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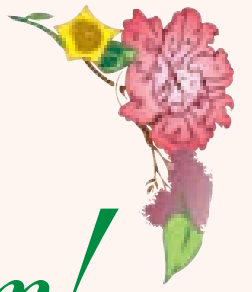
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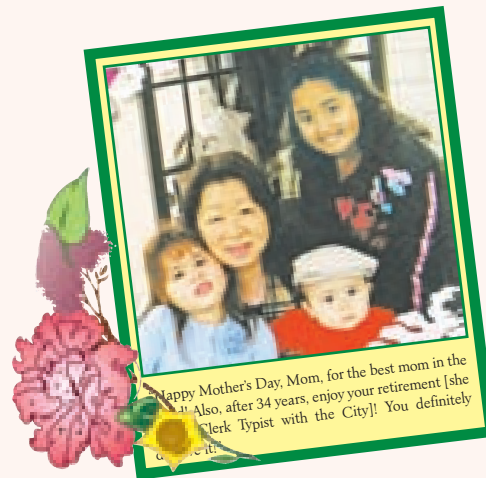


CLUB MEMBERS: Pay tribute to your mom this Mother's Day... with a photo and message of lifelong love, published in *Alive!*

Moms love tributes. It's the least you can do, after all she has done for you!



In our May issue, we'll print a photo of you and your mom (or just your mom)... and a two or three sentence message of Happy Mother's Day from you. Photos can be either print or digital. Send it in now!



- ☉ Send in a print or digital photo of you and your mom (or just your mom). Send **high resolution** digital photos to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com. Send print photos (or drop them off in person) to the Club Store at 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
- ☉ Include a message of Happy Mother's Day (up to three sentences).
- ☉ **Deadline: April 15**



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A Message From the CEO

Your Suggestions Become Our Stories

by John Hawkins
President and CEO, The Club

A few months ago, I picked up the phone, and it was Tom Pazdernik, Club Member. He was calling because he wanted to say he liked Alive!, and he wanted to invite us to check out what he and his crew do.

If you've seen the cover, you now know what they do. They drive the buses that handle more than a million LAX passengers every year, taking those passengers from their international flight to U.S. Customs. We had a great time producing this story, and I want to thank Tom, and Ken White, Marie O'Kelly-Green, Harold Johnson and Nancy Castles from Airports for making this story happen.

Here at Alive!, we research and then produce all of the cover stories that you see highlighting the front of our newspaper.

But, with a City as big as ours, and with City Employees doing so many interesting things, we can't know everything. That's why we love when you invite us into your working world, so that we can share what you do with the rest of our Club Members. This month's story is a perfect example of that. Over the last six months or so, we've produced a couple of others that came in via phone or email - our feature on the Port's LAFD dive team came in from great Club Member Steve Meiche, and last month's story on the new contaminants threatening our ocean was suggested by another great Club friend, Curtis Cash. We're working on a bicycling story suggested to us Karl Guder that we hope to bring you this summer, or soon. I invite you to drop us a line and let us know the interesting things that you do. Please know that I can't promise we'll cover everything. We have to make sure it's of interest to the most number of people, and that it's the right size for us. But give us a shout, and we'll see what we can do.



Club CEO John Hawkins with Luis Manrique, LAX Airfield Bus Operator.

Meanwhile, 2011 is moving forward at an alarming clip - April already? - and that means it's time for our annual Joannie Mukai Club Scholarship. We're accepting applications now. Every year I'm amazed at the quality of the children of our Club Members (and some Club Members, who also apply). The academic achievement and extracurricular service that these young men and women produce is incredible. I'm just happy that the Club insists on supporting as many of them as we can. Whether you're a scholarship winner or not, keep up the awesome work. Our world is grateful.

And for all you DWP employees, come out to one of our seminars and find out about the Club's Long-Term Care insurance (open enrollment for DWP employees begins May 1). I'm happy that so many City Employees took advantage last fall. Those who did are really smart, if I can be so bold. They value protecting themselves and their families in case something really bad happens. So come to a seminar and find out just what a smart - and affordable - move it is.

As I write this, the weather might finally be turning nice, so I might be spending a lot of time outside. But don't worry - I'll be seeing you at the upcoming Club-reserved night at Magic Mountain, or at the Renaissance Faire, or the fantastic Club Cruise this fall, or at any other great event with a Club benefit. What?? You don't have your tickets yet? Well, get on it now! These are really great Club benefits we know you will enjoy.

JOHN

(jhawkins@cityemployeesclub.com)

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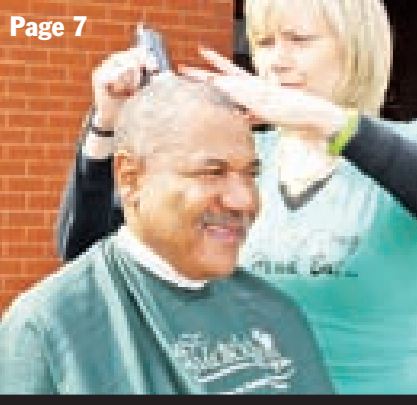
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Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Director, photographs three Bus Operators from LAX Airfield Bus Operations.



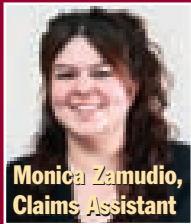
Angel Gomez, Director of Member Services, The Club



Cecilia Talbot,
Claims Manager

You probably won't get to meet Club Claims Manager Cecilia Talbot very often... until you really need her. That's when her service shines.

So, to assure you that you are in good hands, from time to time *Alive!* will reprint letters commending the service given by Cecilia and her excellent staff. — Ed.



Monica Zamudio,
Claims Assistant

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The Club's claims service is "excellent. Our needs were taken care of promptly and with very personal attention."

— Richard Young, February 2011

The Club's claims service was "excellent. Everyone was very courteous, friendly and helpful, especially Monica Zamudio. She helped to make a very difficult time in our lives a little easier. I really appreciate how

she helped me with the process of getting my mom her check. [*The Fall of Freddie the Leaf*] was a nice book for children to better understand or to cope with the loss of a loved one."

— Maria Valenzuela, December 2010

The Club's claims service was "very professional and accommodating, very understanding to an individual's needs. Advice was

given regarding insurance issues in a timely manner. You returned my calls promptly with deep concern. Thank you to the City Employee Club of Los Angeles; you are ready to extend your help."

— Julia Oviedo, January 2011

The Club's claims service was "good. You took good care of me."

— Shirley Stapler, December 2010

Your Club Insurance Dollars at Work

Total claims paid to Club Members in the last 12 months: \$4,367,738.22

Claims paid:

Life insurance claims paid this month: **\$306,163.83**

Life insurance claims paid in last 12 months: **\$2,230,095.83**

Long-term disability claims paid this month: **\$105,225.37**

Long-term disability claims paid in last 12 months: **\$1,624,105.54**

Long-term care claims paid this month: **\$29,085.00**

Long-term care claims paid in last 12 months: **\$363,536.85**

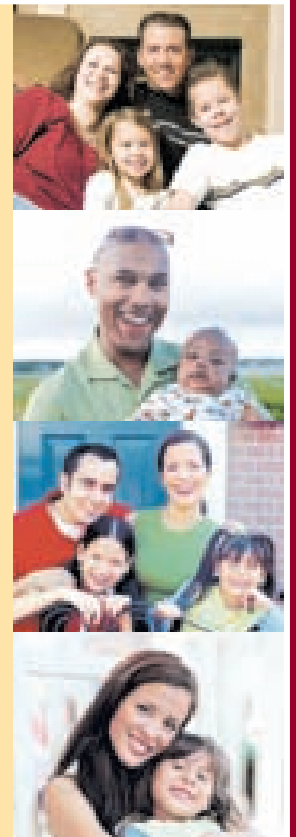
Cancer insurance claims paid this month: **\$0.00**

Cancer insurance claims paid in last 12 months: **\$150,000.00**

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Tiffany Sy
Member Services
Counselor, In-House



2008 President's Award Recipient

Angel Gomez
Director of
Member Services



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Services Counselor



2003 President's Award Recipient

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Call between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

LETTERS To the Editor

Tell us what you think! talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

—LETTER OF THE MONTH—

Capturing Beauty Is a Snap For Photo Contest Winners

My favorite page to see in the newspaper is "John's Picture Perfect Contest." There are some incredible photos that employees take! I especially like the one taken by Carlos Rodriguez of the Housing Department in the March newspaper. The affect of the sunlight coming into the ground of the warehouse is mysterious and beautiful!

-- Linda Gomez, Retired

Hi Linda, we were just talking about this very subject at our last editorial meeting. We are amazed at the quality of the photos that our Club Members submit. Every month produces some more stunners. So, when it comes to appreciating "John's Picture Perfect Contest," we're in line right behind you! — Ed.



Photo by Carlos Rodriguez, Plumber, Housing

Lorena Does a Lot to Earn Club Rep Award

I want to send a great big congratulations to Lorena de la Torre for taking the Club Representative of the Year Award! There's a terrific photo on page 11 of the March newspaper.

—T. Smith, General Services

Tyrone: Man of Few Words, But These Words Are Magic

Wow! \$15 a ticket for the Magic Mountain Private Party? I'm there!

—Tyrone Hammock, CDD

Tina Paints the Town With Money Saved With Club Discount

I see you have a new King in town! King Larios the Discount King! I like it. And I wanted to share that, thanks to him, I saved \$500 on paint when I went to a Dunn Edwards paint store. I have been repainting my home, and it was going to cost me over \$1,000 in paint to do it. But I just showed my Club card with the cashier and boom! I saved \$500 on my receipt. Thanks, Club!

—Tina Roja, General Services

Glad to hear it, Tina! That's why we work hard to get Club Members all of our great Club discounts, so you can lead your life more affordably. — Ed.

Using Club Discount at Galaxy Match Gave Lucy a Real Kick

I went to the LA Galaxy Soccer game at the Home Depot Center March 20, and it was the home opener against the New England Revolution. Although it was raining cats and dogs, we had a wonderful time and we were even given rain ponchos at the entrance. I can't wait to go again. Thank you, Club, for offering this great discount —I saved 40 percent on my tickets!

—Lucy Gilligan, LAPD

Keeping Threats at Bay Is Just One Aspect of City

The story about [Public Works/Sanitation's] Toxicity Unit is very interesting [cover story, March]. I've always wondered what goes on at the Hyperion Treatment Plant. I am reminded of the greatness and vastness of the City and its employees. We have firefighters, engineers, policeman and now biologists like Dawn Petschauer. I'd like to say that we do it all here in the City of LA.

—Joe Dawson, Rec and Parks

Hi Joe, you're right — City Employees do a vast range of interesting, amazing things. And that's exactly why we produce Alive!, the celebrate all the things that are done by those who run the City — we mean you, too! Thanks for writing. —Ed.

QUESTION

of the Month

— Collected by Rachael Brecher, Club Store Assistant Manager

Rachael at the Club Store asks Club Members fun questions when they visit to purchase tickets or great Club apparel and gifts. So, stop by and join in the fun!



What's your favorite outdoor activity for Spring?



"Walking around the City."
— Donald Spivak, CRA, 28 years of City service



"Running"
— Preston Gilliard, Public Works, 2 years of City service



"Bike riding."
— Sergio Valdepena, Public Works, 13 years of City service



"Watching my son's Little League games."
— Cynthia Rodriguez, LAPD, 3 years of City service



"Bike riding on the beach."
— Michelle Brown, Public Works, 28 years of City service



"Racing motocross."
— Michael Rico, DWP, 4 years of City service



"Hiking and tennis."
— Orvin Perez, LAPD, 13 years of City service



"Going to Vegas."
— Lorena De La Torre, General Services, 16 years of City service

2011 Club Rep of the Year



"Motorcycle riding with my family."
— Henry, Air Conditioning Mechanic, 1 year of City service



"Camping."
— Antonio Orozco, General Services, 15 years of City service

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April 7	8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.	April 21	8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
	Rosa Calderon		Rosa Calderon
April 14	8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.	April 28	8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
	Patty Pulido		Patty Pulido

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Rosa Calderon, Personal Insurance Agent



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Send in your Father's Day tributes!



**City Employees:
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In our June issue, we'll print a photo of you and your dad (or just your dad)... and a two-or-three-sentence message of Happy Father's Day from you. Then you can take your copy of *Alive!* and show him what he means to you.

Photos can be either print or high resolution digital. But you have to act quickly, as our June issue is fast approaching.

So:
Send in a print or digital photo of you and your dad (or just your dad).

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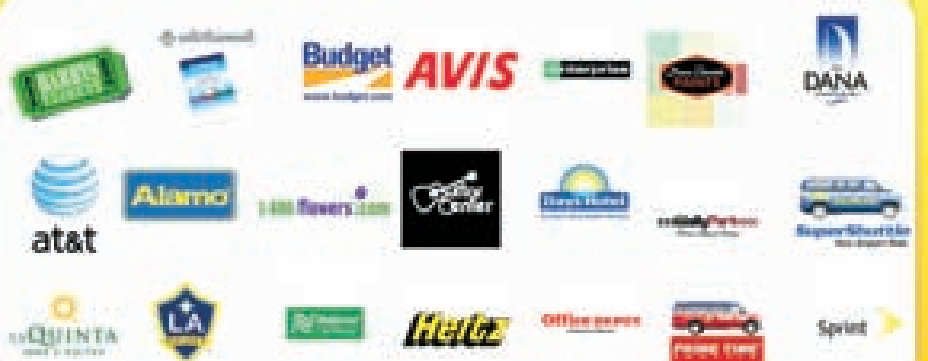


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Police, Fire Dept. take part in annual event to raise funds to fight childhood cancer.

Story and photos by Brent Urban, Club Counselor

LAFD, LAPD — On March 3, brave participants from the LAFD and LAPD gathered at Fire Station 89 in North Hollywood and Fire Station 112 in San Pedro for their eighth annual combined St. Baldrick's event. Participants, or "shavees" as they are known, collect pledges from friends and family in exchange for shaving their heads. The bald heads signify solidarity with child victims of cancer, who often lose their hair while undergoing treatment. All money raised goes to the St. Baldrick's Foundation and is distributed to doctors and other researchers on the front lines of the war on childhood cancer.

This year, more than 300 participants were shorn of an estimated 50 pounds of freshly cut hair.

Fire Station 89 in North Hollywood raised more than \$15,000 for childhood cancer research.

Special thanks to Lt. Greg Doyle, LAPD, and LAFD's Dany Wu for organizing the event!



Fund Razors



Greg Wells, LAPD Internal Affairs, is surrounded by what this event is really all about.



"I'm not shaving my head, but... I'll shave yours!" Deby Herdich, LAPD Dispatcher, has been a volunteer head-shaver since 2007 and has the shirt to prove it.



From left: Brent Urban, Club Counselor (right) and Lt. Greg Doyle, LAPD. Lt Doyle received a Club donation to be auctioned off for charity.



From left: Jeremy Chitwood, Fire Station 58, C Shift; and Kent Brower, Fire Station 58, C Shift.

BEFORE



Craig Bilsky has been a volunteer "shavee" from the very first St. Baldrick's event.



Fire Station 89 opens its doors to the general public as this year's St. Baldrick's event begins.



More than 300 people and 50 pounds of hair were cut at this year's event at Fire Station 58.

AFTER



"Just a little off the sides, please." "C'mon Greg, you know what you signed up for when you sat down!"



The only thing left for Greg Wells, LAPD Internal Affairs, to do now is wait for it to grow back so he can participate in St. Baldrick's again next year.



Dale Drummond, Fire Station 58, can hear the sound of hungry clippers sneaking up from behind.



Scenes from the family-friendly event that remind us of why we have gathered here.



Fire Station 58, A Shift, and Kim Ferry, volunteer. Any last words before you part with that fashionable haircut?



And that about does it for Dale Drummond, Fire Station 58.



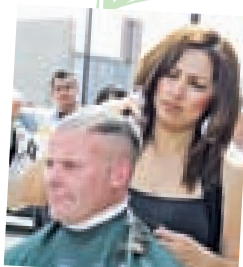
Mike Elefante, Fire Station 58, A Shift, was another local fireman making a small sacrifice to help a worthy cause.



"Mike, you're going to have to open your eyes eventually."



If the fireman thing doesn't work out, he can always try professional wrestling.



See, now, that wasn't so bad. Was it?



Mike Elefante, Fire Station 58, A Shift.

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Come meet Robert Larios, The Sports Dude

Introducing: Sign Up Mondays!

Stop by the Club on Mondays to sign up for any upcoming Club sports league!

Coming up in April, the Club's Sports Dude, Robert Larios, will again be setting up Sign-Up Mondays at the Club Store. Club athletes and wannabes are invited to come to the Club Store on Mondays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for any of the following:

- general information on any current or upcoming Club Sports league;
- rules and guidelines; ■ registration packets
- all the Club Sports chit-chat you can handle!

During April, Sign-Up Mondays will be accepting registrations for:

- Club Co-Ed Softball Season 3 (Summer 2011)
- Club Basketball Season 3 (Spring 2011)

Stop by and join in the fun!



Join the Club Basketball League!



Hoop It Up for Season Three!

Calling all City hoopsters – and hoop stars! Join the upcoming third season of the Club Basketball League.

All Club Members are eligible to join. (For now, the league is for men only.) League memberships are paid for by the Club.

"We have had two great seasons of Club basketball," said the Club's Sports Dude, Robert Larios. "Come on aboard for Season Three.

"With great fans coming by to cheer on their favorite team, plus great competition, the Club's basketball league is full of energy and good times. Come on out and show your stuff!"

The past two seasons of Club basketball have been played at the Expo Sports Complex in Exposition Park. Other venues are possible.

Games may be played at 7, 8 or 9 p.m. Thursdays. Playoff and championship games are planned, to match the championship games from the first two seasons.

"It's another great service the Club provides," the Sports Dude says. "So sign up!"

All participants must be Club Members in good standing.

Contact Robert Larios, the Sports Dude, for registration information:

- sportsdude@cityemployeesclub.com
- (800) 464-0452, ext. 134 ■ www.cityemployeesclub.com



Join the Club Softball League!



It's Softball Time Again!

With the Dodgers and Angels officially in spring training, you know it's time to get organized for the 2011 Club Softball League Season!

The first two Club Softball League seasons were a huge hit, with ten teams battling it out for the Club Cup. Get in on the fun for 2011! Fill in your applications now.

For 2011, the Club Softball League is expected to start in June. So get those applications in! Applications are available at the Club Store and Service Center.

Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- All players must be Club Members in good standing, spouses of Club Members, or must have been part of the same City Employees team the year before the Club took over the league (2008)
- It's all in good fun!
- Parks/fields are still being determined.
- The Club is looking for City teams in the Harbor area! Speak up, and perhaps we'll be able to field a league division in the Harbor area.

See you on the diamond!

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AIRPORTS



From left: Art Brown and Lt. Tyrone Tarvin.



From left: Sgt. Steve Smith, LAPD; Robin Smith; and Lt. Tyrone Tarvin.



From left: Capt. Greg Star with Lt. Tyrone Tarvin, retiree.



From left: Anthony Tarvin; Douglas Miller, LAPD, 32 years of City service; Lt. Tyrone Tarvin; and Capt. Kevin Montgomery, General Services.



From left: Sgt. Hooks, Airports, 29 years of City service and Lt. Tyrone Tarvin.



From left: Michael Lewis, Retirement Specialist, LACERA, County of Los Angeles, 26 years of City service; Lt. Tyrone Tarvin; and Byron Mitchell.



From left: Ron Boyd, Chief of Police, Port of Los Angeles; Lt. Tyrone Tarvin; and Anthony Tarvin.



Doubling as a professional photographer was Officer Shawn Smith, 10 years of City Service, Club Member.



From left: Lt. Tyrone Tarvin; and Michael Dear, Assistant Secretary, LAAPOA.



From left: Lt. Tyrone Tarvin; Assistant Chief, Homeland Security; and Ethel McGuire.



Retiree Lt. Tyrone Tarvin.



From left: Brian Walker, Assistant Chief, Airports; Lt. Tyrone Tarvin; and Anthony Tarvin.



From left: Sgt. Belinda Nettles, Airports, 14 years of City service, Club Member; and Sgt. Hooks, 29 years of service.



From left: Anthony Tarvin; Phyllis Hays, Retired; Lt. Tyrone Tarvin; and Odessa Johnson, Retired.



From left: Lt. Tyrone Tarvin, 38 years of City service, Airports; Rose Crutchfield, Retired, 32 years of City service, Airports; and Anthony Tarvin, Brother of Lt. Tyrone Tarvin.



From left: Mark Corral, 10 years of City service, Club Member; Thomas Dye, 8 years of service, Club Member; Kendra Williams, 10 years of service, Club Member; Brian Davis, 11 years of service, Club Member; and George Holt, 7 years of service.

So Long, Lieutenant

Airport Police Lt. Tyrone Tarvin, Club Member retires after 38 years of City service.



Photos by Robert Larios, Club Director of Operations

A retirement party was held Feb. 25 for Airport Police Lt. Tyrone Tarvin, who retires after more than 38 years of City service.

The reception was held at the Proud Bird restaurant in Westchester.

Here's a partial list of Lt. Tarvin's responsibilities and interests:

- black belt in karate
- head instructor, Defensive Tactics, in the Training Division
- worked in Commercial Enforcement
- worked in the K9 unit
- worked in the crime suppression unit
- was a Watch Commander, and
- is a Vietnam veteran.

Congratulations from the Club, Lt. Tarvin. We wish you the best!

THE CLUB

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For more information on this cruise, please contact our Club Travel Expert
Kristy Adler
Club Travel Expert
CRUISE and RESORT, Inc.
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Have you heard about the greatest Club event ever – a Mediterranean cruise? Act now and get a great Club deal!

This October, you and your fellow Club Members and families can cruise Club style! And if you act now, you can lock in an excellent rate and a great Club benefit!

Come along on the 2011 Mediterranean Club Cruise, a fantastic 12-night adventure aboard Holland America's Nieuw Amsterdam. See Barcelona, Monte Carlo, Rome, Greece, Venice... and more.

If you book before May 31, you can get \$500 in shipboard credit, courtesy the Club! See the ad in this issue for all the details. Don't delay!

A Walk for Haiti



April 30, 2011

Los Angeles Police Academy
1880 N. Academy Road, L.A. 90012

7 a.m. - Noon

Registration begins at 7 a.m. / 5K Walk starts at 8:30 a.m.

Walker registration \$5, or \$15 for registration and t-shirt

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LIVE MUSIC,
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AWARDS
IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING THE
WALK!



Congratulations, GRADUATES

Let the Club family celebrate with you... by putting your photo in *Alive!*

Club members: Have you had a family member graduate from elementary school... high school... or college this summer? Send us a photo, and we'll publish it in *Alive!*

Make sure you tell us:

- The name of the graduate.
- The school from which they graduated. If a college, tell us their major.
- Their future plans (briefly)
- The name and department of the Club member they're related to (and how they're related)

Digital photos are preferred. Send them to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

If you have a paper print, send a duplicate (we prefer you not send the original) to: **Grad Photos**

City Employees Club of Los Angeles
120 W. Second St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

Print photos will be returned within two months after publication if you request it, and if you write your name and address on the back.



For Retired Club Members



The Best Years



By Mary Beetz,
RLACEI Publicity Chair

City Retiree Associations:

DWP Retirees Association



Dolores Foley, President
Phone: (626) 445-7376
E-mail: vinmar@altrionet.com

Los Angeles Retired Fire and Police Association

James R. Wilke, President
Phone: (323) 283-4441
Fax: (626) 285-1461
E-mail: larfpa@pacbell.net or
9521 Las Tunas Dr. #4,
Temple City, CA 91780

Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. (RLACEI)



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

Change of Address?

If you change your address, notify Helen Salgado, Membership Chair, at (800) 678-4145 Ext. 713, or write to her at 8372 Arnett Dr. Huntington Beach, CA 92647. Also notify LACERS.

Have News About Yourself?

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

RLACEI UPCOMING EVENTS:

Here's a listing of all the RLACEI events, dates and locations for 2011:

April 14: General meeting, Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles. 11:30 a.m., meeting 1 p.m.

June 9: Golf tournament, Alhambra Municipal Golf Course, 630 S. Almansor St., Alhambra. Start: 7:30 a.m., lunch 12:30 p.m.

Aug. 11: Annual picnic, Grace E. Simons Lodge, 1025 Elysian Park, Los Angeles. 11:30 a.m.

Oct. 6: Annual corporation meeting and elections, Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles. 11:30 a.m., meeting 1 p.m.

Dec. 1: Holiday party, Friendship Auditorium, 3201 Riverside Dr., Los Angeles. Noon.

Call (800) 678-4145, ext. 701 for reservations.

RLACEI:

State Looking at Ways To Reform Pensions

President, Ed Harding reports:

2010 Club Excellence Award Recipient



Ed Harding

"I wish to thank John Hawkins and the City Employees Club for inviting Hal Danowitz, our Secretary-Treasurer, and I to their 83rd annual meeting and for presenting us with the Club Excellence Awards for 2011. Hal Danowitz got his award in appreciation for contributing 65 "Adventures With Hal" travel columns monthly in *Alive!* I

received my Club Excellence Award for RLACEI's efforts to publicly keep retirees informed monthly and to engage Retired City Employees in events, programs and celebrations throughout the year.

"Welcome and congratulations to Heidi DeMarco the new Managing Editor and Advertising Manager for *El Pueblo*. The

Publicity Committee and I are looking forward to working and meeting with her.

"I would like to remind everyone of our first general meeting for 2011 in April, also at the Friendship Hall. It is very important that you make lunch reservations!"

Legislative Report by Michael Karsh:



Michael Karsh

"California State Pension Reform: The California state budget crisis will probably lead to some kind of public pension reform. This is being demanded by Assembly Republicans as the price of their supporting a June ballot measure asking the electorate to continue the 2009 tax increases that are set to expire June 30. What will the governor propose? Will it impact our City of Los Angeles retirees? The governor has at this writing not released what he will propose, but in his campaign last year he called for (according to a recent article in the Sacramento Bee) calculating pension pay based on the final three years of a civil servant's salary; lowering pension formulas for new hires; stopping increased

pension benefits retroactively; increasing retirement contributions by all government employees; requiring vesting mandates for OPEB obligations; and prohibiting pension holidays by requiring contributions even in good investment years.

"None of what the Governor talked about last year would impact the City's pension systems. But what the state does could set the model for local systems like Los Angeles.

"Also of recent note is the bipartisan Little Hoover Commission's report on Public Pensions for Retirement Security. This commission makes recommendations only, but what it recommends becomes part of the mix of serious studies on ways to

reform the pension systems. Their recommendation includes a hybrid model of a lower defined benefit pension (which is what most government programs provide but at a high level) with an employer-matched, defined-contribution plan [like the 401(k) plans in the private sector]. Also recommended is a pension cap of between \$80,000 and \$90,000 to be used in calculating a pension allowance, or the same cap in actual pension amount. A higher amount could be bought through a 402(k) type of defined-contribution plan. Pension eligibility ages should be increased. Final compensation should be based on a five-year average, not three years, nor one year."

RLACEI Website

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

Contact LACERS

The Los Angeles City Employees Retirement System is at 360 E. Second Street, second floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Phone (213) 473-7200 or (800) 779-8328. Contact them to arrange direct deposit of your retirement checks, change your tax withholding or beneficiary, or for questions about your health plans.

The Best Years

ADVENTURES
with HAL!

Evelyn and Hal in Hilo.

2010 Club Excellence
Award RecipientBy Hal Danowitz,
Secretary, RLACEI

Retiree Hotlines

Who to call? Call the Helpline and reach the officers of the Retired Los Angeles City Employees, Inc. If you move or change your address, contact Helen Salgado. Also notify LACERS, ACEBSA, and LAFUCU.

City Employees Retirement System:
(213) 473-7200

RLACEI Retirement Counselors and
Retiree Helplines: (800) 678-4145

• Mary Beetz	Ext. 711
• Hal Danowitz	Ext. 707
• Americo Garza	Ext. 710
• Edward Harding	Ext. 703
• Michael Karsch	Ext. 704
• Gary Mattingly	Ext. 702
• Neil Ricci	Ext. 714
• Helen Salgado (membership)	Ext. 713
• Phil Skarin	Ext. 709
• Ken Spiker	Ext. 705
• Tom Stemnock	Ext. 708
RSVP:	Ext. 701

DWP Retirement Plan Office: (213) 367-1722

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Paradise, but Skip the Buffet

■ Part 3: Hal and Co. continue their cruise to, and in, Hawaii.

Evelyn and I are aboard the Golden Princess sailing to Hawaii on a 14-day cruise from San Pedro. Don and Myrna, our cousins, are with us. We have been sailing west toward Hawaii for the last four days, and we pick up the story as we dock in Hilo, on the Big Island, at 8 a.m. There is a three-hour time difference from Los Angeles, where it is 11 a.m.

With a population of approximately 48,000, Hilo is the second-largest city in the state of Hawaii and the largest settlement on the island of Hawaii.

Hilo features a tropical rainforest climate, with substantial rainfall throughout the year. Hilo's location on the eastern side of the island of Hawaii (windward relative to the trade winds) makes it the wettest city in the United States and one of the wettest cities in the world. An average of around 126 inches of rain fell at Hilo International Airport annually between 1971 and 2000, with 275 days of the year receiving some rain. The temperatures average around the mid-70s during the year.

We had breakfast in the ship's dining room, and the service and food were excellent.

We left the ship around 9:30 a.m., and after we left the security area, we wondered how to get into Hilo, which is about 2 miles from the harbor. There were free shuttles to Hilo Hattie's and Wal-Mart, which are not downtown, and a free shuttle to the Farmer's Market, which is near downtown. There was no one from Princess to provide information; they seemed only to want us to take a tour. There was informational staff from Hilo, though, and they were very helpful. We ended up taking a taxi for \$14, including tip.

We walked through the historic downtown area, which has some interesting mid-century and earlier buildings. Some were almost art deco. We could see the economy has had an effect on the retail businesses we passed, although I'm sure that Hilo Hattie's and Wal-Mart are doing fine.

We stopped in Starbucks, where I used their free wireless to check my e-mail. We could now use our cell phones, so we all called home. We decided to walk back to the ship for the excise and stopped to pick up a

few bottles of water. It took us about 50 minutes to walk back. The weather was overcast with a little drizzle.

Why the ship stops at Hilo is a lost on me; except for the volcano, there is nothing to see or do. I would think that the Kona side of the island would be much better for tourists, but I guess the ship would have to tender guests ashore.

We had lunch and then played party bridge for a couple of hours.

We had cocktails on the balcony; the weather got nicer the further we got from land. Each island creates its own weather. We ate in the dining room and then sat in the piano bar until it was time for the 10:15 p.m. show with Steve Morris, a singer and comedian. Over his career, he had backed up the Beach Boys and other top acts. This was his last performance with Princess, and he was to be open soon in Las Vegas at the Palace Station. He put on a good show, with lots of audience participation. I managed to stay awake.

At about 7 a.m. the next morning, we docked in Honolulu Harbor, next to the Aloha Tower.

Honolulu is the capital and the most populous city of the state of Hawaii and is located on the southeastern shore of the island of Oahu. Honolulu is the southernmost major U.S. city. The population of the

city and county is more than 900,000. Honolulu is also the most populous state capital relative to state population. Honolulu has been the capital of the Hawaiian Islands since 1845 and gained historical recognition following the attack on Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941.

Honolulu is in a tropical wet and dry climate zone, with a dry summer season. Annual average precipitation is 18.3 inches, which mainly occurs during October through March, with very little rainfall during the summer. Honolulu has an average of 270 sunny days and 98 wet days a year.

Temperatures vary little throughout the months, with average high temperatures of 80 to 89 degrees, and lows of 65 to 75 degrees.

We had breakfast in the dining room



Hal and Evelyn at lunch.



Hal at the International Market Place in Waikiki.



again. The service and food were much better than the buffet.

The ship's information about the ports is unusable. Except for selling you a tour, Princess provides zero info on each port. We all know Honolulu very well; Evelyn and I have been there more than 10 times, so we know our way around. I knew that to get to Waikiki you could take a taxi or the bus, or walk the 2.5 miles from the ship. What we didn't know was that there was a free shuttle to Wal-Mart, from which you can walk the one block to the Ala Moana Shopping Center, where you could either walk the half-mile to Waikiki or take one of the trolleys for \$2, which stops at many locations in Waikiki. That's what we did. The ship was not to sail until 11 p.m. that night, so there was a lot of time for sightseeing.

The trolley dropped us off near Fort DeRussy, and we walked to the International Market Place so we could get something for our two youngest granddaughters. Evelyn was successful and got earrings for each of the girls. We stopped at Starbucks for an ice coffee and to use the free internet. As bad as the weather was in Hilo, it was great here, with sunny skies and a temperature in the low 80s. That made it pleasant for walking. We left Starbucks and walked toward the zoo to go to the Outrigger Canoe Club, where we had lunch. It was great sitting by the water having a beer and just watching the waves. That's what I like about Hawaii.

We caught the trolley back to Ala Moana and walked back to Wal-Mart, where we brought macadamia nuts to bring back as gifts. Wal-Mart had the best price, even better than the ABC Store. The free shuttle from Wal-Mart took us back to the ship.

There is a lot to see and do in Waikiki, with the aquarium, zoo, beach, Bishop Museum, a lot of shopping and great restaurants. Or you can just sit back and relax.

After my nap, we had cocktails in the Skywalker Bar, where they had the worst sushi I have ever eaten. Because we all had eaten a late lunch, we decided to eat in the



The Aloha Tower in Honolulu harbor.

buffet. Evelyn said it was the worst dinner she had had on the ship, and I'm afraid she was right. We should have eaten in the International Café; it looked a lot better. We did go there for dessert and coffee and sat there and enjoyed the music.

We docked in Nawiliwili Harbor on Kauai at 8 a.m.

Kauai is geologically the oldest of the main Hawaiian Islands. With an area of 562.3 square miles, it is the fourth largest of the main islands in the Hawaiian archipelago. Known also as the Garden Isle, it is 105 miles northwest of Oahu. The population of Kauai is about 60,000.

Evelyn and I decided to rent a car and drive to Poipu, which has great beaches and snorkeling. I called Hertz and was able to get a car, and Hertz had a shuttle from the dock to their location at the airport. None of this information was provided by Princess. We got the car before 10 a.m. and drove the 14 miles to Poipu (30 minutes). We had not been here since before Hurricane Iniki almost 20 years ago. We did not recognize much of the landscape.

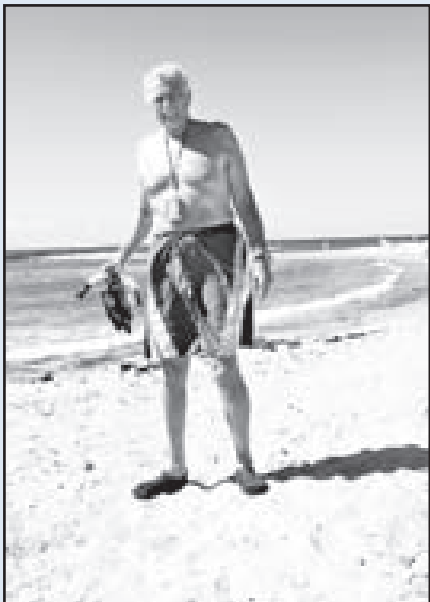
We parked by the Poipu public beach and rented snorkel gear from a surf shop. We stayed about two hours, and I had my snorkel fix. The weather was beautiful, with the temperature in the low 80s with sun and a little breeze. For lunch, we had gelato, and then drove to the blowhole. There we saw the famous Kauai chickens. Kauai is home to thousands of wild chickens, which have few natural predators. The chickens originated from the original settlers, who brought them as a food source. 1992s Hurricane Iniki may have caused an indirect change in Kauai's ecosystem, increasing the chicken population.

After we dropped the car off, we got back to the ship by 3 p.m.

We planned to eat early and see the early show, which was the Unexpected Boys, who we saw on last year's Holland America cruise. The band covers Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons songs. We really enjoyed them the last time.

We had drinks and appetizers in the Skywalker Bar. It was the best of the cruise – shrimp, a number of cheeses and meats. Later, we ate in the dining room and had our first bad meal, a rib-eye steak, which had no taste. The service was not great, either, because we were eating early. We skipped dessert and went to the showroom to see the Unexpected Boys. We barely found a seat. The show was as good as we remembered.

We had dessert and coffee in the Piazza. The service and quality of the food were not yet memorable. Next month, you will read about a culinary experience we both really enjoyed.



Hal at the beach in Poipu.



The famous Kauai Chickens.



LACERS Update

By Mary Beetz



Mary Beetz

"Basic Medicare Part B Premium Increases and Your LACERS Reimbursement: Because of periodic increases in the Basic Medicare Part B premium rates, your LACERS Medicare Part B reimbursement may be less than what you are being charged. Your current reimbursement amount is listed on your retiree paystub or direct deposit statement under the heading 'Adjustments.'

If you are paying more for your Basic Part B coverage than you are being reimbursed by LACERS, please send LACERS proof of your premium amount and your reimbursement will be adjusted.

As a reminder, only those LACERS Members who are covered by Medicare Part A qualify to receive the Part B reimbursement.

If you have questions, please call LACERS Customer Service at (800) 779-8328.

"Tips for LACERS Retirees About Their Dental Plans: Before authorizing a dentist to begin treatment, make sure it is pre-approved and covered by your LACERS dental plan; know the costs you are responsible for and the maximum coverage amount your dental plan allows;

and Don't agree to treatment that you find questionable. Take the time to call your dental plan provider for benefit information or to request a second opinion from another dentist.

For more information, contact your plan provider:

MetLife PPO: (866) 526-0981; TDD (888) 638-4863; www.metlife.com/dental

SafeGuard HMO: (800) 880-1800; TTY (800) 880-3165; www.safeguard.net

"LACERS Medical Plans Offer Free Preventive Services: LACERS medical plans (Anthem Blue Cross, KaiserPermanente, SCAN, UHC SecureHorizons) offer a variety of no-cost preventive services to their subscribers. Please visit the 'Wellness Program' section of the LACERS Website at www.lacers.org/retired/wellness.html to view a list of these services. Your medical plan provider will have additional information.

"LACERS Medical Plans Include Evercare Solutions for Caregivers Basic Program: The Evercare Solutions for Caregivers Basic Program is available to all retired members enrolled in a LACERS medical plan as part of their health benefit coverage. Evercare provides resources to community care-giving services and the arrangement of geriatric case management (which includes onsite assessment and care plan development).

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Free Notary Service



When you need a notary service, there's never any charge. It's just one of the great services to Club Members.

Free notary service available during normal business hours at the:

**Club Store and Service Center
120 West 2nd Street
Los Angeles 90012
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Appointments are highly recommended; availability to walk-ins is limited.



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Celebrating the Lives of City Employees.

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"This picture was taken at the beginning of our Westpac (Western Pacific Deployment) soon after the Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant exploded in Russia. Those were interesting times during the Cold War!"



MILITARY MEMORIES

Here are some Armed Forces memories by retired Club Members of the Club.

Do you have a military memory? Send in a few paragraphs and a few pictures to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

John Hawkins, Club CEO:

"I want to thank Retired Club Member Ken Kochakji for sending in his military pictures, which we printed in our previous issue of *Alive!* Ken's enthusiasm made me want to dig through my old Navy pictures.

"This is me (top right) back in April 1986 on the USS *Salt Lake City* (SSN 716). The *Salt Lake City* is a nuclear powered fast attack submarine that now unfortunately has been decommissioned. In the photo, I'm sitting on top of the 'sail' with the Officer of the Deck and another officer. The two tall things in the back are special antennas for transmitting and receiving messages."

33rd Annual Retirees Invitational Golf Tournament



The 33rd Annual Retired Los Angeles City Employees Invitational Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, June 9, 2011 at the Alhambra Municipal Golf Course with a "Shotgun Start" at 7:30 a.m. The course is located at 630 South Almansor Street, Alhambra, CA 91801. Check-in is at 7:00 a.m. **SOFT SPIKES MANDATORY!**

- The tournament is open to retired and active employees and friends. The cost is \$65 for R.L.A.C.E.I., City Club and All City Employee Benefits Service Association members (\$75 for all others) and includes green fees, carts, prizes and lunch at the Almansor Court restaurant. Lunch only is \$25.
- Those interested in participating must complete the reservation form and mail it with their check payable to **"R.L.A.C.E.I."** by **May 31st** to: Tom Stemnock, Chairman, 4040 Vineland Avenue, Suite 108, Studio City, CA 91604. For any questions, call Chairman Tom Stemnock at (818) 487-6789.

2011 Golf Tournament Reservation Form

Name _____ Phone _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Amount Included \$ _____ \$65 for R.L.A.C.E.I. and City Employees Club Members. (\$75 for all others)
 Luncheon: \$25

Make checks payable to R.L.A.C.E.I.

NOTICE: SOFT SPIKES MANDATORY!

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	Member R.L.A.C.E.I.	Member A.C.E.B.S.A. or City Club	Guest
	(check all that apply)		
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Reservation deadline: Thursday, May 31st. Mail completed reservation form and check to:
 Tom Stemnock, Chairman
 4040 Vineland Avenue, Suite 108, Studio City, CA 91604, (818) 487-6789

Don't gamble with your paycheck.

**A serious injury could devastate your
finances. Protect your
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- Did you know that the most common reason for a home foreclosure is a long-term disability?
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**Affordable.
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While you still can.

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**Pancake
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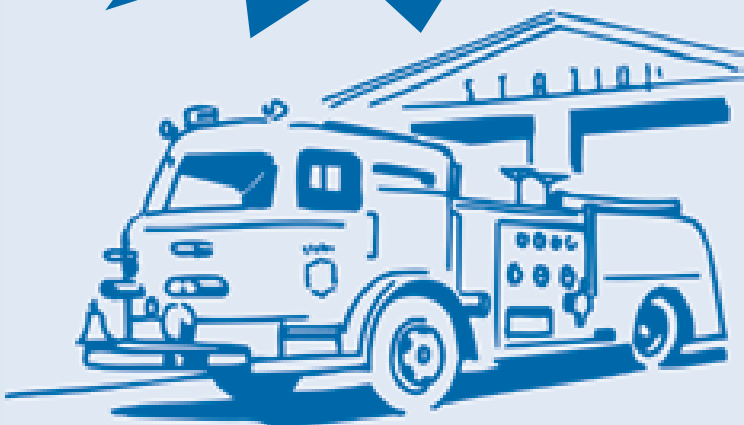
**Saturday, May 14th
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Getting the Gold

U.S. Green Building Council awards the Convention Center highly coveted LEED-EB gold level certification

Story and photos courtesy Convention Center

The Los Angeles Convention Center has achieved the prestigious gold level certification in Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Existing Buildings (LEED-EB) awarded by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC).

LEED is an internationally recognized green building certification system, providing third-party verification that a building or community was designed and built using strategies aimed at improving performance across all the metrics that matter most. "When comparing new construction projects to existing buildings (EB), EB facilities don't have the luxury of incorporating pre-planned green measures. This makes it all the more challenging and costly to achieve LEED-EB status at any level for any facility," commented Rey Castro, Chief Building Engineer of LACC.

The Convention Center's LEED-EB re-certification application process began last year.

"While our primary goal, albeit challenging, was to achieve the LEED-EB Silver level, surpassing that goal by achieving LEED-EB Re-Certification at the Gold level defines the culture of excellence at LACC. We LEED by example," stated Pouria Abbassi, P.E., CEO and General Manager of LACC.



Convention Center CEO and General Manager Pouria Abbassi (second from left) and Rey Castro (center) and other members of the Convention Center team. At left is Councilwoman Jan Perry, Club Member.

LACC was the only and largest existing building in the City of Los Angeles building/facility portfolio to become LEED-EB certified back in September 2008. Today, LACC attains the LEED-EB Gold level for 4.1 million square feet of built space on a 54-acre property that was opened back in 1971 with the newest portion completed 17 years ago in 1993. LACC now becomes the largest convention center in the nation to achieve this milestone.

"We look forward to working with our green partners to explore and incorporate even more energy efficient systems, state-of-the-art technologies, and environmental processes in the construct of our business, in supporting our community and in reflecting the best of Los Angeles," Abbassi added.



The Convention Center's LEED-EB gold team is presented a certificate by Councilwoman Jan Perry, Club Member (center).

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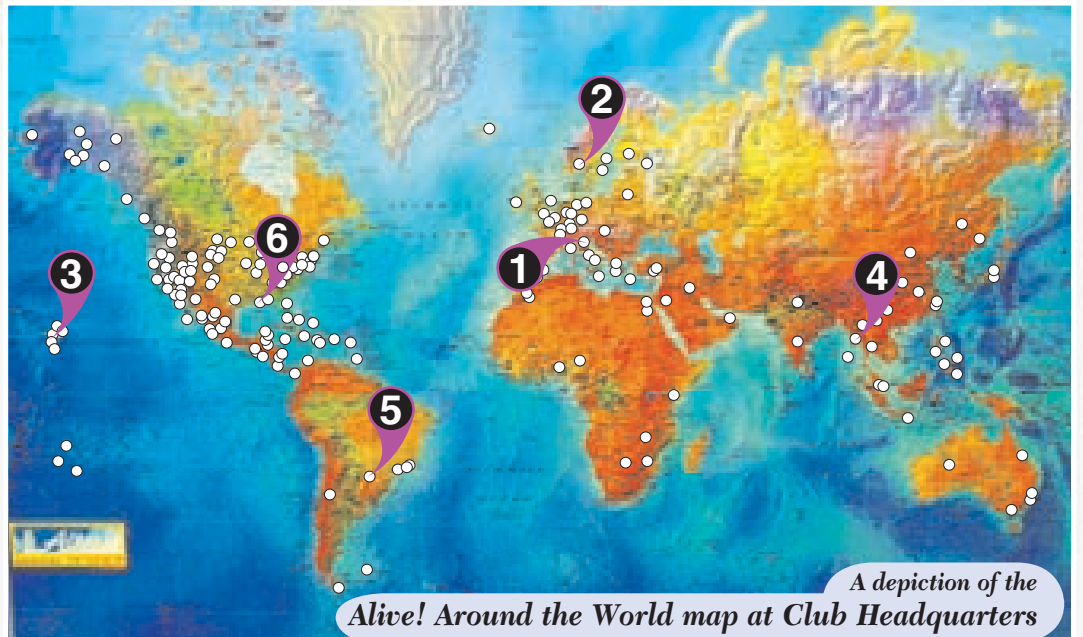
Alive! AROUND THE WORLD

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Italy



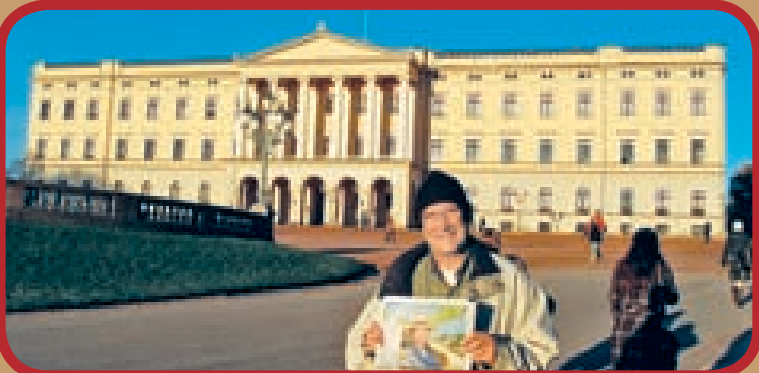
"I just came back from Italy: Rome, Florence and the Carnival in Venice."
- Richard Radmacher, Retired, DWP



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

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Norway



"This was taken of me in Oslo, Norway, Nov. 5, 2010, The Norwegian Royal Palace is in the background."
- John Miller, DWP

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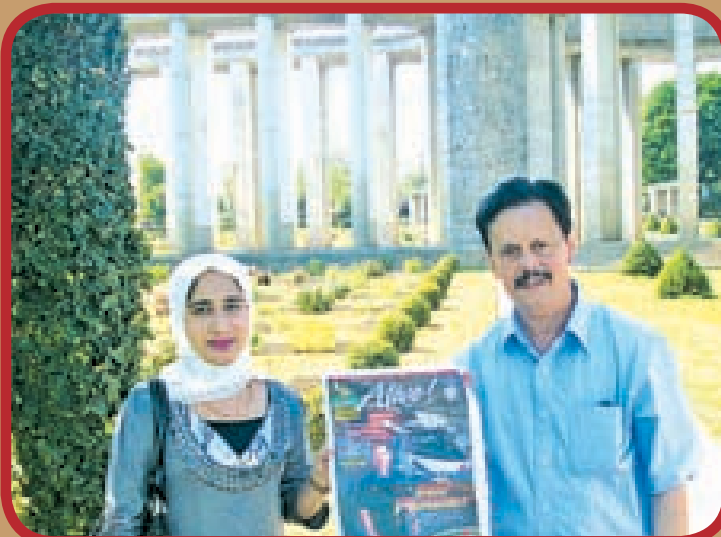
Hawaii



"In February, my wife, my parents and I went on a 14-day cruise from Los Angeles to Hawaii aboard the *Golden Princess*. It was a wonderful experience, as we were able to spend a day at each island: Hawaii; Oahu; Kauai; and Maui. All four islands are beautiful, so it's very difficult to say which island was my favorite. Before we returned to Los Angeles, we went to Ensenada, Mexico, and took a taxi to visit the Cathedral of Guadalupe, and "La Bufadora" (the Blow Hole). Aloha 'Oe Hawaii... until we meet again!"
- Melvin De Leon

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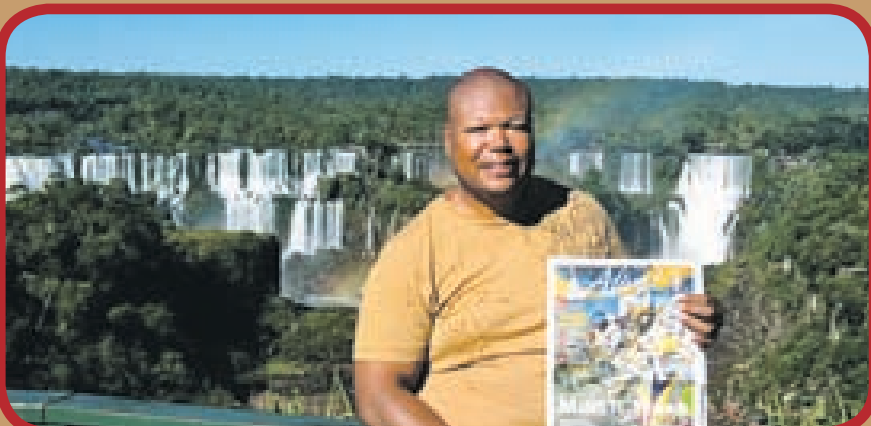
Myanmar



"In Rangoon, Burma (Myanmar), at the World War II cemetery built by the British government. It was my vacation time with my best friend, Romana Mulla, in Rangoon."
- Ismail Nanabawa, Airports

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Brazil



"I recently returned from a month-long trip to Brazil, where I visited Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Buzios, and Iguacu Falls. The flow capacity of Iguacu Falls dwarfs that of Niagara Falls at three times the amount."
- Don Wildy

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Louisiana



"Our trip to New Orleans: Me at the Krewe Du Vieux (the first parade of the Mardi Gras season), with St. Louis Cathedral in the background. The second is my wife and I at Lafayette Cemetery, near the grave they used as Lestat's tomb in *Interview with a Vampire*."
- James Howlett, Harbor

Lafayette Cemetery.

Aden in front of this cool rock.



Aden, doing reconnaissance, finds a lizard.



A high-flying hawk.



Aden and I say, "Go this way."

— Laguna Beach

Laguna Coast Wilderness Park

This month, we will be hiking in the Laguna Coast Wilderness Park. This is a well-known park in the area with lots of history, and was actually all under water millions of years ago. That is pretty cool trivia. There are many things to see on the trail, with lots of beautiful hills and gorgeous views.

We started a little late, about 10:30 a.m. Although the trail and temperature were fine, I think you always get the best shots before 11 a.m. However, we always make lemons into lemonade.

History

The history here is very interesting. Lying to the north of Aliso Canyon, the Laguna Canyon area lay within the tribal boundary of the Tongva, a Native American group whose territory expanded from north-central Orange County well past the San Gabriel River and into the Los Angeles Basin. Aliso Creek, whose watershed borders Laguna Canyon to the east, formed the tribal boundary between the Tongva and Acjachemen.

Laguna Canyon Creek was a seasonal stream, but the Laguna Lakes, formed by springs arising from a minor fault zone, stayed year round. A Native American path ran through the canyon to the present-day Laguna Beach area, where they collected abalone and limpets, and fished. The Tongva lived in villages of 50 to 100 members, in huts made of brushes and tules

on a wooden framework. When the Spanish conquistadors arrived in the mid-18th century, they named the canyon "Cañada de las Lagunas," referring to the Laguna Lakes. A land grant, called La Bolsa de San Joaquín, occupied the canyon area up to the 19th century. By 1905, springs in the Laguna Canyon area began to supply water to Laguna Beach.

Before Laguna Canyon became a wilderness park, a housing development was proposed to be built in and around the canyon, tentatively called "Laguna Laurel." The 2,150-acre community, which was proposed to contain 3,200 housing units as well as a number of businesses, was canceled in the 1990s after the City of Laguna Beach purchased four of its parcels to provide space for a wilderness park, while the City of Irvine purchased one, and Laguna Coast Wilderness Park was opened and dedicated in 1993. Occasionally, the park system (which adjoins Aliso/Wood Canyons Regional Park) is augmented by donations of vacant

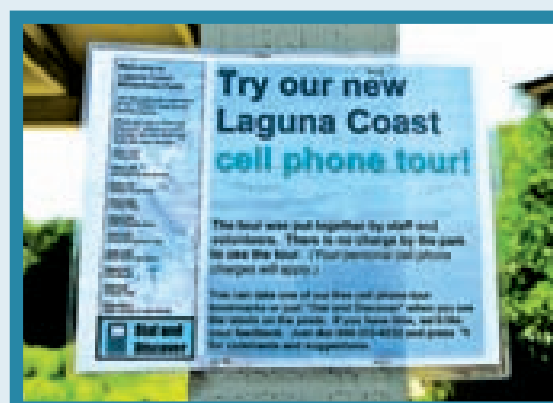
land. The proposal to stop the development was supported by a crowd of 8,000 in 1989, which gathered in Laguna Canyon in a protest known as the "Walk-In." Several years later, 2,000 to 3,000 gathered to protest the construction of California State Route 73 (which would cross the canyon), but the highway was built eventually.

In 1993, a massive wildfire burned more than 16,000 acres in Laguna Canyon and Laguna Beach, and ranked behind the 1948 Santa Ana Canyon fire as one of the worst fires in Orange County history. The fire was in part caused by strong Santa Ana winds, which caused flames that rose up to 200 feet high.

The Hike

After reading a few reviews, I now understand why some people said to start walking the trail counter-clockwise. We did the opposite and found ourselves climbing uphill for most of the beginning leg of the hike.

Once you get up to where the other trails break off into other directions, it is pretty easy. You have wonderful views and can actually go in any direction once you are on top of the hill. Before you go up the trail, you

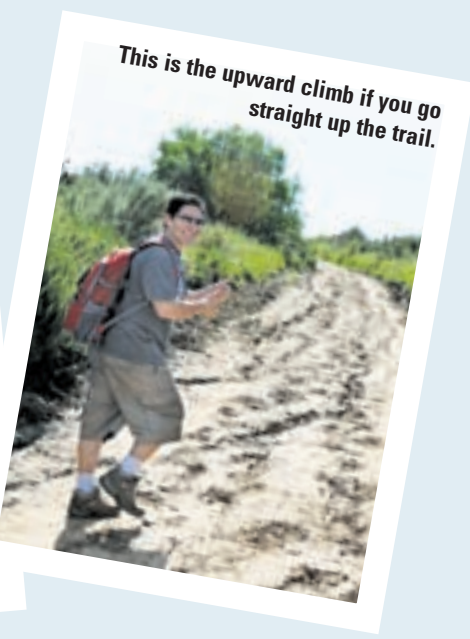


Cell Phone tour information.

Aden and I kneel by this really neat grass area behind us.



This is the upward climb if you go straight up the trail.



Angel's Be Alive!

Angel Gomez, Director of Member Services



Send your photos to me at agomez@cityemployeesclub.com. I would love to see them!

Aden takes a break at the Emerald Canyon Marker.



Aden points to the informational telephone number.



Aden and I have reached another trail marker.



Aden and I at the Dommer Spur trail marker.



The Laguna Coast Wilderness Park sign.



Bulletin billboard: the sign-in sheet and maps.



Angel and Aden point to the warning signs.

will pass a table and bulletin board with all the posted warning signs. There is also a check in sheet for safety. You are also given an area map, which is very helpful. At the beginning of the trail, you will see lots of big boulders with hollow spots. Going up the trail, you will also see markers along the hike. Try this! Use the telephone number on the markers and call; there is a recorded message about the area. It's pretty cool.

While we were enjoying the exercise, we saw all types of animals – bunnies, lizards, hummingbirds and also high-flying hawks.

Angel (my son) was not feeling his best, so Aden picked up the slack and started working his pointing skills. Be careful and look at every marker. We actually went off the trail and started our way on Emerald Canyon. We realized and turned around and made another mistake and found ourselves going down the same way we came up the trail. So, I did not go down Laurel Canyon Trail; I'll save that for next time.

Special note: Warnings about bobcats, rattlesnakes and mountain lions are posted all around the trail area. We were having a great time until someone told my wife that they had just seen a bobcat in the direction we were heading, and then she went into high alert mode (as any protective mother would). I love her for being so protective. However, my boys loved the trail and were having lots of fun along the way.

The trails are very well kept and wide enough for a

small car. Be aware that mountain biking is also a big thing around the area, so please stay to one side of the trail (to be safe). Most of the people on the trail were very friendly.

We are definitely going back and exploring more trails in the area. You will find trail markers all along the paths; please be sure to take a close look.

On the way back down, I got Angel to take one more photo. However, as I told you, Aden stepped up to the plate (or should I say up to the rock) and helped me take a few more photos. Thanks Aden.

This was short and sweet, so if you want to see a lot more mountain trails, please come out to the O.C. and spend some time in the outdoors.

I want to also thank everyone who reads "Be Alive!" Thank you for all of your emails. Thank you to The Club. And one more thank-you to my family for always going on these outdoor activities. Kathy, Angel Jr. and Aden, you are simply the best!

Don't forget to bring your camera; take plenty of photos, and send them to me at agomez@cityemployeesclub.com. Bring water, snacks and maybe some sunscreen.

As always, be safe and Be Alive!, Angel

Laguna Coast Wilderness Park

18751 Laguna Canyon Rd.
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TRAIL HIGHLIGHTS

- DISTANCE:** 3.5 miles
- ELEVATION GAIN:** 700 feet
- DIFFICULTY RATING:** moderate
- SUGGESTED TIME:** 2 hours
- BEST SEASON:** All year

TRAIL ACTIVITIES

- Mountain biking
- Walking
- Cell phone tour

DIRECTIONS

Coming from I-5, exit El Toro Road going toward Laguna Beach. Follow El Toro Road until it dead ends into Laguna Canyon Road. Make a left onto Laguna Canyon Road. The trailhead is on the right side about a quarter of a mile from that intersection.

PARKING

Parking in the lot is only \$3 for the entire day.



The parking lot.



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The *Alive!* Children's Coloring Contest

Compiled by Lupe Medina, Administrative Services Representative

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

This Month's Pets For Adoption:

george

George is a three-year-old black and tan neutered German shepherd. Gorgeous George is a very sweet boy who is both people- and dog-friendly. He knows how to sit and lie down, and he walks well on leash!
ID #A1180239: West Los Angeles Animal Care Shelter.







charlotte

Charlotte is a nine-year-old tri-color spayed beagle. She is as sweet as they come! Charlotte is an easygoing pup who gets along great with other dogs and people and would make a great addition to any home.
ID #A1187273: West Los Angeles Animal Care Shelter.

oliver

Oliver is a one-year-old neutered domestic shorthair orange tabby. Poor Oliver was living in a home with 96 cats before he came to the shelter. Please give him a chance at a happy life in a loving home of his own!
ID #A1180006: West Los Angeles Animal Care Shelter.






satine

Satine is a nine-year-old gray spayed domestic shorthair. Poor Satine ended up at the shelter because of a new baby. She is an indoor cat who is litter-box trained. This sweet girl is the perfect lap cat!
ID #A1189787: West Los Angeles Animal Care Shelter.


boom boom

Boom Boom is a one-year-old tortie neutered rabbit. He is a well-socialized rabbit that gets along well with cats and dogs. Boom Boom would be best suited to a home indoors, as he is housebroken.
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Meet your new hope coordinator!



All of this month's animals are available for adoption at the West LA Animal Care Shelter, 11361 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles CA 90064. **Samantha Westbrook** is the New Hope Coordinator/Baby Bottle Coordinator: (213) 485-0494.

To see more animals available for adoption, please visit www.laanimalservices.org



LAX Airfield Bus Operations

The Critical Link

LAX Airfield Bus Operations plays a critical role in passenger transport, official welcomes, emergencies, training and Homeland Security.

Photos by Angel Gomez, Club Member Services Director, and Ken White, Bus Operator

When you've just landed on an international flight, but your gate doesn't have access to U.S. Customs... or you're taking off from one of LAX's remote terminals at the western edge of the airport... or there's an emergency: You're one of the nearly 10 million passengers at LAX over four years or so who can thank LAX Airfield Bus Operations for getting you to and from your flight.

LAX's Airfield Bus Operations Unit is a 24-hour operation, served by 33 Airfield Bus Operators, who are specially trained, licensed and certified to operate a variety of buses and specialized vehicles on airport service roads and taxiways in a customer service-oriented environment. Obtaining the position of Bus Operator is a highly competitive process, as this is no ordinary bus driver job. One past selection period included written testing of more than 2,500 applicants in which only 38 passed, with eight positions being filled.

On most occasions, the first people who travelers encounter when entering the United States after exiting a plane is an Airfield Bus Operator. Airfield Bus Operators transport international travelers to and from aircraft, in a "sterile" (secure) environment between remote terminals and U.S. Customs for first entry into or final departure inspections from the United States, driving in restricted airport driving areas, in and around taxiing and parked aircraft and emergency rescue vehicles, while monitoring separate radio frequencies for dispatchers and the FAA Control Towers.

From 2004 to 2008, Airfield Bus Operators transported more than nine million passengers between aircraft and terminals, using the various vehicles in its complete fleet, numbering around 40.

In addition to operating the Airfield Buses, Bus Operators operate a fleet of specialized vehicles, including tour buses used to carry City officials and dignitaries, both domestic and foreign, to various points of interest both inside and outside the airport, often explaining history or significance of sites viewed. Tour buses are also used by Airport Police and Fire personnel throughout the year in their training operations.

Another of the specialized vehicles used by Airfield Bus Operators is the ADA Truck. The ADA Trucks consist of a complex set of hydraulic lift systems used to raise the body of the truck up to the doors of planes to retrieve passengers needing assistance.



LAX Airfield Bus Operations is on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Airfield Bus Operators are LAWA's most qualified experts in the operation of the ADA trucks and help passengers, as well as first responders on numerous occasions throughout each year, including removing passengers from planes in wheelchairs, on stretchers and assisting in Medevacs, in which patients are transported to and by helicopter. Some of the more memorable occasions in which Airfield Bus Operators used their expertise in operating the ADA trucks were transporting actor Christopher Reeve from the aircraft in his custom motorized wheelchair; serving the Saudi royal families and the round-the-clock support they gave during and after the events surrounding 9/11 and the Northridge earthquake of 1994.

ADA trucks are also used during emergency situations, assisting police and fire departments during bomb threats, emergency aircraft landings and criminal transport to and from planes. Assistance is also given for criminal transport as well deportees. Operating the ADA trucks, Airfield Bus Operators are also instrumental in assisting the coroner with removal of deceased passengers.



Having picked up their passengers, two LAX Airfield Bus Operations vehicles take their guests to the Tom Bradley International Terminal.



Airfield Bus Operations in Action

Approximately 90 percent of the actions by LAX Airfield Bus Operations is the basic, but demanding and constant, transportation of passengers from international flights to U.S. Customs facilities. Here, *Alive!* chronicles this function, plus other functions, too.

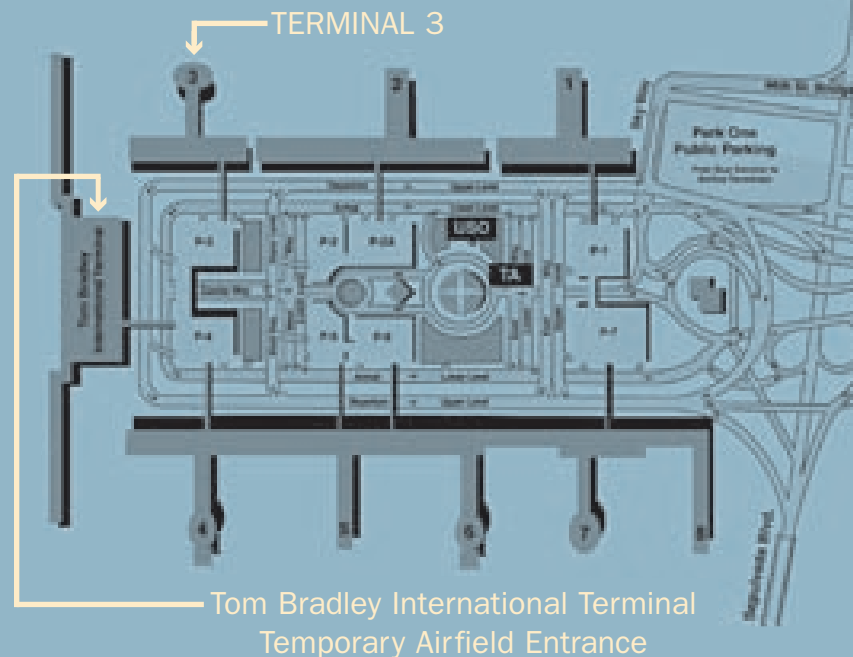


ALIVE! FEATURE

→ International Passengers to U.S. Customs

Airfield Bus Operators monitor two different radios both in their office waiting area, and in their buses. Also, they know most of the international flight schedules.

Los Angeles International Airport



An international flight arrives and parks at the gate. This terminal – Terminal 3 – does not have U.S. Customs facilities to process the passengers, so they must be taken in a “sterile” (secure) environment to the Tom Bradley International Terminal.



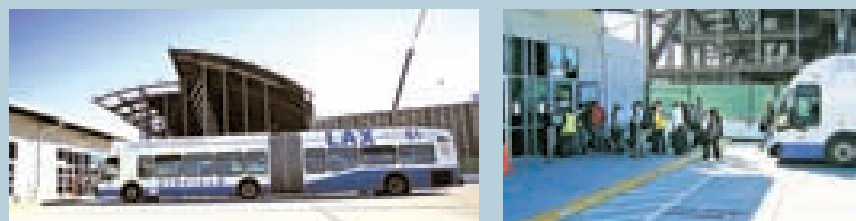
Bus Operator Luis Manrique waits for international passengers to deplane.



The bus delivers its international passengers to the Tom Bradley International Terminal, and they depart to be processed through U.S. Customs. (This facility is a temporary one, built to accommodate passengers while the Bradley West project is under construction.) **And the job is done!**



The passengers deplane via stairs and do not enter the terminal. They board the Airfield Bus.



The Airfield Bus closes its doors and departs for the Tom Bradley International Terminal.



His job done, Bus Operator Norland Caampued gets a call for his next run.

LAX AIRFIELD BUS OPERATIONS



The Airfield Bus Operations Crew

Here are some of the Bus Operators who do a great job of taking passengers where they need to go.



Bus Operator Luis Manrique.



Bus Operator Jim Grimes.



Bus Operator Sharon Pitts



Bus Operator Ken White.



From left: Bus Operators Marcus Williams and Mercio Williams.



Bus Operators Phil Harrell and Julie Rose.



Bus Operator Fred Gilmore.



Bus Operator Brian Gulseth.



Bus Operator Norland Caampued.

From left: Marie O'Kelly-Green, Manager of LAX Airfield Bus Operations, and Al Torres, Bus Operator.



Bus Operator Michael Boucher.



From left: Bus Operators Robert Winston and Brian Gulseth.



Airfield Bus Operations in Action

— continued



ALIVE! FEATURE

Remote Gates

At the western edge of LAX are remote gates for many international flights. Since these gates are not connected to any terminal, all passengers both embarking and disembarking must use an LAX Airfield Bus to get to and from the Tom Bradley International Terminal. A fully loaded Boeing 747 can fill five LAX Airfield Buses.

The LAX Airfield Bus Operations Unit was created to serve these terminals.



An LAX Airfield Bus awaits its passengers at a remote gate.

Private Terminals

Sometimes, international passengers arrive on private jets and deplane at one of LAX's private terminals, such as the Atlantic Terminal. LAX Airfield Bus Operations picks them up and takes them to the Tom Bradley International Terminal for processing.



An LAX Airfield Bus waits outside LAX's Atlantic Terminal.

Disabled Passengers

LAX Airfield Bus Operations must be equipped to transport disabled passengers. Since international passengers in wheelchairs must also go through U.S. Customs, Bus Operations is equipped with special buses to move these passengers efficiently and in comfort.



Disabled passengers arrive at the Tom Bradley International Terminal to be processed through U.S. Customs.



This ADA-compliant bus reaches high to sit parallel with a plane's exit doors, helping disabled passengers deplane safely and efficiently.

Special Tours

LAX Airfield Bus Operations provides airport tours for a wide variety of groups and needs. Also, the unit assists Public and Community Relations Division at Van Nuys Airport by driving groups at that location, too.



LAX Airfield Bus Operations gives an airport tour.

Natural Gas Vehicles

The entire fleet of LAX Airfield Buses uses natural gas.



An articulated LAX Airfield Bus refuels at an off-airport facility.

The *Alive!* Interview



World Ambassadors

Among their many other functions, Airfield Bus Operators are sometimes the first Americans their passengers ever meet. That's among their major responsibilities.

Marie O'Kelly-Green, Manager of LAX Airfield Bus Operations.



On March 10, Club CEO John Hawkins and *Alive!* editor John Burnes talked to Marie O'Kelly-Green, Manager of the LAX Airfield Bus Operations. The interview took place in the Bus Operations Facility on the north side of Los Angeles International Airport. —Ed.

ALIVE!: Thanks for sitting down with us today, Marie. How many years have you worked for the City?

MARIE O'KELLY-GREEN: 21.

Where did you start?

MARIE: I started in Public Works, the Board Office, in a Graffiti Abatement Program.

And how long have you been in your current position, then?

MARIE: A little over a year.

And you came from?

MARIE: I came from another section here at the airport. I was in human resources here at LAWA [Los Angeles World Airports] for about five years.

What do you like about supervising the Airfield Bus Operations?

MARIE: I like it because you have more direct contact with the constituency. When you're in the HR personnel area, your customers are the employees. But now I get to meet the customer, the people, the citizens. That's very good.

So this is a 24/7 operation. We've been here for a few hours now, and it's a busy place.

MARIE: Very busy.

Is there a typical day?

MARIE: There isn't a typical day. We have expected flights, but there is nothing that is absolutely normal about what these folks do. They pick up passengers, generally for international flights. But they can respond to emergencies, they can provide airfield tours, they can provide tours off of the airfield for community groups.

Right.

MARIE: So there is no 9 to 5 about this. Which is very exciting.

And you're staffed 24/7 here?

MARIE: Yes, we are. We have a staff member that is always here that can drive, that can move an airfield bus... plus one supervisor at all times.

A Coveted Job

It sounds like this job is coveted. What makes it popular?

MARIE: I think a number of things make it popular. You have access to both the tenants – the airlines, and the passengers, as well as community groups.

I think it's popular because it is a 24/7 operation, so it allows folks to do things during traditional hours that they wouldn't be able to do in a 9 to 5 job. So we have employees that have gone to school, earning their degrees. We have employees that consider this a second job. So they're able to hold two jobs because it is a 24/7 operation.

You have access to so many unique and fun things, especially if you like aviation.

You meet people from all over the world. Whenever there is a big event in Los Angeles, the airport gets the residual. So if the Lakers are having a good year, [more vacationers] are going to come through here. For the Academy Awards, you'll see an uptick of the celebrities. They all have to come through here. And many times they're international arrivals, and they have to hop onboard one of our buses just like anybody else. So it's great. It's fun.

It's coveted because, for a driver, you have a very specific area in which you have to operate. You have a very finite group of passengers. So you're not a metro bus operator that may be picking up any number of folks on any city street. You're not working with children as a school bus operator, which has its own set of difficulties.

So it is a highly coveted position, which is good because it gives us great candidates to choose from when we fill a position. When folks get here, they don't leave.

Challenges

What are the unique challenges to doing what you do?

MARIE: My most difficult task right now in this economy is, how do you continue to support the infrastructure? This is an infrastructure piece of the airport. How do you support that when your revenues are down, when we are trying to build the new Tom Bradley International Terminal, which is a huge capital outlay for this department? How do you balance fewer staff members because of the [early retirement program]? All of the bus operator positions weren't filled, but the work still needs to be done, so our drivers are working harder. From a management stand-

Marie O'Kelly-Green, Manager of LAX Airfield Bus Operations, talks to Club CEO John Hawkins (left) and *Alive!* editor John Burnes.





point, it's kind of managing the financial with the personality and personnel issues, and still getting the job done effectively and efficiently. So that's my charge, that's my task.

Ambassadors

When people are flying to America, and this is their first visit here, that bus driver could very well be the first American they ever see.

MARIE: That's correct.

That's pretty powerful stuff. Do you think about that?

MARIE: Absolutely.

And do you train people to think about that as well?

MARIE: Absolutely. We remind our managers constantly that bus operators are oftentimes the first face or the last face that travelers will see. The first impression and the last impression can make or break an experience here at the airport.

When we discuss training, we talk about – how do you manage 85 people that don't speak the language, and you need to give them an instruction? How do you manage security here at the airport? Because this is, for many travelers, a first time they're on American soil, and so they want to go and take pictures. So how do you maintain a secure, sterile environment on your bus? Our bus drivers have the responsibility of transporting international passengers that haven't cleared customs. So when they are on the bus, the driver and an agent are responsible to see that these folks do actually clear through customs. To do that, we want to make sure, since they're the first face or the last face, that our equipment is top-notch. Our buses run anywhere between \$600,000 and \$800,000 for each vehicle. It's a big capital outlay for the department, but they are high-end pieces of equipment. The equipment has to be right, the drivers are in uniform to present an image to the passenger that they are in good hands, and that this is a well-oiled machine. Last year we transported 1.6 million passengers in this operation. The airport handles 57 to 59 million folks each year. So no less than three percent came in contact with one of our airfield bus operators.

That's a lot.

MARIE: So yes, we have a huge impact on the face of the department. And I think the department recognizes that. They're very appreciative of that.

Emergencies and Other Challenges

So, taking those international passengers from terminals that don't have customs, to a customs facility, is about 90 percent of what you do?

MARIE: I would say 90 percent is a good number.

But then you have the other things that you train for and hope never happen, in supporting the first responders in a crisis.

MARIE: Yes.

What kind of a challenge is that to kind of stay on your toes for something that you hope might not happen?

MARIE: Well, even though our offices are here on the north side of the airport, this operation is actually controlled through the Airport Response Coordination Center.

The new one that just opened?

MARIE: Correct. So they're the eyes. Bus operations has supervisors there 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. So in the



Club CEO John Hawkins talks to Marie O'Kelly-Green, Manager of LAX Airfield Bus Operations, next to a massive, efficient articulated bus.



event of an emergency, or an abnormal event – meaning that there's a line at TSA, there's a plane that's disabled – any number of things that they may be called out on, we have standard operating procedures. When an aircraft has mechanical difficulty, our drivers know exactly where they need to go to await that plane. And if the passengers have to disembark, then they know exactly what to do. Because our drivers aren't new, they know this airport probably better than I do.

Right.

MARIE: So they are well prepared. They think on their feet all the time. If you review the emergencies that we've had at the airport, two years ago there was a flight out of Hawaii that became disabled, and the buses were there and waiting to scoop up the passengers.

Generally, our challenge is staffing, because there are so many demands on us. There are so many flights that are coming in that need our services, especially during construction. They are building this huge terminal without closing the airport. This is the largest capital project ever in the City of Los Angeles. The service road, which is what they drive on, may be open today, and then construction closes it tomorrow.

There are a lot of construction vehicles that [are driven onto] the airport. And many times their drivers are not familiar with an airport. That is one of our bigger challenges right now. Even though it's not an emergency, that's a big challenge for us. And then anytime we have a media event [is also a challenge].

Skills on Display

MARIE: One other thing I wanted to mention is that it's the department's goal to have a bus rodeo sometime in September. We'll invite you out.

Oh, absolutely! We know the concept, but maybe not the specifics. Tell us about that. It's all about skills, and then... stop!

MARIE: Which would probably be easier than parallel parking a 60-foot articulated bus.

Well, sure. Where will it be?

MARIE: Ours will be in the parking lot that is immediately southwest of here.

Will they compete amongst each other, or with other agencies?

MARIE: They'll be competing amongst each other here, and then if we are so approved, then we will be able to send our winner, because they do these nationally and internationally.

For us, this'll be a first. Because generally, the municipal bus, the MTAs, those are the folks that are competing.

Will it be open to the public?

MARIE: It should be open to the public. We'll hold it in an area that's not sterile, so that folks can come.

Well, this was great. Thank you!

MARIE: I'm glad that you came out today!



Special Thanks

Alive! wants to give its sincere thanks to Harold Johnson, Airports Public Relations and Club Member, and Ken White, Bus Operator and Club Member, for helping us get the shots we needed while maintaining strict security control within the highly sensitive LAX airfield environment. Well done, gentlemen!



Ken White, Bus Operator, Club Member.

Harold Johnson, Airports Public Relations, Club Member.

REC AND PARKS

Earth Day at Cabrillo

Aquarium celebrates with free programs April 23.

Photos by Gary Florin, Photographer, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

You are invited to join the 31st annual Earth Day Celebration at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, Saturday, April 23, with a day of free programs, including a beach cleanup, speakers, information and activities. Participation options include joining the beach cleanup, sharing information, grunion egg hatching, guided walks to the salt marsh, and more.

You can be a part of the solution by joining in a beach cleanup from 8 to 10 a.m.; supplies and refreshments are included. Then you can stop by the auditorium to view selected presentations of the day and visit with many organizations and agencies as they share how they are working to care for the earth. Musicians will be sharing their thoughts about the ocean through songs. And you can educate yourself about choices we can make every day to make a difference in protecting our planet.

Throughout the day, the Aquarium will be open with opportunities to examine Southern California marine life, where you can visit the touch tank; search the Virginia Reid Moore Marine Research Library for more information about local sea life; observe the aquarium's newest arrivals in the Aquatic Nursery; and investigate the interactive Exploration Center.

Free parking is available at 22nd and Miner Streets with access to a shuttle in each direction. Guests can also connect to the shuttle from the Marina station of the Pacific Red Car Line along the Port Waterfront.

Red Car info: www.railwaypreservation.com/page8.html. Limited car parking at Cabrillo Beach is \$1 per hour.

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is at 3720 Stephen M. White Dr. in San Pedro, and is a Rec and Parks facility. For more information, call (310) 548-7562 or go to: www.cabrilloaq.org



A previous Earth Day at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium.

Earth Day at Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

When: Saturday, April 23

Time: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, 3720 Stephen M. White Dr. San Pedro.

What: Beach cleanup, free aquarium admission, grunion hatching, food, music, booths, activities, representatives of more than 40 organizations.

Cost: Free; some attractions might have minimal cost.

Parking: Free parking at 22nd and Miner Streets, with Red Car access. Limited car parking at Cabrillo, \$1.

Info: www.cabrilloaq.org, or (310) 548-7562.

ZOO

... and at the Zoo, Too

The Zoo celebrates Earth Day.

Every day is Earth Day for those of us who share this planet, but there's no reason not to celebrate the fact! Join the Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens and K-EARTH 101 FM for two days of festivities that will include recycled crafts, information booths and K-EARTH DJs. All activities are free to GLAZA members and with paid Zoo admission.



The event takes place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 9 and 10.

The Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens is at 5333 Zoo Dr. in Griffith Park.

Information: (323) 644-4200 or www.lazoo.org

Newsbrief

PORT PLUG-INS:

In February, the Port of Los Angeles became the first port worldwide to provide Alternative Maritime Power (AMP) to three separate cruise lines. In recent weeks, ships from Disney Cruise Line, Princess Cruises and Norwegian Cruise Line have all taken advantage of unique "AMP Mobile" technology developed specifically for the World Cruise Center.



"I'm particularly pleased that Port engineers were the first worldwide who came up with a way to handle the challenges of adapting to the unique needs of multiple cruise lines with different power requirements at one cruise terminal," said Executive Director Geraldine Knatz, Ph.D., Club Member. "This is another important tool we are using to grow in a diverse and environmentally responsible manner."

"The use of AMP at our World Cruise Center reduces emissions not just at the Port but improves the quality of air throughout the Los Angeles region," said Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. "The ability to adapt this technology to multiple cruise lines eliminates significant ship exhaust when cruise ships are at berth, and the AMP Mobile is another innovation that demonstrates our commitment to developing cutting-edge technology that can benefit port communities everywhere."

The Port of Los Angeles has three AMP Mobiles, which were designed for the World Cruise Center by Port engineers and Cavotec, a global engineering firm. With 100 feet of lateral movement capability and a remote-controlled arm to adjust the cable crane arm to changing tides and the location of power connections on cruise ships, the AMP Mobile versatility allows for a variety of cruise ship configurations.

The World Cruise Center is also the only port where two cruise ships can be connected simultaneously. Cruise ships utilize either 6.6 kilovolts (kV) or 11 kV electrical power distribution systems to plug into shore side power; the Port of Los Angeles can now accommodate either. Currently the power demand of the cruise ships calling the Port of Los Angeles is anywhere between 8 to 13 megawatts of power. A seven-megawatt load is equivalent to producing enough electricity for approximately 1,000 homes.

The Port's AMP system installed at the World Cruise Center is capable of delivering up to 40 megawatts of power, with 20 megawatts of power delivery capacity to each of the two different ships.

In 2004, the Port of Los Angeles was the first in the world to use AMP technology for in-service container ships. Three major container terminals currently have AMP capabilities and more are coming on line later this year.



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THE CLUB

Applications Available for Club's Mukai Scholarship

Applications for Club Scholarship are available online and at the Club Store. **Deadline is noon, June 30, 2011.**



Sabrina Amaro received a stipend last year as part of the Club's Scholarship Program.

Pick up your application for the Joannie Mukai Memorial Club Scholarship at the Club Store, or download an application today! The Club's scholarship program is named after the late Club Board Member Joannie Mukai.

The 2011 Mukai Club Scholarship Program, which expects to grant 10 awards, is now accepting applications.

All materials must be physically in the Club Store and Service Center downtown, 120 W. Second St. by noon, June 30, 2011.

Ten college scholarships are available. Each recipient will receive a stipend of \$1,000.

Those eligible include Club Members, their spouses and their children who are in college or will be attending an accredited college or university in Fall 2011.

"We know that college is very expensive, and we want to do something special to meet the challenge," said John Hawkins, Club CEO. "We expect to offer 10 awards.

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

You can pick up an application at the Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second St. downtown, or download an application at:

www.cityemployeesclub.com/scholar.asp

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

Eligibility requirements:

- All Club Members and their spouses, and children of Club members under the age 25, are eligible to apply. Club members must be in good standing.
- The successful candidate must attend an accredited four-year college or university full time in the fall semester 2011. Current high

school seniors matriculating to a four-year school in Fall 2011 are eligible.

- Candidates will be judged for academic excellence, community service and financial need.
- Ten (10) scholarships are expected to be awarded, in equal amounts of \$1,000 (each).
- Deadline: Applications must be in the Club Store and Service Center, 120 W. Second St. downtown, by noon June 30, 2011. All applications must be physically in the Club office at that time to be eligible. Sorry, but the Club is not responsible for delays in delivery.
- Decisions will be made by Club personnel and will be considered final.
- Club Store and Service Center address: 120 W. Second St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Send questions to: scholarship@cityemployeesclub.com



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ZOO

Zoo Hops Into Spring

Easter weekend set for Spring Fling.



Story and photo courtesy L.A. Zoo.

The Los Angeles Zoo's annual three-day event, Big Bunny's Spring Fling, features bunny-related crafts and activities including the Be-a-Bunny Ear Craft and Funny Bunny Face Painting. Children can also pet fuzzy-wuzzy bunnies and plant their own carrot seeds to take home. In addition (for a nominal fee), Big Bunny will be available for souvenir photos.

The event takes place Easter weekend, April 22 through 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Los Angeles Zoo and Botanical Gardens is in Griffith Park at the junction of the Ventura (134) and Golden State (5) freeways. Admission is \$14 for adults and \$9 for children ages 2 to 12. This event is free with paid Zoo admission. The Zoo is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. For information, call (323) 644-4200 or visit the L. A. Zoo Web site at www.lazoo.org.





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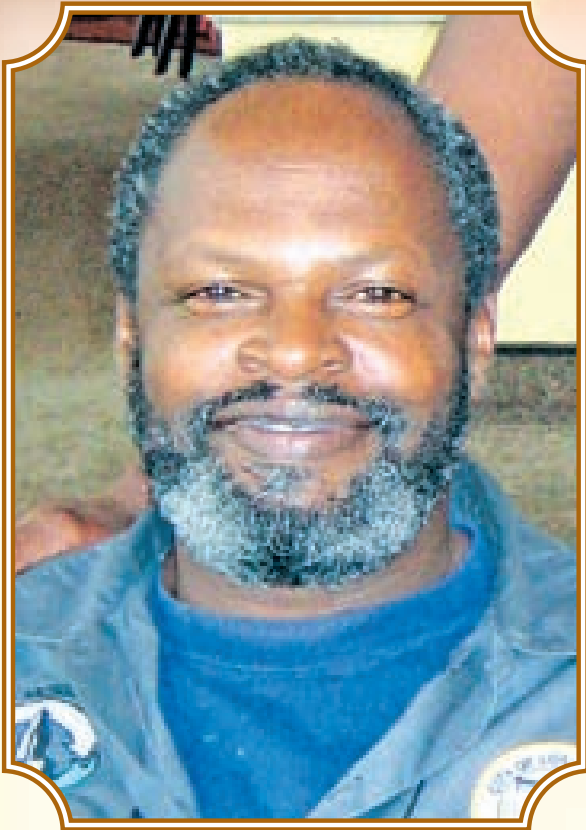
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TRIBUTE

Barry Harper

Member of original City Recycling Program passes away.



Barry Harper

Barry Harper, an original member of the City Facilities Recycling Program, died the week of March 13. He was 58.

The City Facilities Recycling Crew began in 1991. He was an integral part of the continued success of the program and always encouraged City employees to recycle.

Additionally, Barry worked as part of the General Services custodial staff from 1989 to 1996.

Barry was a dedicated City employee for more than 22 years and will be especially missed by the entire CFRP staff and the employees of the City buildings he serviced. He is survived by his mother, Amy Whitis; his daughter, Takiesha Harper; grandson, Daonn; and his siblings Josie, Norman, Richard, and Cleveland. He lost his youngest sister Katherine in 2007.

Special thanks to Marivic Sabillo for providing information for this article.



From left: Richard Whiteman, John Crowder (now also deceased), Alfonso Lopez, Phil Vega and the late Barry Harper.



From left: the late Barry Harper, Anthony Hill and Phil Vega.

Here are some tributes from coworkers and others who knew him:

“Barry was a great person. He was a hard worker and he did an excellent job of recycling throughout the City. Barry was a ‘Starman,’ interested in other realms far beyond even what the Hubble telescope could see, so it was always fascinating to talk to him. I will miss Barry, and I know his recycling sites will miss him, too.”

– **Karen Higgins, Programs Manager, Solid Resources Citywide Recycling Division**

“I remember Barry as a kind and caring person. He was a quiet and private kind of guy. But when he would open up to someone, he would comment on how he tried to guide his grandson with advice on life and how much he cared for his family. He was also a well-educated, self-taught man when it came to matters of ancient civilizations, religions and the Bible. He was an avid believer in the idea that there was life in the universe besides us, and we would have many discussions on the subject. Some people would think of him as a little bit strange, but that’s what made him special. He was a special person, and a part of our recycling family. He was one of the original recyclers that started the program. He helped take an idea and make it an award-winning program. You will be missed, Space Man.”

– **Phillip Vega, City Facilities Recycling Crew Member**

“It is with our deepest sorrow that we reflect on the passing of Barry; our entire Sanitation family will miss him.”

– **Enrique C. Zaldivar, Director, Public Works/Sanitation**

“The Bureau of Sanitation family is deeply saddened by the passing of Barry. Barry was an exemplary employee who worked tirelessly on improving recycling collection in the City. We will miss him tremendously and we extend our deepest sympathies to his mother, Amy, and daughter, Takiesha, and the entire Harper family during their time of grief.”

– **Alexander E. Helou, Assistant Director, Sanitation**

“The staff at Robertson Branch remembers Barry with great fondness. He always greeted us with a friendly smile and he was happy to see us -- each and every time. Barry performed his job so well, he came regularly to relieve us of so many boxes, paper and plastics, where would we have been without his consistent help? We send

his family our deepest condolences, and we would want them to know that we loved seeing him as well and we shall miss him and his happy booming voice very much.”

– **Carol Duan and staff from the Robertson Branch Library**

“Barry was a great person and a hardworking, reliable, honest employee. He always had a smile when I saw him. He was family to the City Facilities Recycling Program, and the Bureau, and will be missed by all of us in his extended family as well. My deepest sympathies to his mother and daughter.”

– **Karen Coca, Division Manager, Solid Resources Citywide Recycling Division, Sanitation**

“He was our person, and he was always very helpful and brought a smile. He would often bring us treats and staff would bring him treats. He took care of us. We will miss his positive outlook on life.”

– **Carole Kealoha, Mar Vista Branch Library**

“I will always remember Barry having a smile on his face when he would walk into the office, no matter how difficult the day was. He always worked hard to get people to recycle properly in such a friendly way. He will definitely be missed.”

– **Marivic Sabillo, City Facilities Recycling Crew Coordinator, Solid Resources Citywide Recycling Division**



The City Facilities Recycling Crew, back row from left: Gerald Harris, Terrance Martin, Phil Vega, the late Barry Harper, Romance Harper, Charles Chapman, Rick Muñoz and Angel Rubio. Middle row: Damon Jackson, Erika Cabrera, Elmer Smith, Eduardo Gonzales, Jack Conway, Carlos Sanchez, Alejandro Orea and Alfonso Lopez. Front: Marivic Sabillo, Karen Higgins and Karen Coca.

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REVIEWS BY FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS

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MOVIE REVIEWS

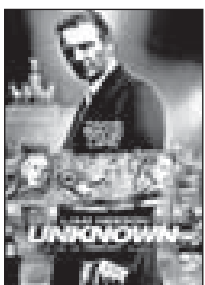
**The Adjustment Bureau**

Rated PG-13
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

A rising young politician (Matt Damon) falls in love with a ballerina (Emily Blunt), but mysterious forces attempt to keep the lovers apart.

The film is a gripping sci-fi/mystery/love story that eventually spins out of control. The satisfying love story and good chemistry between the leads is more than enough to overcome the complexity of the plot. Based on a short story by science fiction writer Philip K. Dick (whose works later became well-known movies, including *Blade Runner* and *Total Recall*), *The Adjustment Bureau* poses the question: Can we overcome our fate? Or should we try?

– Lou Loomis, Rec and Parks

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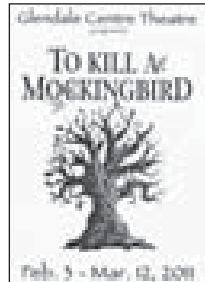
Rated PG-13
My Score: 3 (out of 5)

This movie is a mystery thriller starring Liam Neeson as Dr. Martin Harris, a typical guy visiting Europe with his wife Liz (January Jones) for a biotech conference until he gets in an auto accident

and loses most of his memory. The enjoyable part of this movie is the mystery as he tries to put the pieces of his memory back together but is troubled by his self-doubt. Regretfully, this plot has its similarities, almost plagiaristic, with another action spy thriller starring Matt Damon as the one who loses his memory. Not to spoil the fun of the story, but the best parts are at the end, when everything comes together with a good buildup of action sequences with Neeson at his best.

– Chuck Beas, DWP

Theatre Reviews

**To Kill a Mockingbird**

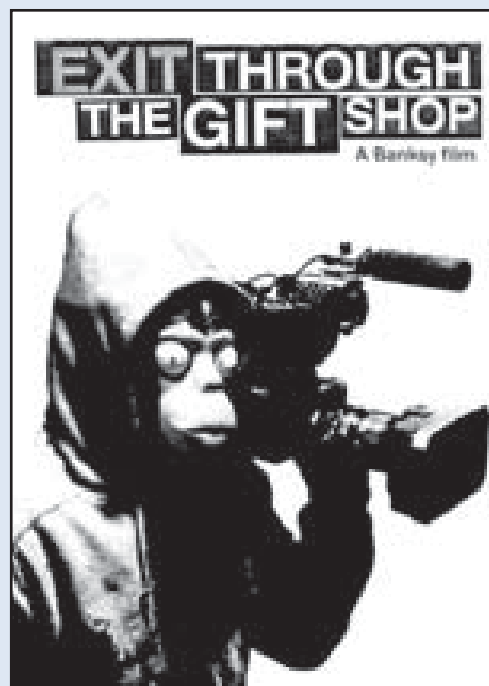
Stage adaptation by Christopher Sergel, based on the novel by Harper Lee
Glendale Centre Theater
(production has closed)
My Score: 4 (out of 5)

This is a super stage version of the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel. Atticus Finch was played by

Thor Edgell, and he was incredible – there was a 10- to 15-minute monologue in a court scene where he spoke. How does one remember that many lines? And he didn't stutter or forget any of it! Camille Bigney and Laim Johnson, who played Atticus' children as Scout and Jem, played their roles to near perfection. This story is touching and emotional as it reminds us of a dark time in our American history – shaking our conscious even now while seated in the theater.

– Robert Larios,
Club Director of Operations

DVD Reviews

**Exit Through the Gift Shop (2010)**

Rated R
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

Nominated for an Academy Award for Best Documentary in 2010, this is the very humorous and entertaining telling of how eccentric Los Angeles shopkeeper and amateur filmmaker Thierry Guitta attempted to locate and befriend the street-graffiti artist Banksy, only to have the artist turn the camera back on its owner. The film also shows Shephard Fairey, Invader, and many of the world's most infamous graffiti artists at work. The underground art world of Los Angeles is prominently featured, as is the likeable and sardonic character Banksy, who has now become both a mystery and local celebrity.

– Lou Loomis,
Rec and Parks

Book Reviews

**Naked Heat**

Richard Castle
Detective fiction,
290 pages, Hyperion
My score: 5 (out of 5)

This is the sequel to the *New York Times* bestselling novel by Richard Castle, and features the continuing adventures of Det. Nikki Heat and journalist Jameson

Rook trying to find the killer of gossip columnist Cassidy Towne. Heat and Rook team up again to search through the streets of New York and are caught up trying to solve the crime bombarded with secrets, coverups and scandals.

It's based on the television series *Castle* featuring Det. Kate Beckett and New York Times bestselling author Richard Castle and the members of NYPD's 12th precinct. Fans of the ABC TV series *Castle* will not be disappointed.

– Linda Rorex, Personnel

**Call Me Irresistible**

Susan Elizabeth Phillips
Romance fiction,
387 pages, Harper
Collins
My Score: 5 (out of 5)

This is the story of two best friends, one of which will be marrying "Mr. Irresistible." Lucy Jorik, the adopted daughter of the

former President of the United States, is engaged to Theodore Beaudine from Wynette, Tex., the favorite son of every woman's dream man. Meg Koranda is the daughter of Hollywood royalty and also the bridesmaid and best friend of Lucy.

When best friend Meg breaks up the wedding of Lucy, everyone in town hates her even though Meg is trying to save Lucy from heartache and making the biggest mistake of her life.

This is a delightfully sassy, sexy and irresistible tale of true love, Texas style.

– Linda Rorex, Personnel

Your Reviews



100 Words or Fewer

Here's how to submit your review. *Alive!* accepts entertainment reviews of 100 words or fewer. We might not print them all, especially if we receive multiple reviews for the same movie or DVD. Follow these rules:

You can be a reviewer! Have you just seen a great movie or DVD? Read a great book? Been to a great play or musical? Write a brief review. It's easy! See the instruction box.

- For movies: Make sure the movie is still in theatres. For DVDs and books, make sure they are generally available. For theatre shows: try to submit your review before the show closes.
- All reviews must be written by you (not taken from another source) and exclusive to *Alive!* (not offered to another outlet). Violations could end your ability to be published in *Alive!*
- Have fun!
- Keep all reviews to 100 words or fewer, but try to write more than one or two sentences.
- Your own comments are more important than a long plot summary.
- Give us your score on a scale of 1 to 5. Use this format: *My Score: X (out of 5)*.
- Make sure you give us your name and City department (or retired).
- Submit your review to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com
- *Alive!* will send you a small but appropriate "thank you" if we publish your review.

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JUST FOR CITY EMPLOYEES CLUB MEMBERS & GUESTS.
Friday
May 13
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CLUB MEMBERS
ALL YOU CAN EAT & DRINK OPTION
\$25

It's time for a
Magic Mountain Private Party!

May 13

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History Comes Alive!

Tales From the City Archives



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

Classic

from June 2005

Was Fred Eaton the 'Real' Father of LA's Aqueduct?

■ Who was more responsible for the L.A. Aqueduct, Fred Eaton or William Mulholland?

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

While writing last month's issue on the past Mayors of Los Angeles, I kept finding more and more interesting information about Mayor Frederick S. Eaton. It became obvious that this man impacted Los Angeles in so many ways, that he deserved an article for himself. So here is Mr. Eaton's story.

Fred Eaton was born in Los Angeles in September 1855. He was the sixth American child born in the City. His father was Judge Benjamin S. Eaton, who migrated with his wife, Helena Hayes Eaton, in 1849 from New England. Young Eaton was born in an adobe building, on what is now the intersection of First and Spring Streets. Later, this building became the first City jail. Conflicting stories note that the Eatons, who were considered high society at that time, lived on what was then known as "up on the hill," on Fort Moore, that now houses the current Board of Education.

The future Mayor was educated in Los Angeles area public schools. Later, he attended Santa Clara College. From the time Eaton was young, he had been interested in civil engineering, where he focused on the discipline toward gaining his higher education degree. During that time period, Fred Eaton also worked for the City as a surveyor and engineer. This time period for the City was a transitional era between Spanish and American traditions.

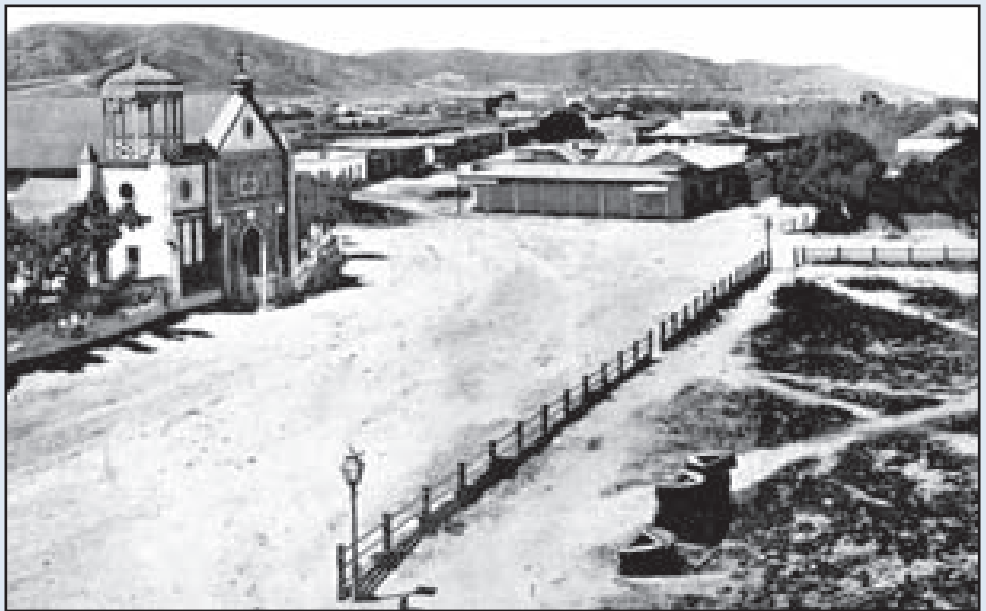
At the ripe old age of 14, in 1869, youthful Frederick entered a citywide competition to assist in reconstructing the Old Plaza, formerly the town square, near Olvera Street. He won the \$100 prize for his drawings of original designs. These drawings were later generally adapted in the Old Plaza area when the City was reconstructed. Remnants of the past

designs can still be seen today.

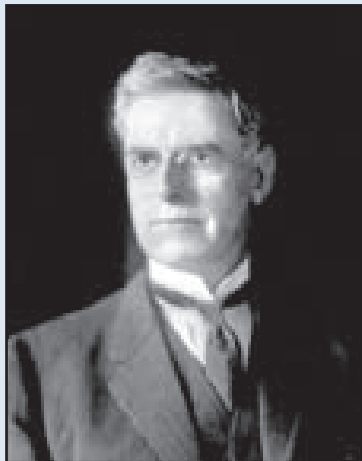
Fred Eaton persisted through his entire life to be dedicated to the City, as well as contributing to the development of this future megalopolis. In 1885, he was appointed City Surveyor and Engineer, where he was partially responsible for mapping and establishing City property. This was a one-year term; eventually the term City Surveyor was abolished. During the years 1889-90 he was appointed City Engineer. During this active period, Eaton designed a sewer system, the precursor and core of today's contemporary system. He was also the chief engineer for the Los Angeles Railway Company. He built the first electric railway in the City, which was one of the first attempts for this new type of transportation in the nation.

In time Fred Eaton became the superintendent of a privately owned Los Angeles Water Company. This company often doubled as the first volunteer fire department back in the 1870s. Fred Eaton was one of the robust firefighter enthusiasts. This company was an evolution that grew out of dire needs of constant and consistent water for the citizens of Los Angeles. A larger-than-life relationship developed out of this company that would eventually change the far-reaching literal, political and economic landscape for the City of Los Angeles. The names of the two "Giants" were Fred Eaton and William Mulholland.

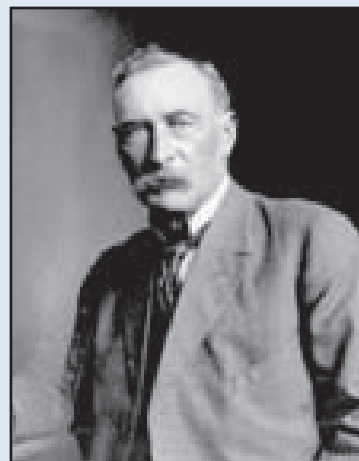
Water, or lack of it, in Los Angeles was always the main topic of concern since incorporation of the City in 1850. Such was the case when Frederick S. Eaton ran for mayor in 1898. His platform revolved around bringing water to Los Angeles from sources



The Old Plaza, formerly the town square near Olvera Street, in 1869, as partially designed by Fred Eaton.



Fred Eaton.



William Mulholland.

beyond the currently used water of the Los Angeles river. In 1892, Eaton traveled north more than 200 miles to Inyo County, specifically the Owens Valley, where the limitless snow water would flow into the Owens River. With the eye of an engineer, the future Mayor brought to the citizenry the idea, the vision of transporting water from the Owens River to Los Angeles. He won the ticket because of these incredible concepts.

For years Eaton and Mulholland disagreed about the L.A. River's capability to provide water to the ever-growing Los Angeles population. Mulholland, who had been a relative newcomer to the City, claimed that the river would provide water for another 50 years. Eaton, a native, explained what would happen with the event of a drought. After a decade of water deprivation, Mulholland finally understood Eaton's point of view.

Mayor Eaton was in office from 1898 to 1900. The new century in Los Angeles saw an increase of the population to 100,000. Water, once again, was the focus of the mindset of the local populace. San Pedro, after much heated discussion and debate, became a modern Los Angeles harbor. The Los Angeles City Water Company had been privately owned since 1868. With the expiration of the lease in 1898, City officials fought to return the water to a publicly run system. The proprietors argued to preserve their position as owners of the City's water. But, after much negotiations and a heated and contested bond election, the water rights were, once again, returned to the City for \$2 million in 1902.

Upon retiring from formal civic duty

after 1900, Fred Eaton continued his dedication to bringing water from the north to Los Angeles. In 1902 he worked in association with William Mulholland, who was then the chief engineer for the Los Angeles City Water Works, a precursor to Public Works Bureau of Aqueduct, a precursor to the DWP. Sadly, Eaton and Mulholland had a number of disagreements that continued for years. But that is a story that deserves its own article.

At the same time, Fred Eaton moved from Los Angeles to Long Valley in Mono County, where he had a ranch. In 1906 he incorporated 12,000 acres in what would eventually be called the Eaton Land and Cattle Company. In time, the City acquired the Eaton ranch properties to use as extension for water development. All the while, he continued to work with the most important federal, state, county and City individuals relating to water reclamation.

Frederick S. Eaton passed away in 1934 at the age of 78 at the home of one of his children. He supposedly died bankrupt from many issues relating to the Owens Valley project. That, too, is worthy of another article.

Finally, it has been known for years that the Public Works regarded Fred Eaton as the "Father of the Los Angeles Aqueduct," while William Mulholland was given that reverential title by the DWP. Either way, we Los Angelenos owe a great debt of gratitude to these two giants. For as historians have noted over the years, "Los Angeles was the most improbable city without water," or, "Los Angeles is a city in spite of itself without water..."



The Owens River in 1912.



DWP Open Enrollment for Long-Term Care Insurance

Coming soon! This rare opportunity for
Active DWP Employees to sign-up for Long-Term Care insurance
—with no physical required—runs May 1 to June 30.

Everyone should have Long-Term Care insurance. And from May 1 to June 30, the Club will be hosting an open enrollment period for Active DWP Employees to sign up!

An open-enrollment period means that no physical examination is required to sign-up. Don't miss the chance — the Club hasn't had a DWP Open-Enrollment period for Long-Term Care insurance since 1999. So be sure to take advantage!

Questions? Call the LTC Hotline!
(213) 225-1796

LTC Seminars for the DWP: Take Advantage!

Find out about why Long-Term Care insurance from the Club is such a good idea for DWP Employees, and how to apply.

Downtown location!

April 28

May 5 and 19

June 9 and 16

Kyoto Grand Hotel
120 South Los Angeles St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Seminar Times:

8:30 and 11:30 a.m.; and 1:30 p.m.

**Reservations are not necessary
but can be made by calling
(213) 225-1796 or email:
info@cityemployeesclub.com**

Applications can be completed at the seminars. Counselors will be on hand to assist you. The seminars will go step by step through the application process and calculation of rates.

*Space is limited. Refreshments provided.
Free parking at the hotel.*

Seminars are open to all active DWP employees.

See you at the Long-Term Care insurance seminars!

What is Long-Term Care insurance? It's insurance that pays you from \$1,000 up to \$5,000 per month, depending on which plan you apply for, should you or a loved one become incapacitated over a long period of time. The policies pay you for up to four years (if the one covered is in a facility) or eight years (if the one covered is at home). The policies pay the insured, so there's no need to send receipts back and forth to the insurance company.

Rates are affordable. There are some restrictions to who will be accepted into the plans. But most will be. It's a rare opportunity for Active DWP Employees to take advantage.

The Club's Open-Enrollment Period for Long-Term Care insurance takes place May 1 through June 30.



Talk to your Club Counselor today!

A TRUE STORY:

'Who Will Take Care of Me?'

Long-Term Care insurance gave peace of mind to
Club Member Barbara Arenaza.

When Barbara Arenaza first started working for the City, she knew that getting Long-Term Care insurance was a priority.

"I have seen and heard many stories of families being burdened, both financially or emotionally, when someone they love was incapacitated, and I thought that, if that should happen to me, I wanted the financial aspect to be lifted from my families' shoulders," she said from her home in South Carolina, near her sister. A Principal Clerk III with the LAPD, she is now on a disability pension.

She had back surgery when she was 15 due to scoliosis, and she has had two more back surgeries since. As an adult, she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis and now is in a wheelchair and cannot walk.

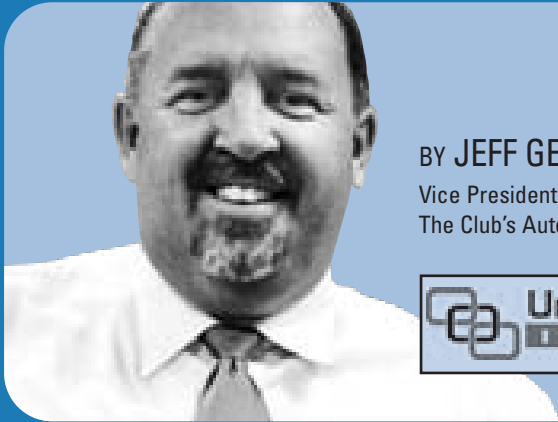
"I am a believer in insurance," she continues. "Buying Long-Term Care insurance was a very smart thing to do. I now have the money to pay someone to come to my home and assist me. If I didn't have these benefits, I would be depressed and wondering, 'Who will take care of me?' [My family] has enough to worry about. I want my time with them to be quality time."

"If you are a Club Member, don't think about it twice," she says. "Buy Long-Term Care insurance. It gives you peace of mind and is extremely affordable. It was one of the best things I could have done for me [and] for my family as well."

"Meanwhile, stay healthy, and enjoy every day to the fullest!"



REST INSURED



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



April Showers Bring... Mold



This has been one of the wettest winters in Southern California for many years. Sure, all of the rain means that the grass is good and green, but it also means that the environment for growing mold has dramatically increased. Mold in your house brings sinus problems, headaches, respiratory difficulties and nausea. It's a serious problem that you need to address.

We've lived with mold in our environment for years. Now that more people are aware of it and its negative effects on our health, it has become an issue. Mold is formed on any organic surface (wood, wall-board, carpet, etc.), and grows where there is moisture and humidity. The best way to prevent mold is to keep all areas dry and well ventilated. If you do have any accidental exposure to water in your home, be sure that it is repaired swiftly and properly.

Insurance adjustors are very experienced in mold prevention, and it is important to cooperate fully with the insurance company in the event of a claim to properly address any current or future damage.

Unfortunately, most insurance policies now include very clear mold exclusions, so

no (or very little) coverage exists for repairing or removing this problem. It is very important, therefore, that you make sure that you properly address any water-related issue to ensure that mold does not form.

There are several companies around now that have experience removing and repairing the damage caused by mold. Although sometimes these repairs can be expensive, if you act quickly enough you can often take care of any problem for a very reasonable amount.

This can be a serious health issue, and we encourage you to treat it properly.

Feel free to call our agency if you have any questions about mold, or your how your homeowners policy would respond, or if you simply would like to do a complete insurance review with us. Call us if you would like to get a quote for your homeowners policy through us, or would like a question answered on any type of insurance. We offer up to a 15 percent discount if you buy your home and auto insurance from the same insurance company.

Be safe and have fun!

United Agencies is the Club's partner is helping members with their home and auto insurance, and related products. We specialize in creating personal relationships with our customers, and serving their needs in a prompt, efficient and friendly manner.

Check out our City Employees Club page on the United Agencies Website at www.unitedagencies.com/cityclub. This website lists the upcoming visits we'll be making to City Department meetings where you can ask us any question in person, and get an instant quote!

Have a question? Is there something about insurance that you've always wanted to know, but were too ashamed to ask? Maybe something that you've just always been curious about?

Feel free to send me an email at jgelineau@unitedagencies.com, and I will try to answer your question in one of our monthly columns.

Call United Agencies Burbank today at (888) 801-5522
CA License # 0252636

REC AND PARKS

Catalina, Above and Below

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium hosts popular, scientific boat trip to Catalina.

Photos by Gary Florin, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium

You're invited to take a great and fun boat trip to Catalina... and learn a lot about the creatures that live in the ocean along the way.

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium (CMA) will sponsor a scientific observation and collecting expedition to Catalina Island June 11. The 93-foot fishing vessel, *First String*, will depart Los Angeles Harbor Sportsfishing Landing in Ports O' Call Village in San Pedro at 6 a.m., and return at approximately 6 p.m.

"Catalina Above And Below" is one of the Aquarium's most popular boat trips. Not only will you have a first-hand experience to see many of the methods used by our staff to capture our marine specimens, but also to learn about these wonderful and fascinating creatures.

During the crossing and throughout the trip, staff will be on the lookout for marine birds, dolphins, whales, sea lions, seals and a wide variety of other marine animals commonly found in the San Pedro Channel.

Prior to arrival to the island, everyone will assist in pulling up special traps in effort to capture the rarely seen hagfish for close-up inspection. After reaching the island, fish traps will be retrieved and the aquarium divers will hand collect an assortment of reef specimen which all will be displayed, interpreted and discussed.

Later all participants will go ashore at the Isthmus to explore that part of the island, seldom visited by tourists.

After the island visit there will be a controlled shark baiting to lure these majestic and misunderstood animals to the surface for close-up observation.

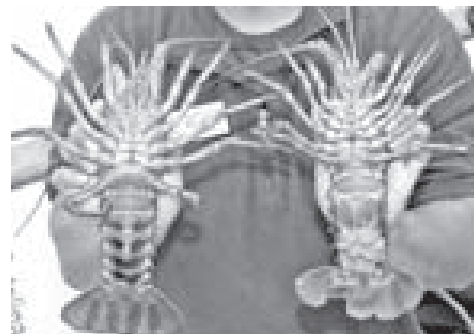
Throughout the trip, Cabrillo Marine Aquarium marine biologists, aquarists, naturalists and other staff will be on board giving talks and assisting with identification of all sea life collected or observed.

Space is limited. Cost for the trip is \$95 per person (\$85 Friends member). The *First String* has a fully equipped galley, where food and beverages may be purchased. Passengers are advised to bring warm clothing and non-skid shoes.

Cabrillo Marine Aquarium is at 3720 Stephen M. White Dr. in San Pedro. For reservations, further information, or to receive a calendar of events, call (310) 548-7562 or go to www.cabrillomarineaquarium.org.



On a previous "Catalina Above and Below" excursion.



{ Who are the people you see every day? }

No. 37 in a series.

People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.



Meet Steve Blackwell.

AGE: "I'm 45."

BIRTHPLACE: "Torrance."

MARITAL STATUS: "In a relationship with my girlfriend, Martha."

FAMILY: "I have two brothers and three sisters."

MILITARY SERVICE: "No."

WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES? "Five years ago."

WHY DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES? "It's easier to get side jobs and handouts."

EDUCATION: "I made it through tenth grade at Narbonne High School in Lomita."

FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: "I always liked to jog in junior high school."

AWARDS OR MEDALS: "No."

RELIGION: "Catholic."

DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS? "Yes – Ruben and my girlfriend, Martha."

WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "On the streets close to the Burger King off the 101 Freeway."

WHAT WAS THE LAST JOB YOU HAD? "A maintenance worker, with sweeping and cleanup duties."

FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY: "The beach. I try to get there when I can."

FAVORITE SPORT: "Football and baseball. I really like basketball, but prefer to play rather than watch."

FAVORITE ACTRESS: "Elizabeth Montgomery from *Bewitched*."

FAVORITE MOVIE: "*Star Wars* and *Star Trek*."

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "*Star Trek*."

FAVORITE CANDY: "Hard candy."

FAVORITE FOOD: "Pizza."

FAVORITE MUSIC: "Hard rock – Ozzy Osbourne."

WHAT'S THE LAST BOOK YOU READ? "I can't read or write."

ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "Have a good life. I don't talk much, but I would say hello."

LAST THING EATEN: "A hamburger."

WHO OR WHAT ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST HELP TO YOU? "The police."

IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE? "Just to have a good life with my girlfriend."

IF YOU HAD \$1 MILLION, WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH IT? "Spend it on a good time. Or maybe I should save half."

IF YOU WERE THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES, WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO HELP THE HOMELESS? "More jobs for the homeless, and stop drug abuse."

WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN FIVE YEARS? "I want to have something for me, some money and a job."

WHAT DO YOU CARRY AROUND WITH YOU? "A jacket, extra pants, a little can of food, and toilet paper."

MOST PRIZED POSSESSION: "My girlfriend and beer."

The Club gave Steve shaving cream, a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, two pairs of socks, shampoo, hand wipes, some food, \$20 and some bottled water.

The interview took place Feb. 18 at Broadway and Third Street downtown and was conducted by Club staffer Angel Gomez.

Photos by Angel Gomez

How to Help

You can make a difference.

Donate items to "People We See," and the Club will deliver them to an upcoming subject. Great items include socks, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, toilet paper, hand wipes, shaving cream and razors. Just drop them off at the Club Store (120 W. 2nd Street, downtown Los Angeles), and we'll take it from there.

We want to thank Lorena De La Torre for providing socks.



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

Life's Important Moments

Share your moments!

Did you get married? Have a baby? (Yea!) Get a promotion? (Hooray!) Retire? (Ahhhh.) We want to hear from you. Share your news with the world! Send all notices and **high resolution photos** with the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com or send paper notices and print photos to: *Alive!*, 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012



New Members

Welcome New Members!

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

Airports

Albert Carlos
Maria Duenez
Omír García
Jacqueline Zambrano

Building and Safety

Sean Dang
Frederick Lu

City Clerk

Erwin Cabote

General Services

Josue Esquivel
Roceanslus Gendrett
Gloria Smith

Harbor

Debora Biron
Richard Wenger

Housing

Micshalay Wilson

LACERS

Tammy Watson

Personnel

Bonnita Wirth

LAPD

Vic Acevedo
Vicki Bretz
Gerald Chavarria
Autumn Fernandez
Jaime Molina
Jorge Ortega
Leman Potter
Arin Salcedo
Sonia Solis

PUBLIC WORKS

PW-Sanitation

Laura Cervantes
Julio Cruz
Heidi Gonzalez
Jimmy Thompson

PW-Street Services

Conrado Guilo

Rec and Parks

Vicente Hernandez
Gaspar Ledesma
Najia Pitts
Jose Rivera

Transportation

Andrea Debose
Karen Horton
Ulysess Kinard

DWP

Fredrick Cayot
Rodrigo Cisneros
Ruth Fuentes

Phillip Meeks

Lyzel Mutuc

Elizabeth Rodriquez

Dennis Siazon

Du Tran

Carl Trice

DAndre Vernon

Retired

Shirley Jack

Maria Resendi

Other

Jose Acero
Ramon Cadena
Debra Crisp
Steven Feulner
Michael Figueroa
Renato Forbes
Margie Garcia
Frederick Garth
Stephen Hurwitz
Margo Lateano
Robert Lopez
Daniel Macias
James McAfee
Kenneth McAlpin
Rigo-Berto Morales
Kevin Murphy
Claudette Pearson
Blanca Perez
Rhys Pilapil
Eric Robles
Ramesh Seeram
David Taylor
Gregory Temple
Luis Trevino
Charles Ybarra
Jong Yi



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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Peace of Mind

Covering Serious Auto Accidents

The number one cause leading to accidental death is motor vehicle crashes. Fires and falling come next in line, according to the National Vital Statistics System of the National Center for Health Statistics. With the high number of vehicles in Southern California, we can all benefit from defensive driving.

As a City Employee, you can also take advantage of our exclusive Group Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D) coverage. AD&D will pay out benefits in the event of an accident leading to death or dismemberment.

This includes auto accidents, fire, poisoning, slipping and falling, to name a few.

Similar to life and auto insurance, you can increase coverage with our AD&D insurance. This can be obtained at very affordable rates. But unlike life insurance, there is no medical underwriting or exam. In the insurance world, there is a term used for insurance enrollment without medical underwriting or examination and it is *guaranteed issue!*

Here at the Club, AD&D is available for you and your spouse. You can also elect to

cover your dependents as part of the family rider. AD&D can be added in increments of \$25,000 in coverage up to \$300,000 as an active employee. **Coverage starts as low as \$0.63 per pay period for \$25,000 of coverage.**

If you have retired and are over the age of 60, you can apply for up to \$75,000. This plan automatically covers your spouse for a 60 percent benefit for no additional cost to you.

For our members who already have AD&D plan, you may notice on your benefit

statement the phrase "AD&D Basic." The AD&D Basic coverage provides the same benefits as our group AD&D plan, but the major difference is that the premium costs is lower. While we no longer offer the Basic plan, those of you who are fortunate to have it, let me say this: "Hold onto it as long as you can!" Why? Because the premiums have not changed since the 1980s.

Contact me at info@cityemployeesclub.com



BY TIFFANY SY

The Club's Peace of Mind Expert





Graduations



Francisco Hurtado graduated from Cal State/Northridge with a bachelor's degree in arts, majoring in sociology. He plans to earn a master's degree in public administration. He is the son of Gloria Hurtado Prado, Administrative Coordinator II, Office of the City Attorney, Tobacco Enforcement and Education Program, and the nephew of LAPD Sgt. Francisco H. Hurtado, Retired.



Steven Vail graduated from the Air Force Combat Control School at Pope AFB in Fort Bragg, NC. He is the son of John and Mary Vail in Whitefish, Mont. John is a retired Supervisor, DWP. Steven graduated from Whitefish High School in 2009.

Combat Controllers are trained special operations forces and certified FAA air traffic controllers. Their mission is to deploy, undetected, into combat and hostile environments to establish assault zones or airfields, while simultaneously conducting air traffic control, fire support, command and control, direct action, counter-terrorism, foreign internal defense, humanitarian assistance, and special reconnaissance.



Special Achievements



Carina Szabo's girls U-12 tournament soccer team, Saugus Unity, won the Coyote Classic Soccer Tournament in Apple Valley Feb. 13. Carina is the daughter of Ed Jurado, DWP. Congratulations, Carina and Saugus Unity!

Top row, from left: Tessa Delger, Caley Mike, Madison Seitz, Schae Hill, Michaela Banyi, and Asst. Coach Dave Chellis. Second row: Avery Howard, Kayla Dutt, Carina Szabo, Maya Miranda, and Coach Eve Chellis. Bottom: Teyler Chellis.

Have you or your children recently achieved something special? Send to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



Weddings

Have a photo of a recent wedding? Send a high resolution photo and the appropriate information to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



Quinceañera

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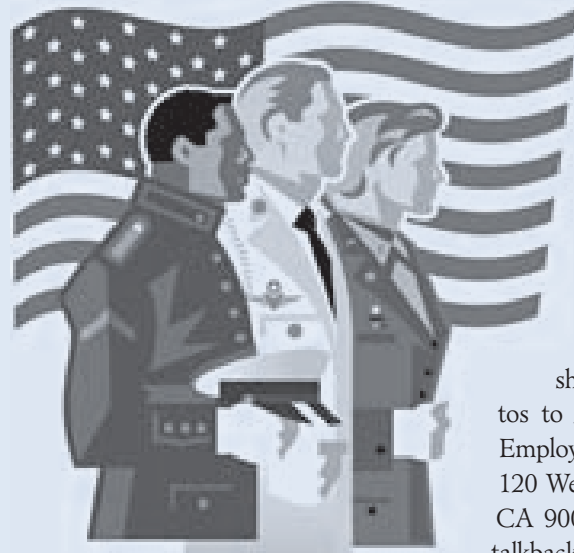


Births

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Military



Does someone in your extended family serve their country as a member of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard? Send us a photo – either formal or on duty, along with your name, City department and relationship to the subject. Send photos to *Alive!* in the Military, City Employees Club of Los Angeles, 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012. Send digital photos to talkback@cityemployeesclub.com



Retirements

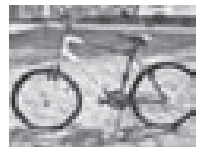
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Acosta, Richard	Traffic Officer II	LAPD	5	Garza, Marco	Sr. Clerk Typist	Comm. for Youth	16	Rupp, Horace	-	DWP	-
Aranda, Jose	-	DWP	-	Glaze, John	-	DWP	-	Salazar, Steven	-	DWP	-
Armstrong, Phillip	-	DWP	-	Granillo, Frank	Police Surv. Spec. II	LAPD	17	Samano, Maria	-	DWP	-
Barker, Dewayne	Equip. Superintendent	LAFD	16	Hur, Yang	Accounting Clerk II	Library	10	Samuel, Boules	-	DWP	-
Brown, Cheryl	-	DWP	-	Inutan, Dioscoro	-	DWP	-	Sayah, Samuel	Crime Intel. Analyst II	LAPD	39
Brown, Lance	-	DWP	-	Jackson, Dinah	-	DWP	-	Shimamoto, Ellen	-	DWP	-
Catron, Ken	-	DWP	-	Kerman, Ann	Sr. Mgmt. Analyst II	Rec and Parks	17	Stephens, Arline	Clerk	Cultural Affairs	7
Chalmers, Andrew	Sr. Building Inspector	Building/Safety	24	Khan, Abraham	Dep. City Attorney III	City Attorney	9	Stewart, Fred	-	DWP	-
Chang, Pyong	Gardener Caretaker	Rec and Parks	25	Lee, Ken	Librarian III	Library	1	Stolarik, Gary	-	DWP	-
Clark, William	Sr. Plumbing Inspector	Building/Safety	26	McAllister, Yolanda	Management Asst.	Personnel	.6	Strome, Glen	-	DWP	-
Cole, Roger	-	DWP	-	Nguyen, Cuong	-	DWP	-	Tiller, Pamela	-	DWP	-
Cowlings, James	-	DWP	-	Ortega, Joe	-	DWP	-	Trump, Richard	-	DWP	-
Crawford, Leslie	-	DWP	-	Ortiz, Lydia	Management Analyst II	Housing	46	Villa, Edward	-	DWP	-
Custis, Linda	-	DWP	-	Ory, Timothy	-	DWP	-	Ward, Cyrus	City Attor. Admin Crd. III	City Attorney	15
Davies, Michael	Supv. Trans. Planner II	Transportation	26	Ossman, Farouk	Sanitary Engineer	Public Works	27	Whinnery, Gary	-	DWP	-
Factor, Gary	-	DWP	-	Pham, Rinh	-	DWP	-	Wilson, Harry	-	DWP	-
Fernstrom, Gary	-	DWP	-	Pietersz, Connie	-	DWP	-	Woods, Xania	-	DWP	-
Fort, Carol	-	DWP	-	Prendergast, Kevin	Oper. Coord.	Airports	10	Wright Jr., Deforest	-	DWP	-
Galvez, Cecilia	Management Analyst II	CDD	40	Ramirez, Raul	-	DWP	-				
Garcia, Robert	-	DWP	-	Reusch, David	-	DWP	-				
Garrison, Janet	Property Officer	LAPD	13	Robins, James	Garage Attendant	General Services	35				

CLASSIFIED ADS

Alive! Members Marketplace

New Ads This Month!

For Rent: Nice 1BD/1BA w/1 parking space. Located at 1832 S. Curson Ave, 90019. \$1100 + 1 month deposit required. Owner pays water & gardener. Great location at Fairfax/Venice. Jafar @ (213) 255-6371. 4/11



Men's Marin Bike: Stinson Model, in excellent condition, aluminum frame, 26" x 1.95" tires. \$250 (sells for \$450 new). Margaret @ (909) 450-1636. 4/11

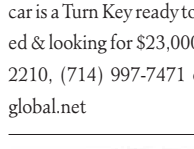
Merit Electric Wheelchair & battery charger: 2 new batteries recently installed, in good condition. \$500 OBO. Cece @ (909) 973-4214. 4/11

Mountain Lake campground membership: 2 life time. Paid \$9,000 asking \$4,500 OBO. Details @ (909) 606-5633. 4/11

2 side by side Cemetary Plots: at Forest Lawn Hollywood Hills Cemetery. Location Section: "Homeward" Lot 3552 just below "Courts of Remembrance open air mausoleum". Currently \$3,300 each, would like \$2,500 each. Contact jandjhamby@earthlink.net 4/11



1969 Dodge Dart GTS with Scat-Pak, 340, 4 Barrel, 355 gear, ready for the street or track. This car is a Turn Key ready to GO! \$30,000 invested & looking for \$23,000. Harry @ (714) 222-2210, (714) 997-7471 or harryhundo@sbcglobal.net 4/11



2001 Monaco Diplomat: 38ft w/ 2 slides, 330 HP Cummins, 43,000 miles. 4 door refrigerator, Alcon wheels, washer & dryer, good cond., well equip., 4 new tires. Asking \$50,000. Info @ (909) 229-6540. 4/11

1971 Ford Torino: good project car, needs some minor body work, in running condition, has a rebuilt 351. \$4000 OBO. Fernando @ (323) 346-7821 or (323) 222-3886. 9/10



2005 Custom Harley "Fatboy": 4,300 miles, custom paint, 95 inch w/power commander, Vance & Hines Headers, Lost of chrome & Accessories, \$15,995. Pete @ (626) 646-7285. 9/10



2006 Forest River 37' Toy Hauler: 2 pop-outs, dual AC, generator, much more, excellent cond. \$31,500. Gerald @ (661) 948-1962. 9/10



2008 Mercedes R350: 18K miles. Like NEW, excellent condition, under warranty. Harman Kardon sound, dual-rear dvd system, moon roof, parking sensors, extras. \$36,000. Shelley @ (213) 688-3232. 9/10

Cemetery Plots

Cemetery Plot: Valhalla Memorial Park, Sec 2530, Lot C -Track 6618, 10621 Victory Park, N. Hollywood, 91601. \$3500 or OBO. Call (661) 251-0362. 3/11

4 Cemetery plots: Reduced!!! Rose Hills, \$14,000 for 4 plots. Willing to trade for pickup truck of equal value. (323) 382-2405. 9/10

Electronics/Computers

Apple Macbook Pro: Core Duo Laptop computer. 1.83 ghz, 1.5GB RAM, 80GB HD, 15" 128VRAM 10.5.8 OSX. Great condition, will sell for \$1,000. Orig price was \$2,500 w/upgrades. Larry @ (818) 521-3517 or trueblue22@sbcglobal.net. 12/10

Polaroid 7" LCD TV widescreen, under cabinet w/ DVD-CD player AM/FM radio & remote. \$125. Regina @ (323) 754-8382. 2/10

Canon Pixma IP 4300 Printer in box with disk/instruction & ink. Like new, asking \$60. Contact Frankie @ (818) 340-3059. 8/10

Furniture

Exercise Machine: Elliptical Pro-Form 15-55, good condition, asking \$250 but will take a reasonable offer. Jaime @ (310) 955-8871. 1/11



Mobile Wheelchair: Excellent condition collapsible for easy transportation. \$800 O.B.O. Call Mark @ (909)322-5140 or tspgrtr@msn.com. 12/10



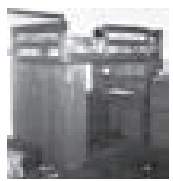
MGA 20" girl's bike: custom seat, grips, bell & light. Like new. \$85 OBO. Info @ (310) 408-6431, any time. 11/10

Bombay Chests: 3 excellent condition Bombay Chests. Beautiful decorative designs w/3 to 5 drawers. Each \$350. Frances @ (805) 583-5321. 10/10

Curio Cabinet: Excellent condition oak 2- piece curio cabinet w/glass doors, decorative w/curved legs. Has original key for locking. Great for displaying collectibles! 48" W x 18" D x 6" H. \$350 OBO. Frances @ (805) 583-5321. 10/10

Weslo Cadence C42 treadmill: 2 years old. Great condition. \$65. Judy @ (909) 800-0414. 9/10

Hammond Organ: dual-key board, antique. FREE to good home. Mickey Miner @ (310) 833-9997 or David Miner @ (310) 519-8113. 8/10



Handmade oak Loft Bed with Desk and Bookcase: 43" wide x 81" long. Same size as twin bed set, great for smaller rooms. Birch drawers are dovetailed with sliders. Must see to appreciate. \$1000 OBO. Nancy or Jim @ (818) 340-8059. 8/10

Homes/Rentals/Land

For Rent: Inglewood, single family dwelling, 2BD/1BA, living room, dining room, back yard & detached garage. Recent upgrades. Quiet community. Call Char @ (323) 600-4615 after 7:00pm. 3/11

For Rent: 2 BD house. Near Long Beach, sharp, clean, near school & freeway. \$1,450/mo. Call for appt @ (562) 537-5972. Sec 8 ok. 3/11

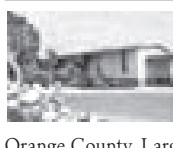
For Rent: House in La Crescenta, 3 BD/1.75A in nice & quiet neighborhd, upper Glendale. Good schools, walk to Crescenta Valley HS. \$2,100/mo. Call (818) 621-7758. 3/11



Vacation rental in Big Bear Lake: 3 BD/2 BA house located in the village of Big Bear Lake, CA, near the lake. Fully furnished. Contact John Long @ (909) 837-8347. 2/11

Room For Rent: Inglewood, furnished LG bdrm in 3BD/3BA home. Own bath, house privileges, pool, gated community, wifi, quiet, close to all. Responsible & clean person. Avail 2/1/11. References required. \$900/mo. Marilyn Williams (310) 674-3536, sissygal7m@yahoo.com 2/11

Room For Rent: Whittier home w/extra large bedroom. Next to 605/60 Fwy, next to Ca. Country Club Course. Firefighter home w/18 yo son. Excellent location & many upgrades. Fully furnished w/new Queen BD set. Use of kitchen/laundry facilities. \$500/month w/\$500 security deposit. John @ (626) 757-5341 or jgonzalez@hotmail.com 2/11



For Sale: Mobile Home, canyon & ocean views, San Clemente north, Orange County. Large lot, 3BD, separate dining & large living area w/views. Senior park w/pool, sauna, spa, exercise room, etc. \$299,000. Beth Larranga: rosel@caltech.edu 1/11

For Rent: 1BD/1BA front unit of 4-plex in Inglewood near Inglewood Ave/ Manchester Blvd. \$900/mo. Marco @ (310) 946-5066. 12/10

For Rent: Lovely apartment in Inglewood (4-units). 1BD/1BA, kitchen, living room, dining room, 1-car garage. Upstairs unit. New paint, carpet, windows & fixtures. Very quiet. 82nd/Crenshaw. Close to public transpo. Info @ (310) 365-1868. 12/10



Kauai: Ocean-front resort close to airport on secluded 25 acres available year round! Ocean-view from lanai. Relax at the pool or travel to snorkeling beaches (20 min.) or the island in an hour. Mention City of LA. kauaivc@gmail.com or (424) 218-6808. 12/10

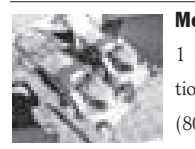
For Rent: 2BD/1BA (3 Units), hardwood flrs, laundry, in Pico/Fairfax community. Lovely neighborhood centrally located. Public transportation, shopping & restaurants nearby. Info @ (310) 980-9415. 11/10

For Rent: \$695, furnished Redondo Beach bedroom in 3BD/2BA townhouse; shared bath. 1.2 mile walk to beach. Available now for a female in female household. Full house privileges, low utilities, street parking, free wifi & laundry. \$695 security deposit, 6 mo. lease. Peggy @ (310) 617-7436, for photos. 11/10

For Sale: 2-story home w/hillside views, Eagle Rock. Hrdwd floors, 2-car attached garage. Upstairs: 2 BD/2 BA, living room w/fireplace, formal dining w/balcony, kitchen w/ nook. Downstairs: 2 private entrances, 2 BD/1 BA, den w/fireplace, kitchen & spacious porch. Flat front & rear yards. 2224 sq ft; 6 miles from JFB. MLS#10-473669. Susan @ (323) 344-9489. 10/10

Household Items

Portable Pet Crate: Never used, 3'D x 2'H x 2'W. Has removable pan. Paid \$125, asking \$75. Call Richard @ (818) 399-9730. 3/11



Mowers: 2 Hondas, 1 year old. Great condition. \$250 each. Info @ (805) 300-2147 or kaufmankdk@verizon.net 2/11

Maytag Washer & Dryer: Top of the line, in excellent condition, \$245. Larry @ (818) 883-5870. 2/11

Leather Jacket: Brand new, 2XL, men's official #8 Team Dale Jr. Earnhardt Inc. New w/tags, retail \$300. Made by Wilson's Leather, Chase Authentics; sponsors stitched on, Budweiser, Bass Pro Shops, Gillette. \$150 OBO. Frances @ (805) 583-5321. 10/100

Kenmore Dryer: Super capacity, like new, hardly used \$150. Info @ (562) 301-2940. 10/10

Miscellaneous

Polygraph: Discount to city employees, www.ldbpolygraph.com 2/11



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Enjoy ATV & m/c riding in our area but no one to ride with? Making list of families interested in **camping & riding** together. Rick (DWP) @ (805)433-3195 or email: rhinohd@dslex-treme.com. 12/10

Ballroom Dancing: Beginners, intermediate & advanced. Wednesday's- 7:00pm - 9:00pm The Gallery, 122 N. Market Street, Inglewood 90301. Group workshops too! Contact: Dance instructor/coordinator Erick Weaver @ (310) 351-5303. 10/10

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On-site Taco Bars for your special events. Treat your guests to mouth watering tacos! Info @ (562) 884-6069 for pricing & booking. 9/10

Travel / Timeshare

Monterey Bay Timeshare: \$875, 2 BD/2 BA, kitchen, fp, bbq, pools, etc. Dates: 7/25/11 - 8/1/11 (Monday to Monday, 7 nights). Sleeps 6 max, however 4 adults is comfortable. Terry @ (818) 769-3382. 3/11

Sunset World Timeshare: Cancun, Mexico. Sleeps 4 facing ocean. Avail: anytime except week-ends of July 4, Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year. \$600/7 days Saturday to Saturday. Available starting April. Gina @ (818) 265-5940. 3/11

Escondido Timeshare for sale. Studio suite 1 Bdrm; sleeps 4 w/ full kitchen; overlooks 18 hole golf course. \$3,000. Brad @ (626) 297-2924. 11/09

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ESTATE SERVICES - Appraisal or Liquidation of Fine Art, Collectibles and Coin & Stamp Collections. Michael @ (626) 592-2929.

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Vintage stereo/Radio equipment, Receivers. Marantz, Yamaha, etc. 1975 and older. Call (805) 300-2147 7/09

Wanted: Your Childhood Barbie Dolls and Clothes. I collect dolls from 1959 - 1966 and pay top dollar! I will buy 1 - 1,000 dolls. Clothing, structures, cases. Anything vintage Barbie! Cheryl @ (818) 771-4835.

Wanted: YOUR TOY TRAINS, any age, any size. Mike @ (818)-831-0846.



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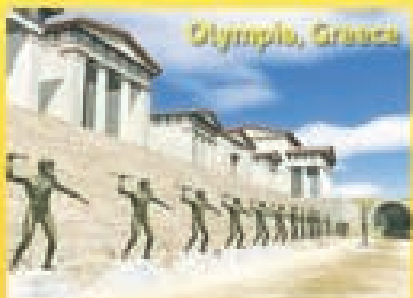
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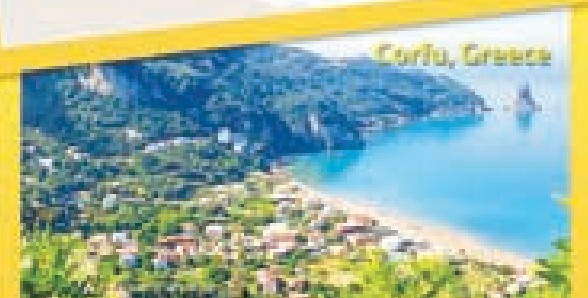
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APRIL HOFF
MEMBER SINCE 2002

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April Hoff
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John Hawkins, Club CEO

John's Picture Perfect Contest

WIN \$25 Walmart Card
 NEXT DEADLINE: April 15
 Happy Snapping!



"This is an American bald eagle. I was on a cruise of Alaska last July and, at a stop in Katchikan, I took an excursion on a fishing boat, where we were able to throw small fish in the water, and the bald eagles would swoop down and catch the fish. This is a 'Picture Perfect' of an American bald eagle."

- Adam Elstein, DWP

John's comments: "Picture Perfect" indeed! Just like Bruce's photo of the fish and the duck, a split second makes all the difference in the world! Thanks, Adam!



"Here is a photograph from my most recent trip to Guatemala of a beautiful sunrise over the Atlantic Ocean in Livingston. At a distance you can see the fishermen's boats waiting for the perfect catch over the tranquil waters. Peace and serenity at its best."

- Jose Alvarez, LAPD

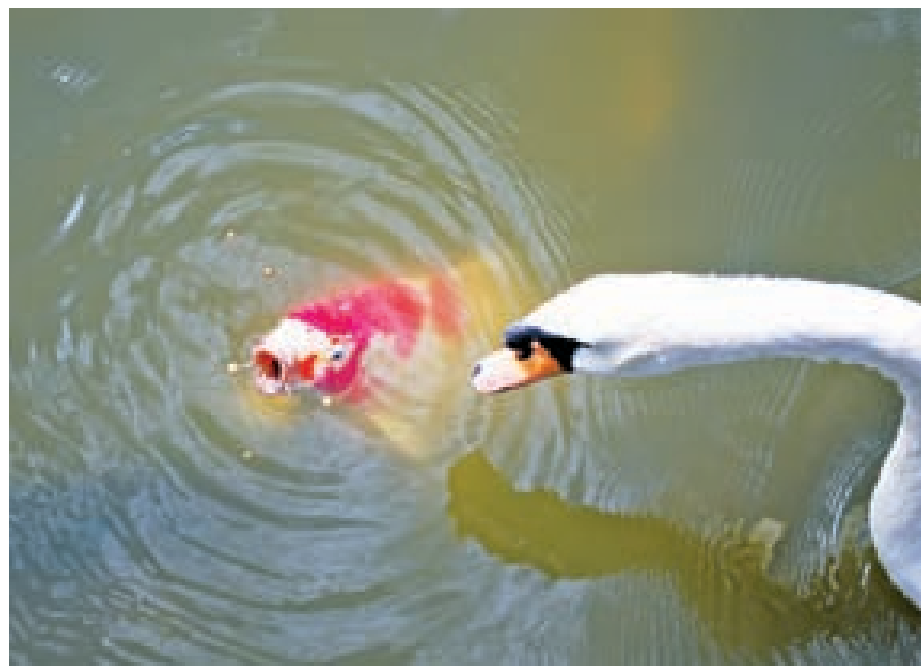
John's comments: I'm a real sucker for sunsets, and this one is truly beautiful. Everything about it is perfect: the sun's height, the boats, the tree and land. I love it! Thank you, Jose!



"I captured this image with a Nikon D200 while vacationing in southern Italy, near the Amalfi coast."

- Yves Didier, Airports

John's comments: I have to tell you, Yves, that this is a phenomenal photo, almost surreal in its beauty - and I just saw *Cavalia* (the horse show in Burbank) this weekend, so the timing is perfect!



"I was feeding some Koi fish at a lake in Pacific Palisades when this angry-looking swam came swimming over to steal the food. I love the surprised look of the fish."

- Bruce Howell, Public Works/Street Services, Retired

John's comments: Duck vs. fish... I love it! It's split-second photos like this that are really intriguing! Thank you, Bruce!

RUNNERS-UP:

Eusebio G. Terronez, Retired; Carlos Rodriguez, Harbor; and Ken Kochakji, Retired, Transportation.

RULES:

- The contest is open to all Club members in good standing. Non-members are welcome to submit, but only Club members are eligible to win the monthly prize.
- If your photograph does not win, you are welcome to re-submit.
- Winners are chosen by Club staff. All decisions will be final.
- You must certify (if asked) that you indeed took the picture. No ringers!
- Photos can be submitted either on paper or digitally. Please don't send both.
- If you want your print photo returned, please write your name, address and phone number on the back of your photo.
- Photos can be of any subject matter: vacation, portraits, families, landscapes, still lifes, pets, etc. Subject matter must be appropriate for *Alive!*
- Paper prints can be mailed to:
 Picture Perfect Contest, *Alive!*,
 City Employees Club of Los Angeles,
 120 West 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

- When you send digital photos through the Internet, please send the full, original digital file yourself, rather than using digital photo software like Kodak EasyShare, Kodak Gallery, Flickr, etc. These programs send very low-resolution images, and they don't look good in print.
- We want you to look your best, so send us the original digital file, please! Thanks!
- Digital photos optimally should be between 100K and 2 megabytes in size and may be e-mailed to: pictureperfect@cityemployeesclub.com
- The contest is all in good fun: The Club cannot be responsible for delays in delivering *Alive!*, or for delays in the transmission of responses.



"I took this picture of our boat guide while he was maneuvering us out of the shallow waters to visit a fish sanctuary on one of the islands in Cebu, Philippines."

- Glenn Abellanosa, LAPD

John's comments: Glenn, what a peacefully beautiful photo. You really captured the simplicity of island life. Thank you!



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Cooking with the Club

with Chef Robert Larios



Beef Pot Roast and Gumbo



It's time to use the slow cooker! Take it out of the kitchen cabinet and plug it into the wall outlet because the pot roast is ready to be cooked for 10 hours. That's correct – 10 hours of cooking makes this recipe fun and delicious (not to mention the fabulous sautéed mushrooms as a side dish).

Since this recipe calls for 10 hours of slow cooking, you might want to start the cooking process about 8 a.m. so that it is ready by 6 p.m., which is dinnertime for most of us. If you feel uncomfortable using red wine with the beef broth, just use beef broth and let the pot roast cook in that – just remember to make sure the pot roast is covered at the start of the cooking process. Feel free to add other spices while the

pot roast cooks; the flavors will magically magnetize to the pot roast.

Here's a great recipe for Louisiana gumbo, sent in by cook and Club Member Terry Gray. Thanks, Terry, for another winner!

Terry's Gumbo

INGREDIENTS:

- 6 spicy chicken sausages
- 6 Louisiana hot sausages
- 20 frozen crab claws
- 3 cans lump crabmeat
- 3 boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 20 tiger shrimp
- 20 white shrimp
- 1/2 large brown onion
- 1/2 whole garlic
- 2 habanero peppers
- 4 celery stalks
- 1/2 green bell pepper
- 1/2 red bell pepper
- Seasoned salt
- Onion and garlic powder
- Cayenne pepper
- 1 cup flour
- 1 cup vegetable oil



DIRECTIONS:

Terry's Gumbo

• Put 3 quarts of water into large heavy pot.

• Boil chicken breasts for approx 15 minutes until done. Remove the chicken and let it rest. Skim off the white foam, which is excess fat and grease (don't throw away the water!)

• Peel and de-vein the shrimp, putting the shells in chicken water, and boil for approximately 15 minutes.

• With a strainer, take shells out and throw them away. Let the water sit.

• In another pan, put in 1 cup of vegetable oil and 1 cup of flour on high heat, whisking all the while. (Never let it sit, as it burns easily!) This makes roux. Wait for the color



to change to a dark brown in approximately 10 minutes. Carefully pour the roux into hot water, whisking all the while.

• In a food processor, put in chunks of onion, celery, bell peppers ("the Trinity"), garlic and habanero peppers. Process until liquefied.

• Pour this mix into the large pot, stirring constantly. Add crab claws, sausages, chicken, raw shrimp (the shrimp will cook in gumbo) and lump crabmeat. Bring to a boil. Add cayenne pepper, garlic powder, onion powder and seasoned salt to taste. Turn down to very low heat (and remember keep stirring). Let simmer.

• Serve over rice, and top with a sprinkle of gumbo filé powder. Enjoy!

DIRECTIONS:

Beef Pot Roast



Place the beef pot roast in the slow cooker. Add beef broth, red wine, garlic, white onion, sea salt, pepper, dried parsley, basil, fennel seeds, thyme and red pepper flakes.



Make sure the broth and the red wine cover the pot roast entirely. Turn the heat to low on the slow cooker. Let cook for 10 hours on low heat.

DIRECTIONS:

Larios-Style Sautéed Mushrooms



Place a sauté pan on medium heat and add the extra virgin olive oil into the pan. Add the mushrooms and pepper. Let cook for about five minutes, then add the soy sauce and the juice of one lemon. Cook until browned. Remove from heat and be ready to plate with slices of pot roast.



Remove pot roast from the slow cooker and begin slicing. Place about three slices on a plate alongside the sautéed mushrooms. Chef Larios says, "Enjoy!"

Beef Pot Roast With Larios-Style Sautéed Mushrooms

INGREDIENTS – Pot Roast:

- 4 pounds beef pot roast
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 white onion, diced
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons dried parsley

INGREDIENTS – Sautéed Mushrooms:

- 30 to 40 white mushrooms, sliced
- Pepper to taste
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1 lemon (juice)

Makes 6 Servings

- 1 tablespoon dried basil
- 2 tablespoons fennel seeds
- 1 teaspoon thyme
- Pinch of red pepper flakes
- 4 cups beef broth
- 4 cups red wine

- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

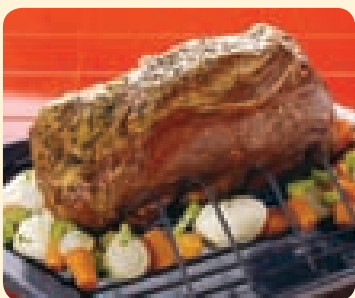


SPECIAL EQUIPMENT:

- A slow cooker (Crock-Pot or equivalent that's big enough to hold four pounds of pot roast)

Cooking TIDBIT:

When sautéing, feel free to use other mushrooms including oyster mushrooms, Portobello and shiitake.



[A Cook's Dictionary]

Pot Roast:

Pot Roast: Usually an inexpensive, less tender cut of beef that is first browned, then braised very slowly in a covered pot with a little liquid. The result is a flavorful, tender piece of meat.

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

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