

CLUB HEADQUARTERS



E-Tickets: Your Ticket to Convenience

Club Store and Service center now delivers Disneyland, SeaWorld and Aquarium of the Pacific tickets to your email. Take advantage!

As part of its dedication to great service to City Employees, the Club one year ago introduced an E-ticket system, to deliver your Disneyland, SeaWorld and Aquarium of the Pacific tickets right to your email box.

The test succeeded!

More Disneyland, SeaWorld and Aquarium of the Pacific tickets are delivered via email now outnumber those picked up physically at the Club Store, and those sent by U.S. Mail.

And there's no postage fee. The E-ticket system adds nothing to the Club's already low prices on tickets.



"We're working on bringing other events and attractions to the E-ticket system," said the Club's Ticket Guy, Navin Cotton.

The Club is the only City association to offer the E-Ticket service to City Employees. You can't get this service anywhere else.

"People love our E-ticket system," the Ticket Guy said. "Everyone should take advantage of this great Club service."

Here's how to take advantage of the Club's E-ticket system:

- Order your tickets with the great Club discount as you normally would – by using the Club Store's Website; by calling the Club's Ticket Hotline; or by fax.
- Your Club ID number is required.
- For now, tickets to Disneyland, SeaWorld and Aquarium of the Pacific are eligible for the Club's E-ticket system. More attractions are expected to be added soon.
- Orders will be processed by the Club between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (excepting holidays).
- The Club will send your tickets to the email address of your choice.
- You print your tickets any time and from any computer you choose. Bring those tickets with you, and you're done.
- Did your tickets get destroyed, or did you forget them someplace? You can reprint them from the same email.



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Newsbriefs

BIKE THEFT RING BUSTED:

LAPD detectives arrested two men over the Jan. 23-24 weekend, which broke up a downtown Los Angeles bicycle-theft ring and netted several stolen bicycles and parts, drug paraphernalia, and counterfeit money.

"This is a significant break for us," said Lt. Paul Vernon, who heads up the Central Detective Division. "There were 123 bicycles stolen downtown in 2009. That's 45 more than the year before, and we know there is more than one ring of thieves who are preying on bicyclists."

Police point to the increasing popularity of bicycling for sport and transportation among downtown residents and have attributed the increase in thefts to the proliferation of bicycles, many costing in the thousands of dollars.

On Jan. 22, undercover detectives met a man in Santa Monica to buy a bicycle that he had posted on *Craigslist*. The bike's real owner had



An LAPD Detective examines a possibly counterfeit bill.

reported the bike stolen on the same day, taken from the 500 block of Olympic Boulevard. Konstantin Rostovtsev, 51, listed the \$600 Sirus bicycle for \$300, and included the after-market on-board computer in the asking price. After agreeing on the sale, detectives arrested the Ukrainian native for receiving stolen property.

Detectives used information from Rostovtsev's arrest to identify Edward Rene Arciga, 43, as another source of stolen bicycles. "We called Arciga and asked him if he had bikes for sale," Vernon said. Saturday, undercover detectives met Arciga at the Olive Motel on Sunset Boulevard. Arciga pulled a bicycle out of his Mercedes Benz's trunk and showed it to the detectives. When the detectives arrested Arciga, an accomplice opened the motel room's door. "The detectives called the man out and could immediately see bolt cutters and more bikes," Vernon added.

"This latter arrest was a gold mine," said Lt. Vernon. "We found the two men were also bleaching money to counterfeit \$100 bills," he alleged. Detectives found several counterfeit bills, a computer and a printer for making money, and evidence of heroin use, according to police. Secret Service agents seized a laptop computer, the counterfeit bills and manufacturing materials,

LAABP

Black History Month Events

Join the LAABP (Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel) for several festive, meaningful events honoring Black History Month.

Story and photos courtesy LAABP

The Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel (LAABP) will kick off its African American Heritage Month observance with a variety of events throughout February. Here's a list of related activities:

■ **Literary Event and Book Fair:** LAABP kicks off African American Heritage Month with a literary event and book signing in the City Hall Rotunda from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 10, featuring local authors, published and recorded City employees, a writing seminar and giveaways. Join authors for a rousing discussion of books, writing techniques, and ideas and have your books personally autographed. Meet authors Kimberla Lawson Roby, Victor McLaughlin and local writer Pamela Samuels Young. There will be many current-release books available for purchase, and City

employees with published books and recorded CDs will also have their products available for sale. Free. Visit www.laabp.org or call (213) 978-7254 for information.

■ **Trailblazer Reception:** The LAABP will present and give tribute to African American City Employees who have made strides in leadership, professionalism and mentorship, opening the doors for other African Americans in City government. The reception is scheduled for between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. Feb. 18 in the Tom Bradley Room, high atop City Hal. Free. Reservations required due to limited space. Contact Shawn McGee at (213) 485-2491 and visit www.laabp.org.

■ **Kuonja:** Flavors of Soul and Marketplace: The LAABP hosts this annual two-day celebration of African American Heritage Month, which will feature the dance students of the Debbie Allen Dance Academy on the first day and present the highly anticipated



Last year, the annual Fashion Show at the African Marketplace featured many City workers as models.

Afrocentric Fashion Show on the second day. The event, scheduled for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 23 and 24 at Fletcher Bowron Square downtown, will feature music, food, art, crafts and more. Free. Sponsored by the Los Angeles Association of Black Personnel (LAABP). Visit www.laabp.org or call

(213) 978-7254 for information.

The LAABP, with the other affirmative action associations representing the workforce of the City, is dedicated to the advancement and development of African Americans. Visit www.laabp.com to learn more or become a member.

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police said. Detectives booked Arciga for receiving stolen property, but he may face additional federal charges for counterfeiting.

"We think Arciga and Rostovtsev are just one of several rings working downtown," Lt. Vernon warned. "All bicyclists need to protect themselves with good locks, record their bike's serial number, and keep a receipt of the bike's purchase price to prove its value; and remember, don't leave a bike in a public place, even locked up, for longer than is necessary."

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY:

The LAPD's South Traffic Division held a pedestrian safety enforcement operation Jan. 14 along Western Avenue, from Martin Luther King Boulevard to Figueroa Street.

This operation was conducted to promote safety through the enforcement of vehicle verses pedestrian enforcement details in an effort to improve pedestrian safety, to change dangerous pedestrian behaviors, to change dangerous driver behavior, to change dangerous behaviors near school(s) and to reduce injury(s), death, and property damage associated with pedestrian verses vehicle traffic collisions.

The Officer-in-Charge was Sgt. Arturo R. Gomez, South Traffic Division, Community Traffic Services Unit. Approximately 10 traffic enforcement officers, three collision investigation officers, two traffic enforcement supervisors from the LAPD, South Traffic Division, along with five plain clothes officers and one plain clothes supervisor from Southwest Division were involved in the Pedestrian Crosswalk Safety Enforcement operation.

WESTCHESTER TRAFFIC:

Public Works, Transportation and the Westchester Business Improvement District joined Councilman Bill Rosendahl at a news conference Jan. 7 to announce the completion of the wider, greener and improved Sepulveda Boulevard from Lincoln Boulevard to Howard Hughes Parkway.

The Sepulveda Boulevard Improvement project that stretched from Howard Hughes Parkway to Lincoln Boulevard was an \$8.9-million project that began in the summer of 2007. It widened the street, allowing for three traffic lanes and street parking at the business area. The project also installed and landscaped medians; constructed right turn lanes at strategic locations; installed a storm drain and catch basins to relieve flooding during the rainy season; and added 193 trees to beautify and green the major Westchester thoroughfare.

The street improvement work was performed by Public Works. Partial funding was provided by Metro.



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