown is done right and on schedule.



City Inspectors

Love and the City

Christina Najjar and John Craig, who met at the LAPD's 911 Valley Communications Center.


A special Valentine's Day look at seven couples who fell in love while working for the City.




As Alive! discovered, interviewing Councilman and Club Member Tom LaBonge means catching up with him first.




MARCH



Catching the Wind



DWP breaks ground on the largest city-owned wind farm in the United States.



2008


APRIL

■ **St. Baldrick's raises money for children's cancer research.**



Shaving and Shoring

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Alvin Blain Retires

■ General Services General Manager and Club Member retires after 35 years of City Service.

Where the Water Goes

■ Here's *Alive!*'s day at the world-class Hyperion Treatment Plant.



Where the Water Goes

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2008

■ **Travel with *Alive!* and the Hydrographers from DWP, on a snow expedition in Mammoth.**



THE SNOW Surveyors



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Happy Mother's Day




Pictured are Mom and I on her visit to California. She's the mother of 11 children and I'm the baby girl. She's instilled in me to preserve and to always do better. We both look forward to our Sunday telephone talks. I can't imagine not talking to Mom. We're having a big 90th birthday celebration for her in Indianapolis April 26. Happy Birthday, Mom. I love ya!

— Donna Montgomery, Airport Police, LA/Ontario

Open for Business!

■ **A historic day: The new Club Store and Service Center officially opened May 1, 2008.**




■ **Last year's devastating fire burned approximately 1,200 acres of Griffith Park. One year later, nature is taking its course.**



Rebirth



JUNE

Summer in the City

■ Here, *Alive!* follows one class of recruits through eight days of physical training and testing, to become a City lifeguard.



A Librarian at the Library

■ Librarian and First Lady Laura Bush and her daughter, Jenna, visited the Central Library to read from their new children's book.



First Lady Laura Bush and daughter Jenna Bush Hager read from their book, *Read All About It*, in the Taper Auditorium at the Los Angeles Public Library.

JULY

2008



■ Marlene Greenfield, the woman with the longest active tenure of City service, has worked for the City for more than 58 years.

58 YEARS OF SERVICE & COUNTING

Perfect Attendance



Martin Chavez, Human Resources Development Manager, Club Member, with Dr. Geraldine Knatz, Executive Director, Harbor, with the \$500 perfect attendance winners, from left: Martin Chavez, Human Resources, Club Member; Harry Wilson, Human Resources; Norman Arikawa, Marketing; Dr. Geraldine Knatz, Executive Director, Club Member; Marcel Van Dijk, Marketing; and Chris Grossi, Engineering.

■ Harbor hosts luncheon for those with perfect attendance records.



AUGUST

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Storyed Career Ends



■ City Librarian Fontayne Holmes retires from Los Angeles Public Library after 34 years of City service.

■ Scholarship Program for 2008 nearly triples the awardees.



Club Honors 14 With Scholarships

Parade of Tall Ships



■ The majestic Tall Ships returned to the Port of Los Angeles for the Festival of Sail LA 2008.

SEPTEMBER





Howard Pompel, the perfect embodiment of the City Employees Club, died Friday, Sept. 12, in the Metrolink train accident in Chatsworth.



The Club gang at ClubFest 2003, bottom row, from left: Howard Pompel and John Hawkins. Top row, from left: Rose Hyland, Leigh Thompson, Alan Bound, Trinh Pham, Summy Lam, Beverly Haro, Jamie Bergantz and Bob Dow.



Detention Officers take part in Law Enforcement Torch Run to support Special Olympics.

Carrying the Torch

The Year That Was Alive!



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



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

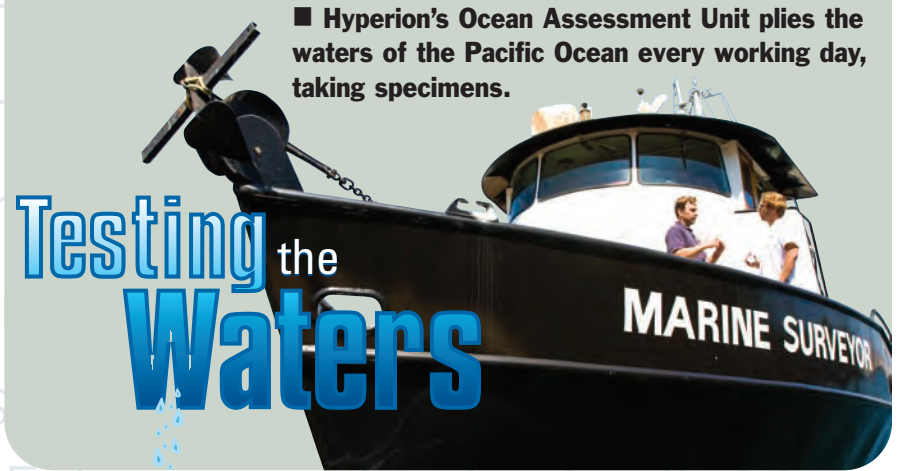


CUSTODIAN APPRECIATION DAY



General Services hosts annual Custodian Appreciation Day.

Presenting the Senior Custodian of the Year award, from left: Valerie Melloff, General Services Assistant General Manager and Club Member; South District award winner: Lucille Redmond, Club Member; Loretta Quenon, Director of Custodial Services, Club Member; Civic Center award winner: Walter Chambers; Central District award winner: Fely Maladaga; Renee Anderson, Local 721; LAPD award winner: James Booth, Club Member; Bob Schoonover, Local 721; North District award winner: Camilla Hill, Club Member; and Tony Royster, General Services General Manager, Club Member.



Hyperion's Ocean Assessment Unit plies the waters of the Pacific Ocean every working day, taking specimens.

Testing the Waters



Throughout the City, nearly all departments took part in what was called the country's biggest earthquake simulation.



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